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Chapter 1631: Palace Lords of the Gemini Palace

After the grand banquet, everyone dispersed.

The palace lords of the nine world palaces still had things to handle and they remained in the Lifelong Saint Hall. They still needed to pass the hundred-year worth of tax contribution of their territories up to the Lifelong Saint Hall to account for it.

The world palace lords then arranged for temporary residences to allow their subordinates to stay. The location of the temporary residences for each world palace lords were the same every year. The monarchs and governors would naturally follow their respective palace lords. As for those from the major powers of the nine world palaces' territories, they could only book rooms to stay at inns throughout Lifelong City.

Di Tian's original identity was considered an unaffiliated cultivator. But because he was now the Supervisory Commander of the Lifire Palace, he could be considered an official of the Lifelong Realm. The Lifire Emyrean personally invited him to come along and Di Tian naturally wouldn't reject it. The people of the Jialan Clan had some worry in their eyes as they glanced at Di Tian. They were worried that the friendship they painstakingly built up with Di Tian, might be destroyed by the Lifire Emyrean. Before Di Tian left, Jialan Qiuyue even shot a few glances filled with hidden bitterness at Di Tian.

Qin Wentian initially wanted to look for Ye Qianyu but Ye Qianyu was brought away by the maidens of the Red Dust Immortal Palace. They still had to wait for the Realmlord to sentence her. Although the Realmlord had spoken earlier, saying that she would temporarily serve as a maid at the Lifelong Saint Hall, the Red Dust Immortal Palace still had to give the Lifelong Realmlord an explanation why they would produce a bandit among their ranks.

The Lifelong Saint Hall was very vast, each of the world palace lords had a temporary imperial residence of their own. The Lifire Emyrean brought the monarchs and governors under him over there along with Di Tian.

Inside the great hall, the Lifire Emyrean sat in the host seat and smiled at Di Tian and Qin Wentian. "The battles today allowed Supervisory Commander Di Tian and Governor Qin Wentian to display your prowess, gaining much face for my Lifire Palace. As the palace lord, I naturally also feel gratitude and pride in my heart."

“This is what subordinate ought to do.” Qin Wentian humbly replied.

“Palace lord is too serious.” Di Tian calmly replied in a neither servile nor overbearing manner.

“The Lifelong Realm is extremely vast and major powers can be found anywhere. In the future, no matter where the both of you want to go, my Lifire Palace will be the shield protecting you and a home that both of you can return to anytime you want.” The Lifire Emphyrean smiled. He then continued, “It’s the same for all of you as well, you are all representing the Lifire Palace.”

“Yes, Palace Lord.” Everyone nodded. This Lifire Emphyrean was trying to win over people’s hearts. However, his words were true, there are definitely many connections between different major powers. Even if they were selected by the Lifelong Saint Hall in the future and come here to work, they would still be representing the Lifire Palace. Unless of course, they managed to become the trusted aide of the Lifelong Realmlord one day. Only at that time, would they be completely able to toss aside their past.”

“Di Tian, I’ve already heard about events of the past. Xia Hou took the initiative to create trouble for your Emperor Pavilion. After that, I sent Fairy Purple Moon to the central city regions to smooth things over, making Xia Hou settle it. Purple Moon should have gone to your Emperor Pavilion, right?” The Lifire Emphyrean asked Di Tian. Di Tian glanced at the Purple Moon Immortal Emperor standing beside the Lifire Emphyrean as he smiled and nodded, “Mhm, I have to thank palace lord for helping me out with that matter.”

“This is something I ought to do. Xia Hou, you will be comrades with Di Tian in the future, quickly apologize for what happened in the past.” The Lifire Emphyrean commanded. Xia Hou’s expression stiffened. Earlier, he had already bowed his head to Qin Wentian. Now, he was commanded to apologize to Di Tian? He had completely lost all face.

One must know that Xia Hou was an extremely arrogant individual. This point could be seen from how domineering his attitude was towards Di Tian and Qin Wentian in the past. But now, these two people whom he had offended before, became dazzling individuals which he couldn’t afford to antagonize. He had to apologize to them both. One could very well imagine how difficult it must be for him.

However, he had no choice. The Lifire Emphyrean had already given the order and he could only turn to Di Tian and said, “Grandmaster Di. I, Xia Hou, have offended you in the past. If there’s a chance to, I will host a banquet and invite you over to properly apologize for my actions. Please don’t hold it against me.”

“Since palace lord has spoken, I naturally wouldn’t hold it against you. As for holding a banquet, just forget about it.” Di Tian calmly replied, not giving Xia Hou any face at all. The him right now truly need not give Xia Hou any face. The Lifelong Realm Lord had personally conferred the title of Supervisory Commander to him, he could supervise all the governors and monarchs and report their misdeeds upwards. These people would be rushing over to form good relationships with him, he didn’t need to do anything. Even the Lifire Emphyrean could do nothing to him.

Xia Hou’s countenance froze but the Lifire Emphyrean didn’t seem to hear Di Tian’s hidden meaning. He nodded, “Di Tian, in the future when you expand your Emperor Pavilion in Lifire City, just come to the Lifire Palace to look for me for help directly if you need any. I’ll naturally do my best to aid you.”

“Many thanks, Palace Lord.” Di Tian clasped his hands to the Lifire Palace Lord while coldly laughing in his heart. This Lifire Emphyrean would be wary of Qin Wentian because of Ye Qianyu. But with regards to Di Tian, the Lifire Emphyrean would try his best to recruit him, attempting to pull him away from the Jialan Clan.

Some things were enough by not overdoing it. The Lifire Emphyrean naturally wouldn’t lower himself too much. He exchanged some conventional greetings with Di Tian and Qin Wentian and released everyone soon after that.

As they were exiting, Qin Wentian intentionally walked together with the Jialan Monarch as he spoke softly, “Jialan, be more careful in the future.”

After speaking, he increased his speed and walked away. The Jialan Monarch’s expression froze, staring at Qin Wentian’s back as an ugly look appeared on his face. This was blatantly threatening him.

After returning to his temporary residence, there was actually someone here to look for him. This person was a female at the immortal emperor realm and had an outstanding demeanor.

“Governor Qin.” The female greeted with a smile. Qin Wentian puzzledly asked, “Fairy, you are?”

“I’m someone from the Gemini World Palace, a serving maiden of the two Gemini Emphyreans. My palace lords are sending me to issue an invitation for you to head there.” The serving maiden laughed. Qin Wentian had a bewildered look on his face, he then asked, “The Gemini palace lords? What are they inviting me for?”

“Maybe our palace lords admires Governor Qin because of the talent you displayed. They naturally wouldn’t do anything to harm Governor Qin.” The serving maiden smiled. Qin Wentian nodded. This place was the Lifelong Saint Hall. Regardless, it wouldn’t matter if he went there.

“Right, can Fairy please lead the way then.” Qin Wentian nodded.

“Governor Qin, please.” That serving maiden gestured. After that, the two of them soared through the air and came to the temporary imperial residence of the Gemini Palace Lords located in the Lifelong Saint Hall.

In a certain courtyard, within a pavilion, two figures could be seen playing chess there. Other than them, there was another serving maiden at the immortal emperor level. When she saw Qin Wentian had arrived, she smiled, “Palace lords, Governor Qin is already here. We will take our leave first.”

“Mhm.” The two palace lords nodded. The two serving maidens retreated and at this moment, one of the palace lords waved his hand as a formless energy covered this entire courtyard, blocking out the probing of immortal senses.

“Sit.” The two palace lords of the Gemini Palace were still playing chess as they spoke to Qin Wentian.

Qin Wentian walked over to the chess board, glancing at it and realised that both the white and black chess pieces were equal, no one was having an advantage. He then sat down at the side and quietly watched. He didn’t interject to ask any questions.

The two palace lords continued with their game of chess. After some time, one of them suddenly asked, “Qin Wentian, where do you come from?”

Qin Wentian started. He stared at the palace lord and replied, “This junior comes from Lifire City.”

“I’m asking about your origins.” That palace lord continued. Qin Wentian’s immeasurably deep eyes flashed with a strange light but he soon managed to mask it. He replied, “Junior doesn’t understand the meaning of why palace lord is asking me this question?”

“Have you heard of Emperor Yi?” The two palace lords stopped playing chess and both were staring at Qin Wentian. At this moment, Qin Wentian felt an enormous pressure boring down on him. At the same time, his heart pounded rapidly, as he stared at the two palace lords, stunned.

Emperor Yi? They actually asked if he had heard of Emperor Yi.

The Azure Mystic Immortal Realms, City of Ancient Emperors, Ancient Emperor Yi?

“Ancient Emperor Yi?” Qin Wentian’s eyes flashed as he asked.

“Ancient Emperor?” The two palace lords started, mutually exchanging glances before they broke out into laughter. “Maybe it’s because of the time difference. Right now, do you all refer to him as Ancient Emperor Yi?”

Qin Wentian also started. That’s right, this era of theirs naturally referred to Emperor Yi as Ancient Emperor Yi. Were these two palace lords people of the same era with him? If this was the case, it was naturally impossible for them to refer to him as ‘Ancient Emperor,’ they would only refer to him as Emperor Yi.

“How did the two of you find out?” Qin Wentian asked.

“That final buddha gigantic palm imprint must have been augmented and reinforced by God’s Hand, right?” One of the palace lords asked. Right now, Qin Wentian no longer had any more doubts. Seems like the two palace lords have already seen through it.

“Palace lords, who are you two to Emperor Yi?” Qin Wentian asked. His eyes stared at them, could it be one of them is Ancient Emperor Yi?

“Our surname is Qi.” The two of them replied simultaneously.

Qin Wentian abruptly stood up. Lightning flashed through his mind. Their surname was Qi? This surname wasn’t strange at all. But if he linked Ancient Emperor Yi to the Qi Clan and God’s Hand... There was a significant meaning to it.

“I’ve been to a place with three giant bronze gates. I opened them and entered.” Qin Wentian still didn’t dare to divulge anything easily. He still had a trace of wariness in his heart. His words already contained a clear enough hint.

“In that case, shouldn’t the two of us pay our respects to you, the Saint Lord of this generation?” The two of them laughed, staring at Qin Wentian, causing great waves to rise in Qin Wentian’s heart.

Surnamed Qi, God’s Hand, Emperor Yi.

Everything pointed to a single place – the Battle Saint Tribe!

“Seniors, both of you are too serious.” A smile filled with sincerity appeared on Qin Wentian’s face. He didn’t expect to encounter people from the Battle Saint Tribe here.

“In that case, you are really Emperor Yi’s successor?” The two palace lords asked.

“Mhm, junior managed to learn God’s Hand due to a stroke of fate and a series of coincidental events and entered the place where the Battle Saint Tribe is staying in. I’m the Saint Lord of the Battle Saint Tribe of this generation.” Qin Wentian admitted. He then asked, “Is senior Emperor Yi somewhere here too as well?”

“Have you heard of the two of us before?” The Gemini Palace Lords asked.

“Mhm, I heard that seniors are the disciples of a World Overlord. It’s rumored that that World Overlord is a good friend of the Lifelong Reamlord. In that case, is Emperor Yi that World Overlord?” Qin Wentian asked.

The palace lords smiled and nodded, “However, the rumors spreading outside are mixed with truth and falsehoods. Emperor Yi might not really be a good friend of the Lifelong Reamlord. In any case, I noticed that Di Tian’s attacks also contained a trace of God’s Hand’s essence but I’m unable to be sure. Is there a connection between you two?”

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Qin Wentian started. Di Tian's final attack was also something augmented by God's Hand but it appeared more like a sealing-attributed palm from its external look. For people who were unfamiliar with God's Hand, they wouldn't be able to tell for sure. However, the Gemini Palace Lords were both experts from the Battle Saint Tribe, how could they be unable to tell?

God's Hand is basically a technique born from the Battle Saint Art of the Battle Saint Tribe. This must be the reason why they could see through it so clearly.

"Senior's vision is as blazing as torches. Di Tian and I are twins. There's naturally no need for me to hide the fact that I've cultivated the God's Hand from him. The two of us are both Saint Lords of this generation. Because we are worried that we might encounter danger here in the Supreme Ancient Immortal Realms, we decided to conceal our identities and act separately. In this case, even if something happens to one of us, the other still could take revenge. Seniors, please help me to keep this a secret."

Qin Wentian spoke. He didn't reveal the fact about Di Tian was his avatar. He still needed to keep this a secret. If it wasn't for the two palace lords being a part of the Battle Saint Tribe, he wouldn't even have admitted to the slightest connection between him and Di Tian.

"No wonder." The two palace lords nodded, not suspecting his words at all. Qin Wentian and Di Tian's law attributes were completely different so no one would suspect that they are one and the same. They actually trusted Qin Wentian's words even more.

"Don't worry, we will naturally not leak this matter now. Is the Battle Saint Tribe still doing well? Are there people who followed you to the Supreme Ancient Immortal Realms?"

"The Battle Saint Tribe is still doing well. As to why I came here, it was all due to a series of fortunate events and the Battle Saint Tribe didn't follow me over. They are still in the Azure Mystic Immortal Realms." Qin Wentian slowly spoke. "Oh, seniors. If I wish to return to the Azure Mystic Immortal Realms, how can I do so?"

"Given your current cultivation base, it's very difficult for you to directly breakthrough the barrier between realms. In addition, the Azure Mystic Immortal Realms are sealed away, so it is different compared to the other immortal realms. There should be teleportation arrays in the superpowers here but it's very troublesome for you if you want to return now given your current strength." Qin Wentian's eyes flashed, feeling some disappointment. It seems that it wouldn't be easy for him to return to the Azure Mystic Immortal Realms.

