

## **Weaponsmith 691**

### **Chapter 691: Murong Fei crispy on the outside and tender on the inside**

It was as though in that instant that this lightning bolt illuminated the entire Sect. No matter if it was the front or rear mountain, everything was shrouded by a blinding flash!

Immediately after, thunder in the sky seemed to be attracted by this bolt of light as various lightnings tore the sky apart and came crashing down towards Heaven Crate Valley!

The two sets of lights combined together as one, as though a sharp sword, made a split between heaven and earth!

The sizzling sound from the lightning reverberated continuously in the sky and the radiance grew brighter, so bright that others were not able to open their eyes and some of them had even lost their sight because of it!

The minute the bolt of lightning split apart was the exact instance when Mo Yi rushed into the thunder field. Luckily it negated Murong Fei's attack and he had already taken precautionary actions by using his Profound Energy to encapsulate the important parts of his body.

Even so, he was still unable to go against such a savage thunder and at the moment where lightning flashed past, he had been thrown outwards, throwing up blood in mid air!

Yet, he was already considered lucky. Murong Fei was much worse off!

She had been pursuing Mo Yi and throwing out attacks so she had not once even considered defence.

During the moment when thunder flashed past, her body was practically unprotected and when lightning penetrated her body, it had injured all her internal organs!

At the same time, she had been using the icy arrows to pursue Mo Yi so the Profound Energy displayed were forced back into her dantian by the powerful thunder attributed Profound Energy, causing her qi and blood to be in turmoil and her meridians shattered!

Murong Fei made an "Oof" sound when she had been struck by lightning on the head as she turned black. Her skin was completely burnt and had split open, displaying a crispy on the outside and tender on the inside.

Following that, she crashed heavily onto the ground, unable to move a single bit.

Mo Yi saw the state that Murong Fei was in and was shocked out of his mind.

Only, he recalled his mission and clutching on to his chest, he forced himself to stand up and move on.

Not far away, after the strongest explosion of raging thunder in Heaven Crate Valley had erupted, it was gradually quelling down but the intensity of the surrounding thunder field was much stronger by one fold as compared to when he just arrived!

Mo Yi looked at the lightning filled scenario in front of his eyes in shock and mumbled to himself, “It can’t be? Don’t tell me... Master had just successfully breakthrough? He had advanced to the seventh stage realm?? Does he need to be so abnormal, he’s just twenty years old!”

As the commander of Li Moying’s Shadow Guards, MoYi had always been impressed by his Master’s power.

But every single time Li Moying would give him an even astonishing performance.

And every single time, it was refreshing his understanding of him!

Like this round, a twenty year old attaining seventh stage realm.....what heaven defying rhythm was this!

He sighed for a moment and forced himself to adjust his remaining Profound Energy. Bearing with the pain that he suffered when he was struck by thunder, he surged on towards Heaven Crate Valley.

Even though he knew Li Moying had just advanced and it was necessary to continue staying in closed door cultivation to stabilise his foundation, but he couldn’t help but had to interrupt his Master!

Because during the time when Li Moying was in the Dark Moon Forest, he had already used his actions to tell him that — Huang Yueli’s life was much more important than his!

Mo Yi had only walked for ten meters when he felt the huge pressure.

The internal region of the thunder field’s intensity had gone beyond his imagination. To be so far away from the centre, he was unable to hold on any longer.

“Who dares to barge into my thunder field? To disturb my cultivation?”

At this moment, a chillingly stern voice echoed from above his head.

### **Chapter 692: Li’er, wait for me!**

“M.... Master.....”

When Mo Yi heard this voice, he was so overjoyed that he almost cried!

After experiencing so much setbacks and obstructions, he finally met Li Moying himself!

Upon hearing Mo Yi’s voice, Li Moying went into a blank momentarily and immediately following that, the thunder field disappeared and Li Moying’s silhouette appeared in a flash, right in front of Mo Yi.

“Why are you here? Where’s Li’er? Did she come back to the Sect with you?”

“No.... Master...”

The sweat on Mo Yi’s head swooshed down all at once as he knelt down and sprawled onto the ground, not daring to lift his head up.

