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Feng Xiaoyan clenched her teeth and decided to abandon her original plan as she directly started to refine third level medicinal pills as well!

Bet all her stalks on this!

If she continued to refine second level medicinal pills, evidently, there was no way she would be able to chase up to Huang Yueli and the championship would fly away.

But if she was able to refine a few batches of third level medicinal pills whereas if Huang Yueli made a blunder...

Feng Xiaoyan's eyes narrowed and a malicious thought suddenly arose in her heart.

With a plan, she suddenly started to feel at ease and when she was refining her pills, she was even able to exhibit exceedingly and on her second batch, she successfully refined out seven pieces of third level medicinal pills.

On seeing this, the crowd all started to get excited.

"Look, Feng Xiaoyan also refined third level medicinal pills! She's rather capable as well!"

"Isn't that so? Feng Xiaoyan is originally a third rank Pill Master and she started learning how to refine pills since she was five, and is one of the famous younger talents among the Alchemist Guild!"

"So what about that? If we're talking about innate talent, she's too far off as compared to Bai Ruoli?"

"That might be right but today's competition isn't about innate talent but on ability! Since Feng Xiaoyan also has the ability to refine third level medicinal pills, then the result of the championship is still unknown to whom may win it..."

After all, the competition would be much more exciting if there was some competition.

The crowd all started to guess who had a better chance at winning.

Immediately following that, Huang Yueli's second batch of medicinal pills also started to take shape and her development was extremely stable. Although she wasn't able to refine third level middle grade medicinal pills, every piece of it was perfect without any flaws.

Feng Xiaoyan was extremely jealous of her as she mustered up all her spirit and refined yet another batch.

This time round, she actually succeeded!

Feng Xiaoyan was wild with joy and she didn't dare to believe it herself. Usually her success rate of refining third level medicinal pills weren't very high but today, she seemed to have been possessed by the Goddess of Luck!

If it was like this, then it meant that even Heavens was standing on her side!

She would definitely not allow Huang Yueli to win the championship and to let her experience the awkward feeling of being humiliated that she went through yesterday!

Feng Xiaoyan and Huang Yueli both didn't rest much and immediately started on their fourth batch of medicinal pills.

This time round, Feng Xiaoyan intentionally slowed down her movements and a majority of her concentration wasn't on her own pill furnace, but rather it was focused on Huang Yueli, observing her in detail on every single move she made, monitoring the progress of her refinement.

Just at the instance when Huang Yueli was about to enter the last stage of pill forming, Feng Xiaoyan's finger suddenly moved.

A transparent small stone flew out from her fingertip and landed below right underneath Huang Yueli's pill furnace, which was just at the position of the fire entrance.

In the next moment, Huang Yueli's furnace fire suddenly weakened and in an extremely short amount of time, it even had a soft thumping sound.

Following that, it extinguished completely.

Huang Yueli had been fully concentrated into refining her pills and had not been guarding against anyone messing around with her.

Although she responded in the very first moment, but it was now at the crucial moment of her pill forming and the flame suddenly extinguished so the temperature in the pill furnace instantly entered a tremendous chance and the pill furnace shook for a moment and the slits of the furnace lid started puffing out smoke.

Evidently, the pills in the pill furnace were about to scatter, resulting in a waste of effort!

Moreover, from the buzzing sound of the pill furnace, the pill furnace was in danger of disintegration anytime.

"Wa, what's happening!"

"Danger, danger!"

"Young Miss Bai, quickly move aside!"

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Amid the squeals of surprise, Feng Xiaoyan's face revealed a cold smile.

Earlier the stone which she had secretly thrown out was a piece of ice crystal.

For materials like the ice crystal, the pricing is rather expensive but to Pill Masters, it's something necessary as it was used to supplement the adjustment of the flame's temperature.

As the ice crystal itself had relatively low temperature, the minute it was thrown into the flame, it could instantly lower the flame's temperature.

Moreover the piece of ice crystal in Feng Xiaoyan's hand is of excellent quality and is one of the treasures collected in the Alchemist Guild. Even if it was up against the deviant flame, it could instantly absorb a large portion of the heat from the flame, moreover what Huang Yueli used to refine pills, was the most ordinary open flame?

Just at the instant where the ice crystal and the flame got in contact, the flame was completely extinguished.

In this way, the medicinal pills that Huang Yueli were refining were definitely a lost case and there was a ninety nine percent that it would explode!

