

All Hail 1001

Chapter 1001: Truly a Heroine

It was already winter in Liaodong, but the Jinchun Garden was still lush with flowers and trees.

The Jinchun Garden lived up to its name.

If she hadn't insisted on coming to Jinzhou with Yin Huaixi, the Jinchun Garden might have gradually become deserted and dilapidated with the passing of King Li of Zhou and the Princess Consort.

Yu Youyao's lips curled up. "This place is quite good."

There were also many evergreen trees planted in the Yu Garden. They grew all year round and were invincible in the cold and heat. They were a little similar to the trees in the Jinyuan Garden.

The main courtyard, the Dangui Garden, was the residence of King Li of Zhou and the Princess Consort in the past. The Princess Consort liked the Dangui and planted everywhere. Yu Youyao chose the Dongqing Courtyard, which was not far from the Dangui Garden.

Due to neglect, the courtyard was growing wildly. The vines spread and hung on the walls and eaves, making it look wild.

"Japanese honeysuckle flowers are white when they first bloom, and then they turn yellow. They're also known as golden-and-silver flowers. They can be used in medicine and have the effect of reducing heat and detoxifying. They can also be used to make incense. They're sweet and cold, and their fragrance is clear. They can remove evil and heat. Their flowers also appear in pairs. They're inseparable, like a male and female accompanying each other. They're also like mandarin ducks dancing together, so they're called mandarin duck vines." Mandarin duck vines!

This simple and unadorned courtyard was filled with King Li of Zhou's deep love for the Princess Consort.

After traveling for three consecutive days, they were finally settled down. Yu Youyao took a medicinal bath and felt alive again.

Xia Tao brought over some bird's nest porridge. "When Your Highness travels to Jinzhou, he stays in the army most of the time and rarely come to the other courtyard to settle down. There are only a dozen or so old servants in the other courtyard. They're all old servants who used to serve King Li of Zhou and the

Princess Consort. They have an extraordinary relationship with Your Highness. On one hand, they're taking care of King Li of Zhou and the Princess Consort's old residence, and on the other hand, they're recuperating in the other courtyard. Now, they're all waiting at the entrance of the Dongqing Courtyard to greet you."

Yu Youyao quickly said, "Please come in."

Among the dozen or so old servants, the eldest, Uncle Yu, was in his sixties, and the youngest was in his early forties. When they saw Yu Youyao, all of them had tears in their eyes and looked very excited.

The Jinyuan Guard, which had been empty for many years, finally welcomed its new owner.

It was Eldest Princess Shaoyi.

She was His Highness's fiancée and future Little Princess Consort.

Uncle Yu wiped his tears. "Two days ago, His Highness sent a message saying that the Eldest Princess was coming over to stay for a while. As time was too short and there were not many people in the other courtyard, we could only repair it hastily. It's a little simple, but it's been hard on the Eldest Princess." Yu Youyao understood how they felt.

After King Li of Zhou and the Princess Consort passed away, this courtyard, which carried too many deep feelings for his parents, became a sentimental place for Yin Huaixi. Therefore, he rarely came to the courtyard to stay.

Without their master, no matter how much effort these old servants put in, it was inevitable that the old residence would be dilapidated.

However, these old servants guarded their master's old residence day after day, waiting for their young master to occasionally arrive on a whim. They would probably gradually become willing but weak.

"This place is quite good. Thank you for your trouble." Yu Youyao sighed softly. "I'll stay in the other courtyard for a while. I'll have to trouble you for the next few days."

Uncle Yu hurriedly said, "Eldest Princess, you flatter us. His Highness has arranged for you to live in the Jinyuan Garden. You're the owner of the Jinyuan Garden. If you have any instructions, just instruct us."

The other old servants also agreed.

When Yu Youyao heard this, she knew that these old servants had probably long known that the Empress Dowager had bestowed marriage to her and Yin Huaixi, and treated her as their future master.

Her lips moved as she looked at the eager faces. For a moment, she did not know what to say.

King Li of Zhou and the Princess Consort had passed away, and Yin Huaixi was their only master. As Yin Huaixi's fiancée, it seemed like it was only a matter of time before she became the future Princess Consort, right?

However, what was wrong?!

The current owner of the Jinyuan Garden was Yin Huaixi. The old servant's attitude was clearly instructed by Yin Huaixi!

In that case, Yu Youyao did not say much.

Uncle Yu had brought the old servants from the other courtyard over to greet her. He had not come over to disturb her. He had originally been worried that he would neglect Yu Youyao, so he had come over to acknowledge her and see if she had any instructions.

He had achieved his goal. Seeing that Yu Youyao looked a little tired, he thoughtfully left.

Not long after, Uncle Yu sent over a few light snacks.

It was a very authentic Hang Gang dish. It was famous for being light and peaceful. When the taste of the customers was uncertain, it was stir-fried, stewed, sautéed, and braised into one. It gathered all kinds of flavors. It was fresh, refreshing, crisp, and tender. Freshness and texture of the Hang Gang dishes was also of great importance. It was undoubtedly a jack of all trades, and there was almost no mistake.

There were seven dishes and a soup. Eight cooking methods were used. The dishes were steamed, braised, stir-fried, and stewed in light oil and sauce.

It was obvious that the person cooked the dishes had put in a lot of effort.

Yu Youyao had met the Princess Consort before and knew that she was from Hangzhou. Among the old servants, there was a kitchen maid who was good at cooking in Hangzhou. Her surname was Shi, and she used to serve in the small kitchen in the Princess Consort's courtyard. She must have made this dish.

She was very satisfied with her dinner.

In the blink of an eye, it had been three days since Yu Youyao had moved into the other courtyard.

After Yin Huaixi entered Jinzhou, he went to the army and disappeared for three consecutive days. Under the care of the old servants in the other courtyard, Yu Youyao also recovered and understood a lot about the general situation in Jinzhou. She even heard a lot from the old servants about King Li of Zhou and the Princess Consort.

Uncle Yu said, "After the Old Princess Consort arrived in Jinzhou, she learned some basic medical skills from the military doctor in the military hospital. As she often went to the military doctor's office to help take care of the injured soldiers, she figured out a set of methods to treat external injuries. Through the injured parts, what kind of weapon the soldier was injured by, the depth of the wound, the shape, and so on, she summarized the fastest and most effective emergency wound treatment method. Not only did it greatly reduce the casualties in the army, but it also reduced the consumption of medicinal herbs."

Yu Youyao's expression changed and she couldn't help but admire her. "The Princess Consort is truly a heroine."

There were only a limited number of military doctors in the military hospital. Many injured people were seriously injured or even lost their lives because the best treatment time had been delayed.

The Princess Consort's emergency wound treatment method did not require medical skills. Ordinary people could also learn it according to the script. After roughly treating the wound, it could prevent the injury from worsening for a certain period of time.

Once the military doctor stepped in and treated them further, it was already very safe.

Uncle Yu looked sad. “She also established a military doctor’s office and gathered some soldiers. She taught them the lessons she had summarized from her experience. Every time there was a war, she would gather them to help out in the military doctor’s office and treat the injured. The Imperial Court owes the North Army money every year and loses many soldiers every year. The old Princess Consort’s method played a key role.”

Yu Youyao could imagine King Li of Zhou and the Princess Consort’s difficult situation in the North. The emergency wound treatment was summarized by the Princess Consort under the anxious situation of lacking medical treatment. It was to avoid more casualties and to cut corners.

Even in her predicament, she still did her best to overcome and win.

It was obvious how proud and unyielding she was..

Chapter 1002: War Invitation

Yu Youyao’s heart skipped a beat. “Uncle Yu, can you help me contact some reliable military families? Since ancient times, incense and medicine have come from the same source. I want to set up another medicinal team in the military doctor’s office to be in charge of making incense and external medicine that can be used on the battlefield.’

The spiritual dewdrop could be used on incense medicine or some medicine for external injuries.

Uncle Yu hurriedly said, “In the past, when the Old Princess Consort was around, I was in charge of gathering the military families. This matter isn’t difficult. I’ll contact a few veteran military families and get them to help contact others. It’ll definitely be appropriate.”

Most of the veterans who could survive in the army had earned military merit and held a decent military position. Their family background was also reliable, and they had some connections in the army. Naturally, the people they contacted were reliable.

Yu Youyao nodded slightly. “Thank you for your trouble.”

King Li of Zhou and the Princess Consort’s old belongings were preserved in the Jingyuan Harden. Among them was relevant information about the Princess Consort’s establishment of the medical center back then. Yu Xiyao studied it carefully.

Through the information, she understood what difficulties and drawbacks the medical center had encountered when it was first established.

She also understood how the Princess Consort gradually perfected the structure and management of the military doctor’s office, making it convenient, fast, and effective. Thus, she formed a collective and organized unit.

The soldiers called them field medics.

With the Princess Consort’s example, Yu Youyao avoided many detours. Soon, she set the general framework of the medical center. Uncle Yu sent over a list of military personnel.

“I’ve gathered 100 members of military families in the first batch. They’re above the age of 16 and under the age of 40. Their exact situation has been recorded in detail in the list.”

