

## Ancient GM 1561

### Chapter 1561: Entering the Emperor Palace

The Jialan Monarch had arrived at the sky above the lake. He glanced at the fallen corpses as his face turned as unsightly as it could turn.

How long was that only? He had already rushed here with his greatest speed but he was still too late. Can an immortal king really be so powerful to this extent?

“Who can tell me what happened here earlier?” The Jialan Monarch swept his gaze towards the people on the dragon boats floating about on the lake.

“Reporting to your majesty, Qin Wentian has already broken through. He was sculpting under the moonlight and in that state of immersion, he broke through to the immortal emperor realm.” Some of the people explained to the Jialan Monarch. The eyes of the Jialan Monarch gleamed with sharpness, how could this be?

The Jialan Monarch was one of the nine great monarchs under the Lifire Emyrean. He managed to occupy this position despite being just at the mid-stage emperor realm and hence, there was no need to doubt his strength and talent. Other than this, there was naturally support from his background too. The Jialan Monarch came from an extremely powerful sect. In the Lifire Palace, even the Lifire Emyrean might not be able to intimidate the Jialan Monarch’s background.

Hence, one could tell that the Jialan Monarch’s horizons were extremely broad and he has seen many geniuses before. However, Qin Wentian completely toppled his knowledge. When he first met Qin Wentian, Qin Wentian was only at the immortal-foundation level. After that when he learned about Qin Wentian being a bandit, Qin Wentian was at the peak-stage of the immortal king realm. At that time, he was already doubting whether the information was real. But the corpses of his subordinates in the water now undoubtedly verified everything.

Currently, Qin Wentian suddenly broke through to the immortal emperor realm?

Was this a joke?

Evidently, no one was laughing. No matter how great the guts of the people here are, they wouldn't dare to make such a joke before him, the Jialan Monarch. The gazes of everyone here had proved everything. Qin Wentian has truly reached the emperor realm.

He only took a mere twenty-plus years to break through from immortal-foundation to immortal emperor. Is this possible?

This should be impossible, but it actually happened. In that case, there was only one possibility. Back then, Qin Wentian in reality, was never at the immortal-foundation realm, but was already at the peak-stage of the immortal king realm. It was unknown what methods he used to conceal his cultivation base. Even he, a mid-stage immortal emperor, couldn't see through Qin Wentian's real cultivation. If that was the case, it would better explain the apprentice sibling relationship between Beiming Youhuang and Qin Wentian.

An immortal emperor, and a peak-stage immortal king.

“Convey my orders, return to the emperor palace.” The Jialan Monarch waved his hand. He had more important things to do and had to request reinforcements from the Lifire Palace.

The identity of the bandit leader was already revealed. He couldn't allow the emperor city to be unguarded as the Evil Emperor and Qin Wentian were both still not captured. Hence, he chose to leave this place as fast as possible.

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Qin Wentian was actually still in the emperor city. He has been quietly waiting for news of Ye Qianyu. Only after several days did some news regarding her start to circulate around the city.

After that battle, Ye Qianyu was injured but she managed to break out of the siege of enemies eventually. Even so, she didn't manage to escape and was ultimately captured. Her identity was exposed then, the number one beauty of Heavenly City, also the palace mistress of the Thousand Feathers Palace.

Given the Jialan Monarch's background, there was naturally no way he didn't manage to investigate her. Hence, the Jialan Monarch requested reinforcements from the Lifire Palace and he wanted to rush to Heavenly City, preparing to uproot the Thousand Feathers Palace completely.

Ye Qianyu has been captured and her place of imprisonment was unclear. Most probably, these people would think up a scheme again centering around Ye Qianyu to draw the rest of the bandits out.

However, this time around, the Jialan Monarch didn't dare to act too recklessly. There was only one reason. The Evil Emperor captured many of his descendants and left instead of clashing head-on with him.

The tyrannical lion king, the Evil Emperor, clearly prepared a path of retreat in advance. This caused the Jialan Monarch to feel extremely anxious.

The Jialan Monarch even requested the Lifire Emyrean to use Ye Qianyu to exchange for hostages as they make up a plan to capture all the bandits. This suggestion was immediately shot down by the Lifire Emyrean. The Lifire Emyrean berated him for throwing the Lifire Palace's face, he couldn't do anything well and encountered plunders by bandits who did what they wished. Not only so, many subordinates of his were even killed. If it wasn't for him sending the Crow Emperor to suppress Ye Qianyu, the Jialan Monarch's city might even have been taken over. The Jialan Monarch was one of the nine monarchs ruling over an area. Even if he was incompetent, he actually even dared to bring up the point of using the bandit leader to exchange for his descendants where Ye Qianyu wasn't captured by him at all.

In any case, although the bandit leader has been captured, it had nothing to do with the Jialan Monarch. He wasn't the one to capture her and in addition, he had suffered heavy losses. Those who died were all his subordinates, and those captured, were none other than his family members.

The Jialan Monarch naturally felt extremely enraged but he was helpless to do anything and understood that he had to first steady his mind. He knew that the Lifire Emyrean has always been looking for an excuse to knock him down from his position and was just waiting for him to make a mistake. Although he was one of the nine monarchs under the Lifire Emyrean, he clearly understood how he obtained this position. It wasn't merely due to his strength, there were also many other factors in play.

Today, the Evil Emperor finally appeared. He sent a message to the Jialan Monarch telling him to bring Ye Qianyu to exchange for hostages or be prepared to suffer the consequences. The Jialan Monarch wanted to act but at this moment, the Lifire Palace took matters into their own hands and sent experts over. This made the Jialan Monarch extremely unhappy but he had no way to object. The Lifire Palace sent many experts to head to the place where the hostage exchange was to take place, but they didn't bring Ye Qianyu along.

Ye Qianyu, was no longer in the control of the Jialan Monarch.

After the Jialan Monarch left, Beiming Youhuang and many experts arrived within his emperor palace. Beiming Youhuang's aura was cold as a frosty expression appeared on her face. Compared to the past, her demeanor changed, turning even colder. Her cultivation also grew stronger and has broken through to the mid-stage of the immortal emperor realm.

However, Beiming Youhuang didn't feel any joy at all. After she learned of what happened when she exited her seclusion, she only felt coldness in her heart. The Lifire Emphyrean's perfect scheme of using her by sending her into a secret realm was the truth. But there was also no doubt he treated her very well to the extent where he didn't force her to do anything she was unwilling to. Everyone has already learned of Qin Wentian and knew that Beiming Youhuang was his senior sister. However, nobody mentioned anything about it.

Before this, when she went to meet the Lifire Emphyrean, the emphyrean didn't speak of his scheme that had succeeded as well. He merely smiled and showed concern for her cultivation. What could she do then? What could she say?

As the princess of the Darknorth Immortal Dynasty, as well as their number one talent, she has never been made use of by others before. From this, her perspective on the Supreme Ancient Immortal Realms grew clearer. Superpowers sat at the peak of the world but within the territories they controlled, there would always be people fighting and scheming against each other, both sides using mutual deception.

"Beiming." In the Jialan Palace, the Crow Emperor glanced at her and smiled, "Congratulations on your breakthrough."

"Just the mid-stage of the immortal emperor realm." Beiming Youhuang's expression was still cold, she didn't really care about the Crow Emperor.

Crow still smiled at her. Although he was a peak-stage immortal emperor of the Supreme Ancient Immortal Realms, and had seen countless beauties before, a woman with Beiming Youhuang's beauty and demeanor was still considered extremely rare. No matter who it was, they would only feel joy in their hearts and admiration from their soul when they saw such beauty. No wonder the Jialan Monarch wanted her to become one of his guards before this.

Both her facial features and figure, were unquestionable, causing people to drool.

“Beiming, you’ve gained the appreciation of our empyrean, your future is sure to be boundless.” The Crow Emperor smiled meaningfully.

“I will naturally engrave the kindness of the Lifire Empyrean in my heart.” Beiming Youhuang coldly spoke. Crow simply smiled, after that he continued in a low voice, “You should know that our palace lord, the Lifire Empyrean, has always been very unhappy with the Jialan Monarch. Who knows that in the future, you might have the chance to replace the Jialan Monarch and become one of the nine monarchs.”

Although the Crow Emperor was a peak-stage emperor, he knew his talent was inferior to the Jialan Monarch. All in all, there were only a total of nine positions under the Lifire Empyrean and each of the monarchs naturally had sufficient reasons to sit in that position. Although he was considered a direct subordinate of the Lifire Empyrean, how can his status be compared to a monarch that could rule over a stretch of territories?

Each of the nine monarchs had complete control and authority over the territories they were managing. It was considered an extremely lucrative position.

“If the palace lord has made the arrangements, I will naturally comply.” Beiming Youhuang calmly spoke before she walked away. The Crow Emperor glanced at her beautiful back as a faint smile appeared in his eyes. This woman and that bandit lord he captured, both of them have different kinds of beauty. Sadly, he wasn’t able to get his hands on either of them.

“Mhm?” At this moment, Crow’s eyes gleamed with coldness, staring at a certain direction, at the boundary of the emperor palace. A meaningful smile then appeared on his face as his silhouette flashed. He didn’t head in that direction but chose to fly towards the opposite direction instead.

Outside the palace, Qin Wentian’s figure appeared. He didn’t hide his features at all and came here out in the open. After he entered, numerous guards appeared before him, obstructing his passage, staring at him with nervousness in their eyes.

However, it was like Qin Wentian didn’t see them at all. He directly stepped forward and sent his immortal sense to envelop this region, sweeping through the palace. Emperor might radiated from him, as well as the radiance from his laws of light. Everywhere that was inundated by the light, screams of misery rang out. Those guards disintegrated instantly.

The radiance was too resplendent. More and more experts came out from the palace and someone spoke, “Enemy attack, activate the grand formation of the palace!”

Rumbling sounds rang out as beams of light shot out in all directions. In the emperor palace of the Jialan Monarch, there would naturally be protective formations. However, their power wasn't as great as before. In the past, when the Evil Emperor swept through here, he had controlled the minds of many experts and directly used them to damage the formations internally.

In a certain location within the palace, a beautiful middle-aged woman glanced at the radiance from afar and immediately sent a message into her messaging crystal, contacting the Jialan Emperor. Beside her, another beautiful young lady could be seen. This was none other than Jialan Mingyue.

Jialan Mingyue also stared in the direction of the source of radiance. Was he here?

He... was he really that immortal-foundation fellow those years before?

In another direction, Beiming Youhuang also glanced towards the source of radiance as she sighed in her heart. Did he still come after all?

Chapter 1562: Unrivalled

Qin Wentian has arrived at the emperor palace.

Everywhere the radiance illuminated, the things there got destroyed. More waves of experts came but before they even arrived at where Qin Wentian was, their bodies instantly disintegrated from the pure radiance manifested by Qin Wentian's laws of light.

"Senior Crow!" Someone called out loudly but the Crow Emperor didn't seem to have heard it. Or more accurately, he wasn't in the emperor palace at all.

The screams rang out unceasingly. Qin Wentian continued into the depths of the palace as an immortal emperor finally appeared. He was in control of a formation and caused it to shoot a golden beam of destruction at Qin Wentian. Qin Wentian glanced over and blasted out with his palms. A moment later, a manifestation of a thousand-armed buddha directly crushed the golden beam into nothingness.

The expression of that immortal emperor instantly changed. Although the formation was damaged slightly before this, the power of Qin Wentian's attack was truly terrifying.

He waved his hand as a golden beast lunged out, blotting out the sun, capable of lacerating everything. Qin Wentian glanced up, his eyes were emotionless. He lifted his hand and punched out the Warring Heavens Divine Fist, an innate technique learned from the tiny astral-being. The power it exuded was like ten thousand buddhas ascending to nirvana, filling the skies with buddic light. Thunderous cracking sounds rang out and that giant beast was directly penetrated through, disintegrating into nothingness.

Qin Wentian's long robes fluttered in the wind. He took a step forward and bypassed space, directly appearing before that immortal emperor.

With a glance at him, the radiance radiating from him flared up, casting its shine on his opponent's body. In an instant, that immortal emperor had no choice but to shut his eyes when facing that blinding light. Fresh blood seeped out of his eyes. After that, his body slowly began to disintegrate into motes of light as a scream of agony echoed from his lips. The eyes of that immortal emperor continued bleeding, staring with disbelief at Qin Wentian. He simply couldn't believe there would be such a disparity in strength when they were both at the same initial-stage of the immortal emperor realm.

Finally, he completely disintegrated, like he had never existed before. Qin Wentian directly bypassed him, continuing forward. The guards in the palace were already so frightened that they were trembling. Nobody dared to obstruct Qin Wentian.

Qin Wentian continued and finally arrived at the core region in the emperor palace. If he continued heading in, he would then have arrived at the back area. At this moment, a powerful mid-stage immortal emperor appeared before him, staring at him icily.

"Where is she?" Qin Wentian asked.

"By slaughtering so many people here, could it be you want to implicate her even further?" That mid-stage immortal emperor icily spoke. Qin Wentian didn't reply and directly stepped forward. In the blink of an eye, his eye-technique sealed his opponent's resonance with his constellation. That mid-stage immortal emperor glanced up at the sky only to see a pair of eyes staring back at him there. Qin Wentian walked towards him calmly, his expression cold to the extreme.