“I still need to tell you one thing. The Lifelong Realmlord should be able to see that you used God’s Hand as well. He might not be able to discover that Di Tian was using it, but your attacks were too obvious. Saint Lord, I mean Emperor Yi, he had used God’s Hand before the Lifelong Realmlord before. You won’t be able to hide from him. Hence, you have to be prepared that the Lifelong Realmlord might not put you in an important position and use you. But as for your twin Di Tian, the chances of him being placed in an important position is much higher.”

Qin Wentian’s expression turned heavy. Seems like the relationship between the Lifelong Realmlord and Emperor Yi was somewhat unusual. It wasn’t as good as the rumors had said.

“In that case, what about Ye Qianyu?” Qin Wentian’s eyes flashed.

“He might have intentionally made her stay in the Lifelong Saint Hall but you don’t need to worry too much. There won’t be any danger to her. The Lifelong Realmlord upon seeing you using God’s Hand, would definitely assume that you are someone personally nurtured by the Saint Lord and was sent here by him to temper yourself. Although he wouldn’t place you in an important position, he also wouldn’t suppress you. Unless of course, your growth had reached a stage that’s threatening to him. In that case, he might try something.” The palace lords smiled.

Qin Wentian nodded. That’s right, out of the nine world palaces, one of the world palaces already belonged to Emperor Yi. He didn’t hide the fact about God’s Hand when in the competition, the Realmlord would definitely think that he is a successor nurtured by Emperor Yi. It was impossible for him to place a successor of a World Overlord in an important position in his Lifelong Realm. If not, would this realm be the Realm that belong to the Lifelong Realmlord, or the realm that belong to Ancient Emperor Yi?

Since he didn’t hide the fact that he was using God’s Hand, the Lifelong Realmlord would assume that he was someone arranged by Emperor Yi to come here but he wouldn’t do anything too drastic.

Upon thinking of this, a strange look appeared on Qin Wentian’s face. He didn’t expect using God’s Hand would lead to such a complicated result.

“Haha, do you feel gloomy?” The two palace lords laughed.

Qin Wentian bitterly smiled and shook his head, “I didn’t expect this at all.”

One of the palace lords stretched his hand out and patted Qin Wentian on his shoulder. “We will inform Saint Lord about your matter but we have no idea where he is now exactly as he is roaming

the Supreme Ancient Immortal Realms. We will send a message to him. If you encounter any trouble in the future, you can come to us.”

After speaking, he took out his messaging crystal. Qin Wentian took out his as well. The three of them then left a trace of their immortal senses on each other’s crystals, it would be easier to communicate in the future.

After chatting for awhile more, Qin Wentian departed and returned to his own temporary residence to rest.

At the second day, the individual world palace lords brought along their serving maidens and went to the Realmlord to make their reports. Qin Wentian and the others continued to stay in the temporary palaces.

Qin Wentian, who had his eyes closed currently in meditation, suddenly heard some noise. He sent out his immortal sense and then stood up. His silhouette flashed and an instant later, he appeared outside the residence of Beauty Xiao. Right now, many people had barged in, and the one leading them was actually none other than Xiao Yu, the governor of the Lifelong City’s northern city regions.

Other than them, plenty of the Lifire Palace’s monarchs and governors came here as well. Upon seeing the situation here, there no longer was a charming smile on Beauty Xiao’s face. A look of cold stubbornness could be seen instead as she stared at Xiao Yu’s group of people.

“I’m ultimately still a governor of the Lifire Palace. By forcefully barging in, do you know the rules or not?” Beauty Xiao icily spoke.

“We are here to visit a junior of our clan, the Lifire Empyrean won’t have any objections.” An elder behind Xiao Yu walked out and coldly stared at Beauty Xiao.

“Who is your junior?” Beauty Xiao icily shot back.

“You don’t even want to acknowledge your ancestor?” That elder’s eyes gleamed with a cold light. “I heard that your actions in Lifire City are completely unrestrained, behaving wantonly, acting like a slut. You might not feel embarrassed, but our Xiao Clan of the Sword Spirit Sect cannot afford to lose such face.”

The Sword Spirit Sect was considered a sect, that was also a clan as well. Right now, two major clans were in control of the Sword Spirit Sect and one of them was precisely none other than the Xiao Clan. However, the Sword Spirit Sect also wouldn't reject others who had different surnames if they wanted to join them.

Beauty Xiao of the Lifire Palace was precisely someone from the Xiao Clan of the Sword Spirit Sect.

Qin Wentian had a look of surprise on his face but the other monarchs and governors of Lifire City didn't look surprised. Evidently, they all knew about this.

"I have long severed all relationships between me and the Xiao Clan. There's no need for you guys to care about what I am doing." Beauty Xiao coldly spoke.

"Slut." Xiao Yu coldly spat, his tone extremely sharp. "Back then when the clan arranged a marriage for you, you refused to comply and insisted on following that trash. The clan did you a favor and killed that trash. Everything the clan did, it was for your own good. Who would have thought that you became such a cheap slut now and had completely thrown the face of our Xiao Clan. You actually even dared to not admit to this?"

Beauty Xiao's expression turned ashen. She stared at Xiao Yu, "Considering our position in the family hierarchy, I'm your elder. You dare to speak to me like this?"

"For such a lot, how can you be fit to be my elder?" Xiao Yu radiated coldness, stepping out as though he was about to attack Beauty Xiao.

"This place is the Lifelong Saint Hall, you dare?!" Beauty Xiao's expression changed.

"Even if you want to sever your relations with the Xiao Clan, the Realm Lord won't say anything if we want to discipline an unfilial member of our clan." Xiao Yu icily spoke. He stretched his palm out, forming a gigantic palm imprint that radiated sharpness which blasted towards Beauty Xiao. Beauty Xiao's expressions changed, she stabbed out with a finger attack to defend. They actually started to exchange blows here.

Although both were governors, their strength level was clearly different. After all, Beauty Xiao was a governor of Lifire City and Xiao Yu was a genius governor of Lifelong City. Numerous collisions occurred, but Beauty Xiao was clearly at a disadvantage. A few moments later, the ringing sound of

a slap rang out. Beauty Xiao was directly knocked to the ground as traces of blood could be seen at the corners of her lips.

“My Xiao Clan originally should have crippled you. But seeing that you are a governor of the Lifire Palace, we can expel you from the clan if you kneel down and apologize and accept three blows from me. After that, your actions would no longer concern our Xiao Clan, you can be as cheap as you want to.” Xiao Yu coldly spoke as he stepped forward.

“Impudent.” A glacial voice rang out. Because Beauty Xiao was someone of the Xiao Clan, Qin Wentian initially didn’t want to get involved. After all, it was considered their Xiao Clan’s internal matters. But now, it was clear that the Xiao Clan came here purposely to humiliate Beauty Xiao. He truly could no longer stand it.

When Xiao Yu saw Qin Wentian, his expression turned extremely ugly. “Why, is an outsider like you planning to interfere with the matters of my Xiao Clan?”

Qin Wentian blinked and a terrifying sword intent instantly gushed forth, shooting straight towards Xiao Yu’s eyes. He took a step forward and slammed out with his palm. Xiao Yu’s aura exploded outwards as his own sword intent gushed forth, colliding with Qin Wentian’s. With a thunderous bang, his body was blasted back from the impact.

“What are you doing?” An expert of the Sword Spirit Sect icily spoke as he glared at Qin Wentian.

“Coming to our Lifire Palace’s temporary quarters to insult one of our governors and considering that this place is still the Lifelong Realm, did you guys place the Realmlord and our Lifire Emphyrean in your eyes at all?” Qin Wentian walked to the side of Beauty Xiao as he coldly replied.

“This is an internal matter of our Xiao Clan.” An old man growled.

“She has already said that she severed all relations with the Xiao Clan. Also, didn’t you guys say that you wanted to expel her? Since this is the case, it’s clear that you all came here specifically to insult her, a governor of the Lifire Palace.” Qin Wentian coldly spoke.

“Seeing how this slut leaned against him yesterday. and how protective he is of her, I wonder if there’s anything sordid between them.” One of the experts from the Xiao Clan spoke. The Sword Spirit Sect felt no goodwill at all towards Qin Wentian. He defeated Xiao Yu and embarrassed him. How could they feel any goodwill towards him?

“And? So what of it?” Qin Wentian coldly laughed. He helped Beauty Xiao up and wrapped his arm around her waist, causing her body to tremble slightly as she inclined her head and looked at his handsome features.

“You guys are so interested in my private matters?” Qin Wentian threatened. “Don’t say that I didn’t warn you. If there’s anyone who still dares to insult or humiliate her, don’t blame me for not being polite.”

“Not being polite? How impolite can you be?” Xiao Yu sneered as killing intent radiated from him.

“Whatever you do to her, I’ll return it to you double.” Qin Wentian similarly radiated a cold killing intent.

“When you stepped out for Ye Qianyu, I still thought how deep and profound your love for her was. To think that you would also want such a slut.” Xiao Yu laughed loudly.

Beauty Xiao turned pale after Xiao Yu spoke. She glanced at Qin Wentian but there was no change to Qin Wentian’s expression. He merely barked, “Scram.”

Xiao Yu and his group all had ugly looks on their faces. After that, they looked coldly at Qin Wentian and said, “Let’s hope Governor Qin will still dare to protect her in the future.”

After speaking, the people of the Xiao Clan flicked their sleeves and departed.

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After the people of the Sword Spirit Sect left, the Lifire Palace’s monarchs and governors glanced at Qin Wentian and Beauty Xiao. When did these two get together?

“Governor Qin not only managed to gain fame, you even gained a beauty.” Yin Qiu spoke in a strange tone. Upon seeing Beauty Xiao pressing her body into Qin Wentian, he felt a sense of discomfort. He had been pursuing this vixen for many years but Qin Wentian had succeeded where he failed?

“We are all comrades yet you are actually willing to stand by the side and watch Governor Xiao being humiliated? No wonder you failed to win her heart despite so many years.” Qin Wentian coldly mocked. Beauty Xiao then shifted her body away and bowed to Qin Wentian, “Thanks for helping me out.”

“That’s what I ought to do.” Qin Wentian calmly spoke. The other monarchs and governors of the Lifire Palace stiffened. Could it be that there’s no relationship between Qin Wentian and Beauty Xiao? Qin Wentian only acted to uphold justice?

“Governor, let’s go to my courtyard for a while.” Beauty Xiao gently smiled. After that, she coldly glanced at the others gathered here. The others all revealed smiles on their faces before walking away in an embarrassed manner. Even Yin Qiu had no choice but to leave unhappily.

“Thank you, really.” Beauty Xiao softly spoke after they entered the courtyard.

“It’s fine.” Qin Wentian shifted his gaze away as he replied.

Beauty Xiao suddenly smiled charmingly when she saw Qin Wentian’s expression. She removed the outer layer of her clothing, Qin Wentian couldn’t help but start when he looked back at her and only saw a transparent inner-wear covering her body. “What are you doing?”

“Take me.” Beauty Xiao jumped up, cradling her legs around Qin Wentian’s waist while she hugged his head, pressing his head into her bosom.

“Are you mad?” Qin Wentian panted, he inclined his head and stared at Beauty Xiao.

“I know you already have someone in your heart. I wouldn’t request you to do anything for me. However, don’t reject me.” Beauty Xiao lowered her head, her eyes were filled with endless charm, causing Qin Wentian to be speechless. After that, he carried her into her room and they started a ‘war’ in the bedroom.

After many battles, Qin Wentian went back to the courtyard and sat down. He was in deep contemplation while sighing in his heart. No matter what, something did happen between them once. It was impossible to stand by and watch if somebody wanted to do something to her.

Beauty Xiao's sexy body leaned against Qin Wentian, her head rested on his shoulders as she spoke in a low voice. "Do you feel the same way as what the Xiao Clan's people have said about me? Do you think that I'm a slut?"

Without waiting for Qin Wentian to reply, she continued, "Once, I was a young miss of the Xiao Clan, my temperament was dignified and composed. Everything was fine until the Xiao Clan decided to marry me off to a clan I hated very much for the sake of achieving their purposes. Although it's an irony to speak of this, such a method is very commonly seen among major powers. They don't feel anything wrong when they do this. Out of anger, I left my clan alone. During my wanderings, I met a man. That man was in love with my beauty and was very good at sweet-talking. However, he was a weakling and a coward. When my clan caught up to me, he actually knelt and begged them for his life, willing to forsake me. Eventually, my clan killed him but I felt no sadness at all. He might have obtained my body, but he lost his life as the price. What an irony.

"The Xiao Clan captured me back, the people of my clan were as mocking and sarcastic as ever. Even the other clan whom I was forcefully engaged to, was humiliating me for rejecting the marriage arrangement. After that, I decided to become a 'slut' overnight. I broke out and the Xiao Clan and my personality also changed to what you are seeing today. Are they not the ones saying that I'm cheap? I'll show them how cheap I can be then. Since then, there were many men who wanted my body, and an example was Yin Qiu. But I can tell that they only want the thrill of subduing me, using my body for their enjoyment. This is what you men are like. Hence, none of them had ever obtained me. All this lasted until your appearance. You might not believe this but in reality, other than my ex, you are the second man I've given my body to." Beauty Xiao laughed.

"From your tone, you seemed to hate men a lot." Qin Wentian glanced at Beauty Xiao.

"Yup. In this strength-oriented world, males clearly have an advantage over females in cultivation. Also, ever since ancient times, it was normal for men to have three or four wives. They covet beauty, but society deems that nothing is wrong. As long as they have enough power and authority, they can have many beautiful women around them. However, what if a woman was to act the same way? She would instantly be labelled as a slut. Don't you think that this is unfair?"