“Master, I.... deserve to die a thousand times... I’ve fallen into someone’s scheme..... Third Miss.. her whereabouts is unknown.....”

“WHAT??” Li Moying’s eyes turned extremely wide as his gaze was like electricity as it shot towards Mo Yi, seemingly piecing through him!

“What’s going on? What exactly happened? Didn’t I tell you to stay by her side, and not to leave her for even one step?”

“I, I have been foolish and had been tricked by others.....”

Even though Mo Yi was crouching on the ground, he could feel the piercing and emotionless pressurizing look as his body uncontrollably trembled.

He hurriedly related the entire story, from the forged letter to how he hurried back to the Sect, and how he met with different obstacles and was unable to meet Li Moying in the process.

“.... this is what had happened. It had been six to seven days since I left Third Miss and if someone had ill intentions towards her, they would probably have carried out their evil scheme.....”

Before Mo Yi finished his sentence, he heard a loud “Bam” sound as a bolt of lightning flashed past and a part of the mountain cliff was split apart by Li Moying on the spot!

Numerous stray rocks started tumbling downwards and many of it hit against Mo Yi directly but he didn’t dare to move, nor could he move! Because it was indeed due to his negligence which caused Huang Yueli to meet with danger so he absolutely deserved to die!

Li Moying spoke in a downcast and anguished voice, “I remember that I had once told you that you’re alive because Third Miss is alive. If Third Miss were to die, you also don’t need to live anymore! Now, what do you have to say??”

“I.... have no face to see Master and Third Miss and I only beg for death.....” Mo Yi already had no intentions to live after he realised that he had been tricked.

The crime of causing his future Mistress to die, in any of the great powerhouses, was absolute death penalty!

He whipped out his sword and brought it to his neck but Li Moying sent the sword flying away.

“Humph, not that easy! Gather all the Shadow Guards and follow me to South Yue Kingdom to save Li’er immediately! If Li’er manage to escape this calamity, then you’ll be at her mercy! But if anything unfortunate happened to her.....”

The minute he said the word “unfortunate”, Li Moying’s heart felt a surge of heartache, to painful that his entire heart started to contract.

“... If anything unfortunate happened, I will personally kill you in front of Li’er’s tomb!”

“Go!”

Li Moying didn’t want to waste any more time and without taking another look at Mo Yi, his figure moved and had already flashed several hundred meters apart, travelling at tremendous speed down the mountain!

At this point of time, his heart was soaked in turmoil as it was tormented acutely.

Every single minute and second felt like it was as slow as a year!

He only had one thought in his mind, and that was his Li'er was in danger! Even if there's just one in ten thousand chance, he must go and rescue her! He didn't believe that crafty and black-bellied little fox would easily be done in by others!

She... must be waiting for him to save her!

### **Chapter 693: Li'er is my life!**

Li Moying's speed was extremely fast and within a few breaths, he had already travelled from the rear mountain to the front mountain.

Just as he was preparing to leave the Sect he met with a group of people face on!

"Moying, you're already came out from closed door cultivation? Myself, your junior brothers and junior sisters are preparing to go to the rear mountain to look for you!"

Hearing this voice, Li Moying frowned slightly but still stopped his tracks.

The person who was approaching was a middle aged man who looked to be in his forties with regular features and fair complexion. He was surrounded with a huge reception and helmed the grace of an expert. There was a beard below his chin and one could tell that he should be an outstanding and handsome man when he was younger.

Li Moying cupped his fist in the other hand as he paid his respects, "Master."

This person was Li Moying's Master, the Sect Master of the Sect whom he belonged to, Sect Master Murong!

Murong De was reckoned to be South Sky Region's first or second best expert and his cultivation had long entered the ninth stage realm!

But the one thing that he was most complacent about was not to become the top exponent in South Sky Region and not that he had gave birth a daughter who was the number one beauty of South Sky Region but.... to have taken in such an outstanding talented genius disciple!

"Moying, I had already felt it in the front mountain! Earlier you.... had broken through to the seventh stage realm right! You're just twenty years old and you've already broke through to the seventh stage realm! You're the first person in the history of Soaring Heavens Continent to have done so! Ha ha ha ha! You're really my disciple!"