"BOOM!" Qin Wentian was cloaked in emperor light. As he punched out, a brilliant radiance illuminated everything around him. That mid-stage immortal emperor hurriedly reacted but his defense was effortlessly destroyed by the blinding light. A look of despair appeared on his face and a few moments later, a tyrannical mid-stage immortal king was destroyed just like that.

From afar, Beiming Youhuang stood there. Her long hair fluttered and her beautiful eyes stared at the emperor light surrounding Qin Wentian. He has broken through to the immortal emperor realm and was more extraordinary than before, finally truly exuding a supreme magnificence. When facing mid-stage emperors, he was actually so domineering, able to sweep through everyone with invincibility. That innate technique in addition to the power supplied by his astral souls, made it that ordinary mid-stage emperors completely posed no threat to him.

She stood far away and didn't move. She believed that Qin Wentian had already seen her. But right now, how would they meet with each other?

Beiming Youhuang was considered someone from the Lifire Palace. As for Qin Wentian, he wasn't simply a bandit, he was someone who took the lives of numerous experts under the Jialan Monarch. On the surface, at the very least, the two of them couldn't appear to be too close together.

Beiming Youhuang didn't go to stop Qin Wentian too. She didn't say anything and just silently observed. Right now, she already knew the whole story. Qin Wentian came to Jialan Emperor City for the sake of 'saving' her, and fell into a devious trap. Ye Qianyu showed up to save him but was eventually injured heavily and captured. What reason did she have to stop Qin Wentian?

As for the guards within the palace, when they saw how domineering Qin Wentian was, nobody dared to act at all. Everyone was hiding far away as they stared at trepidation at the scene before them. Their eyes were filled with rage. The Jialan Monarch led his troops to deal with the bandits at Heavenly City, and the Lifire Palace sent the Crow Emperor and Beiming Youhuang here for protecting it. Yet, the two of them actually did nothing to stop this. Only the two of them was strong enough to stop Qin Wentian.

If the Jialan Monarch knew about this, it was unknown what reactions would he be. Most probably, he would lose his mind and head to the Lifire Palace in anger. But when these guards thought about the identity the Crow Emperor and Beiming Youhuang had, all of them couldn't help but to tremble. Could it be that the Lifire Emperess wanted to make use of Qin Wentian to destroy the Jialan Monarch?

Qin Wentian arrived at the back area in the emperor palace. This place was usually used by the imperial concubines for their residence.

When Jialan Mingyue and her mother, a concubine of the Jialan Emperor named Molan, saw Qin Wentian appear, their expressions drastically changed. Molan was calmer as she was an immortal emperor after all who had an extraordinary state of heart. Jialan Mingyue's expression kept



changing from shock to disbelief as she looked upon the handsome features of Qin Wentian. This was the original face Qin Wentian had.

Qin Wentian was cloaked in light and radiated vitality due to his life-attribute astral soul. His demeanor was simply too outstanding and his looks were even better compared to before. Originally, it was also because of his good looks that Jialan Mingyue wanted to recruit him as a subordinate. However, Qin Wentian rejected her then, which led to everything that happened next.

Back then, Jialan Mingyue was gifted a city to rule by her father. How could she regard two unaffiliated cultivators highly? Even though Beiming Youhuang was an immortal emperor, she didn't really fear her because her father was the monarch ruling this area.

However, never in her wildest dreams did she imagine that everything could happen in the world, and changes that happened would actually be this swift. Right now, Beiming Youhuang is already considered someone from the Lifire Palace, someone that her father didn't dare to offend casually. As for Qin Wentian, he became a powerful bandit, depending on his cultivation base at the initial-stage of immortal emperor to kill his way into their emperor palace, standing before her. What irony was this?

"Where is she?" Qin Wentian's expression was cold to the extreme, staring at the two of them.

"Qin Wentian, back then you were originally a valued guest at our residence but you have actually fallen so far and became a bandit. If you are willing to change, I can persuade my husband to ignore everything that has happened. After all, your talent will definitely be highly valued by the Lifire Palace, they would heavily nurture a heaven-defying genius like you." The Molan Immortal Emperor's eyes were still maintaining their calm as she forced herself to speak gently.

There were no fluctuations to Qin Wentian's expression. If the Lifire Palace valued his talent and might ignore the casualties suffered by the Jialan Monarch, could the Jialan Monarch really be so big-hearted and forget the past?

Even if the Jialan Monarch could be so magnanimous, he himself couldn't do so.

His cold and mocking gaze turned to Jialan Mingyue, gleaming with a bright light. Jialan Mingyue didn't dare to match his gaze but she still held herself upright and forced herself to stare at him.

“Valuable guest? Why did I fall so low to become a bandit? Are you guys not clear about this?” Qin Wentian’s voice was filled with a touch of heavy sarcasm. If it wasn’t for Jialan Mingyue, how could the scene today have occurred?

Jialan Mingyue’s expression turned incredibly unsightly. Everything that happened now was an after-effect of her initial actions. If she didn’t send Qin Wentian into the mine, all the things that happened later, wouldn’t have happened.

“What do you want to do? If you really kill us, my father will definitely use all methods at his disposal to kill you and that vixen.” Jialan Mingyue’s countenance turned wretched.

“Similarly, I will also use all methods at my disposal to kill your father.” Qin Wentian coldly spoke. “I’ll ask for the last time. Where is she?”

“She has been shifted away by the Lifire Palace and is no longer in this city. It is impossible for you to save her unless you can slaughter the entire Lifire Palace. This wasn’t suggested by my husband, but an order given by the Lifire Palace instead. No matter if you kill us or not, you won’t be able to change the current situation.” The Molan Immortal Emperor glanced at Qin Wentian. She then continued, “I know you have a deep hatred against my husband. But at the very least as of now, you are still in a weaker position. If you kill us, it would only implicate that bandit leader. You best think thrice before acting.”

The radiance from the laws of light unleashed. He glanced at Jialan Mingyue, “Your daughter, an initial-stage immortal king is already so crafty and unruly. If I allow her to live on, how many people would be harmed by her in the future?”

Qin Wentian remembered Yang Yun`er who was excavating the mine with him. She was precisely sent there because her family offended Jialan Mingyue.

The radiance then shone upon Jialan Mingyue, causing her expression to turn as pale as paper. She stretched out her hand, attempting to block the radiance as she screamed, “MOTHER, SAVE ME!”

The Molan Immortal Emperor erupted forth with might. Although she knew it was impossible for her to win against Qin Wentian, she still acted with no reservations when she saw her daughter being captured.

Qin Wentian waved his hand as a beam of light directly shot into the Molan Immortal Emperor. Her body froze as the terrifying laws of light bound her movements. As for Jialan Mingyue, she kept

screaming as her body disintegrated bit by bit. Her facial expression contorted before she finally disappeared forever.

“Mingyue!” Molan had forgotten the pain she was enduring as she screamed when she saw her daughter vanishing. Her gaze was filled with hatred when she turned to Qin Wentian again.

Qin Wentian had no expression on his face. As one of the nine monarchs, the Jialan Monarch thought himself to be a lofty being who could control the fates of others. Jialan Mingyue was the same as well. How would they regard a minor character like him who just came to the Supreme Ancient Realms seriously? If it wasn't for Ye Qianyu, if it wasn't for him breaking through to the immortal emperor realm, he would long be squashed like ants by these people and he wouldn't even leave a mark in their hearts.

“Impudent bandit, how dare you kill your way into the emperor palace.” A cold voice rang out. A current of destruction drifted over as the Crow Emperor's figure appeared. He truly came at the 'right' time!

Chapter 1563: Prisoner

Molan was controlled by Qin Wentian. Yet her eyes were gleaming with coldness as she stared at the Crow Emperor. Only appearing now? Didn't it mean that the Crow Emperor was silently consenting to Qin Wentian's action of slaughtering their entire palace?

Did the Lifire Emphyrean want to deal with the Jialan Clan? This was such a distinct action.

The Jialan Monarch led his forces to wipe out the bandit remnants. If he knew all this after he returned, he would probably go crazy with rage, right?

“Release my brother's wife!” The Crow Emperor shone with a crow-black light as he arrived. Currents of destruction permeated the surroundings as his black eyes stared at Qin Wentian.

“Brother's wife?” Molan's eyes were bloodshot as she stared icily at the Crow Emperor. Crow glanced at her and continued, “What an audacious bandit, how dare you act so impudently.”

Qin Wentian glanced at the Crow Emperor who was in the air. His eyes gleamed with intense killing intent. Back then, it was precisely this man who injured Ye Qianyu, leading to her eventual capture.

Boundless emperor light radiated from him, resonating with his constellation, bathing him in a powerful glow. A supreme surge of light-law energy engulfed him protectively.

“Release her and surrender.” The Crow Emperor coldly spoke. What sort of character was he? Although his talent was inferior to the Jialan Monarch, his cultivation was very high, at the peak-stage of the immortal emperor realm. At this realm, every difference in level could result in a great disparity of strength. Although Qin Wentian’s combat prowess was extraordinary and he could kill mid-stage emperors, there was no way he would be able to deal with the Crow Emperor.

Beiming Youhuang observed them. Her demeanor was as cold as ever. Was Qin Wentian able to resist the attacks of the Crow Immortal Emperor, someone at the peak-stage of the immortal emperor realm?

The Crow Emperor acted. Law energy gushed forth as a gigantic black crow manifested behind him. It was so large that it blotted out the sun, the eyes of the giant crow turned grey, filled with death qi as he glanced at Qin Wentian. At this moment, Qin Wentian felt a premonition of death. The eyes of death completely surrounded him, wanting to snuff his life out.

Just a glance was capable of killing people.

The laws of light and life flowed around Qin Wentian as boundless vitality radiated from him, fighting against the corrosion of the death energy.

The expression of the Crow Emperor was extremely cold as his law domain erupted forth. A grey-colored domain of death covered the area as crow-black currents permeated the atmosphere. In this area, rumbling sounds rang out as the black currents of energy transformed into countless black crows that radiated death energy, capable of devouring all lives.

There were simply too many. All those black crows shot towards Qin Wentian at this instant.

Qin Wentian’s laws of light erupted forth to its maximum might. A giant ancient tree also extended outwards, manifesting behind him, infusing him with life energy, cleansing the surroundings.

In addition, the leaves of the ancient tree were even sharper than swords. They gleamed with light and shot out in all directions, aiming for the death crows, killing them one by one.

Piercing sounds rang out unceasingly but there were simply too many death crows, there didn't seem to be a limit to their numbers. Qin Wentian waved his hand as swords of light slashed out, illuminating the area, clearing many of the death crows but he had no way to eliminate them all in a single strike, like he did against the attack of an initial-stage emperor. The defenses of these death crows were actually shockingly high.

Next, several ancient golden buddhas appeared in the surroundings, gleaming with a resplendent buddhic light that illuminating the surroundings, capable of delivering all living creatures from suffering. Thousands of giant buddha palms then blasted out, killing the death crows. Qin Wentian floated in the air, he stretched his palm out and activated God's Hand, the countless number of death crows had no way to get near him at all.

The Crow Emperor himself transformed into a Crow King. His eyes also turned grey as he stared at Qin Wentian. The surviving death crows gathered together and launched an increasingly ferocious attack. Their talons not only radiated death qi, there was also an aura of sharpness within, capable of slashing through everything.

Qin Wentian raised his hand and punched out with the Warring Heavens Divine Fist attack, causing light from it to engulf everything. It collided with the incoming attack and both of them dispersed from the impact.

However, the attacks from the Crow Emperor didn't stop. He blasted out numerous black death imprints and even before the death imprints landed, they already gave Qin Wentian a sense of crisis. If one was to be hit by the death imprints, they would undoubtedly die.

Blasting out with God's Hand, all his law energies were augmented as they clashed against the death imprints, shattering them upon impact.

The Molan Immortal Emperor, whose movements were still bound by Qin Wentian, had an ashen expression on her face. If it wasn't for Qin Wentian infusing life energy through the ancient tree into her, she would have already died. The Crow Emperor was actually held at bay by Qin Wentian, great waves rose in her heart and she couldn't help but to muse how good it would be if her daughter, Jialan Mingyue, hadn't offended Qin Wentian in the past. They could have pulled him closer and become friends with him. In the future, Qin Wentian may even become the strongest source of help for her husband, the Jialan Monarch, and he who is already at the initial-stage of the immortal emperor realm, could have already been fighting side by side. All this...might only have happened if her daughter didn't offend him.

However, such an extraordinary character along with Beiming Youhuang, was pushed to the opposite side. Right now, the Lifire Emyrean was paying close attention to this. He made use of Beiming Youhuang and it resulted in so many people of the Jialan Emperor Palace dying. The forces under the Jialan Monarch were almost all already wiped out. If he continued and accidentally made some mistakes, the Lifire Emyrean would most probably be able to casually find an excuse to kick the Jialan Monarch off his position.

What an irony this was. Her daughter Jialan Mingyue was too unruly, and her husband the Jialan Monarch was too lustful for beauties. Everything that happened now, was caused by they themselves. They had to suffer for their own sins.

The expression of Crow was extremely cold. His black eyes of death were terrifying to the extreme. An initial-stage immortal emperor was actually this strong? He could even fight against him to this extent?

The Crow Emperor snorted coldly as the death intent grew stronger, while the black crows attacked with crazy intensity.

