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At this moment.

Luo Feng's viewers were unable to sit still. Most had thought that it was just the official seal of a minister, let alone the emperor's jade seal.

"Host, tell me, which emperor's jade seal is this?"

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"Qin Shihuang's?"
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"You fool, if it were from Qin Shihuang, it would definitely be engraved with 'Received from Heaven, Longevity and Prosperity!'"

"Plus, since they robbed the capital from the Ming dynasty. It must be the imperial seal from the Ming dynasty!"

"Who knows? Perhaps it had belonged to a Ming dynasty family that had gotten their hands on a seal from the Qin dynasty? Besides, the jade seal that represents the nation doesn't necessarily have to be engraved with 'Received from Heaven, Longevity and Prosperity!' That's just a record!"

"What a convincing argument! I can't even refute it!"

"It's good to make bold guesses, but you need evidence to back them up!"

Luo Feng laughed and explained, "There's no need for any evidence. This is definitely a jade seal from the Ming dynasty. Moreover, it's one of the most important ones, called the Imperial Edict Treasure. Historical records show that this treasure was used for imperial edicts. Essentially, it's a symbol of the emperor's authority! Of course, if you want to mobilize the military, you need to use another treasure in conjunction with it!"

Aside from the Imperial Edict Treasure and the tiger-head plaque, there was nothing else of note within the chest.

Even after Luo Feng had opened up all the remaining chests, there were no other significant items, only gold and silver like always.

Nevertheless, Luo Feng's emotions were running high, solely because of the gold-played tiger-head plaque and the precious jade seal.

The value of these two treasures was far more than all the gold and silver in the chests. After all, the jade seal had been a symbol of the emperor's authority since ancient times, a symbol of the Mandate of Heaven.

For example, the jade seal used by Qin Shihuang, made from the He Shi Bi, was the symbol of the emperor. Without it, one's position as an emperor would not be legitimate.

If someone ambitious were to get a hold of it, hey could seize power and declare themselves emperor.

In the Romance of the Three Kingdoms, it was only after Yuan Shu obtained the Seal of the Realm that he dared to declare himself emperor. However, this was just a fictional tale, not real history.

In reality, the Seal of the Realm being in the hands of the Han Dynasty is still up for debate until this day, let alone the emperors of later generations.

And whether Qin Shihuang actually made this jade seal, no one knows for sure. After so many years, who knows what is true and what is false? Even for big events that occurred only decades ago, many things are still unclear to the common people, let alone incidents that happened thousands of years ago.

The records of historians are no more than novels with a relatively high degree of credibility.

"Luo Feng, is this jade seal really used by the emperor?"

"Can you give us another look?"

Luo Feng had already trotted off to start a fire to dry his clothes whilst many wealthy second generation heirs next to him were begging to see the jade seal again.

"Luo Feng, if memory serves, shouldn't there only be one jade seal?"

Li Shishi was unable to make sense of how Luo Feng's latest find came to be and was looking inquisitively at Luo Feng for answers.

"You might not know this, but during the Ming dynasty, a total of 24 such jade seals were made!"

"What?"

"24?"

"This many?"

Those who heard Luo Feng's words immediately became excited.

"Yes, the uses of these jade seals were all very different, but all of them were used by the emperor!"

"The 24 treasures of the Ming dynasty are: the Seal of the Emperor Worshiping Heaven, the Seal of the Emperor, the Seal of the Prestige of the Emperor, the Seal of the Son of Heaven, the Seal of the Benevolent Administration of the Son of Heaven, the Emperor's Seal for Respected Imperial Family, the Emperor's Seal for Cherished Imperial Family, the Seal of Delivering Instructions, the Seal of Issuing Administrative Decisions, the Seal of Declaring to Extensive Territory, the Seal of Respecting Heaven and Being Diligent for the People, and so on..."

"I won't go through the uses of all of these treasures! But I'll pick a few, like the Emperor's Seal for Respected Imperial Family which was used when granting honorary posthumous titles to immediate imperial family members..."

Luo Feng went on a long spiel describing the various usages of some of the seals...

Although his throat had already long went dry, the second-generation heirs who surrounded him were keen to learn even more.

"Damn, host, you really know a lot, don'tcha!"

"Dang! This was an eye-opening lesson for me. Throughout all my life, I had assumed that there was only a single imperial seal. Who would've thought that there were this many?"