Qin Wentian was speechless. The truth was truly as such. An example was Xiao Yu, he was the number one governor of the northern city regions in Lifelong City, and wasn't he surrounded by beauties who were young misses of aristocrat clans? Regardless of the Lifire Empyrean or Lifelong Realmlord, they had no lack of beauties by their side and the women following them all had talent and beauty, as well as backgrounds.

Was this fair? Or was this unfair? The society's norms in the world they lived in, was precisely this.

“You are different from them. For those I seduced before, none could resist my charm. You are truly different.” Beauty Xiao laughed.

“Are you mocking me?” Qin Wentian felt some guilt in his heart. How was he different from them?

“You know I’m not. I’m very confident in my own charm, even for those who had many supreme beauties around them, as long as I take the initiative to seduce them, they would definitely be tempted. After all, all men have their needs. Yet, you actually managed to resist me so many times.” Beauty Xiao smiled gently. “Although you eventually succumbed, you still managed to hold your desires in many times. Also, other than you, I’ve met one more person who was able to resist my charms.”

“Who?” Qin Wentian asked.

“That man is the same as you, he also gained fame in this grand banquet. I’m talking about Di Tian.” Beauty Xiao smiled as she looked at Qin Wentian’s handsome features. “The two of you are actually quite similar in many aspects.”

“Like what?” Qin Wentian casually asked.

“I can’t spell it out clearly but it’s just a kind of feeling. For some reason, I feel that the two of you seem to have a connection. It’s like you are both the same person but that is clearly not possible.” Beauty Xiao laughed. However, her words caused Qin Wentian’s heart to tremble. Beauty Xiao had interacted closely with him and Di Tian before and she actually sensed something between them. The instinct of a woman was truly fearsome.

“Enough, you should go. You’ve stayed for too long, if you stay any longer, people might wonder what are we doing in here exactly!” Beauty Xiao’s soul-stirring eyes stared at Qin Wentian. Her alluring body stood up, she walked over and helped Qin Wentian to tidy his clothes before she dressed up. “Let me send you out.”

Qin Wentian was somewhat speechless as he stood up. Before he left, Beauty Xiao transmitted her voice to him, “In the future, I’ll only seduce you alone.”

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The world palace lords returned from their meeting with the Realmlord. After that, they respectively departed, heading back to their respective world palaces.

The Lifire Empyrean, Qin Wentian and the others all returned to Lifire City too. Before he left, Qin Wentian still didn't manage to get a chance to meet with Ye Qianyu and Ye Qianyu's messaging crystal seemed to have been confiscated after she was sent to the Lifire Jail. Qin Wentian could only send her a one-way message, telling her to wait for him. He needed more time.

After the people of the nine world palaces left, on a vast platform in the Lifelong Saint Hall, the Lifelong Realmlord was enjoying wine as he sat there. There were many beautiful serving maidens around him serving him as well.

Up ahead, a group of beautiful women came over and bowed, "Us maidens of the Red Dust Immortal Palace, pay our respects to the Realmlord."

"Mhm." The Lifelong Realmlord nodded, he inclined his head and glanced at Ye Qianyu. "In the future, you will temporarily become a maid of the Lifelong Saint Hall for now."

"Yes, Realmlord." Ye Qianyu bowed.

"Before this, you danced at the grand banquet. Perform that dance again for me." The Lifelong Realmlord casually spoke. Ye Qianyu's expression stiffened as her countenance paled. She spoke in a low voice, "Realmlord..."

The Realmlord frowned as a formless pressure radiated forth in an instant. He looked at Ye Qianyu, his expression as calm as ever, there were no fluctuations in his eyes.

"If you are unwilling, I won't force you." The Realmlord calmly spoke.

"Qianyu." The Red Dust Immortal Palace's maidens all turned their gazes to her.

Ye Qianyu saw the gazes of her fellow sisters. She sighed in her heart before she glanced at the transcendent demeanor the Lifelong Realmlord was projecting.

He was, after all, the major character here. So what if Qin Wentian had a dazzling performance? Could she still not gain any respect?

Upon thinking of the message Qin Wentian sent her via immortal sense, Ye Qianyu's expression gradually changed.

Abruptly, her beautiful eyes flashed with a radiant smile. The her at this moment was filled with boundless charm.

"Yes, Realmlord." Ye Qianyu charmingly laughed, causing the Lifelong Realmlord's eyes to flash. After that, he watched as that alluring figure of Ye Qianyu shifted in different positions, performing that beautiful dance for him. Each of her movements were filled with endless glamor. The smile never left her beautiful eyes, which increased her alluringness. However, her state of heart was as calm as water, as cold as ice.

Regardless of the Lifelong Realmlord or the Lifire Empyrean, they would both sooner or later pay a price for underestimating Qin Wentian. It has only been a few tens of years and the Lifire Empyrean already felt threatened. In the future, it would be the same for the Lifelong Realmlord as well.

At this moment, a subordinate came by. He walked towards the Realmlord and bowed, "These are all the information records sent by the Lifire Palace."

"Mhm." The Realmlord nodded lightly, shifting his eyes from Ye Qianyu. He flipped through the records but very soon, a puzzled look could be seen in his eyes.

Beiming Youhuang? Qin Wentian and her were fellow martial apprentice siblings?

Since that was the case, what relationship did Beiming Youhuang have with Emperor Yi? Could she also be one of his successors?"

If she really is one of Emperor Yi's successors, how could she have been forced by the Jialan Monarch to such dire straits then? Or was it because Emperor Yi told both her and Qin Wentian to temper themselves outside without relying on his help?

As he flipped through the information records, the suspicion in the Lifelong Realmlord's heart grew even deeper. After he finished, Ye Qianyu has also ended her dance. The Realmlord spoke to his subordinate, "Send a message to the Lifire Palace Lord. Get him to send Beiming Youhuang to the Lifelong Saint Hall."

“Yes.” That subordinate bowed and retreated.

The Lifelong Realmlord then turned his glance at Ye Qianyu and the maidens of the Red Dust Immortal Palace. All of you will temporarily become maids of the Lifelong Saint Hall to pay for her crimes. Be prepared for my summons.”

“Yes.” None of them dared to object. All of them bowed and watched as the Lifelong Realmlord stood up and left. After he left, a bright light flashed in Ye Qianyu’s eyes as she stared at the horizons. The man whom she was waiting for, when would he be able to prop up this entire sky?

Chapter 1634: Settling Scores

In Lifire City, when Qin Wentian and the others returned, news of what happened in Lifelong City also had already circulated around.

Grandmaster Di Tian showed extraordinary talent, obtaining first in the martial competition with his mid-stage immortal emperor cultivation base. The Realmlord personally rewarded him heavily, from now on, the Emperor Pavilion can expand as it wished through the Lifelong Territories and had no need to pay tax. Di Tian was also given the position of the supervisory commander.

When this news spread, the entire Lifire City was rocked by it. Everyone knew that from now on, the Emperor Pavilion’s rise was inevitable. No one would dare to obstruct it.

Those who once doubted Di Tian’s strength, all felt extremely ashamed. As for those who supported Di Tian from the start, they were off boasting about their intelligence to all their friends. There were even people who took the incident of Liu Feibai challenging Di Tian and mocked Liu Feibai for overestimating himself. An ant-like him even dared to challenge Grandmaster Di Tian? He wasn’t even worthy enough to carry the shoes for Di Tian. All sorts of ugly words could be heard, the genius Liu Feibai had lost face completely, and was being humiliated wherever he went, becoming the bad guy in the story.

At the same time, many major powers went to the Emperor Pavilion to visit, preparing to build up a good relationship with Grandmaster Di. However, the Emperor Pavilion soon sent out the news that Di Tian would organize a banquet and would invite everyone there.

Other than this, the other person who rose to fame, was none other than the northern governor Qin Wentian. That magnificent white-robed governor fought one man against eight other experts, even duelling against two during the last battle, helping the Lifire Palace to regain its face. His magnificence truly knew no bounds and his fame shook the heavens.

However, after his return to Lifire City, Governor Qin was as low-profile as ever, staying inside his governor's manor and not meeting with any guests.

Di Tian and Qin Wentian, became the legendary characters of Lifire City.

Today, inside the central city regions, the Emperor Pavilion hosted a banquet and invited the major powers from all regions. Even many experts from the governor manors were invited. For example, Lin Ba from the Eastern Governor Manor, Beauty Xiao from the Southern Governor Manor, Yin Qiu from the Western Governor Manor and even Grand Governor Zhuge Xiong. Only two governors weren't here. The first was Qin Wentian from the Northern Governor Manor, he was someone as outstanding as Di Tian. Many people guessed that Qin Wentian didn't see the need to give Di Tian face as he was not weaker than Di Tian.

There were also some that said both of them were too competitive and wanted to see who was superior. Both were absolute geniuses and weren't willing to accept that the other was better than him. Hence, Di Tian didn't see the need to invite Qin Wentian.

Naturally, no one could verify all these conjectures. Also, another matter was even more interesting. The Central Governor Xia Hou actually wasn't invited.

When thinking back to matters of the past, everyone all had thought-provoking looks on their faces. Back then, the central governor's manor was riddled with scandalous rumors. Everyone knew that Governor Xia Hou wanted to act against the Emperor Pavilion. Right now, Grandmaster Di Tian was the one smacking Xia Hou's face.

The banquet was already prepared and the place was filled to the brim. Not only were the experts from the central city regions here, all the major powers from all regions in Lifire City rushed here today. After all, it was easy to predict that the Emperor Pavilion's future was boundless, the Realmlord has already spoken. In addition to Di Tian's strength and capabilities of weaponsmithing, it was hard to imagine a situation where the Emperor Pavilion doesn't rise to the heavens.

Today, the people of the Mo Clan were extremely excited. The Mo Clan Leader Mo Ting, personally led his clan here. Mo Ting and his daughter Mo Junyi, as well as the Mo Clan Elder, Mo Fei, would definitely be in the seats of honor at the upper level today. After all, everyone knew that

the Mo Clan had supported Di Tian right from the start, even sending Mo Junyi and Mo Fei to serve as employees for the Emperor Pavilion. Now that Grandmaster Di Tian has finally risen to glory, the Mo Clan would naturally feel proud.

Seeing so many major powers seated below them, Mo Ting's smile was extremely wide. He silently praised himself for having good judgement and making the right decision those years ago. Only sending coal in the midst of winter was valuable. Right now, these people were all adding flowery patterns on a perfect brocade.

Di Tian was seated at the highest level. After the food and wine were served, he raised his cup and toasted the crowd, "I, Di, am truly thankful for everyone showing up here. I would also like to thank Grand Governor Zhuge and the other governors for making time to come here."

"Grandmaster Di is too polite."

"Commander Qin, we are all comrades, there's no need to be so courteous." Lin Ba laughed. As for Beauty Xiao, she merely smiled and didn't attempt to seduce Di Tian. Seems like she was really honoring her promise to Qin Wentian. From now on, she would only seduce Qin Wentian alone.

"Although the Realm Lord has personally graced me and granted me the position of the Commanding Supervisor, it's only a position with practically no obligations in reality. My interest is still on developing my Emperor Pavilion. I hope that everyone can help me out in the future." Di Tian, who had his features masked, exuded a sense of mystery. He was robed in black and his entire person radiated sharpness.

"Naturally. Grandmaster Di's Emperor Pavilion was originally a supreme major power. We would all have to count on the Emperor Pavilion instead." Somebody laughed.

"That's right, all the weapons forged by Grandmaster Di are considered an absolute gem. In the future, Grandmaster Di you mustn't stop forging alright? We all really want the chance to buy a treasure forged personally by you in your auctions."

Everyone spoke one after another, their tone extremely polite.

"That's natural. I will definitely continue to forge weapons but the rate at which I will be doing so, will naturally not be as high as before. After all, if one's strength doesn't increase, their dependence on their divine weapons would eventually prove to be their undoing." Di Tian smiled as the others nodded.

“You mean your strength is weak?” Mo Junyi by the side rolled her eyes at Di Tian. Di Tian laughed when he saw the expression on her face.

“Haha, Grandmaster Di is too humble.”

Many people turned their gaze to Mo Junyi, some of their eyes gleamed with a bright light as they laughed. “Grandmaster Di and the Mo Clan’s princess are truly an ideal couple, a match made in heaven. I can see the tender feelings in Miss Mo’s eyes when she looks at Grandmaster Di.”

Although this sounded like a joke, it was layered with hidden meaning. As expected, the eyes of the Mo Clan Leader Mo Ting, gleamed with sharpness after he heard that and smiled at the person who spoke.

Mo Junyi blushed and replied, “Everyone, don’t tease me please.”

“Haha, I truly felt this way.” That person spoke half-jokingly. How could Di Tian not understand what these people are thinking about. If he and Mo Junyi really got together, they would definitely express their goodwill towards the Mo Clan and build up better relations.

However, there were also people who were unhappy. These people were from the Jialan Clan. Today, experts from the Jialan Clan also came here to attend the banquet and Jialan Qiuyue was among them.

“Wow, they are truly a heavenly match.” A gentle voice rang out. The eyes of everyone turned and saw the flawlessly beautiful face of Jialan Qiuyue. They discovered that Jialan Qiuyue was smiling as she looked at Di Tian. The hint of a pout could be seen in her eyes, and this scene caused everyone to be shocked. The person who spoke earlier felt his heart trembling. He hurriedly smiled and replied, “I must have drunk too much and was just making a joke earlier. Please don’t mind me.”

Just as his voice faded, the Mo Clan instantly shot cold looks at him, causing this person to perspire cold sweat. Right now, he wanted nothing more than to find a hole and bury himself inside. This boot-licker made wrong moves everywhere. What a contrived scene. Who would have thought that the young miss of the Jialan Clan would actually be in love with Grandmaster Di as well. If he knew about this, he definitely wouldn’t have dared to say that sentence earlier no matter how audacious he was. The Jialan Clan was a clan he couldn’t afford to offend.