Qin Wentian extended both his hands as boundless law energy flooded forth. His palms gleamed with golden buddhic light as numerous inscriptions interweaved before blasting outwards. Two terrifying palm strikes blasted out with lightning speed towards the Crow Emperor, arriving right before him in an instant.

“Scram!” The Crow Emperor howled, blasting out death imprints. But in just an instant, the death imprints all shattered and his body was actually forced back in retreat. This couldn’t help but cause his countenance to grow colder. Qin Wentian’s attack could actually ignore the limitations of space, as Qin Wentian’s spatial energy was infused into his palm attacks. This caught him unawares and he narrowly avoided heavy injuries.

The eyes of the Crow Emperor turned terrifying. The giant black crow behind him spread its wings. He took out his divine weapon and it was actually a grey-colored banner. The moment the banner appeared, ghostly cries and monstrous howls filled the air, permeating the area with a thick death energy. The death crows actually grew larger in size and the death energy within them grew stronger and stronger.

“Enough.” A cold voice rang out from behind. Crow turned his gaze over only to see Beiming Youhuang moving towards here. She swiftly arrived and floated in the air.

“Beiming, what do you mean by this?” The Crow Emperor coldly asked.

“You should understand.” Beiming Youhuang replied. After that, she stared at Qin Wentian and transmitted her voice, “Leave quickly, you won’t be able to win against the Lifire Palace. If you want revenge, come back in the future.”

Qin Wentian glanced at Beiming Youhuang. He naturally understood that Beiming Youhuang was doing this for his own good. But could he really leave?

Ye Qianyu was captured because of him and now that her life and death was unknown, could he really leave just like that?

“Beiming, the Empyrean has always treated you well but you actually choose to side with Qin Wentian?” Crow stared at Beiming Youhuang as his death intent gushed towards her. An evil look gleamed in his eyes, he was prepared to take down Beiming Youhuang as well. Those black crows formed a group and madly lunged towards her.

Beiming Youhuang’s eyes were extremely glacial. A formless aura radiated from her, causing her hair to flutter without wind. The group of crows went crazy and spiralled around her body relentlessly, but after a moment, they actually turned and shoot towards the Crow Emperor instead.

“You can control creatures of death?” The Crow Emperor narrowed his eyes.

“I said, enough.” Beiming Youhuang coldly reiterated.

“Hehe, too late.” At this moment, the Crow Emperor suddenly laughed coldly as another terrifying aura descended. Beams of light fell from the sky as a group of experts returned to the emperor palace. Qin Wentian glanced over as he stiffened.

He saw the Jialan Monarch. The expression of the Jialan Monarch was extremely ugly to behold as his killing intent surged forth unceasingly, glaring with hatred at Qin Wentian. However, he didn’t act directly, there were some other powerful characters beside him.

Also, there was a prison behind him. The Evil Emperor was captured by them, including quite a few immortal emperors as well as the sedan carriers for Ye Qianyu. They were actually all captured, everyone was from the Thousand Feathers Palace.

Beiming Youhuang turned pale when she saw this scene. The Lifire Palace domineeringly acted. Clearly, the Jialan Monarch didn't have such strength. The people standing beside him were all peak-stage immortal emperors and Beiming Youhuang knew that they were direct subordinates of the Lifire Emyrean.

As expected, the Lifire Emyrean was the one behind all of this. He didn't even tell her anything. After all, she was originally already acquainted with Qin Wentian. The Lifire Emyrean wanted to make use of her to lure Qin Wentian out, how could he tell her about this?

#### Chapter 1564: The Emyrean's methods

Even the Evil Emperor was captured. They made an arrangement with the Jialan Monarch and was prepared to swap hostages but their plan clearly failed. The experts from the Lifire Palace interfered and captured them all.

“ROAR~” A low-sounding roar echoed from Evil Emperor's mouth. His aura seemed extremely weak and his evil-looking eyes were bleeding. He was clearly heavily injured. When he saw Qin Wentian, he transmitted his voice over, “Leave now, quickly leave.”

When Qin Wentian heard this, he saw the peak-stage emperors spreading apart, encircling him. The Jialan Monarch stepped forward and icily spoke, “Release her.”

The ‘her’ in his words was naturally referring to the Molan Immortal Emperor. At this moment, the Molan Immortal Emperor was in a sorry state. Her aura was weak and she seemed that she could die at anytime. Her entire body reeked of death qi. In that battle earlier, although she wasn't the Crow Emperor's target, she was adversely affected too.

Qin Wentian turned his glance over, landing onto a person behind the Jialan Monarch. It was actually the Barbarian Emperor. The Barbarian Emperor wasn't imprisoned at all. His countenance was cold as he stared at Qin Wentian with intense hatred.

“You betrayed the Thousand Feathers Palace?” Qin Wentian icily asked, staring at the Barbarian Emperor.

“Qin Wentian, a wise man submits to the circumstances. The Barbarian Emperor has redeemed himself for his past crimes. I naturally will seek the Emyrean's guarantee to ensure that he doesn't



die.” A middle-aged immortal emperor standing behind the Jialan Monarch spoke. His cultivation base was very high, at the peak-stage of the immortal emperor realm and seemed imposing without being angry. He seemed to be one of the leaders in this current entourage.

“You all dare to accept a traitor who could betray his master?” Qin Wentian coldly glanced at the middle-aged emperor.

“Qin Wentian.” The voice of the Barbarian Emperor was extremely cold. “I didn’t betray Ye Qianyu. I served her for so long and even become a bandit for her. To think that in her heart, I couldn’t even be compared to you. How ridiculous is this? I’ve known her for so many years, yet she repeatedly berates me for the sake of you. And now, all I can say that her ending happened because of one reason. Because of you, not me.”

“You served her for so long and became a bandit for her?” Qin Wentian laughed mockingly. “Although I don’t know what you guys experienced before, but I’m sure that without Ye Qianyu’s father, the Night Empyrean, a person like you would have never been able to reach this level of cultivation today. You wouldn’t have your current position at the Thousand Feathers Palace as well. It must have truly been ‘tough’ on you. Barbarian Emperor, you can go to hell now.”

As the sound of Qin Wentian’s voice faded, his eyes suddenly turned demonic. The Barbarian Emperor only felt himself falling into a dimension created by Qin Wentian’s eye technique. He then howled loudly and retreated with explosive speed.

“Insolent!” That peak-stage immortal emperor angrily roared. He lifted his palm and blasted out as beams of terrifying emperor light manifested. However, it basically couldn’t stop Qin Wentian. The Barbarian Emperor screamed as he was trapped within the dimension as terror painted his face.

“You are not worthy of living.” Qin Wentian’s voice rang out in his mind. These were the last words he heard. After that, the Barbarian Emperor’s body was disintegrated by the radiance, turning into nothingness.

Qin Wentian was also forced back by the powerful beams. Wounds appeared all over his body but due to his undying and life law attributes, his wounds soon regenerated, causing the peak-stage immortal emperor to have a look of shock on his face.

With regards to the Barbarian Emperor’s death, he didn’t really give a damn about it. The Barbarian Emperor was just a traitor at the initial-stage of the immortal emperor realm. Since he died, so be it. It was good that Qin Wentian had cleaned things up.

“Qin Wentian, do you really want to die so badly?” That peak-stage immortal king coldly spoke.

“You want to kill me? Make your move then.” Just as coldly, Qin Wentian sneered. But at this moment, Beiming Youhuang who was by his side, stepped out again, blocking in front of Qin Wentian.

“Beiming.” That peak-stage immortal emperor glanced towards Beiming Youhuang.

Beiming Youhuang had a cold look on her face. She didn’t say anything and used her actions to express herself.

“Beiming Youhuang dares to go against our empyrean, let’s kill her together.” The killing intent of the Jialan Monarch was extremely intense. However, the Molan Immortal Emperor was still in Qin Wentian’s hands, he didn’t dare to act recklessly. Also, what happened earlier caused him to feel extreme pain. The hostages captured by the Evil Emperor, have all been annihilated.

Because, the Empyrean sent his men not to negotiate, but to directly attack, ignoring the life and death of the Jialan Monarch’s descendants.

To them, capturing the bandits were naturally the number one priority. All other things paled in comparison with it.

There was no need to mention how many casualties there were in his emperor palace. Right now, one could very well imagine how the Jialan Monarch was feeling. Right now, if he had enough strength, he would most probably kill his way to the Lifire Palace and rebel outright.

The empyrean actually borrowed the bandits and Qin Wentian as an excuse to wipe out all his forces. Although the empyrean was just doing things according to the situation, he was truly too ruthless. Although he knew that empyrean-level characters were all not simple individuals, he didn’t expect that he would be the one personally taste how merciless the Lifire Empyrean can be.

“Impudent.” The peak-stage immortal emperor coldly spoke. When the Jialan Monarch heard this, his eyes narrowed and gleamed with coldness. He was after all one of the nine monarchs. Although the peak-stage immortal emperor was a direct subordinate of the Lifire Empyrean, he shouldn’t rebut him so directly, right?

As expected, the Emyrean wanted to deal with him. If he knew about this then, he wouldn't have fought for this position and wouldn't have caused the situation which happened today.

“Beiming’s talent is extraordinary and our palace lord regards her heavily. Qin Wentian, although you are a bandit, our palace lord truly love talents, he might give you a path of survival, allowing you to work for him, using your achievements to atone for your crimes. What do you think about it?” The peak-stage immortal emperor calmly spoke. At this moment, the Jialan Monarch’s body shuddered in incomparable anger.

“Protector, what do you mean by this?” The voice of the Jialan Monarch turned somewhat sinister. The person beside him now was a protector of the Lifire Palace. He is someone that’s a direct subordinate of the Lifire Emyrean. His words, from a certain perspective, could say to represent the attitude of the Lifire Emyrean. If without the support of the empyrean, this protector would have never dare to make such a bold claim to recruit the bandits.

Qin Wentian was one of the bandits, the commotion they caused was extremely huge and they killed many subordinates of the Jialan Monarch, as well as harming his descendants. Right now, the Lifire Emyrean actually wanted to recruit Qin Wentian?

What a ridiculous scene this was. Right now, the Jialan Monarch only felt a cold chill in his heart. The Lifire Emyrean was far more venomous and ruthless than he had imagined.

Qin Wentian’s eyes gleamed sharply as he stared at the other party with some puzzlement. He didn’t expect that the other party would say such a thing. Even Beiming Youhuang, who was standing beside him, didn’t expect this. She stared with shock at this scene. The intentions of the Lifire Emyrean were so deep that it was terrifying.

However, given Qin Wentian’s personality, how could he possibly agree?

“Can you all release Ye Qianyu?” Qin Wentian suddenly asked. Beiming Youhuang’s beautiful eyes actually flashed with surprise before returning to normal. This does match with his personality. If it was to save Ye Qianyu, he should be willing to compromise.

However, that protector shook his head, “We still have our principles when doing things. Ye Qianyu is the leader of the bandit group, she naturally has to take responsibility for this. If not, even the Lifire Emyrean wouldn’t be able to account for it if this matter blows up and the Lifelong Realmlord learned about it. But you guys are different, you guys were beguiled by the bandit leader and as long as you all are willing to turn over a new leaf, there’s a high chance that our palace lord would give you all a chance.”

This didn't merely include Qin Wentian, it also included the Evil Emperor and the others. The words spoken caused the eyes of the people in the prison to flicker with light.

What did the protector mean by this exactly?

“Beiming, you are acquainted with Qin Wentian. Why don't you persuade him? If he misses out on this chance, there's only a path of death for him. This choice should be easy to make, right?” That immortal emperor glanced at Beiming Youhuang.

“Qin Wentian.” Beiming Youhuang's beautiful eyes stared at Qin Wentian. Right now, a hint of gentleness could be seen in her eyes. Although she didn't say anything, her gaze had already conveyed the message she wanted to tell him. She naturally didn't want Qin Wentian to die.

“If you want revenge, you can take revenge after you grow stronger. Right now, why don't you compromise first?” Beiming Youhuang transmitted her voice.

Qin Wentian's aura was still extremely cold. He didn't say anything. As for the Jialan Monarch who was not far away, he was already on the verge of going crazy. These people from the Lifire Palace were clearly smacking his face in public, one slap after another. So many deaths could be accounted for with just a single sentence? The Lifire Palace wanted to recruit Qin Wentian?

The lines of his face kept contorting. He resisted the impulse and was in a terrible mood.

“Qin Wentian, you were impulsive for me once and it led to such an ending. Is this still not enough? If you act impulsively again now, not only would you die, the people of the Thousand Feathers Palace will die, I will die with you as well. Do you really think I can stand by the side and watch neutrally? Do you want so many people to die alongside with you?” Beiming Youhuang walked in front of Qin Wentian, her beautiful eyes staring at him as she transmitted her voice, trying to persuade him.

Qin Wentian's heart trembled. Did he have to compromise?

He clenched his fist, staring at that immortal emperor as he asked, “What about Ye Qianyu? How do you all plan to deal with her?”

“I don’t have the authority to ‘deal’ with her. We will have to see what is the intention of palace lord, the Lifire Emyrean. However, if you are willing to subordinate yourself to him, you can beg for mercy on her behalf. Palace lord is a benevolent man and will most probably give her a path of survival, although it would be impossible for him to free her. She caused too great a commotion here and is still the daughter of the previously notorious Night Emyrean.” The protector of the Lifire Palace replied.