When the medical center was first established, it needed to nurture trusted aides and manage its operations. Therefore, the choice of the first batch of people was especially important.

Uncle Yu was experienced. The first batch of people were all family members of veterans, so they more or less had some outstanding points.

After confirming the candidates, Yu Youyao arranged for them to be trained.

A second-grade maidservant called Xiang Cao followed her. She was very talented in making incense and had been serving her in the incense room in her courtyard.

On the first day before they set off, Yin Huaixi asked her who she had brought to Jinzhou. He was worried that after they arrived in Jinzhou, she would have to do everything personally and tire her out. That was why he suggested that she bring a maidservant who was proficient in incense medicine.

She felt that it made sense, so she brought Xiang Cao.

A month later, while Yu Youyao was busy perfecting the medical center, news came from Fuxin that the Northern Barbarians had gathered an army of 100,000 at the narrow Yu Pass.

King Yue Fei led the army to fight.

That night, Yin San led the army to escort Yu Youyao to the army.

“This is an important place in the military camp. No unrelated people are allowed to enter!” The soldiers guarding the camp raised their spears and looked wary.

“I’m Yin San, the secret guard of the Yue Fei King’s Residence. On His

Highness’s orders, I’m specially escorting Eldest Princess Shaoyi to the army. This is my identity token.” Yin San untied the token tied to her waist and threw it over from afar.

The soldier guarding the camp caught the token and took a look. It was indeed the secret guard token of the Yue Fei’s Residence. He glanced at the carriage behind Yin San and quickly went to look for him.

After a while, Huang Wenxian, who had a breastplate equipped, rushed over and quickly asked the warrior to let him in.

The carriage stopped outside a tent.

“How’s the situation at narrow Yu Pass?” As soon as Yu Youyao entered the tent, she asked about the situation of the two armies facing each other.

Huang Wenxian’s expression was solemn. “As a result of the drought, the internal rights of the Northern Barbarians have been severely divided, and they’ve split into the main and main factions. Among them, the main faction, led by Harmon, advocates trade with the North in exchange for supplies. However, the main faction, led by Meng Duo, is fiercely opposed. They advocate taking advantage of the Great Zhou Dynasty’s internal and external troubles to break through the narrow Yu Pass, break through the defense line of Jinzhou, enter Shanhai Pass, and attack the enemy.

Moreover, they've received the strong support of the various branches of the Northern Barbarians. Even Harmon, who's from the main faction, has no choice but to participate in the battle."

Yu Youyao's heart sank. "In that case, it's very likely that the Northern Barbarians have more than 100,000 troops, right?"

Everyone among the Northern Barbarians was a soldier. There were more than ten branches in the grassland. Usually, they fought alone, but at the critical moment, they could always join forces to resist the Great Zhou. It was very troublesome.

Huang Wenxian nodded with a solemn expression and continued, "Moreover, Meng Duo's father, Meng Ying, was one of the main generals who died at the defense line in Jinzhou back then. He was killed by an arrow from the old king in the chaos."

Meng Ying was a brave general of the Northern Barbarians. He had been active on the border battlefield for many years and was King Li of Zhou's greatest opponent in his life.

Back then, the Northern Barbarians had invaded on a large scale and almost broke through the defense line of Jinzhou. At the critical moment, Yin Huaixi had taken down Harmon, who had gone to Jinzhou to support the Northern Barbarians, causing the Northern Barbarians' reinforcements to not arrive and be counterattacked by the You army. It was in this battle that a few generals of the Northern Barbarians had died. King Li of Zhou had recovered the two most important fortress cities of Jinzhou and Fuxin in one go.

Harmon and Yin Huaixi had fought a few times. Harmon was very afraid of him. However, because of the secret deal between the two sides, he acknowledged Yin Huaixi's strength and character very much, so he advocated trade.

However, Meng Duo was still brooding over the death of his father, Meng Ying. He had the intention to take revenge, so he insisted on fighting.

The Di people were warlike to begin with. They were used to plundering at the border for many years. After tasting the sweetness, they naturally could trade calmly with the North.

The calamity in the North had further stimulated the Di people's desire to plunder.

Huang Wenxian continued, "The entire world knows that the King of Liang has rebelled. The Imperial Court has sent troops to attack the Liang, and there's not enough rations in the capital. It's equivalent to cutting off the supplies and reinforcements of the North. Once the war starts, the North won't get any supplies or reinforcements. The North has already taken in a large number of refugees. In the eyes of outsiders, the supplies in the North must have been consumed greatly... In short, in the eyes of the Di people, this is the best time for the Northern Barbarians to attack the Great Zhou.'

Thinking of the endless sweet potatoes sent into the granary, the Di people clearly had an inherent impression of the North's lack of supplies.

Even though they had discovered that the North had promoted the planting of sweet potatoes, the Di people were not good at agriculture, so they might not understand the importance of sweet potatoes. The sweet potatoes were a new crop, so probably no one would believe that its production could be so high that it was shocking. In addition, the North had almost two million new mouths. Anyone would think that the North lacked supplies.

Yu Youyao frowned. "The Di people's ambition to enter the Central Plains has never stopped. The King of Liang's rebellion is a good time for them to take advantage of the situation."

The Northern Barbarians lacked supplies. As soon as the Di Army gathered at the narrow Yu Pass, they issued a challenge to the You army, preventing the possibility of the You army using delaying tactics to lengthen the battle line.

The Great Zhou was good at farming, and if the battle line was extended, it would be even more disadvantageous to the Northern Barbarians. The Di people were still fighting. They would break through Shanhai Pass and plunder the resources of the North to nourish themselves in battle. They would gallop through the Central Plains and end the battle quickly so that they could better preserve their strength.

The next day, the first batch of incense and external injury medicine made by the pharmacy was sent to the army. There were also a portion of soldiers who had been trained and understood the effects of all kinds of incense medicine. Those who could use them well would be assigned to the frontline military doctor's office to help treat the injuries..

Chapter 1003: Face-Off

The military subordinate in charge of the medical center was General Ming Wei's first wife, Madam Ming.

General Ming Wei was over 50 years old and was an old general in the army. He had guarded the North for more than 30 years and had assisted two Kings of the North. To King Li of Zhou and King Yue Fei, he was a capable general under them and was also the commander who had taught them to ride the battlefield. General Ming Wei was a fourth-grade general, but his prestige in the army was second only to King Yue Fei.

After the Marquis of Changxing guarded the North, he wanted to subdue 300,000 You soldiers, but he suffered because of General Ming Wei. He had too much prestige in the army, so General Ming Wei was sent to Fuxin City to guard it.

Fuxin was the first barrier to resist the Northern Barbarians. After General Mingwei guarded Fuxin, there were three years of stability in the North, and the Marquis of Changxing could rest easy.

After Yin Huaixi was conferred the title of King Yue Fei, the King of the North, there was one point when he wanted to transfer the old General Ming Wei back to Xiangping, but he was rejected by General Mingwei.

General Ming Wei was wise and righteous. The Marquis of Changxing had caused the You army to be in a mess. Just as there were internal and external troubles, it was urgent for King Yue Fei to reorganize the You army, take in the old troops, and revive the power of the You army.

King Yue Fei could only be free of worries if General Ming Wei continued to guard Fuxin and intimidate the Di people.

Madam Ming had a straightforward and spicy personality. She was warm-hearted and followed General Ming Wei. She was extremely famous in the army and often gathered the family members of the soldiers to do some sewing and washing for the soldiers.

During the war, she was even less afraid of danger. She personally went to the front line to deliver food and medicine to the soldiers and treat the injured. The soldiers in the army kindly called her “Auntie Ming”.

Back then, when the Princess Consort established the military doctor’s office, Madam Ming had contributed.

Madam Ming was also a “field medic.”

However, she was getting old and weak. After the Marquis of Changxing guarded the North, she had already retired.

This time, it was also because her old lumbar spine had relapsed that she had no choice but to go to Jinzhou to recuperate. When she heard that Eldest Princess Shaoyi wanted to imitate the Princess Consort and establish a medical center, she was immediately very interested.

Madam Ming knew about Eldest Princess Shaoyi’s life and especially admired her, so she wanted to help her. She recommended herself and added herself to the list of the first batch of soldiers to participate in the basic training arranged by Eldest Princess Shaoyi.

No one knew that Madam Ming had come to Jinzhou to recuperate. In addition, the respectful title of “Auntie Ming” had almost become a symbol of Madam Ming. Therefore, Yu Youyao did not know in advance, nor did she think about Madam Mings identity. It was only because Madam Ming had displayed outstanding management talent during her basic training that she had noticed her.

Madam Ming had contributed greatly to the successful establishment of the medical center.

“There’s news from the front line that Meng Duo is calling for a battle outside the narrow Yu Pass. The two armies are facing each other, and a battle is about to break out.” As soon as Madam Ming entered the room, she mentioned the situation outside the narrow Yu Pass.

Seeing Yu Youyao’s head scarf and hair tied up, wearing a gray cloth outfit and thick armor tied to her chest and back, she seemed to see the former Consort Zhou Li again. She couldn’t help but sigh.