Many people felt their hearts shaking, Grandmaster Di was truly hot property. There are so many peak beauties wanting to chase after him and were all with high statuses.

Right now, the princess of the Jialan Clan and the princess of the Mo Clan, exchanged glances with each other. Sparks seemingly appeared as they matched gaze as the atmosphere turned tensed. Di Tian actually has such luck...

Di Tian was sweating as well. He softly coughed, "Right now, the Emperor Pavilion is still in its development phase. As for matters of the heart, I, Di, shall put it aside first and won't consider it in the near future."

As the sound of his voice faded, two pair of eyes filled with hidden resentment stared at him in unison. Di Tian sweated even more as he silently asked himself this. Were the beautiful females of this generation all less and less reserved?

In truth, one couldn't blame Jialan Qiuyue and Mo Junyi being not so 'reserved'. They also wanted to maintain the 'reservedness' females should have but they encountered a love rival. One should know jealousy was the emotion that would motivate most women. How would they be willing to appear weak in front of each other? Hence, they were not reserved at all in this situation.

"Seems like Grandmaster Di is destined to be blessed with many wives." Many people had a meaningful look in their eyes as they stared at Di Tian.

For truly outstanding men, there would naturally be many beauties willing to take the initiative.

Di Tian pretended not to have noticed the gazes of the two beauties. He continued and speak, "I'm sure everyone here knows a little about the development of my Emperor Pavilion. In the past, my Emperor Pavilion encountered many calamities and troubles and was almost shut down. Even though the danger has passed, I, Di, still feels fear when thinking about it now."

When the crowd heard Di Tian's words, their eyes suddenly flashed. Their attitudes all turned serious. What did Di Tian mean by saying all this now?

"Back then, it was precisely in the central city regions where I started the Emperor Pavilion. However, when I tried to develop, I was obstructed by many mysterious powers. The experts who bought treasures from my auction house and transaction grounds were all plundered, and they encountered all sorts of trouble. At that period of time, my customers were all panicking, causing the popularity of my Emperor Pavilion to dip. One must know that the Emperor Pavilion then was

just a recently established business but was paying the same tax as first-tier powers. Yet, the governor's manor couldn't even investigate anything.”

Di Tian's tone turned solemn. The governors here all had sharp expressions. What was Di Tian trying to do by mentioning this?

“Later on, although this matter was resolved, something still felt fishy. Who were the mysterious powers that acted against my Emperor Pavilion?” Di Tian's tone gradually sharpened. “Those powers used sinister and underhanded methods to act against my Emperor Pavilion and naturally would do the same in the future to other businesses too. This is extremely detrimental to the economic development of our Lifire City. Now that I received the love and grace of the Realmlord and became the Supervisory Commander, I'm prepared to investigate fully with regards to this. What do you all think?”

The hearts of everyone trembled. Di Tian brought up the point of him being graced by the Realmlord twice and became the Supervisory Commander. It was clear that he was showing off his backing, telling everyone that he is someone who belonged to the Realmlord.

Right now, this Grandmaster Di who had risen up, wanted to settle scores in the past. He was prepared for revenge the instant he came back, not wanting to waste any time.

The eyes of Zhuge Xiong and the other governors flashed, they clearly understood in their hearts that this matter didn't simply involve Xia Hou. Di Tian was prepared to get payback for all the grudges in the past? One must know that the Lifire Emphyrean had expressed that he hoped for everyone to bury the hatchet. But Di Tian seemed as though he wanted to challenge the Lifire Emphyrean's authority!

Chapter 1635: Tyrannical Di Tian

Zhuge Xiong and the others understood that Xia Hou was the mastermind. The others here naturally knew it as well. In addition, other than Governor Xia Hou, quite a few other major powers were involved in this as well and they might be among the crowd currently.

At this moment, many people narrowed their eyes. The lively atmosphere at the banquet abruptly fell silent. It was easy to offend people if one spoke out now. Although no one knew who they would offend, it was certain that those powers involved in the matter, were definitely people with powerful backgrounds.

Di Tian played with his wine cup when he saw this scene. He then smiled, "It's fine that nobody wants to express their stances. It's impossible for me to allow this incident of the past to fade away just like this, I'll definitely get to the very bottom of it. It's only that my Emperor Pavilion is still at its development phase and the forces I can muster are still weak. Hence, I might need to borrow some help from all of you. Is there anyone who is willing to support me and my Emperor Pavilion for this matter?"

"How forceful." Many people silently mused. However, to many people here, this was an opportunity for them to build relations with Di Tian. Hence, although they might offend some people, many people were tempted as they would be able to gain Di Tian's friendship. Now, it would depend on how they would choose.

"My Mo Clan would naturally throw in our full support behind the Emperor Pavilion. Back then, my Mo Clan was also affected by that matter and I feel extremely enraged. Now that Grandmaster Di wants to investigate, I, Mo Ting, will naturally help him out." The Mo Clan Leader directly expressed his stance.

"If Grandmaster Di needs help, my Jialan Clan is also willing to assist." Jialan Qiuyue's father, Jialan Cheng, spoke out. Their Jialan Clan definitely had to maintain their good relationship with Di Tian. Di Tian might very well become the most critical person that would help them in their struggle with the Lifire Emphyrean for the position of the Lifire Palace Lord.

"I'm also willing to help." Another person from a major power spoke. After that, more and more people spoke. Even some of those with more ordinary backgrounds in the crowd couldn't help but to give their support when they saw so many major powers speaking up. Almost half of the crowd today directly expressed that they are willing to support Di Tian."

Di Tian had a smile on his face as he looked at everyone. After that, he turned his gaze towards Zhuge Xiong and the other governors as he stated, "Grand Governor Zhuge, I believe you also know that this matter would impact the various governor manors. Hence, I will need your help. I wonder what you all feel about this?"

Zhuge Xiong stared at Di Tian's dark eyes as he felt his heart shuddered. Truthfully, although he was the Grand Governor, he couldn't compare with Di Tian in terms of status. Di Tian basically didn't even need to care about him.

Di Tian has already domineeringly expressed his stance. He will definitely investigate this matter to the end. As for him now asking for their opinions, it was Di Tian wanting them to choose which side to stand on. Would they choose to stand with him, or would they choose to stand with Xia Hou.

If it was just between Di Tian and Xia Hou, it would be easy to make a choice. The critical thing was that they had to consider the Lifire Empyrean's attitude about this too.

Although the Lifire Empyrean didn't publicly express his stance, he did get Xia Hou to apologize when they were back in the Lifelong Saint Hall. Clearly, he wanted everyone to forget about all these unpleasant matters. But now, Di Tian seemed reluctant to forgive and forget and wanted to investigate this to the end. Since this is the case, things are truly troublesome now.

“Commander Di Tian, I personally agree with you. It's just that Xia Hou is ultimately a governor of our Lifire City. I have no idea about the palace lord's attitude. But if you choose not to intentionally target Xia Hou, I can give you information about the other major powers involved.” Zhuge Xiong transmitted his voice to Di Tian. Di Tian's eyes gleamed sharply as he mused silently at what a crafty old fox Zhuge Xiong was.

Di Tian didn't care about the voice transmission. He directly opened his mouth and spoke, “Grand Governor, I became the supervisory commander of Lifire City on Realmlord's order. I naturally have to execute my duties. Even if this past incident didn't happen to my Emperor Pavilion but some other businesses instead, I would also definitely investigate clearly. Our Lifire City cannot be allowed to have cancerous cells festering within us. Since I already know about this matter, not investigating it would mean that I have let down the Realmlord's love for me.”

Zhuce Xiong silently cursed in his heart. This bastard directly skipped past the Lifire Empyrean and brought out the Realmlord's name once again. Di Tian was truly good at using powerful connections to intimidate people.

In any case, this Di Tian was truly not afraid of the Lifire Empyrean. Back then at the Lifelong Saint Hall's grand banquet, he had already shown how close he was with the Jialan Clan and it was clear that he was now already on their side. Why would Di Tian care about what the Lifire Empyrean thought? The Lifire Empyrean was the one trying to pull Di Tian closer to him instead.

The Realmlord has personally said that as long as Di Tian didn't partake in any act of rebellion, he can do what he wanted to in Lifire City. Nobody would dare to move against him. Not even the Lifire Empyrean would do so.

Right now, he said he wanted to investigate Xia Hou and even brought up the name of the Realm Lord, acting in the name of justice. Even if the Lifire Empyrean was here, what could he say? It was impossible that he would choose to offend Di Tian to the death and push him to the Jialan Clan, right?

Zhuge Xiong guessed that most probably, the Lifire Empyrean would allow Di Tian and Xia Hou to do what they want and he wouldn't interfere.

"What do you all think?" Zhuge Xiong glanced at Lin Ba, Beauty Xiao and Yin Qiu. This made Lin Ba and Yin Qiu to curse silently in their hearts. The ball was now in their court.

"I feel that we ought to support Grandmaster Di Tian. Since Grandmaster Di Tian is the supervisory commander, he does have the authority to investigate this matter. In any case, why would us governors of Lifire City have anything to hide?" Lin Ba spoke in a manner that exuded righteousness, causing Zhuge Xiong to feel somewhat surprised. This Lin Ba actually supported Di Tian so much?

However, he understood after thinking deeper into it. Out of the five governors of Lifire City, Qin Wentian was a special existence who already immensely disliked Xia Hou. Other than Qin Wentian, Xia Hou was very powerful, while Lin Ba was slightly below. If Xia Hou falls, Lin Ba's position would instantly be elevated and could also gain Di Tian's friendship. Why would he not support Di Tian? As for Xia Hou, both Di Tian and Qin Wentian wanted to deal with him. He wouldn't last for too long. It didn't matter if he offends him now.

"I also support Grandmaster Di Tian." Beauty Xiao giggled, expressing her stance with no hesitations, shooting glances filled with charm at Di Tian. Zhuge Xiong thought she wanted to seduce Di Tian and didn't feel anything strange about it.

"Hasn't that matter already been brought to a close? Commander Di, there's no need to investigate further, right." Yin Qiu calmly spoke, his tone was still considered friendly. Di Tian's gaze landed on Yin Qiu as he replied, "Since Governor Yin feels this way, please leave my place now. Those who walk different paths, cannot mix together."

Yin Qiu's expression instantly stiffened. He didn't expect Di Tian to be so domineering. His tone was already considered very peaceful, was he being expelled from here just because he didn't agree with Di Tian's opinions?

Zhuge Xiong and the others present were all shocked too. What a domineering Grandmaster Di Tian.

Lin Ba and Beauty Xiao smiled as they looked at Yin Qiu, with hints of sympathy in their eyes. This fellow still couldn't see the situation clearly?

"Commander Di, I'm just..." Yin Qiu instantly felt regret.

"Governor Yin, please." Di Tian waved his hand, not showing any mercy at all. Yin Qiu's mouth twitched, he then stood up and left with a heavy look on his face. One could very well imagine how bad his mood was being expelled like that.

"Although Governor Qin isn't present today, I believe he would definitely agree with me." Di Tian calmly spoke. Zhuge Xiong's eyes flashed. If Di Tian wanted to act against Xia Hou, Qin Wentian would naturally agree too.

"Since this is the case, if Commander Di needs any help, I'll do my best to support you." Zhuge Xiong replied.

"In that case, I'll have to thank Governor Zhuge then." Di Tian smiled and nodded. He then lifted his cup and spoke to everyone, "I'm most grateful for all of your valuable assistance. Let me toast everyone here."

The eyes of all the experts flashed, they all had different worries in their hearts. In the following days, a storm would soon engulf the central city regions of Lifire City.

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Not long after the banquet ended, the news about what happened in the Emperor Pavilion soon circulated to the central governor's manor.

A loud boom echoed within the great hall. A table beside Xia Hou was smashed to pieces. Green veins throbbed on his face as his killing intent gushed forth.

"What a good Di Tian, Zhuge Xiong, Lin Ba and Beauty Xiao." Xia Hou's entire body was trembling, one could tell how angry he was. But other than anger, he also felt a hint of fear. Di Tian organized a banquet just to bring this matter up. Not only so, he even got all the governors to

express their stances. This meant that Di Tian was determined to do something to him. Given Di Tian's capabilities, it was very probable that he, Xia Hou, might fall to Di Tian.

"Lord Governor, what should we do?" One of the vice governors asked. In the past, it was this vice governor who went to the Emperor Pavilion many times to recruit Di Tian. At that time, he felt Di Tian was stupid for not giving face to Xia Hou and was simply courting death with his actions. But now, they were actually starting to fear Di Tian. What an irony this was.

"We didn't do anything, right? So what if Di Tian wants to investigate? What do you mean by what should we do?" Xia Hou coldly shot a look at the vice governor. His ice-like eyes were filled with a threatening look. Evidently, he wanted his subordinates to watch their words. They might be at risk of leaking information.

"Your subordinate knows my mistake." The vice governor bowed.

"Retreat. Warn those below not to talk nonsense. I'll report this to the palace lord. Di Tian is truly getting more and more lawless." Xia Hou coldly spoke. That vice governor bowed and retreated, preparing to tell the others who were involved in this to keep quiet.

Not only for the central governor's manor, the Yan Clan, Han Clan, Wei Clan, the three major aristocrat clans were all holding emergency meetings now. The Di Tian now wasn't the Di Tian of the past. He had enough authority, status and power and could truly destroy them all. If he truly investigated and linked that incident back to them, nobody knew what was going to happen.

After several days, many people came to the central governor's manor. They were none other than Di Tian and his people from the Emperor Pavilion. Other than them, Zhuge Xiong was present as well.

