

A Concise Character Guide to *Feng Ling Yu Xiu* (风灵玉秀), also known as *Soulmate Adventure*, by u/whatever_befalls.

Note: I chose sixteen characters I think are interesting for this guide. They are presented in the order of their appearance in the show. Character changes and character revelations are omitted in this version, as I tried to keep it spoiler-free.

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Feng Ling Er (风铃儿, “little wind chime”) a girl thief who travels with Bai Yuxiu. She is bold, usually clever, and resourceful. She often has a trick up her sleeve to get herself out of a difficult situation. When she was a small child, she lived on the streets, without a family or a name, stealing in order to survive. Eventually, someone named her “little wind chime.” Her past has made her cynical and slow to trust others. It also taught her to resent the wealthy and powerful in most cases. As might be expected, courtesy is not her strong suit. What is her connection to Chen Feiyan?

“Cats hide their claws in the world of Jianghu. Someone with a benevolent and kind face can stab you in the back as soon as he has a chance.”



Bai Yuxiu (白钰袖, family name: “white,” given name: “hidden treasure,” lit. “treasure tucked in one’s sleeve”) a kind, usually calm, well-mannered girl with mighty martial arts skills, who travels with Feng Ling Er. An idealist with high standards for herself, she dreams of being a chivalrous hero (侠), which is what she really is, like the ones she has read about in books. Courageous even when defeat seems certain, she follows the maxim “Never yield to threats or force.” She says that she comes from a family of merchants. Her mother is missing.

“That means, what we did was punishing the evil and promoting the good, just like those swordsmen (大侠, “great chivalrous heroes”).”



Cui Gongzi (崔公子, “Cui son”), also known as Cui Yu (崔玉, family name: “high mountain,” given name: “jade”), the young son of Lord Cui. He is said to be a good-for-nothing, spoiled by his family’s wealth.

“I lost. That was awesome.”



Heisha (黑煞, “dark demon”), usually “Dark Evil” in the subtitles, a cruel and mysterious man with a fisherman's hat who has some sort of agreement with Li Rong. He searches for the thief Chen Feiyan.

“There are very few in the world of Jianghu who can truly hurt me.”



The Sword Maniac (剑疯子) a martial arts master and famous elder of the Qiongwu Sword Pavilion (See “Objects, Organizations, and Terminology in *Feng Ling Yu Xiu*.”).

“I told you. You can’t touch them today.”



Li Rong (历荣, family name: a rare surname with four possible origins, given name: “glory” or “thriving”) a violent criminal and one of four leaders of the Blue Dragon Gang (See “Objects, Organizations, and Terminology in *Feng Ling Yu Xiu*.”). His level of cultivation is Great Master. He does not tolerate failure or disrespect.

“You can’t save them.”



Squad Leader Wu (吴班长; the surname 吴 comes from the ancient state of Wu; the character combines the characters for opening and sky, suggesting a celestial gate) leader of the troupe of street performers. He also has dealings with the criminal underworld. He is obsessed with the Red Yang Blood Essence (See “Objects, Organizations, and Terminology in *Feng Ling Yu Xiu*.”).

“You are right. We are people in the daytime, and ghosts at night. We are nothing good indeed.”



Bai Muzhen (白沐贞, family name: “white,” given name: “bathe in virtue or faithfulness”) mother of Bai Yuxiu, friend of Lord Cui, and a powerful martial artist. She disappeared three years ago.

“This is the amazing effect of the Strength of Qi. Do you want to learn it?”



Mo Er (莫二, “incomparable,” “unequaled,” lit. “not two”) loyal Cui family seneschal or majordomo (管家, *guǎnjiā*, lit. “manage/look after home,” a chief steward who manages his lord's home, the servant in charge of the other servants. In our age the same word is used to mean “housekeeper.”) and mighty martial artist. He knows the family secrets.

“I can crush as many of you as may come.”



Xuanming (玄明, “dim light,” “clever,” or “deity”) a Buddhist monk from Kasyapa Temple who deals in information.

“If you promise to do me a little favor, the news is all yours.”



Liu Ruyan (柳如烟, family name: “willow,” given name: “like smoke” or “letting go of the past”), also known as Xiao Shi (小诗, “short poem”), a martial arts master and the master of Tianyahai

Pavilion (See “Objects, Organizations, and Terminology in *Feng Ling Yu Xiu*.”) martial arts sect. She searches for Chen Feiyan.

“I can help you, on one condition, however. Submit to and stay with Tianyanghai Pavilion for ten years.”



Lord Cui (崔老爷), also known as Cui Xilai (崔西来, family name: “high mountain,” given name: “coming west”), a selfless, honorable man who strives to keep his agreements and is faithful to his friends, even at the risk of his life. He is displeased with his son's behavior at times, but he cares about him. He is the father of Cui Gongzi, a friend of Bai Muzhen, and an ally of Bai Yuxiu. Bai Yuxiu says that he has a "vigorous internal force" that is "even beyond the level of Great Master."

“Your family is closely tied with me.... I’m obliged to help.”



Dark Yuxiu (黑钰袖), as she is known to many Chinese fans, or Shadow Yuxiu (my name for her, since she sometimes appears as a shadow of Yuxiu) a fierce part of Yuxiu with a personality and abilities of her own, who began to appear to her after her hair turned white. She can appear as a shadow or as a twin of Yuxiu in a hanfu like Yuxiu’s, only with different colors.

“I am you, naturally.”



Chen Feiyan (沉飞燕, family name: a surname of uncertain origin, possibly derived from the name of an ancient kingdom, given name: “flying swallow”) the master thief who leaves an agarwood swallow as his calling card. He has a unique martial arts style that often looks unintentional. There is a reward of 10,000 gold taels offered for his capture.

“Let’s talk nicely. Don’t get rough.”



Nan Sheng (南笙, family name: “south,” given name: a type of musical instrument, a free reed wind instrument with bamboo pipes) a highly skilled physician of Tianyhai Pavilion (See “Objects, Organizations, and Terminology in *Feng Ling Yu Xiu*.”), despite her youth, who can remove any venom from the human body. She is very competitive.

“But once we are rivals, what I’m going to do is win, whatever it takes.”



Kong Qin the Magical Blade (魔刀孔秦) a martial arts master working for the evil organization the Phantom (See “Objects, Organizations, and Terminology in *Feng Ling Yu Xiu*.”). He was apparently a good man once, but he has been corrupted by a desire for greater might. Lord Cui tells him, “It surprises me that a man like you has joined them.” Ten years ago he was known by the epithet “the Magical Blade” (魔刀), which tells us that he must have earned some fame for himself.

“Someone made me a big promise, so it’s quite natural that I run some errands for him.”