“Meng Duo has just sent out a battle invitation the day before yesterday, but he’s already calling for a battle outside the pass today. It’s obvious that he’s come prepared.” Yu Youyao had a bad feeling in her heart, and her right eyelid kept twitching. “Military Advisor Huang has mentioned that due to the drought, the internal division of the Northern Barbarians is very serious.

Although Meng Duo is a fierce general, in terms of experience, he’s still a little inferior to some old generals. Why can Meng Duo take over the right to speak and be the commander-in-chief of the main battle faction?”

Meng Ying was a famous old general in the grassland. Back then, he was the one who led the enemy to defeat Zhou. Like father, like son. Meng Duo inherited his father’s bravery and was also incomparably brave. After Meng

Ying died, he took over his father’s army. It had only been eight to nine years.

Madam Mings heart skipped a beat. “Unless...”

“Unless...” Yu Youyao quickly finished Madam Mings sentence and couldn’t help but feel her heart skip a beat. “Meng Duo has grasped the plan to defeat the Great Zhou and has obtained the approval of the pro-war faction.

Something might have happened at the narrow Yu Pass.”

There were more than ten branches of the Northern Barbarians, and there were dozens and hundreds of generals of various sizes. All of them were experienced and incomparably brave. A plan that they unanimously approved of...

Madam Mings heart skipped a beat. “I’ll send someone to the narrow Yu Pass to send a message immediately...”

“It’s too late.” Yu Youyao’s eyebrows were gentle and firm. “The battlefield is changing rapidly. All we can do is trust Your Highness and the soldiers at the front line. We’ll spare no effort to support the rear.”

Outside the narrow Yu Pass, the two armies were a thousand feet apart, facing each other. The war drums were like thunder, and the flags were fluttering.

The confrontation of the two armies was a test of the strength of both sides. During this process, neither side would easily send out their troops. Either side could withdraw their troops at any time, and the other side was not allowed to pursue.

As the saying went, they would try peaceful measures before using force.

It expressed the reverence of those who used troops towards war, their respect for their opponents, and their reverence for the heavens.

At the same time, it tested the mental fortitude of the main generals of both sides.

In history, the famous Wang Jian had led 600,000 troops to attack Chu. He had used most of the Qin army, but he still did not have the confidence to defeat Xiang Yan of Chu, so he did not dare to act rashly.

The two armies faced each other for four to five years. Then, at that time, the King of Chu couldn’t take it anymore and ordered Xiang Yan to send troops that Wang Jian had no choice but to send troops to provide the opportunity to defeat Chu. Only then did Wang Jian succeed in attacking Chu.

There was no chaotic charge like in operas.

Meanwhile, a face-off tested the morale of the army.

During the battle, the two sides would either fight verbally or physically. The morale of the winner would increase greatly, and the loser would inevitably lose their morale. This provided a favorable opportunity for the winner to attack.

This method was to find an opportunity to attack and reduce casualties as much as possible to win at the lowest price.

No army would send a huge wave of soldiers. It took a thousand days to raise them, and the cost was unimaginable. Therefore, the main general often cherished their soldiers and tried their best to reduce casualties.

It had become an unwritten rule to challenge the opponent before the battle.

Victory depended on one's ability.

Meng Duo rode among the thousands of troops and shouted, "Don't you people from the Central Plains pay attention to courtesy before resorting to force? I, Meng Duo, have galloped on the battlefield and respect the young hero of King Yue Fei. Today, I'll do as the Romans do and give King Yue Fei a big gift."

He deliberately emphasized the words "do as the Romans do", making him look extremely arrogant. It was as if all the rivers and mountains in the Great Zhou had already submitted to his cavalry.

He immediately angered the You army on the other side.

General Ning Yuan even retorted, "The Northern Barbarians eat raw meat and drinks blood. You simply don't know what's good for you in front of your grandfather. Come, come, come. Kowtow a few times to your grandfather so that I can teach you what it means to do as the Romans do..."

The army immediately burst into laughter.

Both sides immediately cursed.

When the You army scolded others, they would first "greet" their entire family. Then, they would pull out their eighteen generations of ancestors and "greet" them eight to ten times without any repetition. Clearly, the Northern Barbarians were no match for them and were immediately defeated.

The You army had won a complete victory. The drums shook the sky, and the soldiers jeered into the sky..

Chapter 1004: Unstable Morale

Nieng Duo's expression immediately darkened. He raised his hand to stop his subordinates from cursing and raised his voice. "One's strength on the battlefield is the real thing. If you're quick-witted, what kind of hero are you?!" As soon as he finished speaking, he let go of his hand. "Move back 100 feet in the front row and let King Yue Fei take a good look at the big gift I've prepared for him."

The warhorses in the front row immediately retreated a hundred feet, revealing rows of ragged Great Zhou Dynasty commoners kneeling in front of the formation with blood all over their bodies. Behind them were soldiers of the Northern Barbarians holding long whips.

There were four to five hundred people.

Immediately, a young general couldn't take it anymore and shouted miserably, "Beasts." He clamped his legs on the horse's stomach and was about to rush up when Yin Huaixi stopped him in time.

The soldiers were furious, and their morale was low.

Nieng Duo had fought with the Great Zhou Dynasty for many years and knew very well that the soldiers of the Great Zhou Dynasty prided themselves on protecting the country and the people. To the soldiers of the Great Zhou Dynasty, the people were their sharp spears to charge into the battle and their fearless shields.

Therefore, he came up with this plan. He would make them use their own spear to attack their own shield. During the process of the two armies facing each other, he would attack the morale of the You army and make them wary.

This would provide the most advantageous opportunity for the cavalry of the Northern Barbarians to attack.

It was this plan that received the unanimous approval of the various branches of the Northern Barbarians. It also helped him gain the right to speak for the main battle faction and become the commander-in-chief of the attack on Zhou.

Meng Duo was extremely smug and laughed arrogantly. “Hahaha, how is it? King Yue Fei of the Great Zhou Dynasty, I wonder if you’re satisfied with the big gift that the Northern Barbarians has prepared for you?” The soldiers of the Northern Barbarians cheered and provoked.

“Hahaha...

“Are you satisfied...”

“Are you mute? Weren’t you very arrogant just now?! ”

“Come, come, come. Call me Grandpa. With every call, I’ll let one person go...”

Yin Huaixi’s expression was calm, but his hands secretly tightened on the reins of his horse. The other soldiers also gritted their teeth to prevent themselves from revealing anything unusual.

General Mingwei said in a low voice, “Your Highness, you have to calm down. Don’t fall into Meng Duo’s trap.”

Yin Huaixi said with difficulty, “The government office has a household registration management system. All citizens of the Great Zhou Dynasty have to go to the government office to register their household registration within a month of birth. Anyone who goes missing or dies has to go to the government office to remove their household registration to prevent them from continuing to bear personal taxes.”

“In the past year or two, there have been no large-scale disappearances at the border. However, because many refugees have surged into the North, in addition to the battles that happen at the border occasionally, there will occasionally be commoners who disappear. It’s impossible for Meng Duo to capture so many people in a year or two. It can be inferred that Meng Duo had long planned this and quietly captured the commoners of the Great Zhou Dynasty to raise them like livestock. It was all to shake the morale of our army today. His intentions are sinister. It’s simply heinous.”

General Ming Wei's expression was a little solemn. "These commoners are in front. When our You army's cavalry attacks the Northern Barbarians, we have to step on the bodies of the commoners of our dynasty. The soldiers of our Great Zhou are all great men who protect the country and the people. How can they bear to trample on the commoners of our dynasty? They will definitely be afraid and hold back. These commoners have become the most natural cover for the Northern Barbarians. They have created the best time for the Northern Barbarians to attack."

Yin Huaixi's expression remained calm.

After laughing enough, Meng Duo ordered someone to whip the commoners. The sound of the whip, accompanied by a shrill scream, screamed in the strong cold wind. Every time the whip was raised high and fell, it would always leave a line of blood that soared into the sky and splashed to the ground.

The blood stains on the ground were the blood of the soldiers that was gradually turning cold.

Immediately, some soldiers couldn't take it anymore. They hugged their heads and squatted on the ground, their eyes red with anger.

The army was gloomy.

Meng Duo laughed wildly. "King Yue Fei of the Great Zhou Dynasty, take a look. These are all commoners of your Great Zhou Dynasty. Don't you You soldiers pride yourself on protecting the country and the people? Hurry up and save them. How can you be a good man if you watch helplessly as your people suffer and are humiliated? Come, if you're a man, rush up and fight us to the death..."

General Ming Wei had never expected Meng Duo to be so despicable and shameless. As the commander-in-chief of an army, not only did he capture the commoners and place them in front of the formation, but he also tortured the innocent and weak commoners, intending to humiliate King Yue Fei and the soldiers of the Great Zhou.

These commoners had been raised by the Northern Barbarians like livestock for a long time. All of them had long been tortured until they were shapeless. They still had to suffer such tragic whipping. All of them were covered in blood and looked tragic.

Some of them couldn't withstand the whip and died on the spot, but their eyes were wide open, as if they had died with remaining grievances. However, even so, the whip on their bodies did not stop.