Feng Xiaoyan watched with a cool eye of the bystander, not mentioning just how elated she was feeling.

Yesterday when her own pill furnace exploded, it caused her to cut an extremely sorry state and that made her lose all her reputation but not only did Feng Xiaoyan not reflect on how terrible her mentality was, she even pushed the entire blame onto Huang Yueli.

Now, on seeing that Huang Yueli was about to suffer the same fate as her! Besides that, the championship that she was about to get would also fly away.

Only in this way would Feng Xiaoyan feel that she had done some justice for herself!

"Hmph, I'll let you have a taste of the championship being taken away from you! Aren't you very complacent? Don't you have an incredible fiancé with high innate talent? Wait till your pill furnace explodes into ash, let's see if you're still able to still be delighted!"

Before Feng Xiaoyan's sneer had even ended, she heard a burst of surprised exclamations from her back.

She hurriedly turned her head to take a look and immediately following that, her eyes widened in shock, simply not daring to believe what she saw.

Just as this crucial moment which was hanging by a fine line, Huang Yueli's face didn't show any flustered expression.

She merely frowned and following that, another ball of flame appeared in her fair palm!

Feng Xiaoyan tugged her lips as she laughed coldly in silence, "The temperature in the furnace suddenly dropped and even if she restarted the fire now, it will be too late! The medicinal pills will still become... Eh? Wait, what's that??"

Huang Yueli didn't hesitate at all as her right hand waved and a streak of gold coloured flame was thrown into the pill furnace's fire entrance.

Following that, her two palms joint together and she continuously struck out several dozens of hand gestures!

Her speed was astonishing and her ten fingers became blurry remnant images in the air.

The originally thumping pill furnace immediately stopped vibrating and the lid also stopped sprouting smoke.

By the time Huang Yueli's hand gestures were completed, her pill furnace looked as though it had resumed back to normal.

The spectators were all stunned and for the longest time yet, they weren't able to recover their senses.

Huang Yueli's finger curled and she patted lightly on the top, as she cried out softly "Open"!

The lid of the pill furnace flew upwards and the smock slowly dissipated.

Master Zhang has been waiting by the side earlier on and on seeing this scene, he shot upwards and leaned over to see the situation in her pill furnace.

"This... this.. how is this possible! You've actually managed to refine it successfully! Earlier there was such a serious blunder but you still managed to refine it!"

Master Zhang's voice began to tremble and the expression on his face was extremely shocked.

He took out the pills from the pill furnace and everyone stretched their necks out as their eyes followed to where his hands were.

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Master Zhang's palm carried seven to eight pieces of round third level medicinal pills and every single pill had an even and decoration distributed pattern and just one look and everyone were able to tell that it was an upper class medicinal pill with outstanding medicinal effects.

It was until this very moment when many people started to come around it.

"Earlier, what exactly happened? Why did Young Miss Bai's furnace fire suddenly extinguish? Could it be that she made some mishandling during her operations?"

"Not sure but we aren't Pill Masters after all! But I heard that when Pill Masters refine pills, they cannot make a single mistake but earlier Young Miss Bai's pill furnace was about to explode but she could still save the pills? This... this is a little too awesome isn't it?"

"Right, how did she manage to do it?"

The laymen looked at each other in dismay but Master Zhang suddenly saw the light when he capped what had happened earlier.

"Yes, earlier the second flame which you used to light up the pill furnace should be a kind of deviant flame? Moreover, it should be a higher ranking deviant flame in the Deviant Flame Chart because only in this way would that raise the fire to a safety level whereby the furnace temperature had suddenly descended."

Huang Yueli smiled and nodded her head upon hearing what he said, "That's right, this is the Vientiane Spiritual Flame which my Master has passed down to me!"

"Vientiane Spiritual Flame!" Master Zhang's face revealed a gasp of surprise as he looked with reverence towards the deviant flame which had yet to be completely extinguished at the fire entrance, "This is actually the Vientiane Spiritual Flame! It's the top twenty flame on the Deviant Flame Chart and

rumoured to be extremely dangerous and hard to subdue. I didn't expect you to be able to grasp the Vientiane Spiritual Flame at such a young age!"

Huang Yueli replied modestly, "This isn't my effort, it's my Master who subdued the deviant flame and then passed it down to me."

