

## Weaponsmith 991

### Chapter 991: Li Xue'er who's filled with hatred and envy (3)

Li Xue'er sneered, "I'm worried? What do I have to worry about! I've been learning armament refining for the past five to six years and the success rate of refining a first tier Profound Armament is already at ninety percent and above! Passing the Armament Master certification is a definite thing. Unlike you, using dishonest practices to gain victory!"

Huang Yueli's lips curled upwards slightly, "Dishonest practices? Unfortunately, even your Master is very interested in my dishonest practice!"

Her understated tone and expression completely angered Li Xue'er.

Li Xue'er couldn't accept how she couldn't match up to Huang Yueli in every aspect and even being beaten up several times by her.

But using her status as an Armament Master, she felt that she was on higher grounds when facing Huang Yueli. After all, she would become a valuable and honourable Armament Master in future whereas Huang Yueli was merely a practitioner with a higher cultivation!

But now, Huang Yueli actually knew how to refine Armaments!

Li Xue'er gritted her teeth, "You.... don't be too complacent! You were able to display so many armament refining skills earlier just because you have a deviant flame in your possession and a high levelled Armament furnace! To be fair for all students, in this next round of assessment, all examinees would need to use the furnaces given out by the Armament Guild to use for refining and can only use the ordinary flames so you will have no way of cheating! By then, if 'Master Bai' who is highly thought of by others, is not able to pass the practical assessment, then you will become a laughing stock!"

Huang Yueli couldn't help but laugh out, "Can you even believe yourself when you hear your own words? I am unable to pass the practical assessment?"

Li Xue'er indeed was not able to believe in her own words as well so saying these were just to build up some courage for herself!

"I.... Why would I not believe in it??"

Huang Yueli immodestly broke through her weak psychological defence, "I say, Li Xue'er, you'd better start making preparations! Today I will definitely pass through the Armament Master certification successfully! Do you still remember what you said before the start of the assessment? If I am able to become a first tier Armament Master, you will run around naked in Sky Cloud City! Do you still remember that?"

Li Xue'er turned white as sheet instantly!

"You..... What do you mean?"

Huang Yueli laughed, "I don't mean anything else? I'm only reminding you about the bet that we had made earlier! If I were to lose, I will promise you one request isn't it? Don't worry, if I really am not able to pass the certification assessment, I will definitely keep my promise and be at your beck and call. How about you?"

.... How about you?

A simple question, in Li Xue'er's ears felt like a thunderstorm!

Huang Yueli had already expressed that she would definitely keep her end of the bet so how could she Li Xue'er renege on hers?

Other people had already shown her stance but if she were to renege on hers and if news of this spread out, what would become of her reputation??

But now, the situation clearly showed that Huang Yueli had a ninety nine percent chance of passing the Armament Master certification!

If she were to promise to keep her end of the bet, wouldn't that represent that she would need to run around naked on the streets later? This was something more embarrassing than reneging on a debt! With this dark history of running around naked, her hopes of marrying into Sky Cloud City's large family to become the Young Mistress were completely dashed!

Li Xue'er's expression turned green as her teeth couldn't stop chattering but yet she was not able to say a single word.

Huang Yueli laughed lightly, "Why are you not replying? Senior Sister Li, surely you are not..... afraid right? Regretting it now? Why don't you just kneel down here right now and apologize to me. Maybe I might be lenient and give up the bet with you. But of course, that is just a maybe."

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Sweat kept dripping down from Li Xue'er's forehead as she couldn't stop the internal fighting within her head.

Huang Yueli didn't urge her as though she was waiting for Li Xue'er's final answer.

Li Xue'er's thoughts quickly flew past.

Suddenly she seemed to have thought of something as her eyes lit up and following that, a sinister smile sprouted from the corners of her lips.

"Who says I'm afraid and who said I'm starting to regret? Since I've already agreed on the bet, then I will stand by my decision if I were to lose! I'll run around naked if I lose, what's so great about that! Moreover, are you sure you will definitely win? This round of assessment hasn't started yet and you already declared that you will win, aren't you being too self-approrated?"

Li Xue'er raised her chin arrogantly, displaying a look as though her character had been insulted, raising the volume of her voice!

Originally they two of them had been talking softly in one corner and now that Li Xue'er argued noisily and loudly, quite a number of people nearby heard what they talked about.