The Great Zhou Dynasty emphasized the importance of the dead. Such an act of whipping the corpses was simply heartless and inhumane.

When the soldiers of the You army saw this tragic scene, their eyes turned red and they panicked. Under their protection, these commoners suffered inhumane torture. The soldiers' high heads gradually lowered, and their straight backs were bent. Some shouted for His Highness, some scolded the Di people, while others held back their sobs and almost cried.

"F*ck, I'll fight them to the death..." Finally, a young general couldn't take it anymore and shouted without caring.

Immediately, someone chimed in, "Yes, let's fight them..."

“I’ll risk it, I’ll risk it...”

“I’ll risk it...”

The soldiers had already lost their rationality and were shouting at the same time. Immediately, the hearts of the soldiers were in chaos, but Yin Huaixi remained calm.

However, General Ming Wei was a little anxious. “Your Highness, should we stop them? If this continues, the morale of the army will collapse before this battle is even fought.”

Yin Huaixi still did not say anything.

How could he stop them? They had already lost their morale. General Ming Wei’s expression turned ugly.

This was the effect that Meng Dup wanted. He raised his head and laughed. “King Yue Fei of the Great Zhou Dynasty, are you going to watch helplessly as your people are humiliated?!” He clicked his tongue a few times and turned to look at the soldiers beside him. His tone became even more arrogant. “Look, I knew it. The people of the Great Zhou Dynasty are all spineless cowards, worthless wretches, and toothless tigers. There’s nothing to be afraid of!”

He deliberately raised his voice.

Immediately, the Di people roared with laughter and shouted.

“Coward, coward...”

“Come on, coward...”

“Hahaha, spineless...”

Immediately, a You soldier couldn’t help but shout miserably, “Your Highness, what are you waiting for? Give the order to charge. We’re not afraid of death. They humiliated the citizens of our Great Zhou Dynasty. Even if we die today, we’ll fight them to the death.”

“Your Highness, quickly give the order. Didn’t you hear them call us cowards?”

“Your Highness, let’s fight them to the death. We’re not afraid...”

“Your Highness...”

“Shut up.” General Ming Wei was furious and suddenly raised his voice.

“Military orders are absolute... Without His Highness’s order, how can you disturb the morale of the army?”

Chapter 1005: Low Morale

“Can’t you see that the Di people are provoking you? He wants to use the commoners to humiliate His Highness. He wants to break the spine of the You army and shatter the soul of our army.”

“If you charge up now, the horses will reach the front of the Northern

Barbarians. Do you dare to take a step forward?”

“I wouldn’t dare! Because in front of the formation are hundreds of citizens of the Great Zhou Dynasty.”

“If we don’t move forward and hesitate at that moment, we’ll fall into their trap and lose this battle.”

“Have you thought about the consequences of losing?”

“At that time, all the commoners in the North and even the Great Zhou Dynasty will be like the hundreds of commoners in front of us. They will be like knives and meat on their chopping block...”

This was the logic. How could soldiers who had been through hundreds of battles not understand?

However, they couldn’t accept it emotionally.

Immediately, a soldier’s eyes turned red as he roared in grief and indignation, “Are we going to watch helplessly as the f*cking Di thieves kill our people, humiliate our commander, disrupts our army’s morale, and shatters our army’s soul? Can we tolerate that?”

“Intolerable!”

“Intolerable!”

The soldiers’ roars echoed in the cold wind.

Another soldier said, “Your Highness, what do you say? As long as you give the order, even if we die without a complete corpse, we won’t take a step back.”

“Yes, we won’t retreat...’

“We won’t retreat. Let’s fight them to the death...”

“I’ll risk it...”

Yin Huaixi slowly closed his eyes. The army was asking him for instructions. This was not because of the morale of the army, let alone their individual morale. It was the irrational anger after being embarrassed and angry.

The situation was chaotic, and their defeat was set.

Yin Huaixi was about to give the order to retreat.

A commoner who had been whipped in front of the Northern Barbarians formation suddenly shouted, “Your Highness, kill us. A scholar can be killed but not humiliated. Instead of being humiliated to death by them, it’s better to die at the hands of the soldiers of our Great Zhou Dynasty.”

“Kill us. We’ve had enough.”

“Kill us and avenge us.”

“We can’t lose this battle, Otherwise, our children, relatives, and descendants will all become livestock raised in the Northern Barbarians...”

The sudden change made Meng Duo’s expression change, but he quickly calmed down. He had observed the You army just now and knew very well that they might not be able to do it.

The You soldiers woke up from their anger. If they were angry and sad before, they were now truly sad.

A soldier raised his bow, but his eyes were red as he shook it. “No, I can’t do it...”

Some soldiers closed their eyes, unable to bear to look anymore. “They’re all the citizens of the Great Zhou Dynasty. It’s intolerable for our compatriots to kill each other. How can we do it?!”

A soldier couldn’t help but retreat. He hugged his head and squatted on the ground. “Don’t force me, don’t...”

The soldiers who had been through hundreds of battles revealed their weakest side for once. Yin Huaixi’s eyes couldn’t help but turn red.

On the first day they entered the military camp, an old general asked them, “Why did you join the army?”

“To kill the f*cking Di people.”

“Why do you want to kill the Di people?”

“My father, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother... They were killed by the Di people. I want to avenge them.”

“We have to kill all the Di people so that our parents, wives, children, brothers, relatives, and friends won’t be robbed by the Di people again.” “We have to protect the country and the people...”

One voice after another was filled with passion. It was their loyalty to the country and the people. “Alright, remember your words today. Don’t ever forget them! ”

The weakness of the You army became Meng Duo’s confidence, “Hahaha, I knew that you Great Zhou people were all a group of spineless people.

Soldiers, today, we’ll destroy the Great Zhou army. We’ll step on their corpses and use their blood to break through the Shanhai Pass to achieve an unparalleled achievement in the Great Zhou.”

“The Northern Barbarians will definitely win, and the Great Zhou will definitely be destroyed!’

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Hundreds of thousands of soldiers of the Northern Barbarians raised their troops and shouted in unison. Their voices shook the sky, forcing the soldiers of the You army to retreat dozens of feet.

General Ming Wei, who was sitting on his horse, had an ashen expression. He suddenly gritted his teeth and rushed out first. He raised his bow and arrow and used all his strength to shout angrily, “Shoot...”

“Don’t!” Yin Huaixi didn’t have time to stop him. This order should have been given by him.

It was too late. General Ming Wei was the first to shoot.

Then, there was a second arrow, a third arrow, a fourth arrow... and countless arrows.

Seeing the old commoners in front of the formation fall one by one, the eyes of all the You soldiers present turned red. This anger was because their dignity had been awakened, and it was the anger of forbearance and sorrow.

General Ming Wei turned around and smiled sadly. He said to King Yue Fei, “Since Your Highness is the commander-in-chief of the You army, this order should have been personally issued by Your Highness. However, you and I know very well that this order can’t be issued by you at all. I know that I have violated the military order and my crime is unforgivable. Today, I will use this body of flesh and blood to forge the soul of our You army and raise our morale. I won’t hesitate to die.’

As soon as he finished speaking, General Ming Wei raised his long saber high. “Those who shot the arrows, follow me...”

Yin Huaixi’s eyes couldn’t help but turn red. He subconsciously called out,

“Uncle Ming...”

“Charge...”

“Charge...”

“Charge...”

General Ming Wei took the lead, followed by more than a hundred horses. They were not afraid of death and rushed towards the Di Army’s camp. As they rushed, they shot arrows.

However, everyone knew that they were tempting fate.

They were not killing the enemy. They were simply courting death.

Meng Duo was caught off guard by this sudden change. He quickly ordered,

“All troops, be on guard and shoot...”

Densely packed arrows fell like rain on the hundred or so people who were charging forward. Horses fell one after another, and soldiers fell. The You soldiers’ eyes were red as they shouted, “General, no...”

“General, come back quickly...”

“No, General...”

Yin Huaixi suddenly closed his eyes. When he opened them again, his eyes were clear. He should have been the one to give the order to shoot, but what happened after the order?

What would the soldiers think?

After killing all the commoners in front of the formation, could the You army revive their morale without any obstruction?

NO!

Those who died were all the commoners of the North.

Furthermore, as a soldier of the Great Zhou, they had personally killed these commoners.

The person who had given the order was their high and mighty commander-in-chief.

At that time, his prestige as the commander-in-chief of the You army would definitely plummet. During the battle, this was a huge taboo in the army.

General Ming Wei understood that this order should be personally issued by King Yue Fei, but not by him. General Ming Wei's prestige in the army was second only to King Yue Fei's prestige. Only by giving this order would there be soldiers who would resist the pain and shoot arrows. Then, he would personally lead over a hundred archers to sacrifice their lives. Only then could this stimulate the morale of the soldiers and ignite their bloodlust.

At this moment, Yin Huaixi finally understood that prideful soldiers would definitely lose, and he had paid a painful price for it..

Chapter 1006: Definitely Kill!