“The Night Emyrean’s daughter and the Night Emyrean’s subordinates. What does the Lifire Emyrean want to do exactly? Why would he dare to use them?” Qin Wentian’s eyes flashed. If he could guarantee Ye Qianyu’s life, that would mean there would still be hope in the future.

“I’ve been in the Lifire Palace for some years. The Lifire Emyrean is a very deep individual. He most probably would spare Ye Qianyu and use her to control all of you. He wants to use you, not only merely for the talent you displayed. From what I know, there’s a high chance he wished to use you and the bandit troops to move against the Jialan Monarch’s background. He wants all of you to become his chess pieces.” Beiming Youhuang transmitted her voice to him. In order to persuade him, she spoke much more than usual today.

“Lifire Emyrean.” Qin Wentian naturally already guessed at the other party’s intentions. He couldn’t help but to feel some awe in his heart. The Lifire Emyrean clearly wasn’t worried that they would harbor hatred for him. His schemes ran extremely deep and he was exceptionally confident in himself.

“I agree.” Qin Wentian spoke. He eventually still lowered his head. There was no way out of it, he had to learn how to compromise.

After all, this place is the Supreme Ancient Immortal Realms!

Chapter 1565: Lifire Emyrean

“I don’t agree.”

An incomparably cold voice rang out, the Jialan Monarch’s countenance turned incomparably sinister. He has been enduring this but right now, it seemed that his endurance has reached the limit. His forces were decimated, his descendants were slaughtered. These bandits who were responsible were actually all going to be recruited by the Lifire Emyrean Palace Lord? What did this mean? What did they treat him, the Jialan Monarch, as?

He naturally didn't agree. He wanted nothing more than to tear Qin Wentian and the others apart right now at this instant.

That peak-stage immortal emperor coldly glanced at the Jialan Monarch as he spoke, "Jialan Monarch, this matter won't be settled just because of your disagreement. I'm going to personally seek the palace lord's opinion and if he is willing to recruit them but you continue to insist on making trouble, bear the consequences yourself."

As he spoke, that protector took out his messaging crystal and sent his immortal sense into it. Although the Jialan Monarch already guessed the ending, his eyes were still glaring at that protector.

Not too long after, the protector spoke, "Palace lord orders me to bring everyone back to the Lifire Palace to meet with him."

Although the Jialan Monarch already guessed the ending, when he heard this, he couldn't help but to tremble in rage. He calmed himself and nodded, "Sure, I'll go with you all to meet with the palace lord."

He wanted to see how the Lifire Emphyrean would really recruit the bandits that killed his forces and family.

"Sure." The protector nodded. He glanced at Qin Wentian, "Release her first then."

Qin Wentian waved his hand and released the Molan Immortal Emperor. The Jialan Monarch's figure flashed, appearing beside her, helping her to stand. The Molan Immortal Emperor glanced at the Jialan Monarch. As an immortal emperor, she at this moment felt extremely weak. Never in her wildest dreams did she imagine that they would end up like that.

Beiming Youhuang was still beside Qin Wentian, capable of protecting him at any moment. Although many experts have arrived, there was absolutely no need for them to lie to Qin Wentian. But even so, she still stood with him. If the Lifire Palace really wanted to act against Qin Wentian, she would fight them together with him.

Most probably, Beiming Youhuang herself didn't realize that this young man, whom she once used to view with hatred, their fates were actually so closely tied now.

“Move out.” That protector spoke. After that, the group of experts here headed towards the teleportation array in the palace. In every realm, the realmlord naturally had access to all the nine world palaces. Each of the nine world palaces headed by the empyreans, would naturally also have access to the emperor palaces of the nine monarchs under them. This intricate web of relationships connected everyone closely together.

The lower-tiered powers had no way to command the upper-tier powers to do anything. But as long as the upper-tier powers sent a single command, all the lower-tier powers had to gather together within the shortest time.

The Lifire Palace was one of the ten main cities in the vast Lifelong Realm. These ten main cities, other than one being the residence of the Realmlord, the others were naturally given to the nine other empyreans. The Lifire Palace was precisely located in the Lifire Main City.

There were many teleportation arrays here, connecting to various areas, The array inside Jialan Monarch’s palace led to the core region here. After they exited, the group of them sped into the distance, in the direction of the Lifire Palace.

As one of the places with the most authority in the Lifelong Realm, the Lifire Palace was like a heavenly castle whose peak reaches the sky. It was incomparably majestic and impossibly vast. Also, crimson lightning illuminated the area, causing the entire palace to exude a striking and imposing aura.

It was also rumored that there’s a supremely grand formation under the palace named the Lifire Grand Formation. Its power was absolute, if there were any invaders, the palace lord could simply activate the formation and flames of heavenly fury would descend upon the attackers, engulfing the entire palace. However, no one in the palace has ever seen this before. After all, in the Lifelong Realm, how many people would really dare to invade one of the nine world palaces under the direct control of the nine empyreans?

Before reaching the palace gate, the stairways here were almost a thousand feet in height. The group of them ascended via the stairs, the motion of doing so gave off the feeling of making a pilgrimage to pay respects to the divinity.

Just the gate itself radiated a feeling of majesty. The guards around here were all immortal kings and above. When they saw Qin Wentian’s group arriving, they bowed and greeted, “Protector Chen.”

Protector Chen was none other than that peak-stage emperor. As a protector in the Lifire Palace, his status was naturally very high. He was a direct subordinate of the Lifire Emphyrean as well, there was naturally no need to announce it when he wanted to bring people into the palace.

The group of them entered the Lifire Palace and came before a majestic hall with many guards outside. There were actually emperors among the guards. One could very well imagine how terrifying this scene was.

“Palace lord is currently inside waiting for protector.” An immortal emperor nodded to Protector Chen.

“Mhm.” Protector Chen glanced at everyone. “Let’s enter then.”

As he spoke, the group of them stepped into the ancient hall. There were many experts within but they were not standing around stringently like the guards outside. They were more casual and all of them deferred to a figure robed in black who sat in a throne above them. This black-robed man was medium height and had ordinary features but his eyes glowed with spirit. He was casually conversing with the experts in the hall and when he saw the group entering, only then did he turn to glance at them. With just a single glance, Qin Wentian felt as though all of his secrets were seen through.

“Paying my respects to Palace Lord.” Protector Chen bowed.

“Jialan pays my respects to Palace Lord.” Although the Jialan Monarch had hatred in his heart with regards to the Lifire Emphyrean, he didn’t dare to show the slightest bit of disrespect before him. He still bowed respectfully.

“Beiming pays my respects to Palace Lord.” Beiming Youhuang and the others also paid their respects.

The Lifire Emphyrean waved his hand and smiled, “Protector Chen, this trip must have been hard on you.”

“This is something subordinates ought to do.” Protector Chen calmly replied. “Palace Lord, I’ve already brought them here. Other than those who resisted and were killed, all the bandits are now here.”



“ROAR!” An intense roar sounded from the prison. The eyes of the Evil Emperor were sinister to the extreme, staring at the Lifire Emyrean. The Lifire Emyrean was one of the two empyreans that acted against the Night Emyrean back then.

“Evil Emperor, the Night Emyrean has already died for so many years. You have also been a bandit for so long but to think that you are still so restless.” The Lifire Emyrean smiled at the Evil Emperor, he clearly didn’t mind the roar at all. With his cultivation level, why would he need to give a damn about a peak-stage immortal emperor?

“I heard Protector Chen saying that you guys are willing to submit to me. Is this true?” The Lifire Emyrean asked again. He naturally wouldn’t say that he was the one who initiated this. The Jialan Monarch was present as well, although everyone knew the truth in their hearts, things still have to be done beautifully on the surface.

Qin Wentian turned and stared at the Evil Emperor in the prison. The eyes of the Evil Emperor clearly showed a struggle. He seemed to have sensed Qin Wentian’s gaze and turned to him, matching his eyes. After that, he gritted his teeth and made a decision.

Even if he had to suffer humiliation, he would endure it. He had no choice but to wait. Even if there was no chance, he would still have to wait until a chance came about. Ye Qianyu was still in the Lifire Emyrean’s hands. If they said no, they would just waste their lives and die like this.

“It’s true.” The huge eyes of the Evil Emperor closed, as though he was extremely reluctant. The Lifire Emyrean naturally understood that he was reluctant but he didn’t care about it. He only wanted the ending to follow his will. He knew that although the Evil Emperor and the others wouldn’t wholeheartedly submit, he didn’t need them to do so. It was enough as long as he still had use for this group of people.

“What about the rest?” The Lifire Emyrean glanced at the others in the prison. Everyone reluctantly nodded their heads, deciding to comply.

“Protector Chen, unlock the prison.” The Lifire Emyrean waved his hand. Protector Chen directly stepped out, releasing the Evil Emperor and the others.

“Palace Lord.” At this moment, the Jialan Monarch stared at the Lifire Emyrean as he spoke. “These people killed my kin, I beseech palace lord to retract your order. We should destroy these bandits that are wicked beyond redemption and use them as an example to strike fear in the hearts of others.”

The Lifire Empyrean glanced at the Jialan Monarch as he smiled, "Jialan, I know you are in a bad mood because your side suffered so many casualties. My Lifire Palace admires people of talent. If these people truly repent, I'm willing to give them a chance to make up for their crimes by performing meritorious deeds."

"Palace Lord, if bandits like these can waive their crimes by just submitting to you, wouldn't my losses be all for nothing? Wouldn't the other eight monarchs feel a chill in their hearts?" The Jialan Monarch bowed.

"Impudent." A peak-stage immortal emperor beside the Lifire Empyrean angrily berated. He glared at the Jialan Monarch, "Jialan, how dare you speak to Palace Lord in this manner. Are you trying to offend your superiors?"

"Your subordinate doesn't dare to." Jialan Monarch shook his head.

The Lifire Empyrean stared at him and slowly spoke, "Jialan, from your words, you seemed to be very against my will?"

This voice was extremely calm, but it caused the Jialan Monarch to feel chills all over his body. His head dipped even lower, "Your subordinate doesn't dare."

"This seat knows that not only were your forces decimated, you even lost many of your kin as well. I can understand this, hence, I didn't punish you. However, don't forget your identity. As one of the nine monarchs, two of your main mines were actually plundered before your eyes. What does this say of your capabilities? You even need this seat to send reinforcements to aid you. If I didn't do so, who can you capture?"

"This seat is very disappointed with your ability to handle things." The Lifire Empyrean calmly spoke, his words causing the Jialan Monarch's heart to tremble.

"This group of bandits is more capable than you."

The Lifire Empyrean added another sentence, causing the coldness in the Jialan Monarch's heart to surge towards the freezing point. He turned pale, he knew that the Lifire Empyrean would never change his plan because of his words.

The people in the hall all glanced at the Jialan Monarch with looks of mockery. They naturally knew why the empyrean was doing this. The other monarchs would feel cold in their hearts?

The other monarchs weren't like the Jialan Monarch who had an illustrious background that always set themselves against the Lifire Emphyrean in the dark.

“Qin Wentian.” At this moment, the Lifire Emphyrean no longer looked at the Jialan Monarch. He directly turned to face Qin Wentian.

Qin Wentian inclined his head and looked at the Lifire Emphyrean, only to see the emphyrean standing up from the throne and walking down towards him. He smiled at Qin Wentian, “I long knew that you have a good relationship with Youhuang. Also, given your talent, this seat truly admires you. Although you became a bandit, I know all this happened because the daughter of the Jialan Monarch, Jialan Mingyue, sent you into the mine to make things difficult for you. You had no choice in this matter, and nobody can rightfully blame you for it. Since you are willing to turn over a new leaf and submit to this seat, you can tell me directly what position you want.”

The Jialan Monarch instantly stiffened when he heard that. Both his fists were clenched tightly!

#### Chapter 1566: Lifire Jail

Qin Wentian stared at the smile on the Lifire Emphyrean's face. His gaze froze slightly. At this moment, the Lifire Emphyrean wasn't the slightest bit of imposing at all and was smiling at him like how an senior smiled at a junior. There was no pressure from that of higher status and the smile felt sincere.

In the hall, many immortal emperors glanced at Qin Wentian with smiles on their faces. Protector Chen laughed, “Qin Wentian, such preferential treatment is truly rare. As a protector, even I have never enjoyed such treatment before.”

“The young are promising. His talent is extremely outstanding, no wonder palace lord holds him in high regards.” Another immortal emperor smiled, all of them seemed extremely friendly, nobody was bothered by the fact that he was a bandit. This caused Qin Wentian to be somewhat speechless, but he soon recovered from his daze. He naturally wouldn't be so foolish as to really request for a position. He politely replied, “Wentian thanks palace lord for your love. I'm still ignorant about the Lifire Palace, I'll follow all of palace lord's arrangements. However, may I be so bold to ask for a request?”

“As long as you don’t request for me to release Ye Qianyu, anything else is negotiable.” The Lifire Empyrean smiled, extremely carefreely. It was like the major incident in the Jialan Monarch’s territory was nothing significant to him.