"What's going on? Li Xue'er and Bai Ruoli are quarrelling?"

"What's so strange about that, aren't they always at loggerheads with each other? Bai Ruoli even stole the limelight from Li Xue'er so it would be a wonder if both of them could co-exist peacefully!"

"But what can Li Xue'er do about it? Bai Ruoli's armament refining talent is simply terrifying! She will definitely become an Armament Grandmaster in future! No matter what, Li Xue'er cannot be compared to her right?"

"That's right, how on heavens could such an abnormal person like Bai Ruoli even exist? Not only does she have outstanding talent in cultivation, she even knows how to refine armaments and even hold skills which even the Armament Guild do not know about! That's right, she also has Senior Brother Li, a heaven defying and handsome fiancé! Heavens, if I were Li Xue'er, I might as well throw myself against the wall and die! Where would I even find the face to argue with her?"

Everyone were discussing one after another and the topic totally could not leave Huang Yueli at all.

Moreover, everyone were only envious rather than jealous.

Because jealousy would only occur when both parties' potential was around the same range. Now that Huang Yueli had totally crushed every student in all aspects, such a person who was set up on high ground already made everyone lost their courage to even feel jealous.....

But didn't they just mentioned something about a bet?"

"Right, I heard that too! Did the two of them just made a bet? Who knows what they bet on?"

The crowd started to ask around and very quickly, the contents of the bet during the registration had spread around the entire Profound Weapon Chamber.

"Li Xue'er must be mad! She actually said she will keep her side of the bet?? Junior Sister Bai will definitely be able to pass the Armament Master certification so isn't she going to run around naked?"

"This time round, I really see Li Xue'er in new light! Under such a situation, she is still able to keep her promise so she is really a young lady with integrity and responsibility!"

"What! I feel that Li Xue'er must know about some inside story and probably has come confidence so she insisted on keeping her side of her bet?"

Not only were the crowd feeling weird, even Huang Yueli also felt exceptionally surprised as she raised her eyebrows in shock.

"Li Xue'er, are you sure?"

"Of course I'm sure! Now..... don't tell me you're afraid?" Li Xue'er sneered.

Huang Yueli's forehead creased.

Wasn't Li Xue'er still showing a terrified expression, obviously afraid of having to run around naked? But in just a short time, she actually changed her mind?

Looking at her expression, it didn't seem like she was resigned to fate but rather she was up to something no good.....

Li Xue'er.... what on earth was she thinking about?

### **Chapter 993: Shooting herself in the foot (1)**

Before Huang Yueli could think things through, Tang Jinhua was already announcing the official start of the second round of assessment.

Before the both of them could not even speak another sentence and they each moved to their own respective positions and started the assessment.

The second round was a practical assessment so the difficulty was much higher than the first round of theory assessment.

The assessment was split into two sections.

The first section was a fixed topic and all they needed to do was to follow the Armament Guild's request to refine the designated first tier Profound Armament. This year's examination question was to refine a set of first tier wrist guards. Besides amplifying the intensity of the defensive power, their speed of completion was also amplified.

The second section was a free topic as it had always been every other year. All the examinees could choose to refine a Profound Armament which they specialised at but the materials they used must be within the Armament Guild's supplied materials. For the Profound Armament which they refine, the greater the power and the higher its efficiency, the higher the marks would be.

For the ordinary Armament apprentices, this year's selected topic had some difficulty to it. The requirement was a dual attributed Profound Armament and refining it was much more difficult than coming out with a single attribute armament so there were many examinees who revealed a difficult expression as they couldn't help but sigh in despair.

But to Li Xue'er, this question was simply too simple, not to mention it wasn't even worth mentioning in Huang Yueli's eyes.

So while the others were still hesitating, the both of them had already started putting their hands to it.

The both of them lit up the flame at the same time and heated up the armament furnace.

Huang Yueli's movements were elegant and soothing as her slender fingers drew across the sky as though moving clouds and flowing water, causing gasps of surprises from below the stage.

Li Xue'er had a bitter taste when she heard that. Although she tried very hard to remind herself that this round of assessment was very important and she must gather all her concentration and not be

distracted but her gaze could not be controlled as it kept turning towards Huang Yueli, stealing a peek at her time and again.