Murong De laughed heartily as the surrounding disciples went up to congratulate him one after another.

"Eldest Senior Brother, you're just so awesome!"

"With Eldest Senior Brother around, our Sect will definitely become the number one power in Soaring Heavens Continent!"

Murong De laughed, "To have broken through another realm so quickly, your cultivation should still be unstable now, so why did you exit your closed door cultivation so soon? There's still seven days before the tournament so you better use this opportunity to continue cultivating to solidify your power! When it's time for the tournament, I will hold a magnificent party in your honour and invite all the South Sky Region's powerful Sects!"

Li Moying creased his brows as he replied, "Master, I'm afraid I cannot continue to stay in closed door cultivation. I have something urgent right now and must immediately make a trip to South Yue Kingdom!"

"What?" Murong De went blank and thought he had heard wrongly, "Return to South Yue Kingdom? Now?"

"That's right!" Li Moying nodded, "Li'er had met into danger and I had just found out. So I must immediately set off to rescue her! I have to leave now and if I'm able to find her, I will try my best to rush back before the tournament!"

"What's the meaning of this? There's only seven days before the tournament starts! You'd just advanced and the Profound Energy in your body is still unstable, and you're intending to leave the Sect at this juncture? What joke are you making? I've never met someone who does such foolish things like you!"

Murong De's expression turned ugly as he resolutely said these words.

Li Moying's expression turned chilly and replied in a firm manner, "Master, I understand what you're saying but Li'er is my life! If anything were to happen to her, then I won't want to live anymore so I must immediately go and rescue her! As for the tournament, I will try my utmost best to return by then. If I'm not able to.... Then treat me as the sinner of the Sect. Anyway, I cannot leave her alone!"

"You—!"

Murong De hasn't expect Li Moying to shoot back so bluntly and almost couldn't grasp his breathe!

Although this eldest disciple's character of his was normally aloof and overbearing but he had always been respectful to his Master and seldom went against his wishes, not to mention to directly reject his requests! This was the first time!

#### **Chapter 694: If you dare to take one single step out**

"You... you want to drive me to my grave!" Murong De's eyes turned rounded as he lamented in grieve.

A glint of guilt flashed past Li Moying's eyes but he didn't show any signs of backing down or changing his mind as he stood there firmly with a resolute tone.

"Master, this matter is my wrong. If the Sect were to suffer any losses because I was not able to attend the tournament, then I'm willing to bear all the responsibility! But... I must leave now because I cannot let my woman face danger alone! I'm extremely sorry!"

Saying that, his fist was placed in the other hand as he paid his respects to Murong De.

Immediately after, he turned and walked out of the mountain's main door.

“Stand right there!”

Murong De never expected that the face of a Master was actually not useful at all. In front of him, Li Moying only said a few sentences to explain and immediately prepared to leave.

Li Moying heard the voice behind him but his footsteps didn't stop at all.

Murong De shouted out in exasperation, “Li Moting, you're the pride of our Sect and the entire Sect had spent so much effort on you and used so much resources which made you who you are today! Now that the Sect is in need of your help, you're going to leave because of a woman with an unknown background, casting aside your Sect's pride and glory?”

Li Moying didn't reply.

Murong De continued, “Li Moying, hadn't you always wished that Bai Ruoli could join our Sect and let me preside over your marriage? If you dare to take a single step out today, don't even think that I will acknowledge that woman! And don't even dream of becoming husband and wife!”

Hearing that, Li Moying's footsteps halted.

Murong De was delighted as he thought this sentence was a vital shot which strangulated Li Moying's vulnerable spot.

Even though he had thrown out all the good and bad things, it wasn't as effective as saying one sentence about that woman. This made Murong De gloomy but at least Li Moying felt threatened and was willing to stay behind.

However, although Li Moying halted in his footsteps but he didn't turn around.

He opened his mouth once again and the tone was covered in frost.

“Master, I'd always been respectful of you as an elder so I wanted to bring the woman I liked back to show you, and not to get your consent! If you're willing to preside over our marriage, I'd be extremely glad but if you're not willing to or even object to our marriage, it makes no difference to me at all! At the most, Li'er and I will leave the Sect together. Soaring Heavens Continent is so big, surely there's a place for us out there!”