Master Zhang immediately praised her, "Young Miss Bai, you're just too humble. If it wasn't for the fact that your own fire attribute innate talent is wrong enough, even with your Master's help, surely you'd not be able to subdue such a high levelled deviant flame right? Moreover speaking, from subduing the deviant flame to using it to refine pills, there is a relatively huge gap in between and you're able to claim the deviant flame for your own use, this innate talent... I really am ashamed of myself!"

Huang Yueli's attitude was humble as she didn't claim the effort for her own.

Master Zhang's explanation made the dazed spectators understand what had happened.

"So it's because of the deviant flame! No wonder I had this feeling earlier that the second time Young Miss Bai lit up the flame, it was different from the previous open flame!"

"Yesterday I was still ridiculing Young Miss Bai for not having any deviant flame and could only use the open flame to refine pills. I've never expected that it wasn't because she didn't have any, but she merely felt that this Rising Star Competition was too simple and couldn't be bothered to use it! The minute she used it, it's one of the top twenty deviant flames! She's really too incredible!"

"That's of course, Young Miss Bai is a practitioner with sixth stage realm cultivation! This cultivation innate talent is imaginable, so to be able to subdue such a powerful deviant flame is really nothing at all!"

Frankly speaking, this saying had really misunderstood Huang Yueli.

She totally hadn't this kind of slighting her opponents thought. As long as there were any methods to raise her odds of success, as long as it was permitted within the boundaries of the competition, she would use it.

But before the competition, Dai Boqi had already warned her that the Rising Star Competition's pill furnace was rather fragile and if it was possible not to use the deviant flame, it would be best not to use it hence that was why she chose to use the open flame.

No matter what, Huang Yueli's execution was beautifully played.

Even if it were those high ranking Pill Masters within the judging committee, they were also full of praises for her.

Feng Xiaoyan almost fainted from rage.

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She was waiting in anticipation to watch how this wretched lass fall. Never in her wildest dream had she expected that despite a firm ninety percent chance of success, all that anticipation amounted to nothing.

In the end, Huang Yueli actually miraculously turned misfortune into blessing, reversing the undesirable situation around.

Not only had she not lost all her face like what Feng Xiaoyan imagined, instead she was in the limelight once again!

Feng Xiaoyan's body swayed and suddenly, she snuffed a nose piercing charred smell.

Her mind raced quickly and she hurriedly turned her head back to discover that while she was looking at Huang Yueli's situation, she had not paid any attention to her own pill furnace and right now, her pills had all charred due to the fluctuating temperature!

Feng Xiaoyan patted her pill furnace hard out of anger, "Damn it! Why did it turn out in this state!"

Her cursing wasn't very soft and when Huang Yueli heard that, she turned her head around and took a look at her then she called out to Master Zhang who was preparing to leave.

"Master Zhang, please wait a moment! There's something else that I need your help to deal with!"

Master Zhang was stunned as he turned around, "Young Miss Bai, what else can I do for you?"

Master Zhang was originally a goody two shoe elderly man and now his tone towards Huang Yueli, other than amiable, it was also filled with slight reverence.

For a pill refining genius like Huang Yueli with such outstanding innate talent, she probably only needed a few years' time and she would be able to become a higher ranked Pill Master than him so Master Zhang didn't dare to put on any airs of a Senior in front of her.

Huang Yueli was being very polite as she said, "Master Zhang, I'd like to ask why did my pill furnace suddenly appear with such a thing like this?"

"What?" Master Zhang had a dazed expression.

Huang Yueli extinguished the deviant flame and stretched her hand towards the bottom of the pill furnace as she picked out a small piece of clear ice crystal gently.

Master Zhang frowned slightly as he was extremely puzzled, "This... is the ice crystal? Weren't you the one who put in the ice crystal yourself?"

Huang Yueli shook her head, "Of course not! Earlier I was at the last stage of forming the pill and at this moment, I had to put more attention to the intensity of the fire before I can congeal the medicinal effects of the pill totally so any Pill Master with the slightest bit of experience would not possibly lower the temperature of the fire at this moment. Moreover, earlier what I was controlling was merely the most ordinary open flame so even if I needed to lower the temperature, I wouldn't need to use the ice crystal because I will be able to control it on my own."

What she said was logical and reasonable and Master Zhang thought about it and indeed verified this reasoning as well.

But in this case, it made one even more befuddled.