Huang Yueli's movements were swift and it was merely a quarter of an hour when she had already removed all the impurities in all of the materials and had successfully fused it together. She was already adjusting the intensity of the flames and preparing to enter the last stage of formation.

"Wow, did you see that? How fast Bai Ruoli's speed was! That pair of hands movements..... simply as though it was lightning, I could only see the fragments of her movements....."

"No wonder she kept saying earlier that she had already reduced her speed to the slowest so it's really true.... Her normal speed is actually so terrifying..."

"Too fast, it's just too fast! Just a quarter of an hour and she's about to refine.... Heavens! It's not about to, she has already finished refining! Her wrist guards have already taken shape!"

In between the gasping sounds, Huang Yueli opened the armament furnace's lid and took out a pair of wrist guards from within.

This pair of wrist guards emitted a faint golden glow and was dainty and delicate. Decorated on the side were white coloured flower patterns and from the exterior, it was suitable for young ladies.

"So fast, how could she be so fast! Even if it was me, to refine a piece of first tier Profound Armament, although it's not too taxing, I will need at least one hour!"

Vice President Gong who was seated on the VIP seating was astonished by this sight as he started to speak to President Hu who was seated next to him.

President Hu's face was filled with fascination as well, "Not only is her speed the fastest, this set of wrist guards are also done beautifully so it shows that she still had remaining energy left after refining! To her, a first tier Profound Armament like this is just too simple!"

Normal Armament Masters who were more practical would place more emphasis on the practicability of the Profound Armament and would not bother too much about the exterior.

#### **Chapter 994: Shooting herself in the foot (2)**

It took a lot of effort to do up a Profound Armament beautifully and moreover, it didn't have much use in raising the performance. It was a trick used mostly by auction houses to cheat amateurs into coming out with a higher pricing so they specially got Armament Masters to put in some effort into decorating the exterior.

But they could tell from Huang Yueli's earlier demonstration that she apparently was not one who just placed emphasis on the exterior and not on the practicability.

It could only be said that this piece of Profound Armament didn't take too much of her effort so since she had nothing to do, she might as well have made it prettier!

Huang Yueli passed the wrist guards over to Tang Jinhua and following that, she immediately started refining the next Profound Armament.

The free topic had much more leeway to express her ideas and Huang Yueli was preparing to refine an entire set of Profound Artifact with a total of three pieces, which includes earrings, a necklace and a ring. This set of Profound Artifact was mainly used to increase the speed of regeneration of Profound Energy and was extremely practical during a battle.

Her speed was very fast and it took just another quarter of an hour before the materials in the armament furnace had all been fused successfully as she proceeded into the formation stage again.

Li Xue'er was feeling extremely anxious when she saw this.

How could this wretched lass possibly..... possibly be so fast! Even a fourth tier Armament Master like her Master wasn't that fast! Could it be that she had skills which were even better than fourth tiered Armament Masters?? How was that possible??

If she was able to refine the free topic Profound Armament successfully, then she would immediately pass the Armament Master certification assessment!

Li Xue'er was so anxious that her forehead was filled with sweat because didn't that mean that she had to run around naked? A future Armament Master like her couldn't possibly do such a thing at all!

She wiped the sweat off her forehead as she clenched her teeth...

Right now, there wasn't any other choice and she could only do that! This was all that wretched lass's own doing!

Li Xue'er's right hand waved and struck out a hand gesture.

But not knowing if her range of movement was a little too huge or if she was too careless, when she waved her hand, it coincidentally struck the armament furnace and moreover, it was dealt with a heavy strike!

"Aiyo, so painful!"

Li Xue'er hugged her right hand as she cried out loud!

Her armament furnace suddenly fell sideways towards the right side and it happened to fall right onto Huang Yueli's table leg as the materials which were already fused fell right out of the armament furnace and quite a number of them happened to be slashed onto the walls of Huang Yueli's armament furnace.

"You....." Huang Yueli's movements halted for a moment as she frowned and looked at her.

Li Xue'er gave an apologetic look and hurriedly cried out, "Oh! I'm sorry, so sorry! I'm really too careless! I actually toppled the armament furnace, I'm just too anxious... Junior Sister Bai, were you slashed by accident? Oh no, your table's so dirty and it's all my fault. I'm really so sorry for that, let me help you clean it up!"

As Li Xue'er said that, she took a piece of cloth and started cleaning.