"Commander Di Tian, what do you mean by this?" When Di Tian arrived, Xia Hou personally walked out and blocked Di Tian from entering. His expression was sinister. He had gone to look for the Lifire Emyrean but he failed to meet him. The Purple Moon Immortal Emperor transmitted the Lifire Emyrean's message to him, telling him that he better settle all the problems he caused himself. This meant that the Lifire Emyrean wouldn't interfere in this. He had to deal with Di Tian himself.

"Governor Xia Hou, I still have some doubts in my heart with regards to the matter that happened in the past at my Emperor Pavilion. I need to seek some people from your governor's manor to understand some things." Di Tian spoke.

“Sure, I can tell them to come out. If Commander Di wants to understand the situation more clearly, I will tell them to comply with you completely.” Xia Hou glanced at Di Tian.

“I want to bring them back to my Emperor Pavilion. I’ve already reported this up to palace lord. There’s no need to build another place for my commander’s manor. I will just use the Emperor Pavilion as my office.” Di Tian spoke.

“This can’t do. They still have tasks they need to complete and wouldn’t be free.” Xia Hou rejected.

“This is the authorization token for the supervisory commander.” Di Tian took out a token. This token was similar to the governors’ token of authority. The words ‘supervisory commander’ was imprinted in gold on it.

“If there’s anyone who dares to obstruct me from carrying out my duty, it would mean disrespect to the Lifelong Saint Hall, going against them, defying their orders. I’m authorized to carry out any actions I deem fit before reporting upwards.” Di Tian calmly spoke. A moment later, a terrifying might descended on everyone, Di Tian’s immortal sense enveloped the governor’s manor as he continued, “I, Di Tian, the supervisory commander of Lifire City, hereby summon the vice governors and attendants of the central city regions to appear before me immediately. If not, it would be treated as an act of defiance and I will begin to slaughter everyone involved without mercy.”

This voice rang out like thunder, reverberating through the central governor’s manor, causing the hearts of countless people to tremble.

Chapter 1636: Conclusive Evidence

Xia Hou’s expression turned grim. The tension in the air could be palpably felt.

The various vice governors and attendants also understood the status the current Di Tian had. Not coming out would be treated as defiance and he would kill all without mercy? Who gave him such authority? He was clearly using the position given by him by the Realm Lord to avenge private grudges while using his public post. However, he did have good reason to do this. If they don’t obey, would Di Tian really kill them all?

Given Di Tian’s terrifying combat prowess as the top ranker in the martial competition, it was probable that even Governor Xia Hou wouldn’t be able to stop him.

“Commander Di Tian, what place do you treat my governor’s manor as?” Xia Hou turned ashen as he asked. If it wasn’t for the fact that he knew he wouldn’t be able to win against Di Tian, he would have already fallen out and started a fight. Right now, he was suppressing all of his emotions.

“I’m doing my job. If they are innocent, I’ll naturally allow them to return and won’t make things difficult for them.” Di Tian spoke. Xia Hou’s expression was extremely sinister. If he allowed Di Tian to bring all of them back to his place, there would surely be trouble. When his people were moved to Di Tian’s territory, how could he still do anything?

“Who knows what sort of methods you would use?” Xia Hou coldly spoke.

“This time, I invited the experts from the grand governor and various governors to act as guards. They can watch the entire process and serve as witnesses. Guard Yun, brief Governor Xia Hou on the details.” An immortal emperor stepped out. Xia Hou glanced at him as his expression turned unsightly. He naturally knew who the head guard of the grand governor’s manor was.

“Governor Xia Hou, the Grand Governor believes Commander Di will carry out the investigation fairly. Please cooperate.” Guard Yun spoke. Xia Hou’s hands were trembling, he was angered to the tipping point. Right now, it was clear that Grand Governor Zhuge Xiong was already on Di Tian’s side.

“Governor Xia Hou, I’ve given you enough face. If you continue to obstruct me, don’t blame me for being impolite.” Di Tian might as well directly threaten. His voice turned cold, “I will give the vice governors and attendants of your central governor’s manor an incense worth of time. If no one comes out, I’ll go in and find them.”

The central governor’s manor was completely shocked. Di Tian was too forceful but the Lifire Empyrean didn’t do anything at all. Even the grand governor was on his side. As for the other governors, it was rumored that Governor Yin Qiu just said a single sentence that went against Di Tian’s opinions and was expelled from the banquet. As for the other governors, all of them sent their men here to support Di Tian. The situation was completely one-sided.

After a few moments, some people came out from the governor’s manor. These were the vice governors and attendants. Di Tian was simply too domineering, they didn’t dare to not show up. If not, just given Xia Hou’s strength, he wouldn’t be able to protect them.

Upon seeing all his men appearing, Xia Hou clenched his fists tightly, feeling incomparably sullen.

Not long after, more and more people appeared. Di Tian glanced at them, “Thank you everyone for your cooperation. Since you are all vice governors and attendants, I’ll give you the respect accorded to your ranks and treat you politely. Please come with me back to the Emperor Pavilion.”

Di Tian turned after he spoke, truly in a polite manner. Everyone glanced at Xia Hou. Xia Hou looked at a few of his men as his eyes shone with the light of a warning.

The news that Di Tian brought everyone away soon swiftly circulated outwards. The entire central city regions were shaken by the commotion. This Grandmaster Di Tian was truly tyrannical and incomparably domineering, directly heading to the central governor’s manor to bring their men away.

The vice governors and attendants of the central governor’s manor were brought to the Emperor Pavilion. Over here, experts were as common as clouds, giving them great pressure. Di Tian glanced at them and asked, “For that incident in the past, I’m sure everyone has already heard of it. Let me ask the first question. Do any of you know who the mastermind is?”

The people here glanced at Di Tian. This fellow wasn’t reserved at all and actually started the questioning so directly, not beating around the bush.

Naturally, nobody replied. How could they possibly divulge the truth?

“It’s fine if no one wants to speak. However, if I manage to find out the truth later and if there’s someone intentionally not speaking out despite knowing the truth...” Di Tian smiled at everyone. “I’ll cripple their cultivation bases.”

Many people felt their hearts trembling, but they maintained an outward calm on their faces. If they didn’t speak, how would Di Tian know?

“I’ll give you all the same amount of time it takes for an incense stick to burn out. For those who know the truth about this, please take a step out.” Di Tian smiled. After that, he stood up from his seat and walked around casually like he had nothing better to do. He glanced at Mo Junyi beside him and asked, “Has that expert from the northern governor’s manor been invited here already?”

“Governor Qin has agreed, his subordinate has arrived.” Mo Junyi spoke.

“Mhm, invite him here quickly.” Di Tian spoke. Mo Junyi walked out and a few moments later, she returned with a terrifying-looking demonic lion beside her. This lion had jade-green eyes, he glanced at everyone, causing their souls to tremble as though their souls were momentarily out of their control.

“Senior Evil Emperor, thank you for making this trip.” Di Tian politely spoke.

This lion was none other than the Evil Emperor. He nodded casually in response. His green eyes continued to stare at the crowd, causing many to feel their hairs standing.

“This bastard.” Someone already started to curse at Di Tian silently in his heart.

“Evil Emperor is Qin Wentian’s subordinate. Qin Wentian truly also wants to move against Xia Hou. With the Evil Emperor here, if we don’t speak, would Di Tian use him to force us to reveal the truth?” There were people feeling a struggle in their hearts. They were no longer as calm as before.

“Guard Yun. You are the Grand Governor’s subordinate. Help me bear witness. I guarantee that I won’t ask about their private matters and will only ask questions about the past incident.” Di Tian spoke to Guard Yun. Guard Yun could only curse silently in his heart at how shameless Di Tian was. This was simply frightening Xia Hou’s men to their death.

As expected, there were a few people whose legs were already trembling as though they couldn’t stand straight. If Di Tian really found the truth by using the Evil Emperor, he would cripple their cultivation. At that time, everything would be over for them.

Di Tian wasn’t in a hurry, after walking about a few more steps, he inclined his head and smiled, “There’s still half-an-incense stick worth of time. As long as you all take the initiative to confess, I guarantee I’ll let bygones be bygones for you. If not, I’ll follow my earlier arrangement. Everyone, please consider carefully.”

After speaking, he continued to pace around. His footsteps rang out clearly in the dead silence of this space. The Evil Emperor’s green eyes shone with a demonic luster. Finally, an attendant took a step forward. The amount of time given was running out. He didn’t dare to take the risk.

With someone leading the way, there were instantly others who stepped out. Very swiftly, a total of three people stepped out. Di Tian coldly laughed when he saw this. This Xia Hou was truly absolutely unbridled, not bothering to hide his actions at all. There were actually more than three

people who knew the truth of that past incident. From this, one could see how tyrannical Xia Hou was in the past, he simply didn't care about leaking the details at all.

Finally, a total of two vice governors and four attendants walked out. Di Tian laughed and asked them, I'll question you all before Guard Yun. Those years ago, who is the mastermind behind the troubles my Emperor Pavillion faced? All of you transmit your voices to me and Guard Yun privately, do not speak out openly. If your words don't match with each other, I'll have to move on to the next step of the investigation."

"What a crafty fellow." Everyone glanced at Di Tian. The people in the surroundings also didn't expect that Di Tian would have such a method. As expected, everything was over once Di Tian captured the people from the central governor's manor. He had already prepared for everything, there was no way out for these subordinates of Xia Hou.

After that, the voices of the six people were transmitted to Di Tian and Guard Yun. Di Tian and Guard Yun also checked the facts with each other. Moments later, a cold smile appeared in Di Tian's revealed eyes as he continued to ask. "So it means that Governor Xia Hou was completely in the know? Although he didn't initiate this, in truth, he had colluded with the other major powers, right?"

The six looked at each other in dismay and continued to transmit their voices. Di Tian's eyes were extremely cold. Finally, he looked at the Evil Emperor and spoke, "Can I trouble senior to mind-control this attendant and asked if the words he has spoken earlier were true? I have no idea if they communicated with each other secretly to lie to me and Guard Yun."

The Evil Emperor glanced at the weakest immortal king among the attendants as his eyes glowed with an evil light. Very swiftly, he controlled his target and asked the questions. The attendant replied straightforwardly that everything he has spoken before was true.

"Since this is the case, the evidence is irrefutable. I will summarize everything you six have told me and Guard Yun. Back then, the three aristocrat clans of the central city regions, the Yan Clan, Han Clan and Wei Clan paid a visit to Governor Xia Hou and wanted to form an alliance to deal with my Emperor Pavilion. After they did the deed, the governor's manor still pretended to investigate but did nothing in reality and even secretly gave information to the three aristocrat clans. Are my words right? Is there anything else you all want to rectify?" Di Tian spoke. No one said anything, and the others captured here felt their hearts shaking. A voice appeared in their mind, Xia Hou was finished.

This Di Tian was determined to get his revenge. And right now, the evidence was conclusive.

“There are experts from all the other governors here, including the people from Grand Governor Zhuge. Since the truth is out, what do you all think we should do?” Di Tian gazed at everyone.

“I have to report this matter first to the Grand Governor.” Guard Yun and his subordinates spoke. Di Tian nodded, allowing them to make the report. A few moments later, Guard Yun replied, “Grand Governor says that he will instantly inform the palace lord about this matter. As for the three aristocrat clan, the Grand Governor says that from now onwards, they will be prohibited from expanding their power within our Lifire City, we will shut down all businesses controlled by them.”

“I have no objections with the Grand Governor’s ruling. As for Governor Xia Hou, I’ll wait for palace lord to make the decision. With regards to the three aristocrat clans, they have already broken the law of our Lifire City. Not only will their businesses be shut down, I will also confiscate all assets under them as well.” Di Tian smiled, his eyes flickering with coldness. The people here all felt their hearts trembling. They understood that Governor Xia Hou was finished. The three aristocrat clans would also be in dire straits.

Back then, since the three aristocrat clans wanted to force the Emperor Pavilion to its death, given his personality, how could Grandmaster Di Tian show mercy now that he was in power?

Chapter 1637: Rise of the Emperor Pavilion

In the central governor’s manor, Xia Hou was pacing about in the great hall, he felt extremely anxious. His subordinates that were brought away still didn’t relay any news back to him. Right now, he was like a deaf person, he was completely ignorant of what was going on in the Emperor Pavilion.

“Di Tian.” Xia Hou’s eyes were filled with killing intent. Those years ago, how could he give a damn about a mere weaponsmith? The central city regions was his territory and his words were law. He can play however he wanted to play. To think that he would actually meet with Di Tian’s revenge today.

At this moment, his eyes suddenly gleamed with sharpness. Turning his head, he glanced at the air only to see many figures suddenly appearing. It was none other than Di Tian and a group of people. Other than Di Tian, the Grand Governor Zhuge Xiong, Lifire Palace’s Protector Chen, and those vice governors and attendants of his central governor’s manor were present.

At this moment, Xia Hou suddenly felt a sense of unease. His heart grew cold as he looked at them. Those figures didn't descend to the ground, they remained in the air and stared down at him.

"Xia Hou, as the central governor, you actually acted so arrogantly and were in cahoots with the major powers of Lifire City to privately deal with the Emperor Pavilion in your respective region of administration. Do you admit to your guilt?" Zhuge Xiong icily spoke.

"I don't know what Grand Governor is talking about." Xia Hou denied.

"IMPUDENT!" Zhuge Xiong berated. "Right now, the evidence is already conclusive, this fact was borne witness to by experts from the various governor's manor. Your subordinates have revealed everything. Are you still going to deny your crime?"

Xia Hou's expression turned ugly to the extreme. His icelike gaze turned towards those people standing behind Di Tian. His subordinates all lowered their heads, not daring to match his gaze. They had no choice but to do this. Under that situation, who would dare to lie? The Evil Emperor had been invited over and even if they wanted to lie, they wouldn't be able to do so. They had no choice for the consequences of lying were too terrible.

"Do you admit to your guilt?" Zhuge Xiong icily asked.