“Young Miss Bai, what you mean is that your furnace fire was suddenly extinguished and that wasn’t because of your own operational error, but because a piece of ice crystal had accidentally dropped into the fire entrance? How could such a thing have happened?” Master Zhang said as he frowned.

Huang Yueli gave a composed smile as she said, “The ice crystal doesn’t have any feet, so how could it possibly ‘accidentally’ drop inside?”

What she meant was actually very clear and everyone present instantly responded to what she said.

Momentarily, everyone’s faces hung a surprised expression.

“Young Miss Bai’s meaning, could it be that someone had sneakily thrown a piece of ice crystal beneath her pill furnace?”

“This... how could this be possible? Why did they need to do that?”

“Speaking of this, it’s now in the competition and if anyone couldn’t stand Young Miss Bai being in the lead with so many points and wanted to scheme against her, that isn’t impossible at all! Only thing is, this kind of method is simply too low!”

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The crowd were ridiculing out of injustice and at the same time, their gazes intentionally and unintentionally shot towards Feng Xiaoyan.

One just needed to turn their thoughts around and they were able to deduce that the only Pill Master who was closest to Huang Yueli was Feng Xiaoyan. Moreover she and Huang Yueli were competitors and she was the one who was most envious of Huang Yueli. Just yesterday, she had just lost her face in front of Huang Yueli.

No matter from which angle they thought from, she was the most suspicious person.

Feng Xiaoyan detected everyone’s gaze and she felt extremely uneasy as she instantly cried out.

“You all.. why are all of you looking at me? Bai Ruoli, what do you mean by that? What are you hinting at? It’s obviously your own mistake for throwing the ice crystal into the fire entrance and yet you’re saying such things! You’re splashing dirty water onto me!”

Huang Yueli’s brows rose, “What? Did I say that you did it? You’re so anxious to fit into the position, could it be that you’re feeling guilty?”

Feng Xiaoyan realised that she was being too anxious after being said like that and instantly her face flushed red.

“You... who’s feeling guilty? You’re obviously misleading everyone!”

“Misleading?” Huang Yueli’s lips curled and a cold glint flashed past her eyes, “I’m not just spouting nonsense casually, perhaps we can all take a look at the origin of this ice crystal?”

Saying that, she passed the piece of ice crystal in her hand to Master Zhang who was standing next to her and spoke out at the same time, “Master Zhang, please take a look. Does this piece of ice crystal seem a little familiar?”

Master Zhang took a careful look and cried out in shock, "This... this kind of ice crystal is something that our Alchemist Guild specially distributes to our Pill Masters!"

"What?" Everyone was extremely surprised.

Feng Xiaoyan's eyes popped out as she spoke out in disbelief, "Master Zhang, what are you saying? This ice crystal is no different from those being sold in the market, how could you say that this is specially distributed out within the Alchemist Guild?"

Huang Yueli smiled slightly as she intentionally asked, "Yes, Master Zhang, you have to look carefully! What's the difference between this ice crystal and those being sold in the stores?"

Master Zhang explained, "Of course there's a difference! The ice crystal that we Alchemist Guild Pill Masters get all derived from an ore artery from the Northern Ice Fields and within the entire Soaring Heavens Continent, there's only this ore artery which produces the finest quality so even those sold in the Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild is merely first class! So ordinary people totally aren't able to get such a good piece of ice crystal!"

Huang Yueli expected this long ago as she nodded her head.

She had just heard from Dai Boqi about this two days ago hence she had a deep impression of it.

But Feng Xiaoyan apparently didn't know about the difference in such a quality and on hearing that, her expression grew even uglier, "Master Zhang, aren't your words a little too merciless? Special grade ice crystal, perhaps it might be given out by the Pill Masters to someone else or sold off?"

Master Zhang frowned, "This is not impossible as well but those veteran Pill Masters all know that the Alchemist Guild will distribute the best quality and would arrange to keep it well, how would they possibly just give it to anyone casually?"

Feng Xiaoyan's eyeballs turned and quickly thought of a new explanation.

"That might not be true, if some Pill Master who's already a ninth ranked Divine Doctor usually doesn't even use the ice crystal, then having taken in an intelligent young disciple, naturally he wouldn't be that petty so perhaps he might have gifted her with that piece of ice crystal?"

Feng Xiaoyan insisted on biting on to the fact that the ice crystal belonged to Huang Yueli and it was due to her own carelessness that she dropped it inside the pill furnace.