He thought that he was in control of the overall situation and had made full preparations, but he had still underestimated the meaning of the words "all's fair in war", Meng Duo's despicableness, and human nature.

General Ming Wei also fell.

There was a choked cry in the army.

Yin Huaixi shouted angrily, "Why are you crying? We only know how to die on the battlefield for the people. There's no need to think about your corpse returning! Everyone present has been prepared to die on the battlefield from the day we entered the army. Why are we afraid of death?!"

"I'm not afraid of death!"

"I'm not afraid of death!"

"Avenge General Ming Wei, our dead soldiers, and those commoners!"

"Blood for blood..."

"Blood for blood..."

The aura of the You soldiers soared into the sky. Meng Duo couldn't help but retreat dozens of feet. He had a bad feeling.

“Where are the shieldbearers?”

“Yes, yes, yes...” With Yin Huaixi’s order, a group of heavy-armored soldiers quickly lined up in front of the You army. Immediately, they built a tall shield wall in front of the You army to deflect the enemy’s bows.

“Where are the archers?” With Yin Huaixi’s order, rows of archers immediately jumped up and sat on the shoulders of the shieldbearers. The archers would follow the changes in the shields and shoot arrows.

Order after order, the 100,000 You soldiers lined up.

General Ning Yuan shouted, “The Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation is completed. Your Highness, please instruct us.”

The Nine Palaces Eight Trigrams Formation was also known as the Five Elements Formation and the Eight Diagrams Formation. It was a formation created by Zhuge Liang in the Warring States Period. It was once famous, but with the destruction of the Shu Kingdom, the Nine Palaces Eight Trigrams Formation was lost.

Yin Huaixi had obtained a glimpse of it from the silk book that the Marquis of Changxing had given Yu Youyao as an apology back then. Although he did not know the full picture, it was already powerful.

The Nine Palaces Eight Trigrams Formation was a combination of defense, killing, and trapping the enemy. The outside was square, while the internal formation could change into eight formations. There was the Eight Gates Golden Lock Formation, the Seven Stars Big Dipper Formation, the Six Men and Six Armor Formation, the Five Tigers Surrounding Sheep Formation, the Four Gates Bottom Formation, the Heaven and Earth Tripartite Formation, the Two Dragons out of the Water Formation, and the Long Snake Formation.

In other words, they could alternate among nine formations by using this formation.

It was also Yin Huaixi’s greatest confidence in this battle.

Yin Huaixi shouted, “The Northern Barbarians are ruthless and rebellious. They opened arms on their own and killed my compatriots, invading my territory. I, Yin Huaixi, will lead the righteous army and carry out the heavenly punishment. We will rely on His Majesty to order the internal and external world to be peaceful. Those who dare to be called soldiers—”

“Definitely kill! ”

“Definitely kill! ”

“Definitely kill! ”

The war drum was like thunder, and its aura was imposing. It shot straight into the sky. Yin Huaixi’s experts shouted, “All troops, listen up. Change into a

Long Snake Formation and charge with me.”

The 100,000 soldiers immediately turned into a long snake. The shieldbearers raised their shields in front, while the MO saber soldiers were behind. The archers were behind them, followed by the cavalry and the infantry.

Meng Duo, who had been through hundreds of battles, immediately understood. The Long Snake Formation was integrated. Not only did it increase the speed of the You army's march, but it also restrained long-range bows.

This was just like how the targets used for target shooting in the army were all round. This was because the circular area was large and the target was large. It was easier to hit an arrow. No target was long.

The target of the snake formation was small, and the formation was agile and flexible. The entire team kept changing positions like snakes, preventing the Di people from raining arrows on the battlefield.

Meng Duo's expression changed a few times, and he was a little surprised and uncertain. However, on second thought, the war in the Northern Barbarians relied on the bravery of the soldiers and their experience in hundreds of battles. They had never relied on these fancy formations. All these years, they had never lost to the You army.

Nieng Duo calmed down. "All troops, listen to my orders. Charge..."

The effect of the bow and arrow was minimal. When the Long Snake Formation approached and the MO Saber soldiers hiding behind the shieldbearers broke out of their shields, the Di army could only wait for death.

As a general of an army, it was naturally impossible for him to sit back and do nothing. If he charged forward now, he could destroy the formation of the You army. Once the formation was in chaos, it would be a good opportunity for them to slaughter the You army.

The Di people were belligerent and incomparably brave. With the general's order, they rushed forward like hungry tigers and ferocious wolves.

If it were anyone else with a weaker mental fortitude, they would have been forced back dozens of feet by this brave force. They couldn't help but feel afraid, and it was inevitable that they would panic.

However, Yin Huaixi's expression was calm. When the Long Snake Formation was within the range of the Di people, he raised the array flags and the formation changed.

General Ning Yuan shouted, "Change to the Two Dragons Out of the Water Formation and disperse the Di people to charge into their formation."

The entire army immediately separated into two long dragons, causing the Di people who were charging forward to immediately not know how to deal with it. Meng Duo was shocked and immediately guessed the You army's intentions, feeling vigilant.

Harmon's expression was solemn as he shouted, "All troops, retreat a hundred feet.'

Meng Duo was flustered and exasperated. “The main reason why the You army is divided into two teams is to disperse the Di army’s forces. Once the Di army splits up and attacks, we’ll fall into their trap. As long as we maintain our momentum and don’t fall into their trap, it’ll be fine. Why should we retreat?”

I’m the main general of the Northern Barbarians. You...”

Harmon interrupted him angrily. “The You army is divided into two teams.

Once we maintain our momentum and charge at one team, the other team will quickly converge on us and surround us. We’ll be trapped.”

At this point, he slowed down his tone. “Look carefully. The You army’s two teams seem to be scattered. However, even though they seem to be separate, they are actually connected. Once we disperse our forces, the two teams will quickly close in and integrate into one again to defeat our two teams one by one.”

After all, Meng Duo had been through hundreds of battles. After calming down, he observed the formation of the You army and immediately broke out in a cold sweat. “What kind of formation is this? Why haven’t I seen it before?”

Even if our army retreats 100 feet and doesn’t fight them head-on, the two teams of the You army have also split up to attack us. Our Northern

Barbarians are good at riding and archery, and we’ve often been successful on the battlefield. Only the MO Saber users of the You army can restrain them a little. However, this Two Dragons Out of the Water Formation has divided our archers into two teams. Our army’s suppression of the You army’s archers will also be greatly reduced.”

As soon as the two sides collided, the Northern Barbarians were at a disadvantage. Meng Duo had already realized how powerful the Great Zhou’s formation was.

Harmon also shook his head. “I’ve heard in the past that during the Spring and Autumn Warring States Period of the Han people, they respected Confucianism on the surface and Daoism in practice. Daoism was very prosperous. Many Daoist formations were used in wars and were often successful. They were very powerful. However, as Buddhism prospered and Daoism hid, these formations were lost.’

“Now, there are not many people in the Great Zhou Dynasty who can control military formations. They often only know a little. They are also nothing compared to the bravery of the Northern Barbarians.”

“Yin Huaixi is unfathomable. It’s obvious that he’s proficient in arranging troops and arrays. He’s been guarding the North for the past few years and has been hiding for a while, waiting for us to fall into his trap.”

Meng Duo’s expression changed a few times. He had been preparing for this war for two to three years, and so had Yin Huaixi!

His original confidence of winning immediately became shaky in front of the strange and unpredictable array..

Chapter 1007: Losses

At this moment, the two armies were less than a hundred feet apart. Meng Duo thought that as long as the Di army maintained their defense and formed a confrontation with the You army, the You army would not dare to charge forward rashly.

However, he was wrong.

Yin Huaixi waved his flag and changed the formation. General Ning Yuan shouted, “All troops, listen up. Change to the Heaven and Earth Tripartite

Formation and charge.”

Before Mondo could figure out what kind of formation the Heaven and Earth Tripartite Formation was, he saw the You army, which had split into two teams, quickly complete the integration. They interspersed both inside and out, forming an “A” shape that pointed towards the north like a sharp cone.

At the front were heavy shields. Meng Duo hurriedly ordered the arrows to be shot, but they were blocked by the shields. The dense rain of arrows could not stop the You army’s sprint.

Meng Duo immediately understood that the Heaven and Earth Tripartite Formation was a combination of protection, attack, and defense. It was most suitable for charging at the last minute.

At this moment, Meng Duo already had the intention to retreat. However, he thought about how this was the first time he was leading the army as the commander-in-chief. In order to gain the right to speak for the main battle faction, he had even made a military order in front of the various branches. If he lost this battle, not only would he lose his status as the commander-in-chief, but even the troops in his hands would be divided among the other generals.

At the thought of this, Meng Duo recalled that the soldiers of the Northern Barbarians were warlike and brave, so he ordered, “They’re using the trick of making an uproar to gain favor. Men of the Northern Barbarians, follow me and rush over. Let’s teach the spineless people of the Great Zhou Dynasty a lesson...”

As soon as he gave the order, the soldiers of the Northern Barbarians roared and began to rush forward. Harmon knew that he couldn’t stop them, so he couldn’t help but smile bitterly.