Huang Yueli frowned, "No need, I accept your apology so you don't need to clean the table. Quickly return to refine your Profound Armament!"

"How will that do? I made a mistake so I must make up for it.... I'm not those kind who will not admit my own wrongdoing.... Junior Sister Bai, don't worry, I'll definitely clean it all up properly. Luckily it's only my own armament furnace which was spilled and hadn't knocked into yours otherwise I really cannot forgive myself...."

Li Xue'er was gabbling non-stop and in the midst of her body movements, she blocked Huang Yueli's sight and at the same time, took out a small black, shining stone from her realm ring. While Huang Yueli was not paying attention, she threw it into her armament furnace.

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This piece of black stone was only the size of a fingernail and looked totally unremarkable so Li Xue'er only needed to lift up a little of Huang Yueli's armament furnace's lid and she would be able to stuff it in.

The black coloured stone dropped into the materials which Huang Yueli had already smelted and with a plop, it fused together with the other materials without even giving out a bubble.

Li Xue'er saw everything with the corner of her eye and her heart danced wildly with joy, almost unable to hide the sneer from the corner of her lips.

Wretched lass, who asked you to be arrogant and wild!

Now that she had fallen into her trap, no matter how high her armament refining skills were, she would not be able to hope to attain the Armament Master's badge!

On seeing that her scheme had worked, she didn't stay any longer in case it arose other people's suspicions.

She used the cleaning cloth and wiped swiftly around all the surroundings and said, "All done, it's all clean now! Junior Sister Bai, I'm really sorry! Quickly continue with your refining!"

Saying that she returned to her own position and thought that no one had noticed what she did.

When Armament apprentices were in the middle of the certification assessment, they would usually be overly anxious and toppling over their armament furnaces was a common sight.

So Tang Jinhua didn't think too much of it as he thought it was merely an accident and hurriedly brought over a new set of armament furnace and materials so that Li Xue'er could restart her refining.

He didn't forget to remind Li Xue'er, "Xue'er ah, I know you're under tremendous pressure but when you're refining Profound Armaments, the most important thing is to keep your mentality relaxed and remain composed. The more anxious you are, the easier it is to make a mistake. I believe in you and I know you will be able to pass the certification assessment so work hard!"

"Yes, Master please be assured that this round there will be no problem at all!"

Li Xue'er smiled as she said that.

Tang Jinhua saw her calm and collected smile and couldn't help but be assured.

Li Xue'er lit up the fire once again and stole glances to check on Huang Yueli's situation. Seeing that Huang Yueli had once again readjusted the flame's intensity, preparing to continue with the forming stage, her heart pounded wildly!

Huang Yueli's eyelids hung downwards, masking the chilly intent hidden in her eyes.

Earlier she had seen Li Xue'er throwing something into her armament furnace.

She had been waiting for Li Xue'er to leave before she lifted up the lid to take a look and immediately she detected that something was amiss!

Li Xue'er had actually thrown a piece of Mirage Cloudy Rock into her armament furnace!

The Mirage Cloudy Rock was a type of fifth tier material and the cost of it was considerably high. It had a special type of effect which could aid the Profound Armament in forming its shape and greatly increasing the success rate of the final Profound Armament by several notches!

Don't think that it was an easy feat for Huang Yueli when she was refining armaments. In actual fact, right after the armament refining materials had been successfully fused together, the final forming stage was the easiest stage to fail.

At least ninety percent and above of the Armament Masters were able to do well at removing impurities and fusing the materials but when it came to moulding it into shape, usually it was because of the depletion of Profound Energy or lack of control of the temperature which led to a complete failure! There were numerous times when the last step led to the explosion of the armament furnace!

However, adding in the Mirage Cloudy Rock when the Profound Armament was about to be shaped would greatly increase the success rate and it only required a certain amount of armament refining basics to be able to mould it into shape successfully.

But adding in the Mirage Cloudy Rock while refining Profound Armaments had a huge side effect. As the temperature had not reached the required intensity and it was forced into taking shape, the effect and durability of the Profound Armament would decrease greatly and would not be able to give out the effect which it should have!

If an ordinary third tier Profound Armament were to be refined using the Mirage Cloudy Rock, although it was still a third tier Profound Armament on the surface, in reality the effect could not even match up against a second tier Profound Armament!