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Saying that, Feng Xiaoyan lifted her chin and looked at Huang Yueli provocatively, putting on a righteous look.

From what she saw, no matter what, Huang Yueli could not prove whose ice crystal it belonged to hence as long as she denied it to the very end, Huang Yueli would not be able to do anything to her!

As expected, Huang Yueli nodded her head and said, "That's right, what you said is logical as well and I indeed don't have any proof to verify that this ice crystal belongs to someone else."

Feng Xiaoyan revealed a delighted look, "That's what I said right? Since you're not able to give a clear explanation yourself then stop spouting nonsense. If that caused a misunderstanding, that wouldn't be nice at all."

Huang Yueli's lips curled up slightly and she put on an earnest attitude, "Alright, what you said is right. Since there's no evidence then I can't say that someone is out to harm me. Then... since this ice crystal doesn't have an owner and it's found underneath my pill furnace, then I'll treat it as it's mine?"

Saying that, she held the ice crystal and slipped it into her own pocket.

On seeing her action, her expression paled slightly.

It was until this moment when she suddenly recalled that this ice crystal was something very important to her.

Based on her own ability, it was actually very difficult to control the deviant flame while refining pills and sometimes when she made a mistake, she required the ice crystal to make amendments.

Usually she could forget about it while refining those first or second level medicinal pills but now it was the crucial round of the Rising Star Competition so she must try her best to refine third level medicinal pills and under this circumstance, if she was short of the ice crystal, it would greatly decrease the success rate of her pill refining!

Feng Xiaoyan had only realised this now but it was all too late.

She definitely couldn't jump and claim this ice crystal at this moment so she could only watch Huang Yueli claim the ice crystal with her bare eyes.

Huang Yueli's face revealed a smile as though she was extremely happy, "That's great, picked up a piece of ice crystal for free! I'm not able to get such a fine quality from the shops outside! No matter who it was who dropped the ice crystal at my furnace, I ought to be grateful to her!"

When Feng Xiaoyan heard that, she was so angry that her face turned pale!

She had really never met someone who took one's undeserved gains for granted in such a manner!

She sacrificed such a fine piece of ice crystal just to make Huang Yueli fall into bad luck but why was it that this wretched lass's luck was so good? Her ability was so strong and she was able to turn misfortune into good luck each time. Why was she the one who always ran into bad luck every single time?

Huang Yueli didn't bother about her as she turned towards Master Zhang, "Master Zhang, my apologies, earlier it could have been my own mistake and having delayed other people's time for so long. Following this, let's continue with the competition!"

Master Zhang nodded his head and indicated to the assistant by the side, to continue using the hourglass to continue with the time.

Huang Yueli started refining again and very quickly, she entered the state and was fully concentrated into it.

One furnace of another of third level medicinal pills were refined out from her hands and the smooth flow of her methods along with her elegant poses as well as her practically abnormal rate of success raised the crowd's praises time and again.

In comparison, Feng Xiaoyan's side was extremely dishevelled.

The failure in scheming Huang Yueli time and again made Feng Xiaoyan feel extremely unbearable and melancholic and originally she already found it hard to exhibit her corresponding standard.

Adding on to the fact that her ice crystal had been kept away by Huang Yueli, she was short of a tempo and that raised an even higher demand towards her pill refining standard.

Feng Xiaoyan originally didn't have a high success rate of refining third level medicinal pills and now, she kept on committing mistakes.

In the next five consecutive batches, there was only one successful batch.

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Moreover, the successful first batch refined was a second level medicinal pill.

The disparity of the both of them were getting wider and anyone was able to tell that Feng Xiaoyan had completely been left in the dust by Huang Yueli, totally unable to compete with her.

Feng Xiaoyan's hands were shaking from anger and just at this moment, she suddenly realised that Huang Yueli had stopped refining and stooped in front of her medicinal herb basket, not moving for a long time.

Feng Xiaoyan's thoughts raced quickly. Could it be that Haung Yueli had run into some sort of situation?

Master Zhang also found it weird as there was still an hour more before the end of the competition and now wasn't the time for her to stop.

He walked over once again and asked, "Young Miss Bai, you... are you not feeling well?"