“You.... I've seen you wrongly all these years! So you're those kind who'd be muddle-headed in times of relationship! Do you know what you're saying? Because of a woman.... You're going to betray our Sect??”

Murong De's expression turned green after he was rebuked by him and even his fingers started trembling.

In actual fact, he had not intended to let Li Moying take Huang Yueli as his wife from the start. From his view, in terms of identity or innate talent, that lass born from South Yue Kingdom was totally incompatible with Li Moying. Only his precious eldest daughter Murong Fei was compatible with a genius like Li Moying.

What's more, after his daughter had married Li Moying, allied through marriage, he would be able to control Li Moying better in his hands.

Otherwise, even though they were Master and disciple in name, but Murong De had long realised in the past few years that Li Moying was actually completely different from other disciples. He didn't care about the Sect or Master-disciple relationship. To him, it was just a matter of respect on the surface only.

### **Chapter 695: I can only choose.... her!**

Besides that, Murong De had realised when Li Moying was seven or eight years old, he was unable to teach Li Moying at all.

Such a peerless genius with outstanding innate talent made anyone gasp in amazement and was not someone who could be easily taught by an ordinary ninth stage realm practitioner like him. For Li Moying to join his Sect was really delaying his progress.

The past few years had really been so. Every single time Li Moying advanced, it had nothing to do with Murong De at all and Murong De didn't know why he could continuously advance that quickly, even breaking the record which Mu Chengying had left years ago, the fastest record for advancing to seventh stage realm.

The teenager in front of him was destined to cause deterrence to the entire Soaring Heavens Continent!

And it's exactly because of this reason that Murong De imperiously wished that he and his Sect could have closer ties with Li Moying to guarantee that when Li Moying made a rapid success in his future, he would still be bound to the Sect.

That was why, since Li Moying was young, he would intentionally let Murong Fei have different sorts of interaction between the both of them, in the wish that from childhood friends, they would start to have feelings for each other.

But not knowing what happened, no matter how outstanding Murong Fei had been since she was young, or even getting prettier by the year attracting South Sky Regions' or even other Sky Regions' geniuses to compete for her love.

Only Li Moying, held a lukewarm attitude to her from beginning till now.

As for this time, Li Moying had made a trip to the Dark Moon Forest and on the way visited his family in South Yue Kingdom and in that small country, he found himself a fiancée?

Murong De naturally could not accept this but he knew Li Moying's temper very well. He knew he couldn't force him so he used all kinds of reasons to coop him up in the Sect.

Murong De had not thought of murdering Huang Yueli because he knew very clearly that if Li Moying were to find out about it, he would definitely fall out with the Sect.

He only thought that a practitioner's cultivation route was very long and perhaps after Li Moying had gone into closed door cultivation a few more times and after several years, perhaps that lass in the

South Yue Kingdom would not continue waiting for him. Perhaps she might change her mind and marry others so by that time, Murong Fei would be able to take advantage of the situation and penetrate in, so that marriage would probably succeed.

His plans was indeed not bad.

The only thing was, Murong De had never expected that Li Moying would be so devoted to that lass from South Yue Kingdom, even after he used his pride as a Master and the Sect's relationship to coerce him, he was not hesitant for even a single bit at all.

In Li Moying's heart, that lass was more important than the entire Sect!

Li Moying nodded slightly and his resolute gaze fell onto Murong De as he calmly and unhurriedly spoke, "I don't wish for things to become like this as well. But if Master must force me, I can only choose.... her!"

Once he finished his words, he strode forward again and this round, he didn't stop at all.

Murong De was angered till his face turned green. He was extremely furious but he could not release his rage and had to keep it in!

A blue robed disciple said softly, "Master, are we going to let Eldest Senior Brother leave like that? Once he leave, he would probably not be able to make it for the tournament! Shall we activate the Mountain Isolation Array?

Or perhaps you can go after him personally? After all Eldest Senior Brother is only in the seventh stage realm and he's not your match...."

This disciple was one of Li Lingchuan's lackeys and for him to interpose at this moment, his tone helmed a sense of gloating over his misfortune.

Tsk tsk, Li Moying was usually arrogant and overbearing and was the apple of the eye of the Sect Master and several Elders so everyone thought his position was unshakable!