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But now they were refining a first tier Profound Armament so it was imaginable that after adding in the Mirage Cloudy Rock, the final product would probably not be stronger than a weapon which ordinary people used!

Huang Yueli immediately understood what Li Xue'er was scheming.

In order to prevent cheap quality counterfeits from wandering into the market and spoiling Armament Master's reputation and ethos, the Mirage Cloudy Rock was a prohibited material which the Armament Guild had banned from using!

Once the Armament Guild found any Armament Masters using the Mirage Cloudy Rock, then that Armament Master would immediately be stripped of his identity badge and moreover, that person would never be able to gain the Armament Master certification for his entire lifetime!

For an Armament Master who had never been certified, no matter how outstanding his works were, it was extremely difficult to get the recognition of most people and all the large auction houses under Soaring Heavens Continents chamber of commerce clearly rejected Profound Armaments which these tainted Armament Masters refined.

Huang Yueli was just put into the limelight and what if she was found using the Mirage Cloudy Rock during the Armament Master certification immediately.

Then her reputation would drop from the peak into the bottoms of the valley! Such a drastic difference would definitely condemn her into damnation!

Moreover at such a public occasion with several thousand students as spectators, if Huang Yueli were to get involved in such a scandal, even if the Armament Guild had wanted to suppress this, they would definitely be able to settle it on the spot!

Huang Yueli would absolutely be shut out completely!

The worst of it all was that the Mirage Cloudy Rock was a material which easily melted under high temperature.

As long as it was placed into materials which were about to take shape, it would completely melt in an instance!

This scheme of Li Xue'er's was simply too brilliant. If she were to meet ordinary Armament Masters, they probably wouldn't have discovered her little scheme and had no way of remedial! Because it only required one breath's time and the Mirage Cloudy Rock would have fused together with the other materials, totally unable to split it up!

But unfortunately.... The person she met with was Huang Yueli!

Huang Yueli swept a glance at Li Xue'er and did not show any emotions on her face, as though she hadn't discovered anything at all.

She readjusted the temperature of the fire and using her right hand to draw a circle, she struck out a hand gesture! Starting the final moulding step!

Li Xue'er didn't dare to look at her openly and could only pay attention to her own armament furnace while stealing glances at Huang Yueli's movements.

Huang Yueli's movements were extremely swift as her fingers were flying, striking out hand gestures one after another and not long after, the materials in the armament furnace gradually took shape!

"Whoa, this.... this is..... first tier upper grade Profound Artifact?"

“I think that’s right? But, this... this is a necklace? No, earring? And... and a ring?? Heavens, this is a set! An entire set of first tier upper grade Profound Artifact!”

“What? An entire set?? Junior Sister Bai actually refined three pieces of Profound Artifact?”

It was widely known that among the Profound Armaments, the easiest to refine was Profound Weapon followed by the Profound Armor and the highest difficulty was Profound Artifact! In order to make sure that they were able to pass the certification assessment successfully, most Armament Masters would refine the Profound Weapon which had the highest success rate!

To refine Profound Artifact at this kind of scenario was never heard of in the past!

All the Armament Masters were shocked beyond words.

President Gong played with his beard as he said in utter shock, “This.... I’m not seeing things right? These three pieces of Profound Artifact are all refined at one go so it should be a set right? But.... a first tier Profound Armament... can also become a set? Aren’t only fifth grade and above high levelled Profound Armaments refined as a set! Furthermore, in the process of refining, various precious materials are usually required! This young lass used those common materials and managed to refine it?”

#### **Chapter 997: Shooting herself in the foot (5)**

President Hu who had gained slightly more knowledge than him said, “Actually low levelled Profound Armament set, although rare, but were still able to be refined by some...”

Saying this, he paused.

President Gong’s curiosity was aroused as he kept asking, “Really? Which Grandmaster in Soaring Heavens Continent had actually managed to research the method to refine a set of low levelled Profound Armament? Quick, tell me, perhaps this Bai Ruoli is that Master’s disciple!”

President Hu heaved a sigh as he continued, “This person exists as a goddess in every Armament Master’s heart and a God of armament refining, forever unable to be surpassed! Unfortunately, she had passed away many years already...”

President Hu’s words were put in an obscured way but there was only one person who was as what he described!

All the Armament Masters who heard his words immediately reflected the well-known name!