Huang Yueli then raised her head and shook it slightly, "No, it's not that I'm not feeling well. Only... my third level medicinal herbs seem to have finished and the remaining ones are all first and second level medicinal herbs. These medicinal herbs, even if it's refined into medicinal pills, it might not gain much high points so I feel that I don't need to waste my effort. Can I request to end earlier?"

"End it earlier??" Master Zhang's eyes widened, thinking that he had heard her wrongly.

He had been one of the judges in the judging committee for several rounds of Rising Star Competition and this was the first time that he heard anyone saying that they wanted to end the competition earlier!

To the participants, since the competition had set a time limit, they would definitely insist until the end and they would possibly refine even more medicinal herbs. Even though it was a grade lower, it would more or less gain some points.

Perhaps, it might just be those little amounts of points, to determine the different rankings?

However, Master Zhang changed his thoughts and felt that he was wrong.

The young lass in front of him wasn't someone ordinary and she could even be defined as an unordinary genius! From her current state, within the short duration of time, she had already accumulated to over six hundred over points whereas the number two ranking Feng Xiaoyan had not even passed one hundred points!

This kind of disparity, couldn't be filled casually!

This really was.... comparing one person against another would really anger one to death!

Hence, under everyone's attentive gazes, Huang Yueli packed up her own pill furnace and left the competition grounds, leaving onto half a basket of medicinal pills and it was were all first and second level medicinal herbs as the rest of the third level medicinal herbs had been exhausted by her cleanly.

Feng Xiaoyan felt as though a knife was cutting into her heart as she watched her departing figure.

Why? Why did this happen!

Why was it that wretched lass had just used a short period of one month, and she was able to surpass a talented Pill Master like her who had been training since young??

However, no matter how unreconciled she was, there was nothing that she could do.

Huang Yueli waited for Master Shen to announce the end of the competition hence she didn't leave at all.

She headed towards the VIP seating and from afar, she saw Li Moying walking towards her and that immensely handsome face hung a faint smile.

"Li'er, congratulations! You're just too incredible!"

Huang Yeuli raised her sharp little chin, "It's only necessary! Can't you even tell who This Young Lady is!"

The crowd nearby spat out a mouthful of blood. These words were a little too conceited wasn't it? They felt like punching the person from hearing those words.

But when it came out of Huang Yueli's mouth, it actually made those people unable to be convinced!

She had already used her ability to prove to everyone that she had the qualification to be so arrogant and proud!

Li Moying's heart wavered because it's exactly at this kind of moment when his Li'er was filled with total charm.

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Although she was a rare peerless beauty, but what was most attractive about her was that it was never her beauty, but.... her firm and tenacious inner heart!

Whereas Huang Yueli was also bewitched by that pair of seductive peach blossom eyes as she cried offence out loudly in her heart!

How could there be any man who looked so outstanding, simply beyond the word perfect!

If Li Moying's ability was slightly weaker, she already had the intention to knock him unconscious and bring him back to be the master of her fort.

The two of them exchanged glances for a moment and the ambiguity between them grew more and more intense.

Some bystander could not stand seeing it any longer as he coughed loudly and said, "Hey, what are the two of you standing there looking at each other for? Don't blame me for not reminding you? There's so many bystanders around, don't you do anything that is detrimental to public morale!"

Huang Yueli was in a daze and she immediately regained her senses as she walked up in quick steps next to Li Moying, trying to move towards the VIP seating as soon as possible.

Li Moying gave a cold harrumph and turned his head back while staring hard at Liu Buyan who had just voiced out.

"Divine Doctor Liu, isn't your control a little too broad!"

His icy stern gaze and that voice was enough to make many Sky Chart top exponents tremble with fright but yet it totally didn't affect Liu Buyan at all.

Liu Buyan intentionally laughed, "Controlling a little too broad? Surely not right? As a Senior Brother, I am Little Junior Sister's senior and on seeing that she's about to be abducted away by someone else, I just came out to remind her about this so it's considered as having fulfilled my obligations, no need to thank you!"

Saying that, he even nudged a space out towards the side as he made space for Huang Yueli, "Junior Sister, sit over here, you can see everything clearly right from this spot!"

Huang Yueli nodded her head and walked towards him.

However, she had just wanted to sit down when her eyes turned blurry and a figure scurried out from her back as the butt planted itself onto the seat which Liu Buyan had just made space, and at the same time, he tugged her gently and pulled her into his arms.

Huang Yueli was caught off guard as she fell into Li Moying's arms, sitting just nicely onto his thigh.