To think that today, he had actually rebuke the Sect Master for a woman from the countryside!

### **Chapter 696: Can only depend on him**

Now that this had happened, would Sect Master Murong still place his trust in him and like him?

Perhaps, Li Moying might even lost the position of Young Sect Master!

In this way, Li Lingchuan might be able to ascend to this position!

Thinking about this, the blue robed disciple opened his mouth again, "Eldest Senior Brother is really unreliable and didn't even respect you! Master might as well just take him down personally and lock him up! He also doesn't need to take part in the tournament, just get Second Senior Brother back! Let him know that the Sect will still do well even without him! Second Senior Brother isn't worse off than him any bit!"

Blue robed disciple said delightfully as he felt he was incisive and knew how to talk well.

These words not only undermined Murong De's impression of Li Moying, he also unsuspectingly brought out Li Lingchuan, earning Murong De's appreciation.

Who knew when Murong De heard his words, not only did it not unease his tension, it brought out a "Pa" slap on his face as he flew out!

"Who do you think you are? What do you know? How dare you sprout nonsense here? Get lost now!"

Blue robed disciple struggled to get up as not daring to say a single word, he held his face and ran away with piss in his pants!

Murong De hatefully looked at his leaving silhouette as he was unable to express the unspeakable frustration within his heart.

These insensible disciples, what do they know?

It won't take more than several years before a genius like Li Moying would become a star in Soaring Heavens Continent. Old fools like them, even though they were the Sect's Elders now, but by then, all of them could only prostrate on the ground to depend on him!

Right now, it was the Sect which couldn't lose Li Moying and not the other way round!

If he wanted to leave, Murong De did not dare to stop him!

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The sky gradually turned dark.

A knocking sound could be heard from the outside of the room.

Huang Yueli raised her head and asked, "Who's that?"

"Miss Bai, my Master invites you to the rear garden."

"Alright, I know."

Huang Yueli arose from her seat, tidied her clothes and followed the serving maid and left her quarters.

In a blink of an eye, seven days had gone past and today was the last day of Liu Buyan and her agreement.

The injury on her could be said to be a full recovery and she had to admit that Liu Buyan's medical skills were indeed skilful. Some days ago, she was still lying on the bed on her last breath but now she was jumping about energetically just like before she was injured.

After so many days, she had gotten a degree of understanding on Liu Buyan's standard routine.

Moreover, a puppet doll like her only needed to accompany him to eat and drink, and need not be around him daily for twenty four hours.

Generally speaking, Liu Buyan would be in the pill furnace room refining pills during day time and he would be cultivating in the night.

Only during dusk would he ask the serving maid over to accompany him.

During this time, Huang Yueli would wear the puffy sleeved flowing dress which he had prepared for her and put on that jade phoenix hairpin with the rainbow spirit crystal inlaid and obediently run over to the pavilion in the rear courtyard to accompany him for his meal.

During meal time, Liu Buyan would often go into a daze while looking at her.

That gaze of his sometimes made the hairs on Huang Yueli back stood up.

She couldn't help but guessed that she probably looked alike to the person he liked, which made Liu Buyan keep staring at her. But.... why didn't Liu Buyan just go ahead and woo the lady he liked?

Just based on him, Divine Doctor Liu's power, looks and financial ability, if he could bring out his sincerity and faithful heart, probably very few ladies would reject him right?

### **Chapter 697: The one collecting the debt is the boss**

Every single time after they had their meals, Huang Yueli would be filled with puzzlement.

But after thinking about it carefully, these matters wasn't of concern to her and she only needed to do what she should do.

Besides that, today was the seventh day. After accompanying Liu Buyan to finish the meal tonight, the agreement between them should be completed and both of them not owing one another.

By then, she would have taken the test at Celestial Light Academy, followed by raising her power then going to look for Mu Chengying in Sky Emperor City.

In view that Liu Buyan had completely fallen out with Mu Chengying to the point that even his name could not be mentioned, so she gauged that in future, she would never meet with Liu Buyan ever again!

By the time Huang Yueli had reached the pavilion, Liu Buyan was indeed waiting for her there.