Seeing that the warhorses of the Northern Barbarians were about to charge over, Yin Huaixi raised his flag again.

General Ning Yuan shouted, “Withdraw the shields and attack!”

Right on the heels of that, the heavy-shield soldiers stopped on the spot. One by one, the MO Saber users stepped on the shoulders of the shieldbearers and jumped into the battlefield. They crawled and dodged the rain of arrows from the Di people. They quickly rushed to the front of the Di army’s horses and brandished their swords...

A bloody and cruel scene appeared.

With a slash of the blade by the MO Saber users, the Northern Barbarians cavalry charging in front of the formation were all cut to the ground, including their horses. After a strike, they quickly retreated without stopping.

As the first group of warhorses in the Northern Barbarians were slashed, the warhorses charging behind immediately fell into chaos.

Yin Huaixi waited for an opportunity. Then, he pointed two fingers at the sky before gently pressing down.

Immediately, the shieldbearers dispersed. The archers jumped onto the shoulders of the shieldbearers and shot arrows at the Northern Barbarians like rain. There were screams, exclamations, cries, and the neighing of horses

These voices rose and fell in chaos.

General Ning Yuan shouted, "Shieldbearers, pay attention to defense. Change your formation at any time and protect the safety of the archers."

After a round of arrows, the front row of shieldbearers quickly retreated, and the back row of shieldbearers charged forward.

After five rounds, the formation of the Northern Barbarians was already in chaos.

Nieng Duo was a very experienced general who had been through hundreds of battles. Just now, the enemy had taken him by surprise, disrupting the Northern Barbarians' formation. If this continued, Meng Duo would soon have to reorganize his formation and suffer a huge loss. The Northern Barbarians would definitely attack forcefully to boost the morale of the army and wash away the losses and humiliation. At that time, the You army would welcome them. With a fierce attack by the Di Army, the Heaven and Earth Tripartite

Formation would show its weakness.

Yin Huaixi quickly waved his flag to signal a change in formation.

General Ning Yuan shouted, "All troops, listen up. Change to the Four Gates Bottom Formation."

Immediately, the "A"-shaped Heaven and Earth Tripartite Formation became a single square frame. Harmon's expression became even more solemn. After thinking for a moment, he understood the mysteries of this formation.

"The two layers that form the four sides are filled with shieldbearers, forming a strong defensive wall. There are spearmen interspersed in the middle, followed by archers, then by the cavalry and infantry."

Meng Duo also said, "It looks like a defensive formation, but its attack power can't be underestimated. As the attacking party, we, the Northern Barbarians, should either stay away from the range of the archers in the formation and retreat without fighting, or we should be fearless and rush forward to face the arrow rain of the enemy archers. We should kill the shieldbearers and break through the enemy's defensive wall. However, in this way, the Northern Barbarians' warhorses will definitely be exposed to the enemy's arrow rain.

It's inevitable that there will be heavy casualties."

This formation waited for the enemy to tire themselves out.

It was extremely sinister.

It made one helpless.

Harmon thought for a moment and shouted, "All troops, listen up. Immediately form up on the spot and regroup."

Meng Duo had suffered a huge loss and subconsciously listened to Harmon's orders. After all, he was a valiant general who had been on the battlefield for a long time. He quickly got into formation, but when he looked down, he saw corpses all over the ground and his heart immediately ached.

Harmon continued to give orders, "This formation is good for defense. However, it's less mobile and flexible. You can focus on attacking a point and break their shield momentum. This formation can be broken."

Meng Duo aimed to the east and ordered an attack.

As Harmon had expected, the You army's shield momentum was broken. The Northern Barbarians couldn't help but perk up and quickly intensified their charge. However, to Harmon's surprise, Yin Huaixi didn't panic and only waved his flag to change the formation.

General Ning Yuan shouted, "All troops, listen up. The shieldbearers in the front row, weave through each other and form the Five Tigers Surrounding

Sheep Formation."

The Northern Barbarians soldiers who were the first to charge and break the array formation were immediately like sheep entering a pack of tigers. They were beaten into a mess by the You army's overwhelming attack and fled in all directions. However, they were sheep who had entered a pack of tigers. How could they escape the hunting tigers?!

When Meng Duo saw that the situation was not good, he immediately understood that the formation of the Great Zhou Dynasty was unpredictable. The Four Gates Bottom Formation just now was to deal with a violent wave of attacks after the Northern Barbarians suffered a loss.

Once the Northern Barbarians fell for it, the other party would immediately change their formation. The Five Tigers Surrounding Sheep Formation was a psychological formation that could psychologically give the enemy the illusion that the enemy were tigers and wolves, while they were cows and sheep. It would defeat their morale psychologically, taking down the most elite and brave soldiers of the Northern Barbarians in one fell swoop.

Harmon shouted, "All troops, listen up and retreat."

The soldiers of the Northern Barbarians quickly drove their horses, turned around, and retreated.

Yin Huaixi waved the flag again and changed the formation. General Ning Yuan shouted, "The Six Men and Six Armor Formation."

The cavalry formed a straight line and got into the Six Men and Six Armor Formation. Then, they quickly rushed forward, starting to kill the soldiers who had scattered when the Di Army retreated.

Those at the rear of the Northern Barbarian army were severely attacked.

In this battle, the Northern Barbarians were almost unable to fight back, causing a huge pressure on Meng Duo's heart. He couldn't help but shout with all his might, "Retreat, retreat, retreat quickly..."

Yin Huaixi sneered and continued to wave the flag.

General Ning Yuan shouted, "All troops, listen up. Change to the Two Dragons out of the Water Formation and chase at full speed. Surround the enemy."

Even an army as powerful as the Northern Barbarians were defeated by just six formations. The most powerful formations that could be formed by the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation were the Seven Stars Big Dipper

Formation, the Eight Gates Golden Lock Formation, and the Nine Palace Formation.

Everything in front were simply appetizers.

The entire army split into two dragons and quickly rushed forward to surround the enemy.

Harmon was shocked and shouted, "All troops, gather together and break out of the array with a focused attack..."

The front line was in chaos. All the injured soldiers were treated by the field medics before being carried back to the camp by the orderlies. The camp was extremely busy..

Chapter 1008: You Are a Coward

Yu Youyao also walked out of the tent and took over the task of assisting the military doctor to treat the injured soldiers.

She was familiar with pharmacology and had studied the emergency treatment method written by Consort Zhou Li. She could flawlessly cooperate with several military doctors flawlessly.

The military doctors even gave up after treating some seriously injured soldiers and stabilizing half of their injuries, letting Yu Youyao deal with them.

No one knew that she was the high and mighty Eldest Princess Shaoyi, a noble lady born into a rich estate.

They only knew that there was a very good-looking female military doctor in the camp.

This battle lasted from morning to night.

There was no news of victory. The soldiers who were brought down did not mention the situation on the battlefield, and the people in the camp did not ask. Everyone did their best to do what they could do now.

As the sky gradually darkened, candle lights and a bonfire lit up the camp.

Yu Youyao was extremely hungry. She was so tired that she couldn't straighten her back, but she still gritted her teeth and persevered. She bandaged the wound of a soldier who had been stabbed in the chest and called the orderly over. "He's too seriously injured. He lost too much blood just now. It's cold at night. He has to be sent to the intensive care tent. Get the military doctor in charge of intensive care to take care of him and prevent a fever at

Just as she was explaining, Madam Ming brought over a bowl of great millet paste. "Eldest Princess, you've been busy all day and haven't rested your feet. Hurry up and eat a bowl of great millet paste to fill your stomach first." The soldiers in the tent were all stunned.

Yu Youyao looked at the bloodstained tent. The soldiers' wails, moans, and cries of pain sounded from time to time.

She had seen the cruelest side of war.

There were soldiers with broken limbs, and there were also soldiers with rotten intestines who had their intestines stuffed back by the military doctor. She saw the tragic scene of a cut from their eyes to their chins, and even their heads were almost split in half. She also saw the seriously injured soldiers...

All of this had a huge impact on her.

However, she was very busy.

She was so busy that she did not have time to grieve, fear, or be afraid.

She could only keep moving like a mule, not letting herself stop. It was as if this was the only way she could help more people and ignore these tragic scenes.

She had no appetite, no appetite at all.

Even though she was already so hungry that she had no strength.

Madam Ming sighed softly. "Have some. I don't know when this battle will stop. We still have to be busy later. Don't starve yourself."

Yu Youyao's eyes turned red. Her trembling hands were covered in blood. She took the thick bowl, raised her head, and poured the paste into her mouth. She forced herself to eat even if she didn't want to.

Millet flour paste had a simple taste that was a little piercing to the throat.

However, she also knew that no one had time to carefully make food for her. The millet flour paste that the soldiers ate was all mixed with coarse chaff, and it tasted even worse than her bowl.

Yu Youyao ate a bowl of millet flour paste with tears in her eyes.

Madam Ming patted her shoulder. "Rest for 15 minutes before continuing!"

This battle lasted until late at night. Finally, there was news from the front line. "The Di people have temporarily retreated."

Yu Youyao suddenly heaved a sigh of relief.