"Hey, what are you doing?" Huang Yueli stared at the man and pushed against his chest, indicating for him to let go.

Li Moying wasn't very persistent on this as he made her stand up, but he refused to stand up. Moreover that handsome looking face seemed a little gloomy, simply as though it was written with the words, "I am not happy".

Huang Yueli looked at him and was extremely speechless. Earlier this man still had a happy look on his face, why did it change just within a second!

Wasn't it just because Liu Buyan had saved her a seat? How big was this matter? Was there a need to be jealous over this?

Li Moying took a look at Luo Jiyun who was seated in a daze right beside him, “Still not getting up, to give your Lil Sister-in-law a seat?”

“Ah? Why ah.... Oh, oh, I’ll give it up right now, give it up right now! Sister-in-law, quickly take a seat! Quickly have a seat!”

Luo Jiyun’s reaction was slower by a beat and after being stared at by Li Moying, he then regained his senses and hastily jumped up, as he wiped the cold sweat off his forehead, while asking Huang Yueli to sit down.

Huang Yueli hurriedly said, “No need, Junior Brother Luo. I’m heading down to collect my prize later on and I won’t be sitting for long so there’s no need to give up the seat for me...”

However, how would Luo Jiyun dare to not listen to his Eldest Senior Brother’s instructions as he ran off as though his butt was on fire.

Li Moying then clasped onto Huang Yueil’s wrist, “I’m giving you two choices, sit beside me or... sit on me!”

Liu Buyan couldn’t help but voiced out, “This is coercing a lady?”

However, Li Moying treated as though he didn’t hear anything as he only cared about looking at his Li’er.

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Huang Yueli was helpless as she could only sit down beside him.

“Alright, I’ll listen to you alright? Do you need to be so childish! You also need to fight over a seat!” Huang Yueli mumbled softly.

However, the man grabbed her lower jaw as he turned her face over.

“What did you say about me?” The handsome looking face was right in front of her eyes, magnified with no limit.

Huang Yueli stared at that pair of pitch black pair of eyes as she gulped down her saliva, “Nothing, I only said... my husband looks so handsome while he’s jealous!”

Li Moying then became satisfied as a smile flashed past his eyes.

Huang Yueli heaved a sigh of relief and suddenly she realised that there was a soft feeling on her lips.

She went into a daze for a moment to discover that she had been sneakily kissed by Li Moying!

Moreover, even before she could even fly into a rage, Li Moying had already retreated and returned to his own seat, putting on an aloof look with a forbidden desire.

“You.....” Huang Yueli just was about to say something.

Li Moying suddenly voiced out, “Stop talking, the third round of competition has just ended and they’re about to announce the ranking!”

If it wasn't for the fact that there were too many people around, and moreover their attention was all over here, Huang Yueli really wanted to pounce up and bite him!

Act! I'll let you continue acting right here! Really a long tailed lecherous wolf!

Suddenly at this moment, Master Shen's voice was really heard coming from the competition grounds.

"Participants, Audience, will everyone please settle down. The third round of competition has just ended and the judging committee are just counting the pills which all the participants have refined and the total points will be announced in a short while so will everyone please wait a little longer...."

Not only did the crowd not settle down, they became even more restless.

There was actually no suspense in the competition because no one was guessing the outcome of the competition. Everyone was raising their heads as they expected the most outstanding talented Pill Master of this season's Rising Star Competition to stand on the awarding stage for the championship!

The third round of competition's points awarding was very obvious, so the calculations were done swiftly.

It took merely a quarter of an hour and Master Shen had already returned to the centre stage once again.

"Everyone, allow this old man to announce the results on the ranking for this round's Rising Star Competition! In this competition, the top twenty ranking Pill Masters will obtain the rewards. Eleventh to Twentieth places are... Fourth to Tenth place are...."

Master Shen announced a long list of names and Huang Yueli was only paying attention to pinching Li Moying's arm as revenge, so she wasn't listening carefully.

Li Moying knew that his little fox was in a rage so he didn't dare to resist her, or it could also be said that he didn't want to resist her. Based on his cultivation, to be pinched by his fiancée for a few times really wasn't painful at all. Instead, he felt that it was a different kind of excitement...

"In third place: Third rank Pill Master from the Alchemist Guild Feng Xiaoyan!"