The both of them had their meal as per normal and as Liu Buyan put down his chopsticks, Huang Yueli heaved a sigh of relief.

The pressure on her was slightly heavy over the past seven days, worrying that she might draw up Liu Buyan's suspicions on her identity of her previous life so she had been extremely cautious when she talked to him.

Even the name she reported was Bai Ruoli.

Finally, she was going to be relieved soon.

However, before she could take another breathe, she heard Liu Buyan asked, "Do you know how to play the zither?"

"Huh? You... you're talking to me?" Huang Yueli went into a blank.

Liu Buyan turned his head back as he frowned slightly, "If I'm not talking to you, then am I talking to air? I don't have the habit of mumbling to myself!"

"I don't mean it in this way....."

"No need to explain, I understand." Liu Buyan stared at her coldly, "Did you feel that after finishing this meal, your task would come to an end and you no longer need to entertain the uncle who is old enough to be your grandfather? I'm telling you, no matter if you're willing to entertain me or not, anyways, the agreed duration is seven whole days! Tonight any time before midnight, you still have to listen to my commands!"

"I know, I know, why are you so fierce for!" Huang Yueli retorted.

That was why, Pill Masters were all unscrupulous businessmen. Liu Buyan was a classic example of one such person!

There was just a few hours more in the night. Did he need to be so petty, to squeeze out all her value and use her until the very last moment?

She silently cursed him within her heart and had never once considered that if anyone were to say unscrupulous businessmen, ever since an outstanding Armament Master like her was born into this world, outsiders no longer criticised Pill Masters for being money minded, and had all gone to criticise Armament Masters.

Liu Buyan stared at her coldly with a "Proud" word plastered all over his face.

Sigh, the debt collector was forever the boss! And had the authority to request her to do anything!

Huang Yueli heaved another sigh yet again and replied, "I can play a few zither songs but my standard isn't high at all. So don't expect any melodious tunes from me....."

"Doesn't matter, I originally didn't expect you to have any talent at all!" Liu Buyan replied immodestly.

What the...!

Huang Yueli almost exploded!

Although it was for the sake of hiding her identity which made her say such humble words, but did this fellow had to reply so slickly and underestimating others like that?

He really deserved to be punched badly!

Liu Buyan didn't bother about the blaze in her eyes and casually pointed to one side, saying, "Sit over there and pay me a tune. If your tune wasn't played properly....."

He lowered his voice with a threatening tone.

Huang Yueli hastily replied, "If I didn't play properly, then it would be because of your zither and not because of me!"

**Chapter 698: Phoenix demands**

“Still dare to deny? Didn’t you agree to satisfy all my demands?” Liu Buyan replied in an unfriendly manner.

Huang Yueli stuck out her tongue and with quick steps, she walked over to the seat that he had pointed to.

After a short while, the serving maids cleared the dinner table, carried a classic zither and placed it in front of Huang Yueli.

Huang Yueli’s eyes shone when she saw the classic zither, “Wow... this is Sp... Ughh, I mean, this is a really good zither!”

She had recognised it on first instance. This was one of the top ten zithers in Soaring Heavens Continent – Sparrow in the Clouds!

But just as she joyously gasp in admiration, she managed to change her reaction in time.

That’s right, the identity that she was playing now was a countryside lass who came from a small nation and if she was able to recognise Sparrow in the Clouds on first sight, then it would be too fake so she had to forcefully change her terminology.

Liu Buyan gave her a curious look but he didn’t give any further thoughts.

He asked, “What tunes do you know?”

Huang Yueli deliberated over her answer, “I don’t know a lot, mostly it’s just classics for example, Three Stanzas of Plum-blossoms, Zen Heart in Cloud and Water, Mountain Stream, Phoenix demands...”

“Play this one!” Liu Buyan cut into her sentence.

“Play which one?” Huang Yueli blinked.

Liu Buyan rolled his eyes at her as he replied, “Stupid, you’re so stupid! I’m asking you to play the tune Phoenix demands!”

She was unfathomably being despised by him again! Why hadn’t she realised this in her previous life that Liu Buyan had such a horrid character? No wonder he didn’t manage to woo the girl that he liked and could only force other people to pretend to be a puppet doll to accompany him!