“I wish to meet with Ye Qianyu.” Qin Wentian glanced at the Lifire Empyrean, he didn’t know how he would reply. However, the Lifire Empyrean casually smiled, “No problem. I will get Protector Chen to bring you there later to meet with her. It’s just that Ye Qianyu is still a bandit lord after all, and is even the Night Empyrean’s daughter. It is impossible for me to release her. But naturally, if you manage to accumulate many meritorious achievements in the future, I might be able to give her better treatment. For example, she can roam freely in the Lifire City, it will be fine as long as she doesn’t exit it.”

Qin Wentian’s eyes shone. The Lifire Empyrean laughed and turned about, returning to his throne as he sat down. “You’ve just arrived and it wouldn’t be too good for me to give you the position of one of the nine monarchs. Also, although your combat prowess is strong, you are still lacking. If you break through to the mid-stage emperor realm in the future and have some achievements to your name, I will have the chance to confer you a monarchy then. At that time, you can help this seat to rule over a stretch of territories. For now, you can temporarily be the governor of the Lifire City’s northern regions.”

The eyes of many in the hall gleamed with sharpness. Back then, although the palace lord regarded Beiming Youhuang highly, he only let her stay at the side of the Jialan Monarch and didn’t really give her any high position. But the moment Qin Wentian came, he who is only at the initial stage of the immortal emperor realm, was going to be a governor right off the bat? However, they soon had a meaningful look in their eyes. This move by the Lifire Empyrean was brilliant.

“Also, since Evil Emperor and the rest have submitted and they are familiar with you, I shall hand them to you and make them your subordinates. Naturally, if those fellows still dare to break the rules in the future and fail to cherish this chance, this seat will show no mercy and kill them.” The Lifire Empyrean’s voice suddenly turned grim and a powerful aura gushed towards the Evil Emperor, causing the Evil Emperor to lower his head. His large eyes gleamed with green light. For now, he could only temporarily endure this.

“Palace lord.” At this moment, Beiming Youhuang who was at the side, suddenly spoke. The Lifire Empyrean glance at her, “Youhuang, you have something you want to add?”

“Palace Lord, I’m acquainted with Qin Wentian. Is it possible to arrange for me to go there too?” Beiming Youhuang spoke. Qin Wentian glanced at her in surprise when he heard that.

“Youhuang, I have other arrangements for you. You don’t need to stay by Jialan’s side anymore in the future. You can just obey my direct commands. However, I know your relationship with Qin Wentian isn’t bad. Now, the two of you are in the Lifire City and can meet anytime you want to. There’s no need to work together.” The Lifire Empyrean smiled. Beiming Youhuang understood that her request was rejected and knew there was no need for her to mention again. Hence, she nodded, “Okay.”

“Alright, Protector Chen. Since you are the one who brought these people here, I will leave the arrangements to you. Send Qin Wentian to meet with Ye Qianyu first before getting them to head towards the northern regions.” The Lifire Empyrean commanded. Protector Chen nodded, “Your subordinate takes my leave.”

As he spoke, he turned to Qin Wentian, “Brother Qin, let’s go.”

Qin Wentian’s eyes flashed. Protector Chen’s referral of him suddenly became ‘Brother Qin.’

Nodding his head, Qin Wentian shot a cold glance at the Jialan Monarch. The Jialan Monarch’s expression was incredibly ugly but he didn’t say anything. What else could he say? The Lifire Empyrean already arranged everything. He didn’t even have the rights to speak.

Ridiculous, this group of bandits suddenly became officials in the blink of an eye. Also, they were sent to the northern regions. The schemes of the Lifire Empyrean were truly deep enough.

“Your subordinate will take my leave too.” The Jialan Monarch bowed. The Lifire Empyrean faintly made a noise of acknowledgement and closed his eyes on the throne. The Jialan Monarch cast a deep glance at him before he turned around and left. This time around, he was truly played by the Lifire Empyrean. The empyrean made use of the bandits to cripple his forces thoroughly. However, what could he say? For his background, his clan members most probably would only feel that he is useless. If not, how could he be in such a miserable state just due to some bandits? The palace lord merely acted according to the situation. At the very end, the palace lord still sent reinforcements to aid him. If not, he basically wouldn’t have a way to handle the bandits. If all these don’t point to the fact that he is useless, what else could he be?

The Jialan Monarch’s back view exuded desolation. However, after he walked out of the Lifire Palace, an icy light flashed in his eyes. The governor of the northern regions? In that case, he will definitely make these bandits suffer a life worse than death.

Although this place was the Lifire City and wasn't a part of his territories, so what of it? The authority of his clan was spread through many places. He will definitely take revenge for this.

Naturally, the Jialan Monarch also understood the Lifire Empyrean's intentions. But so what? Could it be that he couldn't take revenge?

As long as he has enough strength, he will even take revenge on the Lifire Empyrean himself. It's just that he was currently still too weak. The Lifire Empyrean was one of the nine empyreans that report directly to the Lifelong Realmlord. He absolutely wasn't someone easy to deal with.

Protector Chen, Qin Wentian, Beiming Youhuang and the Evil Emperor walked together. Protector Chen spoke to Qin Wentian, "Brother Qin, in the future since you will also be working for the palace lord, we should build better relations with each other."

"Protector Chen is too polite." Qin Wentian replied.

"Brother Qin's combat prowess is something that I have personally seen. In the entire Lifire Palace, supreme characters like you are extremely rare. No wonder the palace lord would favor you so much, directly conferring you a governor title. Such treatment is truly unprecedented. Usually, the leader of a region would have to be at least at the mid-stage of the immortal emperor realm." Protector Chen stated.

Qin Wentian merely nodded calmly. He didn't say anything, he only wanted to see Ye Qianyu as fast as possible. He wanted to see how she was.

Behind them, the expression of the Crow Emperor was similarly unsightly. He didn't expect that the Lifire Empyrean would have such a plan. Although he knew that the palace lord was making use of Qin Wentian, he still felt very uncomfortable. After all, the one leading the mission to deal with Qin Wentian and Ye Qianyu's group this time around, was none other than him. Qin Wentian would surely hate him.

In addition, the Crow Emperor also knew what the palace lord wanted to use Qin Wentian for. In that case, it means that he wouldn't do anything to Qin Wentian and might even help his cultivation base to improve, even giving him authority and power. If that was the case, things would really be awkward for him in the future.

However, he couldn't sway the Lifire Empyrean's decision. He deeply knew what sort of character the Lifire Empyrean is. Hence, he didn't say anything and kept his silence.

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Ye Qianyu's cultivation base was at the mid-stage of the immortal emperor realm and she also had extraordinary combat prowess, alongside with being the bandit leader. Her imprisonment naturally was extraordinary. Ye Qianyu now was viewed as a serious criminal and was locked up in the Lifire Jail of the Lifire Palace.

The Lifire Jail itself was a supreme treasure. It had a separate dimension within and the atmosphere inside it was sinister and gloomy. When Qin Wentian and the others reached the outside, they could clearly feel a terrifying gloom settling over them. There were two experts guarding the jail and they were only immortal kings, clearly pitifully weak. However, there was simply no need for any guards for this prison. Nobody would be able to escape from within. There would also be no one daring to break into the jail to save the prisoners.

"You guys wait outside." Protector Chen spoke to the Evil Emperor and the others.

"Why can't we go in?" The Evil Emperor icily asked, not giving Protector Chen any face at all.

Protector Chen coldly stared at him. "Palace lord only agreed to let Governor Qin meet with her. You all have to remember that since you all are the Lifire Palace's subordinates now, you have to follow every command given by the palace lord."

The eyes of the Evil Emperor were extremely cold too. Qin Wentian glanced at him, "I'll head in then."

The Evil Emperor nodded and didn't say anything more. He simply watched as Protector Chen and Qin Wentian entered the jail.

The space within was extremely vast and the atmosphere was gloomy, dark, wet and a little eerie. As they entered, Qin Wentian realized that there was another jail within this Lifire Jail. As he headed deeper, numerous terrifying gazes were fixed on him. He saw many characters with disheveled hair looking towards him. Each of these characters was locked up in a single cell and their cultivation bases were all very high, at the immortal emperor realm. Despite so, they were all prisoners on death row.

"Protector Chen, how would the palace lord deal with these people?" Qin Wentian asked.

“That would have to depend on the circumstances. However, many people would be refined into death puppets or death warriors. Naturally, there would also be people willing to submit and work for him. There would always be some exceptions.” Protector Chen seemed to be hinting at something. An unsightly expression flashed in Qin Wentian’s eyes. Was this using Ye Qianyu’s life to hint that he would always have to do the Lifire Empyrean’s bidding in the future?

Finally, Qin Wentian saw Ye Qianyu. She was in a single cell, trapped within by iron bars. Her aura was weak and her cultivation base seemed to be sealed. When she saw Qin Wentian, a look of joy and surprise appeared on her haggard-looking face.

“Brother Qin, you guys can chat freely.” Protector Chen smiled and left. Qin Wentian had guilt on his expression when he saw Ye Qianyu’s appearance. His fists were tightly clenched.

However, he only saw Ye Qianyu flashing him a charming smile, filled with radiance and passion. She coquettishly stated, “Why? Are you not happy to see me?”

“It’s me who has implicated you.” Qin Wentian walked over, sighing as he stared at her.

Ye Qianyu walked to the entrance of the cell. She was still smiling, “Not bad, you have already broken through to the immortal emperor realm. As expected of the man I fell for. This mistress’s judgement is as awesome as ever.”

Qin Wentian saw that she was acting like how times were in the past, he felt even more pain in his heart. He stretched his hand out, wanting to gently caress that haggard-looking face yet he saw Ye Qianyu taking a few steps back, evading him as she smiled. “In the past, I gave you the opportunity but you didn’t want it. Now, you finally want to take advantage of me?”

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Qin Wentian bitterly smiled at Ye Qianyu. He only saw her beautiful face also smiling right at him, it didn’t seem that she was a prisoner at all. But the more she acted like she was not, the more pain he felt in his heart.



With a flash of light, a sculpture appeared in his hand. This sculpture was extremely beautiful, and upon seeing it, Ye Qianyu's beautiful eyes lit up. After that, she shot a glance filled with hidden resentment at Qin Wentian, her gaze mesmerizing to the extreme.

"Somebody is finally willing to sculpt a figurine of me."

"It only has a few hints of your charm, it is far inferior compared to your beauty." Qin Wentian compared his sculpture to Ye Qianyu.

A strange look appeared in Ye Qianyu's eyes as she stared at Qin Wentian in bewilderment, "When have you become such a sweet-talker? Could it be that you learned all this while wooing the little girl at the River Portrait Immortal Emperor's place?"

"..." Qin Wentian was speechless. Ye Qianyu giggled, "Then, are you giving this sculpture to me?"

However, Qin Wentian shook his head. "I naturally have to keep this by my side. In this case, I can see you every time I want to and this can serve to remind me not to forget that you are still in here."

Ye Qianyu's eyes flickered with a look of gentleness when she heard that, "Why didn't you talk like this to me in the past? Anyway, since you are able to enter the Lifire Jail, did the Lifire Emphyrean get you to submit to him? There's actually no need to do so given your talent, you can head to other places and develop yourself, even joining the superpowers. It wouldn't be too late for you to take revenge for me then in the future. Why must you endure this because of me?"

After interacting with him for so many years, how could Ye Qianyu not understand what sort of person he was? He submitted to the Lifire Emphyrean most probably because of her, wanting to protect her life. As long as he was willing to work for the Lifire Emphyrean, the Lifire Emphyrean would not kill her. In this case, he would have a chance to rescue her from jail in the future.

Although she wasn't very clear about the situation outside, it wasn't too difficult to guess, based on her intelligence.

Qin Wentian stared at her without speaking. Ye Qianyu continued, "Also, do you really think he will release me just because you are working for him? He only wants to use you, because you have the value to be used. And the more valuable you are to him, although he wouldn't kill me, he would definitely not release me. He will use me to control you. Your weakness is too obvious...you are very sentimental and would act blindly due to your emotions. Others can easily see through you and they will naturally use this to act against you."

Qin Wentian bitterly smiled and shook his head, how could he not understand Ye Qianyu's words?

"However, this cannot be considered a bad thing in your perspective. After entering the Lifire Palace, you will have a formal identity and can come into contact with the vaster world. In the future, you have to remember not to be ruled by your emotions. Before you have enough strength to sweep everything, you should learn more about how to use other methods to protect yourself and your loved ones." Ye Qianyu walked forward, staring at Qin Wentian through her cell door. Her beautiful eyes flashed with a gentle light as she smiled, "Enough, you should leave now."

Qin Wentian stretched out his hands once more, placing them on Ye Qianyu's beautiful face. This time, Ye Qianyu didn't evade, allow him to caress her face. Her beautiful eyes flickered with charm as she looked at him. Qin Wentian had a smile on his face as he softly spoke, "Wait for me."

After that, he directly turned and left the Lifire Jail, no longer turning his head back. However, his hands were still unconsciously clenched tightly.

Ye Qianyu stared at his departing back view that exuded determination. Her eyes flickered with a radiant smile and after Qin Wentian's silhouette disappeared completely, only then did she slowly turn and walked back into her cell. She leaned against the cold stone walls and sat down but the smile on her face didn't dissipate for a long time. "I once wildly hoped to change everything but I already long knew that it was nothing but a foolish dream. In this world dominated by supreme experts, strength is everything. Since I'm powerless to change things, I hope that one day, the person who dominates this world, would be the person I love."