"I will beg for forgiveness from the palace lord." Xia Hou knew that he could change nothing no matter what he did. He clasped his hands in the direction of the Lifire Palace.

"The palace lord has already given the command to relieve you of your governor's duties. From now on, you will not be used in any official positions and your responsibilities will temporarily be carried out by vice governor Ji until further arrangements. Xia Hou, come with me to see the palace lord and wait for your punishment." Protector Chen spoke, causing Xia Hou to turn pale.

From now on, he will never be used in any positions? This was cutting off all future paths for him.

"Commander Di Tian. After returning to the Lifire Palace, the palace lord will naturally heavily punish him. What do you think?" Protector Chen glanced at Di Tian.

"Di Tian will naturally respect all decisions made by our palace lord. Let's do things according to what palace lord suggests." Di Tian smiled. Although he understood that nothing would happen to Xia Hou after he went to the Lifire Palace, the Lifire Emphyrean still did this for him to see on the

surface and crippled Xia Hou's future. As of now, it wasn't too good for him to be too forceful and adopt a confrontational posture going against the Lifire Emphyrean.

"Mhm." Protector Chen nodded. He then continued, "Xia Hou, come with us."

Xia Hou didn't say anything and prepared to leave with Protector Chen. His ice-like eyes swept towards Di Tian, not bothering to mask his killing intent.

"Governor Ji, you will temporarily replace him as the central governor. Put in all your effort to cooperate with Commander Di." Zhuge Xiong spoke to the ex-vice governor Jimo. Jimo nodded, "Yes, Grand Governor."

Zhuge Xiong then led Protector Chen and the others away. Di Tian looked at Jimo and spoke, "Governor Ji, instantly summon all the subordinates within the governor's manor."

"Your subordinate hears and obeys." Jimo clasped his hands.

"Governor Ji, you are already a governor now, you can directly refer to me as Commander Di." Di Tian laughed. Jimo started before nodding, while he cursed silently in his heart. This fellow crushed Xia Hou just like that. How would he dare to be careless?

"The people of the central governor's manor assemble here immediately." Jimo roared. In an instant, the other various vice governors and attendants moved to assemble their subordinates, not daring to be slow at all. Right now, no one dared to offend Di Tian.

Di Tian gazed at the experts below him. These were the troops of the central governor's manor and were truly much stronger when compared to the northern governor's manor.

"Governor Ji, command three vice governors to each lead a regiment of troops and head to the Yan, Han and Wei Aristocrat Clans, holding them there. No one from their clans is allowed to go out and they have to cooperate with the governor's manor fully. For those who dare to disobey, kill them without mercy." Di Tian spoke. Although the power of the three aristocrat clans is strong, they wouldn't dare to do anything if the governor's manor really chose to surround them.

In reality, Di Tian wanted nothing more than the three aristocrat clans resisting. If they did so, he would have a chance to capture them all in one fell swoop, settling everything in one go. Back then,

the three aristocrat clans didn't plan to even give his Emperor Pavilion any chance of survival. Now, Di Tian naturally wouldn't show mercy.

Jimo led the three vice governors under him and set off to the three aristocrat clans. At the same time, Di Tian sent out a command for other regiments of the central governor's manor to seize the businesses owned by the three aristocrat clans. Di Tian will personally head there to confiscate the businesses, just like how the Northern Governor Qin Wentian did so when he dealt with the Ancient River Auction House in the past.

A commotion shook the central regions of Lifire City. The incident where Qin Wentian acted in the past, already caused great waves when he moved against a single auction house backed by the Jialan Clan. Right now, Di Tian was actually doing the same thing but he was moving against three great aristocrat clans.

In Lifire City, powerful clans naturally have their own businesses or they wouldn't be able to survive. How would they be able to sustain the running of the clan given the huge amount of resources needed by each member?

The Yan Clan was a formation-based clan, while the Han and Wei Clans were businesses-based clans. The auction houses and transaction grounds the three clans had, were considered the top-ranking ones in the central city regions. When the governor's manor sent troops to confiscate the businesses, an earth-shaking commotion was caused. They were met with great resistance. However, Di Tian didn't merely lead the troops alone. Back then at the banquet he hosted, for those major powers who agreed to support him, Di Tian got them to send their experts to aid him in this, directly placing the experts of the other major powers against the three aristocrat clans.

Although Di Tian obtained the top ranking in the martial competition of Lifelong City, in truth, the strength level of his Emperor Pavilion hasn't really developed yet. After all, Di Tian just returned. If he wanted to depend on his Emperor Pavilion alone to deal with the three aristocrat clans, it would be akin to using an egg to smash a rock. Hence, Di Tian borrowed strength from those who verbally said that they would support him. He wanted to fight toughness with toughness, instantly allowing everyone in Lifire City to feel that the Emperor Pavilion was the strongest power in Lifire City, simply unexcelled by others.

Not only so, there were also enemies of the three aristocrat clans throwing stones at them when they were down. Within a single day, all the businesses of the three aristocrat clans were closed down and their assets confiscated.

And right now, within the three clans, the clan leaders all felt immense pain and regret. This time, they were really going to encounter a calamity.

Initially, even if the fact that they used dishonorable means to deal with the Emperor Pavilion, the fallout wouldn't be this big. After all, such a situation was commonly seen in Lifire City when the major powers competed with each other. However, they rammed their toes into Di Tian which was like an iron plate. Di Tian was determined to get revenge no matter what.

The Yan Clan was completely surrounded by the governor manor's troops. At this moment, a masked figure in black arrived here, standing in the air. His entire being radiated sharpness.

Upon seeing this figure, many of the Yan Clan recalled the time when this man first stepped into their Yan Clan. At that time, Di Tian was merely a junior specializing in the formation arts and came to challenge the Yan Clan's prestige. At that time, nobody cared about him. It was only until Di Tian defeated their Yan Clan did they start to view him with some regards.

But even so, no one would have expected such a scene would occur now. Di Tian directly led men to confiscate their assets and businesses and was standing high up in the air above the Yan Clan right now.

"Grandmaster Yan Feng, how have you been?" Di Tian peered down from the air, looking at a familiar face.

Yan Feng's eyes gleamed with sharpness, he stared at Di Tian, "Di Tian, you actually dare to borrow your official position to settle private grudges? You will definitely suffer retribution in the future."

"Oh?" Di Tian mockingly laughed. "When you guys colluded with Xia Hou to deal with my Emperor Pavilion, pushing me to the dead end, did you all not expect that you would be the ones suffering retribution?"

"Grandmaster Yan Feng, I won't waste words with you. Back then when I came to the Yan Clan for the first time, it was difficult for me to even enter the gate, needing to pass some bullshit trial devised by your clan. But now, things are no longer so troublesome." Di Tian sarcastically commented. "From today onwards, everything the Yan Clan owned shall be taken away by me. In addition, the Yan Clan will be prohibited from operating any businesses in Lifire City forever. If not, in the future, things wouldn't be as simple as now, just merely confiscating your assets."

“Don’t push things too far.” Yan Feng raged. The people of the Yan Clan were all glaring at Di Tian.

“When you guys bullied me, did you all show any mercy?” Di Tian coldly spoke. “In the future, behave yourselves well. If you break the Lifire Palace’s laws as well, you will definitely be severely punished. Farewell.”

“Let’s go.” Di Tian waved his hand, signalling for the troops to retreat. He then led the troops and flew away in another direction.

The people of the Yan Clan all had ashen looks on their faces. If this was the case, there was no longer a way for their Yan Clan to establish dominance in the Lifire Palace’s territories. They had no choice but to migrate away.

A vast aristocrat clan that has no businesses will not be able to sustain themselves. Why would all their guest elders still follow them? How would they nurture their own geniuses?

Di Tian was evidently forcing them away.

The central governor Xia Hou was stripped from his position and would never be placed in official positions again. The three aristocrat clans had their businesses sealed and assets confiscated and were forced to migrate away from Lifire City. This news instantly shook the entire Lifire City, creating tsunami-level of waves of commotion. All this happened because of a single person. Grandmaster Di Tian from the Emperor Pavilion.

For a period of time, Di Tian’s fame surged up into the skies. No one in Lifire City dared to antagonize him. By doing this, he was sending a warning to those who wished to oppose him. No matter if you are a governor or aristocrat clan, you best not offend me.

After a period of time passed, the Emperor Pavilion announced that they would undergo a restructuring due to the influx of assets gained. He also didn’t forget the powers that supported him and he split a share to each of them. Everyone was pleased with this outcome, the Emperor Pavilion didn’t suppress others and only sought to expand itself. There was no need to doubt that not long from now, the Emperor Pavilion would be the largest business in the central city regions. Also, he didn’t need to pay any tax.

Just like what everyone expected, the rise of the Emperor Pavilion was unblockable. It was just that no one had expected Di Tian to use such a tyrannical method and rise so quickly!

Chapter 1638: No Fortune to Enjoy the Grace of Beauties

The original central governor of Lifire City vanished, as did three aristocrat clans.

Before this, Di Tian hosted a banquet and had clearly stated his intentions, saying that he wanted to investigate the past incident and settle the debts. However, no one expected Di Tian to be so tyrannical at that time. To think he was so decisive and ruthless.

In addition, from the looks of things, the Lifire Empyrean truly allowed him to do what he wanted. Despite moving against Xia Hou, the Lifire Empyrean didn't interfere at all. Xia Hou clearly wasn't Di Tian's opponent. He who had reigned supreme in the central city regions for so many years, had his position removed. His current whereabouts were also unknown.

Not long after, the Lifire Palace sent an expert to officially take over the central governor's manor. This new governor was named Sun Qian and was a peak-stage immortal emperor who had cultivated for many years. He was a follower of the Lifire Empyrean before this. Sun Qian always had a smile on his face and seemed very amicable. After taking over, he immediately went to the Emperor Pavilion to pay a visit. Right now, the governors of Lifire City had come to a mutual consensus. If they wished to retain their positions as governors, the best thing to do was to forge a good relationship with Di Tian.

After all, who didn't have some information that could be used against them floating out there somewhere? What if Commander Di Tian wanted to investigate their past?

Xia Hou's incident made Yin Qiu feel extreme regret. So it turned out that it was useless even if he had expressed his stance, Di Tian would still do what he wanted to and in an extremely decisively manner. He had offended Di Tian for no rhyme or reason at all and had to tuck his tail between his legs now as the days passed, keeping a low profile. He didn't know if Di Tian would resent him and move against him someday like how he did to Xia Hou.

After these, the Emperor Pavilion's development was naturally as smooth as flowing water.

The Emperor Pavilion started to recruit from all regions, providing a high salary and many benefits. After all, the Emperor Pavilion could really afford it now. Just the fact that the Emperor Pavilion need not pay tax, it was already sufficient for the Emperor Pavilion to hire many experts. The experts sent from the other major powers to help Di Tian by taking important positions in the

Emperor Pavilion, were gradually replaced by the Emperor Pavilion's own people. Di Tian slowly regained complete control of his business.

Also, everyone knew that this was merely the beginning.

Just like what everyone expected, with the Realm Lord's support and having no need to pay tax, also in addition to Di Tian's position as the supervisory commander, who in Lifire City would dare to cross Di Tian? After a short tens of years, the Emperor Pavilion has already become a major power with businesses everywhere, including the northern city regions where Qin Wentian and the Jialan Clan resides.

The Jialan Clan had always been extremely supportive of Di Tian. They maintained their friendly relations and Di Tian did the same as well. Jialan Qiuyue would frequently come over to the Emperor Pavilion to find Di Tian to chat. In fact, Jialan Chen would even personally pay a visit and hint to Di Tian about him and Jialan Qiuyue's relationship.

However, although Di Tian and Jialan Qiuyue seemed very close, he continued to feign ignorance towards the Jialan Clan's hints, causing Jialan Qiuyue to always shoot him looks of hidden resentment. A peak-level beauty shooting such gazes at him every time, Di Tian really couldn't bear it. His grudge with the Jialan Clan was no longer so intense. Naturally, with the exception of the Jialan Monarch, he wouldn't forget Ye Qianyu who was being imprisoned in the Lifelong Saint Hall now just because of how friendly Jialan Qiuyue was. In any case, if there was no Jialan Monarch, many things wouldn't have happened.

Seeing the Jialan Clan 'making a move' to corner Di Tian, the Mo Clan was also extremely anxious. They urged Mo Junyi to be closer to Di Tian and she must not lose out to Jialan Qiuyue. But as the princess of a clan, how could she take the initiative to express her love for Di Tian? She would at most silently hint at things through her actions. With the two beauties acting like this, Di Tian felt that he had no fortune to enjoy the grace of the two beauties.

Time slowly passed as the Emperor Pavilion grew more and more every day. However, this was insignificant. As long as the Lifire Empyrean still sits at the peak, the Lifire Palace would still be the old Lifire Palace. Nothing will change too much.

Also, compared to the high-profile actions of Di Tian, Qin Wentian who had also displayed his brilliance those years ago, was much more low-profile. He acted in the same manner as the past, silently cultivating, showing no interest for external things. The Jialan Clan also sent people many times to invite him, wanting to repair their relationship. However, they couldn't even manage to meet with Qin Wentian.

Some people guessed that maybe, Qin Wentian wasn't even inside the governor's manor and was out tempering himself somewhere. After all, no one would dare to cause any trouble in the northern city regions any longer. The tyrannical actions Qin Wentian took to deal with the Ancient River Auction House those years ago was still fresh on everyone's mind. In addition, the Jialan Clan was no longer prepared to continue to make things difficult for Qin Wentian. Who else would dare to create trouble?