Hearing this name, Huang Yueli was stunned for a moment, "Oh? Feng Xiaoyan didn't even manage to get second place?"

Liu Buyan laughed coldly from the side, "This is called getting what she deserves! After she lost her ice crystal, it was difficult for her to control her own deviant flame and ever since you returned to the spectator's seating, she ruined three entire batches of medicinal pills so of course her points weren't that high."

In second place was also a third rank Pill Master, and he came from the Soaring Heavens Merchant Guild.

Lastly, Master Shen gave a slight cough and announced in a slightly agitated tone, "Lastly, I believe everyone already knows this, the champion of this round's Pill Master Rising Star Competition is Pill Master Bai Ruoli from Blue Profound Sect! Prior to taking part in the competition, she hadn't even been

certified by the Alchemist Guild, nor was she even an apprentice! But she had created the highest record ever in the historical competitions that we've ever conducted!"

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Everyone's gazes landed onto Huang Yueli almost at the same time.

Under the attention of the crowd, Huang Yueli got up from the VIP seating but didn't immediately leave, instead she turned her head around and took a look at Li Moying.

Li Moying's eyes were filled with praise as he sent her off slowly with his eyes.

Huang Yueli stood on the prize presentation platform and the spectators' seating instantly broke out into an enthusiastic applause.

Almost everyone conveyed their adoration and reverence towards Huang Yueli, from the bottoms of their hearts.

Although quite a number of people didn't know who she was, but her performance in the Rising Star Competition was just too outstanding and too eye-catching! There was no way to not admire her from deep down in their hearts!

Huang Yueli was feeling extremely happy because to her, glory was merely a floating cloud but to be able to get the Bipolar Black Orchid, that meant that Li Moying's Soul Detachment Illness would be completely healed! The large rock that was weighing in her heart could finally have a landing spot!

To her, nothing was more important than this matter.

Master Shen said, "Next, let's invite Alchemist Guild Headquarters President Feng Zhensheng, to present the prize to this talented Pill Master personally! Let's have a round of applause everyone!"

The clapping below the stage grew even more enthusiastic.

However, Feng Zhensheng's expression was as ugly as it could be.

Right now at this moment, the only thing that he wanted to do the most was to kill Huang Yueli with one palm strike!

He had never been embarrassed this badly ever since he became the Alchemist Guild's President!

After his outstanding daughter with extraordinary ability had been taught a lesson by Huang Yueli, not only did she lose the championship of the Rising Star Competition, she even made herself embarrassed time and again in front of so many people.

With that, as her father, he had also become the target of ridicule of the crowd.

Especially for those few Elders in the Guild who were not on good terms with him, these two days they simply could not shut their mouths from smiling, and had led to both father-daughter duo becoming a great joke of the day!

Feng Zhensheng was extremely infuriated but the most sullen of these all was that in this kind of occasion, he absolutely could not flip tables with Huang Yueli.

In fact, he even had to put on an extremely delighted look, and to award the prize to Huang Yueli personally.

Thinking of the price of that stalk of Bipolar Black Orchid in his hands, he felt even more pained. Such an expensive medicinal herb, even if it wasn't used to refine pills, just putting it up for auction was extremely valuable and yet it was going into that wretched lass's hands!

Feng Zhensheng and Feng Xiaoyan had really lost their faces through and through this time round!

Feng Zhensheng dilly dallied and refused to step up but eventually he could only force himself to walk right up to Huang Yueli.

He stared at Huang Yueli angrily as he tried hard to open his mouth, "That... Young Miss Bai, congratulations for winning the championship of this season's competition. As Divine Doctor Dai's disciple, your status is respectful and you actually lowered your status to take part in such a low levelled competition, this championship.... Naturally it is an easy task for you! No wonder Young Miss Bai was able to shine so brilliantly in the competition!"

His words seemed as though he was praising Huang Yueli but in actual fact, it was silently hinting and poking at her for relying on such an incredible Master to gain the championship. Moreover, she had to compete against competitions who did not have such great innate talent as hers, making her into a suspect of using her strength to mistreat other people.

These words, in the crowd's ears, didn't feel as though it was wrong.

But to those ordinary Pill Masters who had just been awarded the prize, they all felt uncomfortable upon hearing that.

That's right, if there wasn't Huang Yueli, perhaps their ranking would have increased by one.

Especially for the top ten participants, their performances were rather eye catching as well.