However, there was still an endless stream of injured soldiers retreating from the front line and returning to the camp to treat their injuries. Yu Youyao was so tired that her eyes were dizzy. Only when she couldn't hold on anymore did she ask Chun Xiao to help her back to the tent.

What Yu Youyao did not know was that she had been busy treating the injured in the army from morning to late at night. During this period, she had only eaten one bowl of great millet paste like the soldiers. After that night, this news had already spread throughout the entire camp.

A soldier did not believe it. "Eldest Princess Shaoyi is precious. Why would she come to the army to suffer? Bullshit."

However, the orderly in charge of the seriously injured camp said, “Madam

Ming said it herself. I was at the side at that time and personally watched Eldest Princess Shaoyi drink a bowl of great millet paste.” Now no one suspected anything.

Someone asked, “Which one is Eldest Princess Shaoyi?”

The orderly said, “She’s the smallest and best-looking military doctor from the seriously injured camp.”

Many soldiers came to a realization. Most of the women in Liaodong were tall and strong. Someone as petite as Eldest Princess Shaoyi was indeed quite eye-catching. They had discussed her many times before.

At the mention of the orderly, everyone knew who he was talking about. Previously, everyone had realized that the female military doctor did not look ordinary. However, they did not know that she was Eldest Princess Shaoyi.

The soldiers praised Eldest Princess Shaoyi for being beautiful and kind.

That night, Yu Youyao did not sleep well. Her broken and scattered dreams were filled with bloody and cruel war fragments.

She had only slept for about four hours. When she woke up, her temples were throbbing, her eyes were dry and uncomfortable, and even her throat was hoarse. “What time is it now?”

Xia Tao quickly replied, “Young Miss, it’s just past dawn.”

Yu Youyao put on her shoes and was about to get up when she felt dizzy and almost fell to the ground.

Chun Xiao was shocked. “Young Miss, what’s wrong?”

“I’m fine.” Yu Youyao’s face was pale, but her eyes were filled with determination. “How’s the situation at the camp? Is there any news of the front line?”

Xia Tao looked at her worriedly. “In the second half of the night, a group of lightly injured soldiers was withdrawn from the front line and returned to the camp. The military doctors took turns to deal with them. They’re all fine. I heard from Madam Ming that there were fewer casualties in this battle, and the Di people retreated again. We definitely won. The atmosphere in the camp today has become much more relaxed.”

However, Yu Youyao’s heart was heavy. She was not as optimistic as Xia Tao.

She had dealt with many injured soldiers who had been carried back from the front line. All of them had painful and sorrowful expressions. Meng Duo’s plan to defeat the Great Zhou had a huge impact on the You army.

She even suspected since there were fewer casualties in the army, what about the generals who fought?

Were they all fine?

The corners of her lips twitched slightly. Her smile was even uglier than when she was crying. She forced herself to eat a boiled egg, two steamed buns, and a bowl of millet flour paste. She patted her face, planning to go to the injured camp to help.

At this moment, there was a commotion outside the tent.

Yu Youyao's heart sank. She quickly lifted the curtain and left the tent. She saw General Lin, who was guarding the camp, clench his fists and punch Yin Huaixi's face.

"You're the commander-in-chief of an army! All the soldiers in the army and the citizens of the Great Zhou Dynasty believe in you. How can you let General Ming Wei give the order to kill the citizens of our Great Zhou?"

"How can you watch helplessly as General Ming Wei brought the good men of our You Army to their deaths?"

"Didn't you boast that you've calculated everything? Why don't you think of a way to break out of the situation? Why do you watch helplessly as the dog Di people kill the citizens of the Great Zhou and humiliate our soldiers?"

"Yin Huaixi, you're a coward!"

General Lin was also an old general in the army. He was a little older than General Ming Wei and had a high prestige in the army. As he was old, he could not go to the battlefield. Every time the war rose, he would preside over the camp to secure the rear. With such an experienced old general presiding over the camp, the camp became an unbreakable rear for the frontline soldiers..

Chapter 1009: Brings Pain to One's Friends and Brings Joy to One's Enemies

All the soldiers surrounded General Lin and persuaded him. When they talked about the situation at that time, their eyes were red. It was obvious that they had all cried.

Yu Youyao's heart skipped a beat. She saw Madam Ming standing in the crowd dejectedly. A few veteran soldiers surrounded her and said some comforting words.

General Ming Wei...

Yu Youyao suddenly felt a lump in her throat, and tears instantly rushed out of her eyes.

On the way to Jinzhou, Yin Huaixi often told her about the army. He mentioned General Ming Wei many times and kindly called him Uncle Ming. He even said that when she went to Fuxin, he would bring her to meet General

Ming Wei.

His tone was filled with respect.

Yin Huaixi was arrogant and rebellious by nature. He was not very convinced by his father, King Li of Zhou. Thus, she was also very curious about General Ming Wei, whom Yin Huaixi admired.

Little did she know...

The camp was in chaos. General Lin's eyes turned red with anger. He was filled with pain and grief, but also anger at expecting better from someone. He punched Yin Huaixi repeatedly.

Although General Lin was old, he was still strong. When he punched Yin

Huaixi, Yin Huaixi remained silent and allowed General Lin to punch him. General Lin was furious. "Yin Huaixi, why aren't you saying anything? Say something. If you have the guts, explain to me and let others explain for you.

Who do you think you are? You're a coward."

Yu Youyao stood there in a daze. Yin Huaixi was covered in blood. It was obvious that he had experienced a bloody battle. She saw that his face was swollen, and that the usually high-spirited person suddenly fell silent.

Her heart ached.

She wanted to rush forward to stop General Lin, but she knew that this was not Yin Huaixi's wish.

A young general immediately couldn't take it anymore and shouted, "Stop fighting, General Lin. Don't fight anymore. His Highness just experienced a bloody battle yesterday..."

"It's not Your Highness's fault. It's because of that dog, Meng Duo, who's too despicable and shameless. In the past two to three years, he's been silently capturing the citizens of the Great Zhou Dynasty at the border. In the past few years, most of the missing citizens of the Great Zhou Dynasty have been secretly captured by them. How could Your Highness know that dog had some sinister schemes?"

"It was the f*cking Di people who caused General Mingwei's death. How can you blame it on His Highness? How can you bring pain to your people and bring joy to your enemy?"

"They killed our people and insulted our soldiers..."

"F*ck, they killed our people and humiliated our soldiers. They planned to mess with our army's morale and destroy our morale. They broke our army's soul and stepped on the corpses of the 300,000-man You army. With the blood of the 300,000-man You army, they stepped on our rivers and mountains and destroyed our country and our race. It was His Highness who led us to win this battle, so the Di people did not succeed."

"Your Highness is mighty..."

"Your Highness is mighty..."

The soldiers' suppressed sorrow turned into respect for Yin Huaixi and anger for the Northern Barbarians.

General Lin looked dejected and finally relaxed his fists.

Yu Youyao wiped her tears. She finally understood that this experienced old general had put in a lot of effort into this move just now.

The Di people had used hundreds of Great Zhou commoners to provoke the You soldiers, causing their morale to be unstable and low. General Ming Wei had used his own life and the lives of hundreds of You soldiers to recover the morale of the army. Under Yin Huaixi's lead, they had won this battle.

However, what happened after that?

Could the soldiers really let go of the fact that hundreds of their fellow citizens had died at the hands of their compatriots?

As a respected and extremely prestigious general who was deeply loved by the soldiers, General Ming Wei's death was a huge blow to the army.

As for King Yue Fei, who was supposed to bear all of this, he could only watch helplessly as the Di people killed the citizens of the Great Zhou. He watched helplessly as General Ming Wei and hundreds of soldiers tempting fate.

As a young general and a commander who had guarded the North for three years before he revealed himself, although Yin Huaixi was peerlessly smart, he was not a general who had been through hundreds of battles. He would definitely be questioned.

The main general's prestige plummeted.

The morale of the army was unstable.

This was a huge taboo.

General Lin put all the soldiers' dissatisfaction and doubts on the table and questioned Yin Huaixi. He wanted to use this method to let the soldiers know who the real enemy of the soldiers was!

The soldiers shared a common enemy and directed all their anger at the Di people.

Only then would they have the conviction to continue fighting.

As expected of an experienced old general who could oversee the rear. He understood people's hearts and was proficient in understanding the world.

Yin Huaixi walked up to Madam Ming and knelt in front of her without saying a word. He handed her an urn.

After the battle, the soldiers cleaned up the battlefield, collected the corpses of the soldiers who had sacrificed themselves, and cleared out the post-war supplies, including swords, armor, dry food, and even dead warhorses.

Most of the corpses of the soldiers would be sent back to the camp to hold a funeral in the army. There were also corpses that would be burned on the battlefield because they had long died without complete corpses.

General Ming Wei was like this.

Madam Mings hands trembled as she took the urn. She held back her tears and said in a hoarse voice, "Get up. This isn't your fault. The Di people are too despicable. No one can predict all of this. If Old Ming didn't give the order, the soldiers would have lost their fighting spirit. Their morale will be unstable, and their morale will be low. They'll be defeated. Everyone will die in battle. Old Ming didn't die for you. He died for all the soldiers behind him, for the thousands of commoners behind the soldiers. He died in a worthy and happy manner."