Naturally, for the contribution day held once every ten years at the Lifire Palace, Qin Wentian would still always punctually appear. Compared to Di Tian, Qin Wentian could be said to have given plenty of face to the Lifire Emphyrean. He was acting just like when he was in the Lifelong Saint Hall, performing his duties remarkably. Even if the Lifire Emphyrean was jealous and was on guard against him, it wasn't too good for him to really do anything towards Qin Wentian. Maybe, the small kinks in their relationship could be slowly smoothed away by time.

Regardless of Di Tian or Qin Wentian, in the perspective of the Lifire Emphyrean, their actions were true to their personalities and seemed very normal.

Di Tian accomplished his ambitions, he was rewarded personally by the Realmlord and enjoyed special authority in the Lifire Palace. It was very normal that his actions were high profile. Even when Di Tian didn't give him face sometimes, the Lifire Emphyrean brushed it off to Di Tian's personality. In any case, there wasn't any real conflict between them. Even if Di Tian really obtained the Realmlord's favor in the future and was moved to a higher position, it wouldn't really affect him much. Hence, this was why he was very lenient towards Di Tian. With regards to this point, even Di Tian had to admit it.

Qin Wentian was very normal as well. Because of his relationship with Ye Qianyu, in addition to the fact that he defied orders and went to the Lifelong Saint Hall back then, Qin Wentian was very clear of his boundaries after they came back. He did things in a low profile, accomplishing his duties and mostly kept to himself.

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The river of time would never cease flowing. Unknowingly, tens of years passed. During this period of time, Lifire City was still the same old Lifire City. The only difference was that a supreme major power has been born – the Emperor Pavilion.

After several years of development, the Emperor Pavilion had truly become a terrifying power. Branches of the Emperor Pavilion could be found throughout Lifire City, no longer limited to any city regions. There were branches to be found in all the five regions now.

Right now, the Emperor Pavilion's businesses were no longer restricted to auction houses and transaction grounds. They even expanded into the restaurant and inn industry, as well as miscellaneous tasks such as inscribing formations. The number of experts the Emperor Pavilion controlled had far exceeded the number of experts each governor's manor had. With such a large business, it was only natural many people needed to sustain it. With how popular the Emperor Pavilion was, they also had sufficient resources to hire people. If Di Tian married and had kids, maybe a thousand years later, the Emperor Pavilion would become a supreme aristocrat clan.

Hence, during recent years, Di Tian encountered many speechless things. Many major powers sent their young misses over to the Emperor Pavilion clearly for the intention of asking for marriage. They even openly hinted that it was fine if Di Tian wanted to take the maidens as his concubines. After encountering such incidents several times, Di Tian no longer met with the major powers who wanted to push this agenda.

This caused many to feel bewildered. Grandmaster Di Tian already has fame and accomplishments. Why did he push all the maidens who were trying to get close to him so far away?

Leaving aside Jialan Qiuyue who was a peak beauty, even the young miss of the Mo Clan, Mo Junyi, was also a rare beauty. Also, all the maidens they sent to the Emperor Pavilion were all outstanding in both talent and beauty. How would they dare to send ordinary women over?

For others who had the same level of accomplishments as Di Tian, it was extremely normal for them to be surrounded by a bevy of beauties. However, Di Tian didn't even accept a single one. Even if he didn't want to marry or take concubines, it shouldn't be a problem to keep them by his side, right? The major powers wouldn't have any opinions about that. As long as Di Tian accepted the maidens they sent, at the very least, the maidens should be able to be his concubines in terms of status, right?

Could it be that Grandmaster Di Tian already has someone in his heart? If not, why wouldn't he even not want to marry the princess of the Jialan Clan, Jialan Qiuyue?

Today, in the headquarters of the Emperor Pavilion in the central city regions, the size of this business had expanded numerous times and was incomparably prosperous. In the courtyard Di Tian was in, the environment was extremely elegant and tranquil. This place was designed by Mo Junyi

personally for him and wasn't a place anyone could enter as they wanted to. Even peak-stage immortal emperors had to report their arrival first.

However, there was a maiden standing in the courtyard now. She was incomparably beautiful and had a hint of nobility in her aura. She was none other than Jialan Qiuyue.

"Qiuyue, why are you so free to come over." Di Tian smiled as he asked.

"I encountered a troublesome matter and wanted to take a walk here." Jialan Qiuyue had a hint of bitter resentment in her eyes when she glanced at Di Tian. It has been over ten years and their relationship was already extremely close.

"Oh? Tell me about it." Di Tian sat in front of Jialan Qiuyue.

"Do you still remember the Xuanyuan Clan we met in the Lifelong Saint Hall over ten years ago?" Jialan Qiuyue asked.

"I naturally do. The Xuanyuan Clan is extremely strong and they are even one of the world palace lords, how would I forget about them?" Di Tian laughed.

"Someone from the Xuanyuan Clan requested a marriage arrangement through the Lifelong Saint Hall, wanting to match a young genius of their clan with me. It's not the son of Xuanyuan Hao but someone more outstanding than him." As she spoke, Jialan Qiuyue's beautiful eyes stared at Di Tian, feeling trepidation in her heart. In truth, there were no such matter. It was a lie she made up.

"Oh? He wants to marry you?" Di Tian started.

Upon seeing Di Tian's shock, Jialan Qiuyue's heart trembled slightly. She seriously nodded, her beautiful eyes filled with a hint of trepidation.

"Qiuyue, congratulations! This is a good thing, why are you troubled about it?" Di Tian suddenly laughed as he seriously spoke. Jialan Qiuyue's beautiful eyes instantly froze. She stared into Di Tian's eyes, he didn't seem to be joking.

Congratulations?

This is a good thing?

Her clan has hinted at matters of marriage between them multiple times with Di Tian for so many years but Di Tian didn't give an open response. She finally drummed up her courage and listened to her clan's suggestion. She discarded her pride and came here to probe him, yet he offered her his congratulations?

At this moment, Jialan Qiuyue felt incomparably grieved. All her pride and respect was as though they were trampled onto the ground.

“Di Tian, you are a bastard!” This was the first time Jialan Qiuyue cursed at someone. After that, she turned and ran off, her eyes were red, leaving behind a dumbstruck Di Tian!

Chapter 1639: News from Youhuang

In an ordinary courtyard of the Lifelong Saint Hall, Ye Qianyu was quietly lying down, her alluring frame was extremely tempting.

For these past tens of years, she and some other maidens from the Red Dust Immortal Palace was imprisoned in the Lifelong Saint Hall and they were forbidden from taking a step out from here. Occasionally, when the Realmlord was in the mood, he would summon them to admire their dance. Although they were not being asked to do miscellaneous things like servants, they actually might very well choose to do miscellaneous tasks instead of being treated as a dancer.

Sometimes, Ye Qianyu also wanted to rebel. But she knew that given how high the existence of the Lifelong Realmlord was, he could take her life away with just a single sentence. Also, she still wanted to wait for someone to mature. Let's see how many years the Lifelong Realmlord can admire their dance for.

Every time after a period of time, Ye Qianyu's mind would ring out with Qin Wentian's voice. Her messaging crystal was confiscated, the immortal sense she infused into it could now only receive messages, but she could not send any out. This has become the motivation for her to continue living. She knew that there was someone longing for her out there. Qin Wentian's messaging crystal had her immortal sense, so he knew that she would be able to hear his message although she couldn't reply. Qin Wentian would also frequently chat with her. Naturally, it was a one-way conversation.

At this moment, footsteps rang out. Ye Qianyu still laid there lazily, she opened her eyes and looked at the person who appeared. After that, a countenance that wasn't in anyway inferior to her in terms of beauty appeared in her vision.

"You came." Ye Qianyu spoke, "Please feel free to take a seat."

"Does he know the Lifelong Realmlord is treating you like this?" Beiming Youhuang's cold voice rang out. During these years, she has always been in the Lifelong Saint Hall. The Lifelong Realmlord personally gave the order for her to remain here and the Lifire Emyrean didn't dare to disobey. From then on, she has been stationed here. Many people spread rumors saying that she, Beiming Youhuang, has obtained the trust and recognition of the Lifelong Realmlord, there were even other rumors saying that the Realmlord admires her and wanted to woo her. Naturally, she didn't know any of these, no one would dare to tell her such things.

Even now, Beiming Youhuang had no idea why the Lifelong Realmlord brought her to the Lifelong Saint Hall. She knew that Qin Wentian displayed outstanding talent in the grand banquet, defeating the supreme and transcendent immortal emperors from the other world palaces completely. However, she didn't understand why the Lifelong Realmlord summoned her here after that and also frequently made Ye Qianyu dance for him. This was a mark of disrespect to Ye Qianyu, and there was no way the Lifelong Realmlord wouldn't know about this. In addition, Qin Wentian clearly stated that he participated in the grand banquet back then just for Ye Qianyu. The Lifelong Realmlord clearly knew this, but why was he still doing this?

Beiming Youhuang didn't know anything about all this. She had no way to guess at the Lifelong Realmlord's intention. The thoughts of major characters were extremely hard to fathom.

"Do you know why the Realmlord is doing this?" Beiming Youhuang asked.

"You don't even know why he is making you stay here, how would I know of his intentions." Ye Qianyu glanced at Beiming Youhuang. Clearly, this wasn't the first time the two had chatted.

"Maybe, he makes you do this because your dance is too beautiful and he admires it. However, everyone in the Lifelong Realm knows Qin Wentian participated in the grand banquet for you and it clearly wouldn't be good for the Realmlord to cut in and snatch you. Hence, he only made you dance for him." Beiming Youhuang calmly analysed. If not, she truly had no other ideas. However, she wasn't clear at all to her own situation.

“Didn’t you try asking him?” Ye Qianyu smiled.

Beiming Youhuang started. It has been a long time since she communicated with Qin Wentian.

“Why should I? Don’t tell me I should tell him about your bitter experiences here?” Beiming Youhuang spoke.

“You didn’t ask him because you know that once you asked, he would inquire about my situation and learn about what I’m experiencing. He will hate the Lifelong Realmlord and might act impulsively and encounter troubles. Hence, you rather chose not to tell him that you are also in the Lifelong Saint Hall, right?” Ye Qianyu’s beautiful eyes stared at Beiming Youhuang as she smiled. “You are in love with him, right?”

Beiming Youhuang’s beautiful eyes froze. After that, she stood up and turned around to leave.

When she saw this scene, Ye Qianyu smiled. She then spoke out, “Back then, he was already impulsive once for you and fell into danger. Hence, you don’t dare to tell him because you are afraid that he might be impulsive for me too, creating trouble that he cannot handle, right?”

Beiming Youhuang’s steps didn’t slow, she quickly disappeared from the area. Ye Qianyu glanced at her back and mumbled, “This fellow must have caused many poor ladies in Lifire City to have fallen for him.”

At this moment, Qin Wentian wasn’t in Lifire City, he was roaming around the streets in Heavenly City.

This place was the territory of Ye Qianyu’s Thousand Feather Palace back then. It has now become a transaction pavilion. Upon seeing Qin Wentian, the beautiful serving girl saw his extraordinary demeanor and smiled at him, “Sir, what do you need? I can make some recommendations.”

“I’m just casually strolling around.” Qin Wentian smiled. His originally handsome appearance was extremely dazzling when he smiled. That serving girl was completely stunned. Her heart pounded. Right now, Qin Wentian’s demeanor was simply too attractive. She knew that he was an extraordinary character the moment she saw him.

“Okay. Let me bring you around then.” The serving girl gently smiled.

“It’s fine, I can stroll around on my own.” Qin Wentian laughed and walked away. A look of disappointment appeared on the serving girl’s face as she stared at Qin Wentian’s departing back.

Qin Wentian then headed to the inner halls of the Thousand Feathers Palace, but now, everything inside was already changed. He walked to Ye Qianyu’s bedroom, and entered the secret courtyard through it, coming to the place where Ye Qianyu once built a cultivation platform for him as he looked down at the majestic Heavenly City.

“Who are you?” Someone coldly spoke. After that, several immortal emperors appeared here, all of them icily staring at Qin Wentian. “Sir, this is private property. You cannot enter without permission.”

“My apologies, I stayed in the area before hence I’m just walking around.” Qin Wentian smiled. The immortal emperors could sense Qin Wentian’s extraordinary demeanor and they couldn’t see through his cultivation base. They didn’t know what they should do but at this moment, Qin Wentian spoke again, “Just allow me to sit here for a while, I won’t do anything and will leave soon after that. Sorry for the disturbance.”

After he spoke, Qin Wentian ignored them and sat down like there was no one here. He took out a flask of wine and began to lie down, enjoying the wine alone. In his mind, Ye Qianyu from the past was here as well. Right now, he had completely no idea how Ye Qianyu was.

Those immortal emperors left, but they didn’t go too far. They stayed outside the courtyard and was using immortal sense to look at Qin Wentian.

The gentle wind gusted, he wasn’t drunk from the wine but was drunk from the past memories he had of this place instead.

Those years ago, Ye Qianyu and him were both lying on the ground here, staring at the majestic city beneath them. A trace of loneliness could now be felt from his aura.

The Supreme Ancient Immortal Realms were truly boundlessly vast, he encountered many people here but the one that left him with the deepest impression, was none other than Ye Qianyu.

Maybe, Beiming Yopuhuang as well. But Beiming Youhuang wasn’t someone from the Supreme Ancient Immortal Realms.

“Are you doing well?” At this moment, a voice rang out in his mind. Qin Wentian started, feeling like he had imagined the voice. He immediately took out his messaging crystal and sent his immortal sense in. He located a particular strand and asked, “Youhuang?”

“Mhm, how are you?” A gentle voice rang out. Qin Wentian’s eyes flashed with a smile, “I was just thinking of you, who would have thought that you would message me the moment I did so. I’m fine, what about you? Did the Lifire Empyrean station you somewhere instead? Why don’t I see you every time I head to the Lifire Palace?”