Huang Yueli pouted as she brought the classic zither closer to her.

Her slender fingers lovingly glazed over the zither’s body and those seven long strands of zither chords.

A classic zither was as pretty as a beauty, it needed to be admired and loved by others. She could tell that this classic zither was maintained very well and from the looks of it, Liu Buyan had spent quite an effort acquiring it.

To be able to play a tune on such a good zither, Huang Yueli was jumping for joy in her heart as her spirits gradually became stern.

She quietened down and concentrated hard as her finger suddenly shook and landed on the zither chord.

A crisp “Zheng” sound was heard as though the black-naped oriole was leaving the valley!

Immediately following that, the rhythm underneath her fingers became faster and faster and a melodious zither sound was played continuously as it lingered around the quiet pavilion.

The tune <<Phoenix Demands>> was originally a tear jerker, soul stirring story which was usually hummed or sung in a low tone.

At this current moment, in view of the rising crescent moon, the pavilion seemed to be filled with an ambiguous atmosphere.

Huang Yueli had initially intended to hide her skills but the minute her fingers felt the zither chords, she basically threw the thought of hiding her skills away.

As though it was an ability, the minute she touched the zither chords, she had turned into that previous life’s Number One Zither Master in the Continent!

She involuntarily put in all her heart and soul into this tune, making it into a superb artistic achievement.

Liu Buyan was completely mesmerized and it was only until Huang Yueli stopped when he looked at her in puzzlement, as though he didn’t understand why she suddenly stopped.

Huang Yueli met his gaze and said, “I’ve already completed playing.”

Liu Buyan looked deeply into her eyes, “I really didn’t think that you could play the classic zither? And....”

And her zither techniques were so well versed. Ever since that person died, it had been more than a decade since he heard such a melodious zither sound.

Huang Yueli didn’t understand what he meant so she continued asking, “And what?”

### **Chapter 699: A secret hidden forever**

“Moreover.... It is barely audible. I had thought that the tune that you played would result in a wave of noise pollution or maybe even you’re even break the zither chords!”

Praises came to his mouth but had been pushed back forcefully by Liu Buyan.

Unsure of why this was so, every single time he had to converse with this little lass, he just couldn’t help but use his evil tongue style to tease her, as though it would make him miserable if he was not able to do so.

This feeling made him feel relaxed and this sense of relaxation was something that he had not felt even when he was with that person in previously.

In front of that person, he had always felt that she was an almighty goddess. Even though his heart was fully occupied by her, but he didn’t dare to confess even one single word and just kept dragging his feet.....

Subsequently, he finally decided to personally carve a Phoenix Jade Hairpin with the Rainbow Spirit Crystal, something which that person was always wanted, inlaid in it for that person’s birthday.

Other people always said this, if that girl was willing to accept the jewellery that he gave her, that meant that she understood his feelings for her!

However, when it was that day, he arrived late because he was entwined by a patient and by the time he had arrived at that person's place, he only saw Mu Chengying holding her wrist and putting on the bracelet for her personally.

The goddess in his heart gave an overjoyed expression, her pretty dimples showing on her face while she was all smiles as she dove into his best buddy's embrace.

Ever since then, all his feelings had turned into a secret hidden forever, buried into the deepest corner of his heart.

"Hey, Divine Doctor Liu, Uncle, Granduncle, why are you in a daze, what are you thinking about? Don't tell me you're so old that you've already become senile?"

The young lady's lively voice pulled him back from his heart-breaking memories.

Liu Buyan turned his head and saw the devious smile on that young lady's face as she kept staring at him. And in between her hair was that jade hairpin which he had carved that year but yet never able to give it out.....

At that moment, Liu Buyan's heart was struck heavily by a thought..... which sprouted out uncontrollably from the bottom of his heart!

He was unable to make that person stay, but..... could he make the her, who was right before his eyes, stay?

Huang Yueli didn't know what he was thinking about. She only noticed that he was in a daze and his expression became uglier and uglier, as though he was about to cry out so she came over to break his thoughts.

She had been considered her own safety as priority and without thinking, she knew that for Liu Buyan, a fellow who loved his pride more than anything, if she were to see himself crying terribly, would he just exterminate her?