Hearing Madam Mings words, the entire army immediately choked.

There was a tragic scene.

Yin Huaixi's eyes turned red. "However, I should have been the one to give this order, and I should have been the one to shoot this arrow. This is my responsibility as the commander, but I've disappointed the soldiers! So Uncle Ming stood up..."

Four to five hundred Great Zhou citizens were lined up in front. Everyone knew that these people would not survive. However, as the main general, he could not give the order to kill them, so he could only retreat and plan later.

As an old general who had been through hundreds of battles, General Ming Wei knew very well that once the Di people's actions defeated the morale of his army, it would be extremely difficult for the You army to revive their morale.

If the Di people took advantage of the victory to pursue them, their army would be in danger!

This was why General Ming Wei had generously died.

Madam Ming endured her grief and interrupted him. "You didn't disappoint the soldiers. You're the backbone of the You army. If you gave the order to kill, the backbone of the You army will be broken. Old Ming trusts you. He knows that he has sacrificed himself. If you can lead the entire army to win this battle and avenge him, hundreds of soldiers, and those commoners, his sacrifice won't be in vain. He's proud of you."

If he didn't trust Yin Huaixi, how could he have courted death without any hesitation?

Yin Huaixi immediately did not know what to say.

Madam Ming smiled and cried, looking gratified. "I heard from the soldiers just now that you arranged your troops and killed more than 30,000 people from the Di army in your first confrontation with the Di people. You defeated the Di people, making them flee in a sorry state. Hundreds of people on our side were sacrificed in exchange for the lives of more than 30,000 Di people..

This battle is worth it!"

Chapter 1010: Breaking through the Northern Barbarians!

As soon as she finished speaking, Madam Ming couldn't help but cry.

Yin Huaixi took out a dagger from his boot and cut it across his palm. He pointed at the sky and swore, "I will sacrifice my blood to all the soldiers who have sacrificed themselves on the battlefield today. In the future, I will definitely kill Meng Duo and break through the mountains and

rivers of the Northern Barbarians. With my blood as a witness, please witness it for me.” The soldiers in the field were aroused. Their eyes turned red as they shouted.

“Break through the Northern Barbarians!”

“Our army will definitely win! ”

Pairs of eyes mixed with admiration and reverence landed on Yin Huaixi. The souls of the You army were still there, and their spines were still there. Everything that had happened today had become an indelible conviction for the soldiers to trample through the Northern Barbarians.

This was a teacher of faith.

The young Yue Fei, the King of the North, had grown at an astonishing speed. He had grown into a towering tree and had the demeanor of King Li of Zhou in the past. In fact, he had even surpassed King Li of Zhou.

General Lin was sad yet gratified.

Meanwhile, Meng Duo was lying in the tent, waiting for the military doctor to help him pull out the arrow in his body.

In the battle yesterday, he and Harmon each led 50,000 troops. The 50,000 Di Army troops he led were scattered by Yin Huaixi’s unpredictable military formation.

In order to avoid falling into the encirclement of the You army, he gathered his troops and focused on attacking, fighting and retreating.

In the chaos, he saw King Yue Fei sitting high on his horse. He slowly took off the longbow on his back, nocked a long arrow, and aimed at him.

Meng Duo was shocked. No matter how he dodged, the long arrow on King Yue Fei’s bow seemed to have eyes that were fixed on him. King Yue Fei was accumulating strength and waiting to shoot, looking for the most suitable time to shoot.

He recognized the bow.

The Northern Barbarians were a hunting race. They were famous for being strong and good at riding. They were good at archery.

This Tremor Bow was a famous treasure bow among the Northern Barbarians.

It had been passed down for countless generations. It was said that it was made of the horn of a swallow ox and the tendon of a hundred-year-old black snake. It was extremely divine.

This bow was the spoils of war his father, Meng Ying, had obtained when he was young. In the battles of the various races in the grassland, his father had obtained the prize of being the number one warrior in the grassland. After that, for more than 30 years, he had accompanied his father to draw the bow and shoot. He had never failed on the battlefield.

Later on, his father died in Jinzhou without a corpse. The Tremor Bow that had accompanied his father on the battlefield was lost from then on, causing the clan to sigh.

Unexpectedly, this Tremor Bow fell into the hands of King Yue Fei of the Great Zhou Dynasty.

What was even more unexpected was that one day, this Tremor Bow that belonged to his father would target him and take his life in the midst of an army?!

Even the commander-in-chief who led ten thousand troops could not help but lose his composure for a moment.

Yin Huaixi had been waiting for this moment.

He pulled the longbow to the limit. The strength in his arms kept pouring into the bowstring, along with the anger and sorrow in his heart.

Meng Dup only saw the sharp arrow break out of the string and break through the air.

The arrow drew a cold light in the grayish-black sky, whistling and roaring in the air. His eyes suddenly widened, and he wanted to dodge, but it was too late.

In his panic, he only had time to turn his body.

The sharp arrow struck him like lightning and pierced through his chest.

It was only an inch away from his heart.

Meng Duo was a brave general who had been through hundreds of battles. He knew very well that this arrow had already exceeded its range. Yin Huaixi had relied on the power of the Tremor Bow and the sharpness and accuracy of the arrow to barely aim at him and make him dodge.

If he had taken five more steps, he would have died on the spot.

Before he could rejoice that he had escaped a calamity, Meng Duo spat out a mouthful of blood and fell heavily from his horse.

Fortunately, Harmon had saved him and injured many people. Then, they escaped the pursuit of the You army.

After returning to the camp, the military doctor immediately stabilized his injuries. "Although this arrow didn't hurt your vitals, it's still very dangerous. There are "concave" troughs on the arrowhead, making the pain unbearable. It also increases the difficulty of pulling out the arrow."

"Pulling the arrow will cause the wound to tear a second time. Being shot by an arrow and pulling it out is equivalent to being hit by a second arrow. The leader is injured an inch from his chest. If we forcefully pull out the arrow, his life will be in danger."

"Moreover, when the arrowhead is quenched with black iron, not only will the injured bleed non-stop, but it will also increase the difficulty of healing their injuries. Ordinary arrow injuries show signs of healing in three to five days. Meanwhile, if such arrow injuries are treated appropriately, it will take at least ten days to half a month, or at most three to five months. Moreover, after the injuries recover, it's easy to leave hidden injuries that won't heal for the rest of their lives. I'm afraid the leader won't be able to shoot Heavy Bow in the future.'

Meng Duo's expression changed drastically.

The Heavy Bow was a treasured bow that was not inferior to the Tremor Bow. This bow was made of black iron and was extremely heavy. The bowstring was extremely heavy and powerful, so it was famous for being difficult to control.

Nieng Duo was born with great strength. He was the only person on the grassland who could control the Heavy Bow. With his great strength, he had always been successful on the battlefield and had never missed, making him famous.

If he couldn't control the Heavy Bow, Meng Duo's strength would be greatly reduced, and the Northern Barbarians would lose a fierce general.

The military doctor looked regretful. "That's not the most dangerous thing. The arrowhead is made of aconite. It goes straight to the bone. If we don't detoxify it early, I'm afraid the flesh will fester. The leader's injuries are close to his five internal organs, and he might rot to death."

Meng Duo gasped.

The military doctor looked troubled. "The three dangers are stacked. I'm afraid that before the arrow is pulled, you'll already..."

He did not dare to continue, but his meaning was clear. Although Meng Duo had narrowly escaped death, it was still a narrow escape.

Nieng Duo smiled bitterly. "According to you, if you don't pull out this arrow,

I'll definitely die. If you forcefully pull it out, I still have a chance of survival. Why are you hesitating? Go down and prepare!"

The military doctor left.

Thinking of the soldiers buried in the narrow Yu Pass, Meng Duo felt great grief in his heart. He couldn't help but spit out a mouthful of blood. For a moment, his expression was ashen, and he looked like he had lost a lot.

At this moment, Harmon lifted the curtain and entered. "We've just counted. We've lost more than 32,000 people and more than 10,000 have been injured in this battle. Our army has suffered heavy losses. Now, our morale is unstable and has plummeted. The old generals are still discussing this matter in the camp."

Meng Duo's aura withered again. "What do you plan to do with me?"

He had made a military order, which was why he was in charge of the army. If he lost the first battle, the army would definitely hold it against him.

Harmon shook his head. "There's no conclusion yet. At the moment, the morale of the army is low, and it's not suitable to deal with the main general.

We can't keep the commander-in-chief, but there might be a chance to make up for our mistakes. Your method of making the enemy use their own spear to attack their own shield is a success. The You army has lost a general, so it's not a crushing defeat. It's just that the battlefield is changing rapidly, and it's unpredictable. However, it's not like the Northern Barbarians can't afford to lose the first battle.'

After the death of King Li of Zhou of the Great Zhou Dynasty, General Ming Wei guarded Fuxin, causing the Northern Barbarians to suffer a lot. There were even rumors in the army that it was easy to shake mountains, but difficult to shake Ming Wei..