"Are you daydreaming now?" Not far away, an icy voice rang out. It was another prisoner. He coldly continued, "Just with him? An initial-stage immortal emperor? You hope that he can dominate this world? Just this single Lifire Palace can ride above the heads of countless people. To the empyreans, the vast majority of people in the immortal realms are merely ants, let alone the fact that this is merely the Lifelong Realm alone. There are even stronger characters out there. To them, even ignoring immortal emperors like us, even empyreans and world overlords are also considered ants."

"That's true, the vast majority of living creatures are nothing but ants in the eyes of the strong. Ants should just follow the rules of the colony." Ye Qianyu mumbled. She then smiled and continued, "However, there are also existences that can break apart the heavens among ants. If not, where did those supreme characters who stand at the peak, originate from?"

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The Lifire City was one of the ten main cities in the Lifelong Realm. It was naturally incomparably vast and large.

There were a total of five governors here, and their titles respectively are; Central Governor, Eastern City Governor, Southern City Governor, Western City Governor and the Northern City Governor. The city was split into five regions, and the five governors were responsible for everything that happened within their own respective regions. From this, one could see how great their authority was. Although their statuses weren't as high as the nine monarchs, but inside the Lifire City, they were just directly below the Lifire Emperyan. Even the nine monarchs dared not act too rudely and arrogantly before the five governors. In addition, the cultivation bases of the governors were also extremely high.

Currently, the Northern Governor was surnamed Meng. His cultivation was very high, at the peak-stage of the immortal emperor realm. He ruled the northern region and had great authority. Qin Wentian initially thought that Governor Meng would be unwilling to handover and would miss this position greatly. However, after Protector Chen brought him there, he realized that he was extremely wrong about it. Governor Meng was very excited to welcome him and handed over everything with no reluctance at all. It seems like this position wasn't an easy one but was a hot potato instead.

Also, Qin Wentian could see that Governor Meng was filled with joy, he clearly didn't want this position at all. This caused Qin Wentian to recall Beiming Youhuang's reminder. Could it be that the authority and influence of the Jialan Clan in the northern region were really so terrifying? Governor Meng actually wanted to give his position up so badly.

According to what Beiming Youhuang had said, in the northern region, this was where the Jialan Clan was based. Their influence here was extremely wide-spread and could even cover the sky with one hand if they wanted. In the past, Qin Wentian thought that no matter how strong the Jialan Clan was, they were still within the territories controlled by the Lifire Emperyan and wouldn't be able to suppress any of the Lifire Palace's subordinates. However, he only discovered that he was wrong after he came here.

"Youhuang, how much do you know about the Jialan Clan?" Qin Wentian transmitted his voice to Beiming Youhuang who was beside him.

"Not much, I only know the Jialan Clan has great authority, especially in the northern region. I heard that a command from the Lifire Emperyan might not even weigh more than a command from the Jialan Clan." Beiming Youhuang replied. A look of intrigue appeared in Qin Wentian's eyes, seems like the Lifire Emperyan has long planned to place him in that position. Also, given the

relationship the Jialan Monarch had with him, he would surely use his clan's authority to make things difficult for him. If he and the other bandits were too useless and were played to death by the Jialan Clan, the Lifire Emphyrean probably wouldn't give a damn at all.

But then again if they could contend against the Jialan Clan, the Lifire Emphyrean would most probably watch the situation with joy.

Hence, no matter what the ending was, it would only be beneficial to the Lifire Emphyrean. It wouldn't really affect him.

After sending away Governor Meng, Protector Chen spoke to Qin Wentian, "Brother Qin, for future matters, Brother Qin has to work hard. The palace lord naturally hopes that you can handle the northern city well."

"Protector Chen, as the governor, what are my main responsibilities? What do I need to do?" Qin Wentian asked. He was completely ignorant with regards to the rules of the Lifire City.

"There's no way to explain clearly just using a sentence or two. There will naturally be a filing room in the governor's manor and there will be a butler and serving girls to help you run errands. They will brief you about it. I will bid my farewell now." Protector Chen smiled. Qin Wentian could see that Protector Chen had no intentions of staying. He nodded and sent him off.

The governor's manor was very large, including the internal and external area. The internal area was a residential location for the governor, while the external area was even larger compared to it. The external area was also used for residential purposes and was for the governor's subordinates.

However, Qin Wentian discovered that the place wasn't as lively as his imagined. It felt somewhat cold and cheerless.

At this moment, within the manor, a few figures walked out and appeared before Qin Wentian. One was an old man with a cultivation base at the immortal-foundation realm, the other two were serving girls who were also immortal-foundation characters. Both of them were weak, but their looks weren't bad and could say to be fresh and pure.

"We pay our respects to Sir Governor." The butler and serving girls bowed to Qin Wentian.

"In this governor's manor, there's only the three of you?" Qin Wentian asked.

“Sir, you might not know this. But in the northern regions of the Lofire City, not many people dare to take up the responsibility of working under the governor.” The butler replied.

“Why?” Qin Wentian asked.

“Ever since the Lofire Emphyrean became the Lofire Palace Lord, the governor of the northern region changes the fastest. Also, a majority of the northern governors either request to give up this position by taking the initiative to talk to the emphyrean, or they...” The butler mumbled.

“Or they what?” Qin Wentian coldly asked.

“Or they...die.” The butler lowered his head.

Qin Wentian’s eyes gleamed sharply. In the Lofire City, a governor would actually die? Also, according to the butler’s words, it doesn’t seem that there was only one governor who died in the line of duty.

What position did the Lofire Emphyrean give him?

“Who killed them?” Qin Wentian thought of the Jialan Clan, but he still wanted to ask the question.

A look of fear flashed in the butler’s eyes. However, he shook his head, “Your subordinate has no idea.”

“Just speak freely.” Qin Wentian commanded.

“Your subordinate truly doesn’t know. Other than giving the death penalty to the few assassins that were discovered, even the palace lord himself has no idea how the other northern governors died.” The butler lowered his head even more. In the Lofire City, the assassination of a governor was clearly a huge matter. If it was really done by the Jialan Clan, how could they leave any clues behind?

“How many subordinates do I have under me, and what are their positions?” Qin Wentian asked again.

“A total of three thousand people that reports directly to the three vice governors. Below the three vice governors, each of them has ten attendants that respectively control a hundred people each.” The butler replied.

Qin Wentian’s eyes flashed, “Help me to summon the three vice governors. Get them to see me.”

“This...” The butler had a look of difficulty on his face. Qin Wentian frowned, “Speak bluntly.”

“It has been a very long time since the three vice governors came to the governor’s manor.” The butler bowed. Qin Wentian’s eyes gleamed with sharpness, “As vice governors, they actually neglect their duty?”

The butler lowered his head even more, not daring to speak. This made Qin Wentian understand that this governor’s position wasn’t so easy to take on. There was even a risk of dying. How strong exactly was the power of the Jialan Clan?

Chapter 1568: Tough to Even Advance a Single Step

Qin Wentian stared at the butler and continued, “Bring me to the file room.”

“Yes, Governor.” That butler nodded. After that, he led Qin Wentian over. This room was very large and there were many scrolls of information within. Qin Wentian sat down as he quietly read on, his expression growing more and more unsightly as time went by.

Only then did he understand that this governor’s position was just a nice-sounding title but it had no substance to it.

Lifire City didn’t have the position of city lord. There was a grand governor and all the five governors were supposed to report to him. The grand governor was the direct subordinate of the Lifire Emperian and he held immense authority and power.

The five governors were responsible for everything in their respective regions, including resource management. In Lifire City, every building was recorded as an asset. Even if someone bought it, the new owner still had to pay taxes every ten years as a tribute to the Lifire Palace. For example, the

inns, restaurants, transaction grounds, auctions, etc... All of them had to pay even more tribute, and the timing was the same – once every ten years.

The five governors' main responsibilities are to protect the safety of the city. Nobody can commit crimes within here or the governors had the authority to deal with them according to the strict laws of the city.

In other words, it means that the five governors would be the one to blame if there was trouble in their region. Just the northern city region alone was incomparably vast. Qin Wentian casually flipped through the information scrolls and could already see countless powers formed of experts. In his manor, there were actually only three other people, a butler and two serving girls. There were also merely 3,000 subordinates out there, and the three vice governors weren't even here. This was simply a terrible mess.

Qin Wentian recalled some of the main cities in the Azure Mystic Immortal Realms. An example was the Southern Phoenix Immortal City, it did share some similarities with Lifire City. These main cities all prohibited killing and safety was their number one priority. This was the reason why many experts would feel at ease to settle their clans here and to establish businesses, causing the city to grow more prosperous, forming a cycle of virtue. The larger a city was, the more people would come to it. Eventually, after some generations, those powerful clans might even become aristocrats.

The Evil Emperor was here as well, he followed Qin Wentian into the file room and was in his human form. His sturdy figure contained an explosive strength. Before the Night Empyrean and Ye Qianyu, he had always appeared in his beast form. But now after the Night Empyrean's death and Ye Qianyu's capture, he was no longer subservient to anyone. Hence, he decided to be in human-form as it would be more convenient to move about.

"The Lifire Palace is truly wealthy. Hmph." The Evil Emperor snorted coldly. Ignoring the fact that the Lifire Palace had numerous stretches of territories under its control, just this Lifire City alone would have to hand over an astronomical amount of tributes every ten years.

The Lifire Palace was already so wealthy. One could very well imagine how rich the Realmlord was. However, as one grows stronger, their need for cultivation resources would also be magnified greatly. The stronger someone is, the more resources they would need. No wonder those supreme characters would contend against each other to gain control of a territory.

If one ascended to the Lifelong Realmlord's position, they didn't even need to do anything and simply had to wait for their subordinates to turn in the cultivation resources. That person who became a Realmlord, could just relax and concentrate fully on his cultivation.

“The responsibilities of being the governor are truly not so easy to fulfil. This is especially so for the northern region. I finally understand why Governor Meng was so eager to hand over his position.” Qin Wentian commented faintly.

“How could there be such an easy thing in the world? For all tributes given by the powers in the northern region, you as the governor can retain 10% for your own personal storage, doing what you want to with it. You must know that for the plunder from ordinary bandits, their accumulated wealth from the heists they conducted, is all far inferior to the wealth of a single governor.” The Evil Emperor replied.

“There are too many random and troublesome matters here. This territory is truly in chaos, and as the governor of it, how can I cultivate in peace?” Qin Wentian mumbled. He understood that the most important matter to him currently, was still cultivation. However, the Lifire Emphyrean purposely gave him this position. Could it be that he didn’t want Qin Wentian to have any peace and quiet to cultivate?

“That butler earlier seemed to know plenty of things but he is afraid to speak up. Let me ask him for you.” The Evil Emperor cast a glance at the butler who stood outside the door. Qin Wentian knew about the abilities of the Evil Emperor. He nodded, “Sure, please help me to question him. It would be more direct if you do it.”

A demonic gleam flashed in the Evil Emperor’s eyes. Very swiftly, the eyes of the butler flickered with a green demonic light. His gaze turned vacant and the Evil Emperor started to ask questions. Very soon, Qin Wentian learned of many things he wanted to know as the expression on his face grew increasingly heavy.

The Jialan Clan actually had enough wealth to contend against the Lifire Emphyrean. In fact, even the emphyrean himself might not be as wealthy as them. The Jialan Clan owns countless businesses in the boundlessly vast Lifire City, they were controlling the businesses in the dark. Not only so, other than the north, they also had influence in the other regions, gaining huge amounts of profit through many transaction grounds and shops which they controlled. This resulted in experts being as common as the clouds in the Jialan Clan, they also recruited a countless number of guest elders, building up their strength.

In the northern city region, the Jialan Clan could do anything they wanted and many people in the governor’s manor were long bribed by them. Whoever dares to go against the Jialan Clan, they would surely have many methods to play you to death. Nobody would be able to investigate. Everything in the Lifire Palace would be done according to the rules. Although everyone knows



deep in their hearts that the deaths of some governors were done by the Jialan Clan, even the Lifire Emyrean couldn't touch them if there was no proof.

Also, given that the Jialan Clan were in control of many of the factions of power here, they could constantly hide in the shadows and wouldn't leave any clues. Sometimes, even if you found the true killer, all further connections would be severed at that stage. There was no way to link the investigation to the Jialan Clan.

But if this was merely the case, what capabilities does the Jialan Clan have to contend against the Lifire Emyrean? They were still within the Lifire Palace's territories.

According to the old butler, there are some rumors saying that the Jialan Clan even has some supporters who are very close to the Lifelong Realmlord standing behind them. In fact, there was one who once fought against the Lifire Emyrean for the position of the Lifire Palace Lord. Hence, the Jialan Clan and the Lifire Emyrean have always set themselves against each other. This was considered an open secret.

Using rules as a coverage, the Jialan Clan challenged the Lifire Palace countless times. As for the Lifire Palace, they wanted to borrow Qin Wentian and Ye Qianyu's bandit group to give a harsh lesson to the Jialan Monarch. Naturally, they did everything under the coverage of laws as well. The Lifire Emyrean could not possibly openly take the initiative to act against the Jialan Monarch. If not, if his actions were reported to the Realmlord, what would the Realmlord think of him?

Hence, all conflict happened in the darkness, within the scope of the rules.