She would be released from midnight onwards so she couldn't possibly destroy that hope at the very last moment!

Liu Buyan looked at her deeply and after while of intense staring, until Huang Yueli's hair stood up, she subconsciously touched her own face.

"Hey, Uncle, what are you staring at? I know I'm pretty as a flower and everyone loves me when they see me but your age is really too old for me....."

Black lines filled Liu Buyan's face as he cut into her words, "I say, I asked you to play a tune and you just played one piece only. Are you trying to dismiss me? Where on earth would you find such a convenient thing? Continue playing, until I say stop, you're not allowed to stop!"

Huang Yueli's expression turned black immediately, "What? Is there someone who would treat a Zither Master in this way? To play a tune on the classic zither is an art, and not some simple physical work! Do

you know this or not? Moreover, after eleven tonight, I'm no longer your puppet doll! After eleven tonight, even if you kneel and beg me, I'm never going to play a tune for you!"

### **Chapter 700: Stay by my side**

"That's right, now that you mentioned it, you just reminded me....." Liu Buyan touched his chin as a cunning look was displayed, "Since I only have six hours to enslave you, then all the more I shouldn't waste it. Just continue playing from now till eleven before you stop! In between this duration, you're not allowed to stop for even one moment!"

"Y...Y...You....." Huang Yueli's face turned green completely.

If she really had to play for six hours continuously, then her fingers would probably be all ruined by then!

"What? Didn't we agree that within this seven days, you must listen to me? Seven days is not up yet? A person..... must be honest and true to one's words!"

"Hmph, I'll play. I finally understand the meaning of playing a lute to a cow!"

Huang Yueli mumbled softly, determined that her next tune would be something horrible to the max so that she could make Liu Buyan disgusted till he vomited!

However, when her fingers touched the zither chords, she totally forgot all the grievances that she had earlier and subconsciously started to play properly.

To use Sparrow in the Clouds to make a murdering swine sound would really be wasteful.... She couldn't bear to do so.....

Luckily, although Liu Buyan's words were horrible but his organs weren't really that black after all and he didn't make Huang Yueli play non stop.

Intermittently when Huang Yueli played the zither, she also squabbled several times with Liu Buyan and under the starlit sky, this evening went past quietly.

The time slowly passed...

When the time was up, Huang Yueli silently put down the zither in her hands and stood up.

"Divine Doctor Liu, the agreed time is up. These few days, I've been deeply been cared for by you. I will never forget your kindness for saving me! However, the agreement to accompany you has now come to an end. By dawn tomorrow, I shall leave this place and set off to Sky Cloud City."

Liu Buyan looked at her slightly hazy but enchanting face under the stars as his gaze set in deeply.

"Are you in such a hurry to leave? The agreed time had just past and you don't even wish to stay for one more day?"

Huang Yueli didn't expect him to ask such a question and curiously replied, "Didn't I explain this to you seven days earlier? I have to hurry to Sky Cloud City to join in the enrolment examinations. This matter must absolutely not be delayed so I must leave!"

Liu Buyan replied, "Really? What's so great about the enrolment examinations? Isn't it held by just those few academies by those broken small Sects, so what's so great about it? If you want to learn Profound Skills, with my one word, I will be able to send you to the top Sect in the entire Soaring Heavens Continent and guarantee that you will become a direct disciple that the Sect would expend all their effort in grooming!"

When Liu Buyan said these, his face was filled with arrogance.

Huang Yueli didn't doubt one bit that he was able to do so, but.....

"Please, I'm a nobody to you so why would you want to recommend me? You've already bent your rules to treat my illness and I'm already overjoyed by that! So please stop spouting nonsense, otherwise I may take it for real!"

Huang Yueli gazed one look and snapped at him before she turned around, preparing to return to her room.

However, just as she was about to move off, suddenly her wrist was tightly held on by someone as she was pulled backwards.

She lost her balance and fell into the man's embrace.

"What if I tell you that everything I said was the truth? Lass, if you're willing to continue and accompany me, I'll do what I said earlier and send you to the top Sect in Soaring Heavens Continent! I know you're a smart girl so you should know what choice is most advantageous for you right?"