"What?"

With just one sentence from Luchen, everyone present was left dumbfounded. Normally, shouldn't he be trying to stop her from leaving, then burst into tears, and regret his actions? Saying "walk straight and don't let the door hit you" was what exactly? This guy wasn't following the usual script!

"What are you doing, Luchen? Are you deliberately provoking my senior sister?" Hong Qingxia scolded, glaring at him.

You had the chance to make her stay, but instead, you chased her away. How infuriating!

"You...you...you're really going too far!"

Realizing the situation, Qiuyun instantly turned angry from embarrassment.

At this moment, she couldn't care less about her goddess image. She unsheathed her sword, ready to unleash violence.

When had anyone treated her like this before? It was a tremendous humiliation!

"What are you all doing?"

At this moment, a stern voice suddenly resounded.

Everyone turned towards the source of the voice and saw a woman in her thirties or forties, dressed in palace attire. She exuded an aura of maturity and severity. Her eyes were proud and piercing, giving her an imposing air that kept others at a distance.

Behind her, there was an older woman with a grim expression, rarely speaking and exuding a sense of harshness.

"Master?!"

Seeing the woman in palace attire, Qiuyun's face brightened. She quickly led the group to greet her.

The newcomer wasn't just anyone; she was the Palace Mistress of the Jade Maiden Palace — Bai Xiu!

"What's going on here?"

Bai Xiu swept her gaze, looking quite displeased. "We, the disciples of the Jade Maiden Palace, should carry ourselves with grace and not resort to violence at every turn. What's all this fighting about?"

"Master! It's this guy. He's trying to drive us away!" Qiuyun pointed accusingly at Luchen, painting herself as the victim.

"Hey, don't twist the facts. It was you who wanted to take over our place. I just didn't agree with you," Luchen said nonchalantly.

"Hmph! You had ill intentions towards me, played cat and mouse, and when you saw that I wasn't interested in you, you got angry and threw us out. You're truly despicable!" Qiuyun exclaimed.

"Senior sister, this might just be a misunderstanding. Why don't we all sit down and talk it out?" Hong Qingxia tried to mediate.

"Junior sister Qingxia, why are you speaking up for an outsider?" Qiuyun frowned.

"I just feel that this place is nice and suitable for Master to cultivate. There's no need to resort to violence and military conflicts. It's better to make a mountain out of a molehill and let bygones be bygones," Hong Qingxia advised.

"Hmph! I'll let it go, but he must apologize to me!" Qiuyun pointed her longsword at Luchen.

"What if I don't apologize? Are you leaving again? In that case, I won't see you off," Luchen replied with a nod.

"You...!"

Qiuyun was seething with rage.

"Enough!"

Bai Xiu raised her hand, putting an end to the argument. She said coldly, "This place is nice, and I like it. We'll settle here for now."

"Master, there are many men here, and it's dirty and smelly. If we don't drive them out, it will be difficult for you to stay," Qiuyun began to incite.

"Senior sister, this estate belongs to Luchen. It's inappropriate to kick the owner out. If this gets out, it will tarnish the reputation of our Jade Maiden Palace," Hong Qingxia quickly interjected.

"Heh! How can you take his side?" Qiuyun was becoming impatient.

"Fine, let them stay here temporarily. We, the disciples of the Jade Maiden Palace, are used to being served," Bai Xiu said, her gaze shifting to Luchen. "Hey, you there, make some space for us. We want the best accommodations. Consider it a reward."

With that, she flicked her finger, and a gold coin fell at Luchen's feet.

Then, she led her group into the area without any politeness.

"Hmph! You're lucky. You have another chance to get close to me, but I warn you, you better not have any inappropriate thoughts!"