And now, he Qin Wentian entered this hidden battle, becoming a chess piece for the Lifire Emyrean who gave him the position of the northern governor.

Qin Wentian also understood why there were only three servants left here and all three of them were only at the immortal-foundation realm. Because there were no others who were willing to work for the governor.

After he gave leave for the butler to go, the one of the two serving girls came by to report their news. Qin Wentian summoned her in, "What's the matter?"

"Governor, there are some info reports from the external manor area saying that there are some people making trouble in the northern region and they are requesting help from our governor's manor." The serving girl spoke.

“What’s the matter exactly?” Qin Wentian asked.

“Injury, theft, plunder, creating a disturbance...there are all sorts of issues.” That serving girl lowered her head.

“Is there a need to report these minor matters to me? Don’t the people below me know how to handle them?” Qin Wentian glanced at the serving girl as he asked. If the people below him couldn’t even handle such matters, why did he need them for? This would be akin to the nine monarchs being unable to handle the matters of their respective territories and told the Lifire Emphyrean to handle their problems. If the Lifire Emphyrean couldn’t handle it too, does it mean that he would report upwards and let the Lifelong Realmlord handle it?

“They say they don’t dare to act out of their own initiative and wish to consult with sir governor first. Also...”

“Just tell me what they say directly.”

“Also, the time for tax collection is near. If things remain unsettled, those people might use these as excuses to avoid paying the tributes at that time.” The serving girl spoke in a low voice. Qin Wentian nodded, “You can leave first. Help me to relay my command, summon the three vice governors to come and see me.”

“Yes.” That serving girl nodded and left. Coldness flickered in Qin Wentian’s eyes. How fast did they move? He just assumed the governor’s role and there are already so many matters waiting for him to settle. Clearly, his enemies are all well prepared.

“Evil Emperor, can I use the people from the Thousand Feathers Palace?” Qin Wentian glanced at the Evil Emperor beside him as he asked.

“Palace mistress is currently locked up. If it wasn’t for your compromise, the Thousand Feathers Palace would have already been finished. Just give the order on behalf of her. It’s just that, do you really plan to become an effective chess piece for the Lifire Emphyrean? If you really think this is useful, I can tell you straight that he would never release palace mistress.” The Evil Emperor spoke.

“But at the very least, as long as we are willing to be used by him, nothing will happen to Qianyu.” Qin Wentian stared into the horizons, his eyes gleaming with coldness. He naturally understood that

if he wanted to save Ye Qianyu, he cannot live under the control of the Lifire Empyrean forever. If not, there would forever not be a chance to rescue Ye Qianyu.

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In one of the more lavish restaurants in the northern city, inside an ancient-looking hall, a group of females dressed in a provocative style was dancing while exuding elegance. A maiden in the center was robed in translucent white, playing the zither. Her snow-white skin was faintly discernible and the melody was exceptionally beautiful as well. There was a veil covering her face, but that only added to her sense of beauty.

Up ahead, there were many people sitting here, admiring the dance and music. One of them laughed, "Fairy Yu is getting more and more beautiful."

"Indeed." Another one laughed. "Oh, did you guys receive the report by our attendants? That new governor is summoning us to meet with him."

"Yes, I did receive it." The person next to him nodded. "What do you two plan to do?"

The man in the lead had eyes that glowed with spirit. He was still staring at the beauty playing the zither as a faint smile appeared on his face. It was like he didn't hear the question.

"Brother Zhao, what is your opinion?" One of the other two asked.

"There's no need to give a damn." Vice Governor Zhao laughed, his words causing the eyes of the person who asked to flash as that person continued, "The new governor's name is called Qin Wentian, he is someone sent here personally by the Lifire Empyrean. I heard that the Jialan Monarch suffered greatly in his hands. His combat prowess is extraordinary, able to kill mid-stage immortal emperors easily. Should we be more cautious? I feel it would be better if we respond to his summons."

"Vice Governor Lu, the people of the world love to spread rumors, greatly exaggerating the truth of matters. So what even if his combat prowess is high? If the three of us join forces, what can he do to us? Let's ignore him for a period of time until he really needs us urgently. At that time, he himself would personally come and seek us out. Now, he wants to summon us over with just a sentence? Does he really think that he is a real governor?" Vice Governor Zhao coldly laughed.

The third vice governor who was also the youngest one, had a faint smile on his face. He didn't say anything. Some things, it was enough for them to have a tacit mutual understanding, there was no need to put it into words. They have long received news from the Jialan Clan about this.

Chapter 1569: What crime are you guilty of?

It has already been three months since the new northern governor took over. During these three months, there wasn't much commotion.

The governor's manor seemed to become even more laid back and lazy. Before this, there were still some people in the northern regions acting cautiously but after these three months, the entire governor's manor was like a plate of loose sand. This new governor seemed to be the same as many of the old ones, ignoring everything, living his life quietly in peace until he was hopefully shifted away by the Lifire Emperian.

Within the internal manor of the governor's manor, numerous beams of light brimming with emperor might shot out. Many people in the external manor area inclined their heads and stared over. Who was it that was forging emperor-ranked weapons?

Qin Wentian was within his own personal residence. A tiny lion sped over, entering the residence. Upon seeing the situation, his gaze froze. Right now, Qin Wentian was standing near a cultivation platform and had activated the formation inscribed on it. This was the source of the beams of light.

"This is a platform created by you?" The Evil Emperor glanced at him.

"Although the grade is inferior to the one created by senior River Portrait, it wouldn't affect the quality of my cultivation by too much. Evil Emperor, I have to thank you." Qin Wentian nodded at the Evil Emperor.

"The old cultivation platform was originally built for you by the palace mistress. After we dismantled it, the materials naturally belonged to you as well." The Evil Emperor replied. "Now, I can tell that your talent isn't simply on cultivation and combat. You are also highly talented in formations. With this ability, you would never need to worry about cultivation resources ever again. Even if you don't join any powers, there's no need to worry even if you remain an unaffiliated cultivator."

“It’s still far from enough. I have to strengthen my abilities in this aspect.” Qin Wentian didn’t feel too much joy. He then continued asking, “Are the three Vice Governors here yet?”

The Evil Emperor shook his head. A faint smile appeared on Qin Wentian’s face. “Since this is the case, let’s go to the external manor area to take a walk.”

“Right.” The Evil Emperor nodded. After that, he followed after Qin Wentian, the two of them soared through the air and soon arrived at the training grounds of the external manor area. In front of them, this training ground could contain up to tens of thousands of people. There were nine-sided battle drums all around it. He stood in the air, his robes fluttering in the wind as he waved his hand, blasting his energy at the drums. A moment later, the power of the drum sounds reverberated the skies, transforming into terrifying sonic booms that resounded through the external and interior manor area.

At this moment, many people turned their attention over and several of them flew towards the training grounds. They saw Qin Wentian who was standing in the air. He exuded magnificence and had an incomparable demeanor. He didn’t even glance at them. In an instant later, a formless pressure enveloped the entire training grounds. Those who came all stood below him and bowed, “We pay our respects to sir governor.”

Qin Wentian continued standing in the air, not saying anything. More and more experts arrived and very swiftly, about a thousand experts had already come to the training grounds. All of them were bowing. The formless emperor’s aura from Qin Wentian was sufficient to cause them to feel great pressure.

With a sweep of his immortal sense, Qin Wentian scouted the external manor area. However, out of the 3,000 subordinates, only a little more than a thousand had appeared. Not even half showed up.

“Zhao Yichuan, Lu Tong, Zhong Zihua. Where are they at?” Qin Wentian calmly asked, there were no emotions in his voice. Silence descended on the training grounds, nobody replied to him.

These three people were none other than the three Vice Governors. It has been a long time since they last appeared at the governor’s manor.

Right now, no sound could be heard. The atmosphere was extremely tense.

“The three Vice Governors are all not present. In that case, I want their attendants to stand out.” Qin Wentian spoke. A few moments later, the thirty attendants of the three Vice Governors were all supposed to step out. However, only twenty attendants were present.

“I will give you all half an incense worth of time to get into proper lines. Zhao Yichuan’s subordinates to stand in the middle, Lu Tong’s subordinates on the left, and Zhong Zihua’s subordinates on the right. The ten attendants for each Vice Governor are to group your people into groups of ten.” Qin Wentian’s voice was as calm as ever.

There was no need for half an incense worth of time, in just a few moments, the groups and lines were formed. It was just that it wasn’t uniform as the number of subordinates for each of the Vice Governors that were present, was different.

“I believe you all have your own methods to contact your Vice Governors. Attendants and subordinates, immediately relay my order to others. Within four hours, everyone has to appear here. For those who dare not to comply, they should know very well what the consequences would be.” Qin Wentian flicked his sleeves. After that, he sat down in the air, closing his eyes in meditation.

Everyone took out their messaging crystals respectively, sending their immortal senses within. Although messaging crystals were very valuable, but those who could become subordinates of the governor’s manor, would all be at the immortal king realm at least. All of them were issued a messaging crystal as it would be more convenient to execute missions.

Not too long after, more and more people hurried back. The experts gathered in the training grounds grew in number. After all, the majority of them still didn’t dare to disobey a direct order from the governor. If not, who knew if this new governor would vent his anger on them to establish dominance?

But even so, there were still some that didn’t show up. After four hours, a total of 2,500 plus people gathered here, there were still 400 plus people that didn’t appear. Out of the thirty attendants, twenty-four appeared. There were six who didn’t come. As for the three Vice Governors, none of them showed up.

Qin Wentian glanced at the group that was missing six attendants. With a wave of his hand, six beams of light shone upon six people. “From now on, the six of you will take over the positions of the six missing attendants.”

The countenances of the six changed, one of them lowered his head, “Sir governor, us subordinates are incapable, we don’t dare to take such a high position.”

“Reporting to sir governor, the six attendants might be carrying out their missions outside and thus, they were delayed.” Another person tried to explain.

The other four didn't say anything. Qin Wentian nodded, “Okay, I will respect both your viewpoints.”

After speaking, he waved his hand again, “Two more beams of light shone upon two more people. “I command you two to take on the attendant positions. Are you both willing to?”

“I'm willing to.” One of them clenched his fists and nodded. The eyes of the other person gleamed with sharpness before he bowed and nodded, “Your subordinate will comply with sir governor's order.”

The two who spoke earlier both turned pale. This governor was simply way too decisive.

“After I took over, I have never issued any missions. No matter who it is, none of them should have anything to do. Even if they are patrolling the northern city region or doing other things, four hours is already enough time for them to return. All the attendants do a count of your numbers. For those who are not here, submit their names to me. I shall remove their names from the system.”

“Your subordinates are late, we beg Lord Governor's for your forgiveness.” At this moment, a voice rang out as three figures sped over. The man in the lead had an imposing look and was a peak-stage immortal king. He was one of the ten attendants under Vice Governor Lu Tong.

Qin Wentian glanced at him, “A moment ago, you were already expelled from the governor's manor. From now onwards, the three of you are no longer a part of the governor's manor. You all can leave now.”

“Reporting to Lord Governor, we were truly tied down by some stuff. We were executing the mission given to us by Vice Governor Lu. There are some robbers that appeared in an auction and we were there handling the issue. Governor, you can check our words with Vice Governor Lu if you want to.” That peak-stage immortal king attendant was still bowing. Although his manner appeared respectful, his words were hinting that he had the backing of Vice Governor Lu, he clearly didn't give a damn about Qin Wentian.

“This seat has already told the others to relay my command, telling everyone to come back within four hours. If you guys are outside handling an issue, you can inform Vice Governor Lu and get him to relay the information to me. I will naturally understand things. However, this seat did not receive any information report at all. Hence, let me repeat once again. From now onwards, the three of you are expelled from the governor’s manor.”

Qin Wentian glanced at them and coldly barked with a cold expression, “Scram!”

That peak-stage immortal king froze. He stared at the sharp look on Qin Wentian’s face as his heart suddenly trembled. He was thinking why Vice Governor Lu hasn’t appeared yet.

But at this very moment, a relaxed voice rang out, “Your subordinate Lu Tong, pays my respects to Lord Governor.”

Only then did the three attendants heave a sigh of relief.

A moment later, Vice Governor Lu appeared in the air. He clasped his hands at Qin Wentian, “Lord Governor Qin, earlier, I was bogged down by a mission and didn’t answer your summons. Today, seeing how Lord Governor is so frantically gathering people here, I immediately rushed over. Please forgive me for my tardiness.”

Qin Wentian sat there, he inclined his head and cast a glance at Lu Tong. His expression was calm and he didn’t make any reply, simply staring at Lu Tong.

Lu Tong was a mid-stage immortal emperor and wasn’t anyone ordinary. His face still had a look of respect and he clasped his hands as he greeted Qin Wentian. There was no change to his expression.

“Are you speaking to our governor while standing in this position?” A green light flared in the Evil Emperor’s eyes. Lu Tong was standing in a position in the air higher than Qin Wentian, peering down at him. What attitude was this?

“Governor, please forgive me.” An awkward look appeared on Lu Tong’s face. After that, he descended down to the training grounds and bowed, “Lu Tong came in a hurry and didn’t think too much about minor details. Please pardon me.”