“... Huang Yueli! You’re talking about the ninth tiered Armament Grandmaster Master Huang!” President Gong’s eyes grew wide.

“Isn’t that so?” President Hu sighed with emotion, “I’d been over to Soaring Heavens Continent more than a decade ago and had heard that Master Huang had researched a way to refine a set of low levelled Profound Armament!”

“So it was Master Huang’s works, no wonder.... But Master Huang had passed on for so many years now so Bai Ruoli’s armament refining skills obviously couldn’t have been taught by her. Can she be a genius who is comparable to Master Huang?”

President Hu shook his head, “This shouldn’t be. Master Huang had previously conducted lectures in Soaring Heavens Continent so I believe quite a number of high levelled Armament Masters had learnt from her. It’s not just a legend, the current Armament Guild Headquarters President is her disciple isn’t it? Bai Ruoli’s Master should be some reputable Master in Soaring Heavens Continent who taught her these!”

This was the most logical reasoning and President Gong nodded in acknowledgement.

The two of them were not too far away and originally Li Moying was concentrated on watching his little fox’s performance but when he heard the three words “Huang Yueli”, he subconsciously turned around to look at them.

Not knowing why, this name..... gave him a strange feeling.

Of course, Soaring Heavens Continent’s former number one Armament Master Huang Yueli, this renowned peerless talent, it was definitely not his first time hearing her name.

But this time what made him especially uncomfortable was similar to his brain being smashed by someone, feeling a strange swelling kind of pain.

Some images seemed to flash by his eyes, but suddenly seemed like nothing at all.....

In his mind, confused and messy....

Amidst everyone’s discussion and gasps of admiration, Huang Yueli had already completed both sections of the assessment.

Tang Jinhua received a set of three Profound Artifacts from her hands and used his palm to hold it up.

Such exquisite products was something that he had never heard of! To be able to see this personally with his own eyes, he hurriedly treated it as a treasure protecting it, worried that just a little knock would damage it!

Huang Yueli, on the other hand, didn’t mind so much, “Master Tang, don’t be so anxious. It’s just merely a first tier Profound Armament and not worth anything much!”

Li Xue’er humped as she glanced sideways at Huang Yueli, sneering in her heart.

She was after all only an Armament apprentice and hadn’t seen much of the world so she had not realised that the Profound Armament set which Huang Yueli had refined was so rare and so precious!

At this moment, Li Xue’er only had one thought in mind and that was.....

Huang Yueli’s Profound Armament had successfully formed it’s shape and taken out of the furnace!

This meant that the scheme she came out with to deal with Huang Yueli had already succeeded!

She will let this wretched lass remain complacent for a little while more.

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After a little while when the assessment ended and when the results were announced, she would spill the beans that this wretched lass was cheating by using the Mirage Cloudy Rock!

By then, her reputation would be completely swept away!

Li Xue'er was full of evil thoughts and wasn't paying much attention to her own armament furnace's condition.

Suddenly a "boom" sound was heard as the flames below Li Xue'er's armament furnace suddenly rose sharply!

The flames engulfed the entire furnace!

"Oh no! The armament furnace is going to explode!"

Li Xue'er's heart skipped as the expression on the colour on her face changed!

The materials in her furnace had all melted and was about to enter the final moulding stage!

If the furnace were to explode at this point of time, then wouldn't all her efforts be wasted?

And what was worse was that this wasn't the first time she had failed during the assessment!

Earlier in order to scheme Huang Yueli, she intentionally toppled her armament furnace and those materials which had already been half refined had all spilled out and that was something which she planned to fail in. Of course, in order to derive at her ultimate aim, that was all worth it!

But if her armament furnace were to explode this time round, then it would be considered as her second failure!

In the Armament Master certification assessment, one person had at most three chances at refining and if she were to fail this time, that would mean that this was her last chance and moreover she was still at the fixed topic stage. Later on there would still be the free topic section!

If this went on, she would have failed miserably in a very easy task so even she herself would not be able to pass the certification assessment??

Li Xue'er was scared stiff but just at this moment, she heard a light shout from her right side, "Settle!"

The raging flames which were running amok on the armament furnace seemed to be casted with a Settlement spell as it suddenly stopped and following that a burst of powerful Profound Energy suppressed it as it slowly turned weak and slowly grew smaller before finally returning back to the position of the fire entrance.