“I’m in the Lifelong Saint Hall.” Beiming Youhuang replied. Qin Wentian’s gaze froze. He placed the flask of wine down and sat up slowly. “Why would you be there? Did something happen?”

“That year after you displayed your brilliance at the banquet, the Lifelong Realmlord transferred me from the Lifire Palace to here. From that time onwards, I’ve always been here. The Lifire Empyrean also broke off all connections with me as though I’ve suddenly become someone from the Lifelong Saint Hall.” Beiming Youhuang spoke. From her words, he could tell that she didn’t know what the reason behind this was.

Qin Wentian’s heart pounded madly as many theories appeared in his mind. He thought about the Gemini Palace Lords and Emperor Yi.

There’s only a possibility why the Lifelong Realmlord would know of Beiming Youhuang. It was because of him. The Realmlord must have investigated him and learned that Beiming Youhuang was his ‘senior apprentice sister.’ Since the Realmlord knows that he was a successor of Emperor Yi, the Realmlord must have transferred Beiming Youhuang to the Lifelong Saint Hall for that reason.

“Did the Lifelong Realmlord ask you any questions? For example, did he ask about the relationship between us and who our master is?” Qin Wentian asked.

Beiming Youhuang fell silent, as she thought back. After that, she replied, “Sometimes when he asked me for a chat, I don’t know if he is hinting at things or not, but he didn’t ask me for any specifics.”

It was Qin Wentian’s turn to fall silent. After a few moments, he asked again, “Have you seen Ye Qianyu?”

“I’ve been waiting for you to ask this question.” Beiming Youhuang immediately replied. “I met her not long ago. For some reason, the Lifelong Realmlord didn’t really treat her with respect. Although he didn’t make things difficult for her, he would...frequently make her dance for him.”

Qin Wentian’s expression instantly changed, becoming unsightly after he heard that. Those years ago, he participated in the grand banquet solely for Ye Qianyu. This was something everyone knew. However, by doing this, this wasn’t just the Realmlord showing no respect for Ye Qianyu, it was also a show of disdain to Qin Wentian, telling him that he didn’t give a damn about him. Naturally, as the high-up and lofty Realmlord of this realm, there was no need for him to care about an existence like Qin Wentian. So what if Qin Wentian was talented? He was ultimately nothing more than an immortal emperor.

“I only tell you about this now because I was worried that you would be impulsive. Ye Qianyu says that she believes in you, that you won’t be the same as in the past.” Beiming Youhuang slowly spoke. Qin Wentian started again, he thought back to the past where he impulsively rushed into Jialan Emperor City for the sake of Beiming Youhuang, leading to Ye Qianyu’s capture. From then on, Beiming Youhuang was restricted in her movements, trapped inside the Lifire Palace. And now, she was transferred to the Lifelong Saint Hall. All of these happened because of his impulsiveness.

“I will take note.” Qin Wentian drew in a deep breath.

“Mhm, I’ll leave first. Take care.” Beiming Youhuang muttered irresolutely to herself before she replied.

“Youhuang, you have to take care too. Let me know immediately if something happens to you in the Lifelong Saint Hall.” Qin Wentian replied. Beiming Youhuang didn’t reply to that. Qin Wentian kept his messaging crystal and turned his sights into the horizons. Abruptly, an intense cold intent radiated from him, instantly enveloping his surroundings. Those immortal emperors outside felt their hearts pounding with terror as they looked at him. They felt incomparably stifled.

A beam of light flashed and Qin Wentian’s silhouette disappeared. After he vanished, the immortal emperors appeared at the place he was in. They exchanged glances and spoke in low voices, “That man is extremely terrifying!”

Chapter 1640: Jialan Monarch’s Death

The grudge between the Jialan Monarch and Qin Wentian had triggered a terrifying commotion back then. Qin Wentian and the Evil Emperor slaughtered their way into the Jialan Emperor Palace and killed many experts there, causing the Jialan Monarch's forces to dwindle in number which resulted in his strength slipping. He was also no longer regarded as important by his clan and that, in addition to the pressure from the Lifire Emphyrean, he has been extremely unhappy all these years, constantly suppressing his emotions.

However, this wouldn't affect the amount of resources controlled by the Jialan Monarch. Given that there were so many mines in his territories, he had no need for worry at all. Among the mines, the Flowing Sand Mine, Skyfall Mine and Purple Cloud Mine were the most tightly guarded. The experts there were as common as the clouds and there were even immortal emperors among the guards.

The date of opening for the Skyfall Mine was finally here. Today, there were even more guards than usual. A mid-stage immortal emperor and two low-stage immortal emperors personally came here to receive the harvest.

The sky was as blue as water, in the clear air, a gentle breeze could be felt, causing many to feel extremely comfortable. However, the people of the Skyfall Mine felt extremely tensed. The day of harvest was an extremely important day and no mistakes could be allowed. All the guards were on the alert. Although the chances for bandits to appear was low, there was still a possibility. Hence, nobody dared to be careless.

At the hinterland of the Skyfall Mine, a group of excavators walked out, handing over their harvests. At this moment, the mid-stage emperor sitting there suddenly frowned. After that, his eyes snapped open as he glanced into the air. He then coldly shouted, "There are bandits."

As the sound of his voice faded, everyone immediately moved, activating the formations to protect the area. All of them inclined their heads and stared at the skies, only to see numerous figures appearing. All of them were masked and their faces couldn't be seen. There actually were three immortal emperors and the rest of the bandits were all at the immortal king realm.

That mid-stage immortal emperor guard instantly took out his messaging crystal and sent a message into it, "Monarch, there are bandits here to plunder the Skyfall Mine."

As he spoke, the guard inclined his head and said to the bandits, "Everyone, this is the Skyfall Mine governed by the Jialan Monarch. If there are any losses sustained, the monarch will definitely not rest. In addition, the Lifire Palace is above him. The price for plundering this mine will be too high for you all to bear. If you guys give up now, I'll treat this as a misunderstanding.

The bandit head waved his hand, signalling for his men to rush forward. Terrifying auras gushed forth, the atmosphere grew incredibly tense.

“You guys are crazy.” The mid-stage immortal emperor guard cursed. A resplendent light radiated from him as he soared into the air, rushing towards the bandit head. The bandit head was clad in mysterious robes and radiated a glacial feel, like a powerful devil lord.

“KILL!” The mid-stage immortal emperor guard radiated a towering sword intent as he slashed his weapon at the bandit head. The bandit head waved his hand, unleashing a saber strike that cleaved apart everything. In an instant, an opening appeared in the center of the mid-stage emperor guard’s brow as the saber strike continued downwards. The mid-stage immortal emperor guard died just like that.

The other guards below all turned as pale as paper. But at this moment, spatial fluctuations rocked the area. Many fearsome auras filled the area as a voice thundered out, “Who dares to act so impudently in my territory?”

“The monarch is here.” The guards of the mine all felt excited. They saw the Jialan Monarch leading his subordinates and rushing here. A resplendent light radiated from the Jialan Monarch as a dragonsnake spiralled above his head. His eyes gleamed with a demonic light as he stared at the bandit head.

The Jialan Monarch was very angry, he was truly very angry. In the past, it was precisely because of a group of bandits that made him into a laughing stock, resulting in his descendants being killed, and the lowered recognition his clan had for him. Right now, yet another group of bandits actually dared to appear in his territory?

However, this bandit head seemed to feel no fear at all. He stared at the Jialan Monarch, his eyes were cold to the extreme. He didn’t seem to have any intention to flee.

The Jialan Monarch furrowed his brows when he saw the bandit head’s reaction. He suddenly felt a sense of unease. Why did it seem as though the bandit head was waiting for him to appear?

“Who are you? Don’t you know the crime of banditry is punishable by death? Even if you escape now, you will face relentless pursuit.” The Jialan Monarch icily spoke, his eyes staring at the bandit head in the air. However, bandit head’s eyes were extremely terrifying and immeasurably deep, he had no reactions.

“Someone that wants your life.” At this moment, the bandit head’s eyes seemed to generate a terrifying lightning devil saber that shot right into the Jialan Monarch’s eyes, slaughtering its way into his soul.

The Jialan Monarch’s expression turned incomparably heavy. All of a sudden, a strange white snake arced across the air, wrenching its maw open, wanting to swallow the bandit head in a single gulp.

Black thunder instantly manifested, they were akin to cleaves performed by a devil saber, capable of tearing this space asunder. The white snake was directly cleaved into two, causing the Jialan Monarch’s expression to change. He hurriedly took out a divine weapon and unleashed its power, instantly causing millions of demonic beasts to rush at the bandit head.

The bandit head was like he didn’t see the demonic beasts. He took a step forward as a tyrannical might rocked the area. Beams of saber light burst from him, crackling like black bolts of thunder, and completely tore those demonic beasts apart. A white flash of lightning suddenly appeared in the darkness, demonic scales appeared on the Jialan Monarch’s arms as he punched out, manifesting gigantic snakes that danced wildly in the air.

The saber attacks unleashed by the bandit head didn’t stop. With a single strike, he slashed through the void. At the instant he attacked, the Jialan Monarch felt his soul about to collapse. He groaned in pain and was forced back. At the next instant, he saw the bandit head moving forward, grabbing out in the air. With a grab, a devil hand of darkness formed, sealing the space he was in.

“BOOM!” The air trembled. The Jialan Monarch couldn’t move at all, he was grabbed by that devil hand. He struggled madly, his eyes were frigid as he stared ruthlessly at the bandit head. He then roared in anger, “WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?”

He faintly sensed that this powerful bandit wasn’t here for the mine at all. He was here for himself, and was using the identity of a bandit to mask the fact that he came here to hunt him.

If not, given how strong this bandit head was, there was no way he would choose to become a bandit. He could simply head to the Lifire Palace and the Lifire Emyrean would definitely place him in a position of importance.

One must know that as one of the nine great monarchs under the Lifire Emyrean, there was no need to doubt how strong his combat prowess was. If he was not powerful enough, he wouldn’t be

able to seize one of the nine positions no matter what the Jialan Clan did to push him up. How could weaklings hold a position of such importance?

However, before this bandit head, he seemed so fragile that it felt like he couldn't even withstand a single strike. From this, one could tell how strong this bandit head was.

The bandit head didn't reply. The killing intent radiating from the bandit head grew more intense. The people below only saw the Jialan Monarch being restricted completely as their faces turned pale. The bandit head was like a devil god, unexcelled in this world. Even when the Jialan Monarch personally came here, he wasn't a match for this bandit head at all. Everyone felt like doomsday had arrived.

Even the Jialan Monarch couldn't deal with him. How terrifying was this bandit exactly?

“GO TO HELL!” A cold voice echoed out. A terrifying devil king palm imprint of darkness burst forth with boundless destructive might. The Jialan Monarch screamed in misery as his body was being bombarded by the pure aura of destruction. He could sense how fearsome that giant palm was. The Jialan Monarch stared fixedly at the bandit head as a thought flash in his head.

“YOU ARE...” He shouted, but an explosive boom thundered out, drowning his voice. The darkness palm strike dominated everything. It crushed the Jialan Monarch's defense as wounds appeared all over his body. Upon coughing blood, he directly closed his mouth and his expression was like dead ashes. His eyes that were filled with despair glanced at the bandit head, as boundless terror could be seen on his face, as well as a streak of anger.

At this moment, the Jialan Monarch seemed to have guessed who the bandit head was. He was roaring silently in his heart. It's him, it must be him who wanted to kill him!

He definitely didn't guess wrongly.

Bastard, he actually dared to disguise himself as a bandit to come here and take his life. This was truly sparing no expense, wanting him to die.

At this instant, the Jialan Monarch took out his messaging crystal and was prepared to reveal the bandit head's identity. However, everything was too late. Only despair could be seen on his face.

“BOOM!” Boundless destructive might bore down, the Jialan Monarch’s body trembled apart violently from the impact. Before his death, he suddenly thought of many things. He was a genius of the Jialan Clan and was heavily nurtured by them. The clan arranged for him to become one of the nine monarchs under the Lifire Emyrean, granting him a lofty status and overwhelming authority as well as control over the life and death of many. In addition, he controlled a large number of resources, just a thought from him would gain him wealth unimaginable by ordinary people.

He was full of mettle and was walking towards a path of radiance. He could summon rain and call for the wind whenever he wanted to, there was nothing he could not achieve.

However, never in his wildest dreams did he imagine that his life would change so quickly. Just as he was feeling complacent, everything suddenly changed. He met those fellows that caused him to enter a path of condemnation with no hope of reprieve.

Another thunderous boom rang out, the Jialan Monarch’s body was narrowly shattered apart. Blood flowed from his wounds, he was only left with a single breath of life and his eyes were fixed venomously on that bandit head.

“You...” He seemed to want to say something but there was no time any more. The destructive attack blasted into him again and the Jialan Monarch was finally killed completely in body and soul. His corpse fell helplessly down from the air.

At this instant, the subordinates of the Jialan Monarch were completely stunned. They even forgot that they were in combat, and stared at his corpse in a dumbstruck manner.

The monarch died?

One of the nine great monarchs, the Jialan Monarch under the Lifire Emyrean, was killed by someone?

All of them felt their hearts trembling as they stared at the body of the Jialan Monarch. After that, they looked at the figure who killed him. Has this person gone mad? He actually dared to kill one of the monarchs. Doesn’t he know what the consequences would be if he did so? There would no longer be a place where he can survive here in the Lifire Palace’s territories.

Even if the Jialan Monarch and Lifire Empyrean weren't on the same side, it was a great taboo to kill a monarch. However, this bandit head did so with no hesitations. He publicly executed one of the nine great monarchs in front of everyone.

At this moment, many people felt chills go down their back as their hair stood up. Has this world gone mad? Even bandits dared to act so crazily!