“Vice Governor Lu, help this seat to ask when Vice Governors Zhao and Zhong can come here.” Qin Wentian suddenly smiled. Lu Tong bitterly shook his head, “Governor Qin, right now, I, Lu, have no way to contact Vice Governor Zhao and Vice Governor Lu.

“Oh, is that so? This seat initially still wanted to drink a few cups of wine with the three of you. Who would have thought that it’s so difficult to locate the three vice governors.” Qin Wentian stood up and shrugged his shoulders helplessly. Lu Tong coldly laughed in his heart. Was this Qin Wentian trying to pull them closer to him? As for the three attendants of Lu Tong, all of them had looks of disdain on their faces now.

“Oh ya, I have already summoned the three vice governors once three months ago but I received no response at all. Is it because your subordinates are not doing their job and didn’t relay my message to you? If this is the case, why would we still need those useless fellows?”

“Governor please don’t blame them. Your subordinate knows about the summon but because I had something important to handle outside, I had no way to return. Please forgive me.” Vice Governor Lu sighed and shook his head.

“But they are still guilty of insubordination. Vice Governor Lu, since you have already told them that you have an important matter to handle outside, they should immediately send a reply to me, yet they actually kept it hidden and caused me to wait blindly for three months. I cannot forgive them so easily.” Qin Wentian glanced at the attendants under Lu Tong.

“Lord Governor, because I was simply too busy, I didn’t manage to find the time to inform my attendants. This really has nothing to do with them.” Lu Tong replied.

“Oh?” Qin Wentian laughed. His lips suddenly curled up in a cold smile. When Lu Tong saw his smile, a faint trepidation appeared in his gaze. He immediately bowed again, “Lord Governor, please forgive me.”

“Forgive you? In that case, this means that Vice Governor Lu also knows that you are guilty?” Qin Wentian smiled wider. “Butler, according to the laws of the Lifire Palace, if a vice governor ignored the orders of his respective governor and even delayed his reply for three months, what crime is he guilty of?”

The moment after Qin Wentian spoke, Lu Tong's expression instantly changed, becoming extremely ugly to behold.

In this case, Qin Wentian was just trying to lead him to say the words 'begging for forgiveness.' He all along already planned this out.

The people in the training grounds all felt their hearts trembling. With just a sentence, the atmosphere of this place changed completely. Earlier, Qin Wentian was smiling and his casual way of speaking caused Lu Tong himself to admit that he had received the summons three months ago and he didn't respond to it. Right now, it was already too late if he wanted to deny this.

The butler who had been standing behind Qin Wentian, felt his heart trembling madly as he lowered his head even more.

"I'm asking you a question." Qin Wentian's voice suddenly turned a few degrees colder. The butler replied in a low voice, "According to the Lifire Palace's laws, the governor can sever an arm from the guilty vice governor and expel him from the governor's manor before making a report to the Lifire Palace."

"Vice Governor Lu, do you understand your crime?" Qin Wentian then glanced towards Lu Tong.

"Governor Qin, this subordinate truly has an ongoing mission which led to delays. Lord Governor, please show mercy." Lu Tong lowered his head, his heart trembling with anger. Was Qin Wentian planning to use him to establish dominance? Earlier, he still thought that Qin Wentian wanted to use soft methods to pull him closer but who would have thought that things changed completely in the blink of an eye?

"Sever one of your arms and get lost from the governor's manor." Qin Wentian stood in the air with his hands behind his back. The calmness in his voice was so calm that it was terrifying. The entire training grounds were completely quiet, nobody dared to say anything. This new governor shut himself inside for three months, was he making back-up plans for this?

Lu Tong's expression was unsightly to the extreme. His long robes fluttered without wind as an aura belonging to a mid-stage immortal emperor gushed forth violently. He stared at Qin Wentian as he coldly spoke, "Governor Qin, are you planning to use me to establish your dominance?"

Qin Wentian's calm gaze suddenly gleamed with sharpness. Bolts of lightning shot out as he stared at Lu Tong, "Knowing your crime but refusing to admit it? You even dare to slander this seat. Seems like this seat has to act personally."

As he spoke, he stepped forward and blasted out a gentle-looking palm strike. Lu Tong's aura gushed forth as he roared in anger, "I, Lu, want to complain about this to the Grand Governor!"

As he spoke, he punched out, easily dispersing the gentle palm attack of Qin Wentian. A cold smile flashed in his eyes. An initial-stage emperor? Qin Wentian's attacking prowess was merely so-so. Seems like the rumors were false.

Qin Wentian took another step out, directly appearing before Lu Tong, exuding killing intent. Lu Tong punched out once more, with force sufficient to subdue dragons and tame tigers, his strength was even more domineering compared to demons, capable of blasting anything apart. His punch slammed into Qin Wentian's body. With a low groan of agony, Qin Wentian was forced back. Lu Tong coldly sneered, "Since Governor Qin wants to act this way, don't blame Lu Tong for being impolite."

"Butler, what crime is he guilty of for insubordination and daring to harm his superior officer, the governor?" Qin Wentian asked again. The butler was shaking from terror. He didn't dare to say anything but an instant later, when he felt a killing intent boring down on him, he immediately prostrated himself onto the ground and replied, "Death penalty."

Lu Tong trembled, after that, he saw a terrifying gaze fixed on him. In an instant, Lu Tong only felt himself sinking into the eye-technique dimension where the heavens and earth were both sealed. He had no way to resonate with his constellation. His heart pounded violently as he felt chills all over his body.

He was fooled!

Right now, he actually felt terror. Even if the rumors were not false, even if Qin Wentian's attacks weren't that weak, how could he possibly be this powerful? Also when they exchanged blows, Qin Wentian clearly couldn't even withstand a single strike. This meant that it was possible Qin Wentian allowed himself to be hit on purpose to pin him to the death penalty.

In the dimension, Qin Wentian stabbed out with his fingers, instantly materializing several swords of light which pierced forth. Lu Tong was simply helpless against them, his body was penetrated by the swords of light as his eyes flared with anger, glaring at Qin Wentian.

“Vile creature wanting to harm me...” Lu Tong had a look of despair. His heart was filled with reluctance, and as a mid-stage immortal emperor vice governor, he was actually killed by the new governor by such iron-blooded methods, all in the name of the law – his death became justifiable because he injured Qin Wentian.

With a bang, Lu Tong’s body slammed onto the ground. His eyes were still wide open in death, filled with reluctance to accept this.

Staring at the cold corpse of Lu Tong, the people in the training grounds felt their hearts pounding violently. A mid-stage immortal emperor vice governor was actually killed just like that. This was too ruthless.

Only now did they understand that this new governor wasn’t someone who could be bullied.

For a period of time, everyone only wanted to protect themselves, they didn’t have any inclinations about the safety of others. The three attendants who came late earlier, were now all pale with fright.

“Lu Tong’s crime is out in the open for all to see, he blatantly disobeyed this seat’s order and even dared to injure this seat. I killed him because he deserved the death penalty for his crimes. Anyone has any objections?” Qin Wentian’s eyes swept through the crowd as he asked calmly. How would there be anyone who dared to say anything? All of them shut their mouths and lowered their heads, not daring to reply.

“Since there are no objections, I will report this up to the Empyrean and remove Lu Tong’s name from our system.” Qin Wentian spoke. After that, he glanced at the three immortal kings in the air. The lead attendant had gone completely pale. He clasped his hands, “Your subordinates will leave right now.”

Qin Wentian flicked his sleeves as a powerful palm strike blasted all three of them away. They coughed out blood, their inner organs trembled from the impact but they didn’t even dare to look back. All three of them fled in a pathetic manner.

“All thirty attendants, including the newly conferred ones, better control your men well. Without my command, everyone better do your jobs and do them well. In the future, if there are any who dares to play around, I will immediately pronounce him guilty and mete out the punishments. For those who are not present today, take down their names and give it to the butler. If they show their

faces here in the future, directly expel them. From now onwards, they are no longer subordinates of the governor's manor."

Qin Wentian gave the command. Everyone listened quietly, not daring to voice any objections.

"As for Lu Yichuan and Zhong Zihua, both of the vice governors have failed to comply with my orders, ignoring it for three months. They both have to sever an arm and will be expelled from the governor's manor. Relay my command, immediately order the arrest of Zhao Yichuan and Zhong Zihua. If they take the initiative to come to the governor's manor to plead guilty to their crimes, the punishment will be given as their original crime. But if they don't show up within three months, they will be deemed as traitors. I will report this to the empyrean and capture them myself before killing them with no mercy."

Qin Wentian's voice brimmed with killing intent, causing the countless people here to tremble. This time, he didn't merely use Lu Tong to establish his dominance. He wanted to finish all three vice governors in one go, expelling all three of them out from the governor's manor. Also, he wanted the two other vice governors to sever one of their arms and come here to plead guilty to their crimes. If not, they would be captured and killed with no mercy.

Too ruthless, this was simply not giving them any grounds to retreat. Now, even if Zhao Yichuan and Jiang Zihua wanted to come back, they wouldn't be able to do so now.

Everyone stealthily glanced at Qin Wentian's handsome face, but they all felt chills in their hearts. Closing himself in for three months, but coming out with such a huge bang, directly making a move towards the three vice governors. Before this, who was the one who said that the new governor was weak and only came here to waste his time, waiting for the empyrean to shift him away? Now, it was clear that the skies of the northern city regions were going to change.

The subordinates of the three vice governors that were present here, all felt their hearts trembling. They were worried Qin Wentian would find them for revenge in the future. This was especially so for some who had obtained benefits from the Jialan Clan. They were all panicking and were worried that their relationship with the Jialan Clan would be exposed.

Qin Wentian took another few steps forward, his imposing aura permeated the area, boring down on everyone's heart.

"On the order of the Lifire Empyrean, I took up the position as the northern governor. I'm unsure of what is going on before I came, and I don't care about anything you guys did in the past. Even if you committed a great crime, I can close one eye about it. But from today onwards, starting from

now, if there's anyone who disobeys my orders or they dare to collude with outsiders, Lu Tong's ending will be the same as theirs." Qin Wentian coldly spoke, causing a heavy pressure to press down on everyone.

Qin Wentian didn't pursue the past, this was considered giving them a chance, telling them to be loyal to him now. Many of the attendants here were close subordinates to Zhao Yichuan and Zhong Zihua, they had an unbreakable relationship initially but now, as the situations changed, they immediately felt how hard it would be to handle things.

"You guys can return." Qin Wentian then waved his hands.

"Yes, governor." Everyone was taken aback. He actually didn't appoint new vice governors? But now, all of them felt like they had been granted a great amnesty. All of them then left one after another.

After they returned, everyone in the external manor area felt fear in their hearts, they no longer lazed about. Many of them had to make a decision but no matter which side they were on, there would be danger.

Things were different here compared to the other city regions. It was said that this new governor had a grudge with the Jialan Clan and it was unknown how long he would be able to sit securely in his position. If they really chose to submit to him, they would definitely be in extremely miserable states in the future if the situation changed.

After several days, the vice governor Zhong Zihua actually came back to plead guilty. This caused a great commotion that shocked the entire governor's manor. After that, Zhong Zihua was brought before Qin Wentian.

"Zhong Zihua pays my respects to Lord Governor." Upon seeing Qin Wentian, Zhong Zihua bowed.

"Zhong Zihua, do you know your crime?" A faint coldness radiated from Qin Wentian. The Evil Emperor followed behind him, his jade-green eyes staring at Zhong Zihua as well.

"Your subordinate knows. I'm willing to accept Lord Governor's punishment." Zhong Zihua bowed. "May your subordinate be so bold as to ask Lord Governor to give me a chance again? I don't wish to be expelled from the governor's manor."

“Hmph.” Qin Wentian coldly snorted. In an instant, countless vines shot towards one of his arms, twining around it. The vines were as sharp as swords, piercing deep into his arm.

Zhong Zihua gritted his teeth, bearing the pain and agony as he silently endured.

“Why have you returned? Why are you willing to stay on?” Qin Wentian asked.

“Governor Qin, I know you have a grudge with the Jialan Clan and I have also learned what happened in the past between you and the Jialan Monarch. Truthfully speaking, following you is really not an intelligent choice. After all, even if you can contend against the Jialan Clan, your future would still be filled with danger.” Zhong Zihua calmly spoke, his words causing an expression of interest to appear in Qin Wentian’s eyes. He naturally understood this. Even if he could contend against the Jialan Clan now, who knows how long the Lifire Emyrean would have a use for him for?

“But, the command given by Governor Qin had simply severed any paths for me to retreat to. If I took on the name of a traitor, there would be no place for me in the vast territory controlled by the Lifire Palace. Even if I sought out the grand governor, he would surely support you at that time. After all, everyone understands that it was the Lifire Emyrean who gave this position to you directly. I don’t have a choice.” Zhong Zihua replied. “Also, the Jialan Clan definitely wouldn’t dare to accept me in their ranks. If they did so, that would be tantamount to giving Lord Governor an excuse to move openly against them.”

“You still had another choice.” Qin Wentian coldly laughed.

“Naturally. Within the three months, I could assassinate Governor Qin, or I could also borrow the forces from the Jialan Clan to deal with you. But I feel this isn’t an intelligent choice, hence I decided to voluntarily admit to my crime.” Zhong Zihua shook his head.

This was true as after all, as long as Qin Wentian was killed within the timeframe he had given of three months, all his previous orders would be void, turning meaningless.