The situation immediately stabilised.

"Oh, that's great, thank y..." Li Xue'er was pleasantly surprised as she started to thank the person who helped her.

But upon lifting up her head, she stopped in her tracks.

Because standing before her was Huang Yueli! The person who had helped to stabilise the flames was actually her!

This time round, Li Xue'er seemed as though she had swallowed a fly as the word of thanks was stuck at the back of her throat, totally unable to speak!

Huang Yueli wasn't angry at all and only stretched out her hand and patted Li Xue'er's furnace lid with smile yet not a smile as she said, "I say.... Senior Sister Li, you'd better be more careful! I know that you're almost going to run around naked so you don't feel so happy! But now you're still in the middle of the assessment and if you don't pass this assessment, that would really be giving away your bride and losing your army on top of it!"

"Who needs you to tell me that! Humpf, I'm telling you, you've only won temporarily! Don't be too complacent so quickly!" Li Xue'er was so angry that the top of her head was fuming.

Huang Yueli smiled lightly and slowly walked away.

Li Xue'er looked at her graceful back as she cursed her silently in her mind.

Laugh, laugh all you want! In a little while more, you'll have no chance to laugh at all!

Let's see between the both of us, who will have the final laugh!

She only cared about cursing her in her mind and totally had not noticed that when Huang Yueli patted her furnace lid earlier she had secretly lifted it a little and following her style, she dropped a piece of little black stone in.

That piece of stone.... Was actually the Mirage Cloudy Rock which Li Xue'er had thrown into Huang Yueli's armament furnace earlier!

The Mirage Cloudy Rock melted under high temperature and indeed was very difficult to remove but that was only for ordinary Armament Masters and not for Huang Yueli!

### **Chapter 999: Li Xue'er's downfall (1)**

Earlier when the Profound Armament was about to take shape, Huang Yueli had extracted the Mirage Cloudy Rock out without any traces.

Later on, she intentionally used her Profound Energy causing Li Xue'er's flames to run amok, thereby creating an opportunity to throw the Mirage cloudy Rock back into Li Xue'er's armament furnace.

To be able to complete the extraction of impurities and moulding process at the same time, this was something unimaginable for ordinary Armament Masters so Li Xue'er had not even considered that such a thing could even happen under the skies!

So naturally, it was not possible for her to detect that Huang Yueli actually used her own methods to obtain retribution from her.

Huang Yueli was brought away by Li Moying to the VIP seating after she had completed her refining and was surrounded by President Hu and Principal Jiang with all sorts of questions.

Li Xue'er saw that and was feeling infuriated. If it hadn't been for the fact that she knew that she would be able to bring Huang Yueli down later, she probably wouldn't have been able to continue!

Due to the earlier explosion, the temperature of Li Xue'er's armament furnace had been slightly high and she was worried that the materials would be affected causing the final formation stage to have an accident.

But out of her expectations, the forming stage was extremely smooth, not wasting any extra effort and she obtained a pair of wrist guards. From the exterior, the shape was extremely perfect, even much better than her usual standards!

Looks like her luck today wasn't bad at all!

Li Xue'er was overjoyed, feeling that Lady Luck was on her side today!

Thinking about that, the movements on her hands turned faster and the second free topic section had been successful as well so not much time later, it was also completed.

"The second person to complete this assessment is Li Xue'er..."

Tang Jinhua praised Li Xue'er when she handed in her Profound Armament, "Xue'er, the product which you have submitted is not bad, this set of wrist guards.... Looks like it's already a first tier middle grade Profound Armament, not bad at all! Looks like you should have no problem passing the Armament Master certification assessment today, congratulations!"

The corners of Li Xue'er's lips curled but she felt that she really didn't feel like smiling at all.

The reason was because besides Tang Jinhua, no one else cared if she had already completed the assessment!

No matter if she had surpassed her usual standard and refined a first tier middle grade Profound Armament, but not one student expressed shock or gasp in admiration over this!

With Huang Yueli's exceptional shocking performance right before her, this little bit of capability really couldn't cause any waves.

Li Xue'er had specially stood on top of the stage for a little moment more hoping that someone could have noticed her.

In the end, all she heard were praises about Huang Yueli and how popular she was, causing her to turn green, stomping her feet as she rushed back angrily back to the contenders seating area.

The practical assessment was a total of four hours.

When the assessment ended, if any examinees were not able to complete both sections of the assessment or refine the required Profound Armaments, then they would not be able to continue on.

In reality, when time was up, there were only four people who managed to successfully refine two pieces of Profound Armament so the remaining examinees were eliminated on the spot.

As for those four who had successfully completed the assessment, the Profound Armaments that they had refined were all placed on stage, exhibiting it to all the students present.

Tang Jinhua walked up with all smiles as he announced, "Students, this round's Armament Master certification assessment has ended successfully. Following this is what everyone is most concerned about – the announcement of the final results of the assessment! According to tradition, we will now publicly test the performance of each Profound Armament and award the final marks!"

### **Chapter 1000: Li Xue'er's downfall (2)**

The students below the stage all started to get excited. Today they had been watching for the longest time ever and they were actually a little tired. The most important moment had finally arrived!

Everyone wanted to know how the Armament apprentices fared in their standard.

Especially Huang Yueli with such exceptional armament refining skills, what kind of fine quality Profound Armament had she refined?

Tang Jinhua didn't disappoint as he first held up Huang Yueli's works.

"I believe that everyone wanted to see the formidable power of the Profound Armament that Miss Bai had refined so we shall first start testing the two Profound Armaments which she had refined!"

"That's great! I've long wanted to know how powerful that pair of wrist guards as well as those three accessories, since it's been so beautifully done it?"

"I think you'd better not get your hopes too high up. Generally speaking, when the exterior of the Profound Armament is too pretty, the power will normally not match up! Very few Armament Masters are able to balance both sides....."

"But Bai Ruoli is so awesome, maybe she might be able to do it!"

Amidst the discussions, Tang Jinhua held up that pair of wrist guards as he buckled it onto his hand. Suddenly he gave an embarrassed look, "Hehe, this... this wrist guard is slightly smaller and made for ladies so I can't put it on! Is there any other Armament Master out here who is willing to help me test this?"

He had just ended his sentence when several Armament Masters immediately stood up, "I'll do it!"

In the end, a petite female Armament Master managed to snag to the front of the stage as she received the wrist guards.

Tang Jinhua took a look at her. She was a first tier Armament Master, rather young and she used to be a student of Celestial Light Academy. She had just passed through the certification assessment last year and at that time, she had just turned eighteen years old so she was also one of the armament refining talents whom the Armament Guild placed emphasis on nurturing.

"Miss Ning Xiao, it's you! You're so fast!"

Ning Xiao nodded as she laughed, "Everyone's snatching so if I'm not quick enough, how would that do?"

Saying that she received the wrist guards and put it onto her arms.

Ning Xiao's wrists were slender and the size was just right. Moreover, this set of wrist guards were exceptionally exquisite which brought out her fair yet flexible wrists. The patterns on the exterior of the wrist guards brought out a kind of mysterious charm and looked exceptionally pleasing to the eye.

"Wow, this is just too beautiful! Even if it's not a Profound Armament and just a pair of bracelet accessory, I'm sure many young ladies will like it!"

As Ning Xiao was talking, under Tang Jinhua's guidance, her right hand struck out towards a piece of strength testing stone.

Very quickly, the strength testing stone reflected the wrist guards' test results.

Tang Jinhua took a look at it and his hand trembled, "Defence and Speed are all 15% and above! Each attribute in a dual attributed Profound Armament range upgrade would normally be lower than single attributed armaments but in Miss Bai's set of wrist guards, the dual attributes had exceeded close to double than each single attribute! This... this has already reached a second tier Profound Armament's standard!"

"What? Second tier Profound Armament??"

"How is that possible? Even if Bai Ruoli has the ability to refine a second tier Profound Armament but the materials supplied in the assessment are all first tier materials so how could she possibly refine a second tier Profound Armament?"

"That's right, this is just too ridiculous!"

However, the truth was displayed right in front of their eyes and the Armament Guild was the most professional so there shouldn't be any mistake in their strength testing stone!

Tang Jinhua spend some time to compose himself and quivered as he put the wrist guards back into the box before holding up the other set of Profound Armament, the set of three pieces of Profound Artifact, which Huang Yueli had refined!

This time round, even before Tang Jinhua could open his mouth, Ning Xiao had already snatched it over.