

Ancient GM 1651

Chapter 1651: Do you know your crime?

Zhuge Xiong had no way to reach Qin Wentian. No matter what he did, Qin Wentian didn't reply.

He even personally paid a visit to the northern governor's manor and told the subordinates there to contact Qin Wentian. However, when the Evil Emperor attempted to do so in front of Zhuge Xiong, he also failed to contact Qin Wentian. From the countenance of the Evil Emperor, a faint trace of worry could be seen. He was worried that something might have happened to Qin Wentian. It didn't seem to be fake.

Hence, another riddle was formed. Right now, what was going on? What happened to Qin Wentian? Was he intentionally not replying to messages or did he lose his messaging crystal?

Their plan has already been set. But because Qin Wentian didn't reply, their plan was worthless now. Also, they had no other ideas. For the next contribution date, Qin Wentian wasn't here as well. The Evil Emperor brought some other subordinates and headed to the Lifire Palace in Qin Wentian's stead. Their contribution amounts were correct, not being less than what it ought to be. Right now, the major powers in the northern city regions no longer dared to not pay their contributions. Although Qin Wentian wasn't present, the sense of threat he projected was far different from the past.

Also, not only did their plan fail this time, for the next several contribution dates that happened once every ten years, Qin Wentian didn't turn up as well. This meant that Qin Wentian had already been outside for many tens of years and no one had any news of him. It was like he had completely vanished. The Lifire Emphyrean felt extremely unhappy and a trace of worry.

Had someone betrayed him?

According to normal logic, none of the other governors would have the guts to do so. After all, this place was the Lifire Palace and he was the highest voice of authority here. Nobody could resist him and all of them knew clearly about the consequences of betrayal. Also, Qin Wentian was famous in Lifire City for not interacting with others. Even when Beauty Xiao wanted to get closer to him, she still failed to do so. But even if there was something between them, given Beauty Xiao's pragmatic nature, she would definitely abandon Qin Wentian since he was in trouble and stand at his side.

Right now, the Lofire Emphyrean was not only worried about Qin Wentian. He was also worried about someone else. That other existence who was rewarded by the Realm Lord, the current supervisory commander of Lofire City, Di Tian.

Di Tian has developed far too quickly in recent years. He was different from the low-profile Qin Wentian and took great strides forward, advancing with a ferocious pace. His Emperor Pavilion had branches everywhere. Because of the Realm Lord's support, all the other major powers were willing to assist the Emperor Pavilion, allying with Di Tian. Right now, the power controlled by the Emperor Pavilion had already exceeded the Jialan Clan in Lofire City. It was just that their foundations weren't as deep. There has yet to be an emphyrean character in the Emperor Pavilion.

Despite so, the Emperor Pavilion still caused the Lofire Emphyrean to feel uncomfortable. It was enough to have a single Jialan Clan in his territory. Now that the Emperor Pavilion had appeared and the fact that he could do nothing to it was a very uncomfortable feeling. Also, what made him even more unhappy was that the Emperor Pavilion had very close relations with the Jialan Clan, Di Tian was far closer to them compared to him.

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In the western city regions of Lofire City, the Emperor Pavilion had also extended their branches to here. They had a huge influence in the western city regions. Today, Di Tian personally came and gathered many major and minor powers together as he hosted a banquet.

During the banquet, the atmosphere was extremely lively. Di Tian sat in the host seat, he still had a mask on his face but there was the hint of a smile in his eyes as he stared at everyone below. "My Emperor Pavilion has already developed for several years in the western city regions. This time, I invited all of you here because I wish to seek out more cooperation opportunities for my Emperor Pavilion to develop faster."

Di Tian's words caused many of the experts here to feel their hearts pounding. Right now, in all the city regions, as long as they had a relationship with Di Tian, they would immediately soar to the top. For those minor and major powers that cooperated with the Emperor Pavilion, their development was sped up as well. The previous Yan Aristocrat Clan that was equal to the Mo Clan, had already collapsed, all their assets swallowed up.

"However, the prerequisite is that the powers cooperating with me have to be a first-tier power. I wonder if there are any clans or sects here who are interested?" Di Tian asked.

"My Nie Clan is willing to work with the Emperor Pavilion."

“My Purple Thunder Pavilion is also willing to cooperate together with Grandmaster Di Tian.”

Many of the first-tier powers spoke. Di Tian smiled and nodded, “To think that everyone is so supportive. I’m really in a dilemma as to how to choose.”

“Grandmaster Di Tian. At this moment, a person spoke. “My He Clan might not be a first-tier power but the businesses we control and the strength level of my clan, isn’t in any way inferior to that of first-tier powers. Grandmaster Di Tian, please consider us as well.”

“Oh?” Di Tian laughed. “I heard of your He Clan before. It’s said that the He Clan has the most beauties out of all the great clans in the western city regions. I wonder if it’s true or false.”

“If Grandmaster Di is interested, you can come and visit my He Clan anytime.” The elder from the He Clan cast a meaningful smile at Di Tian. He heard that this Di Tian had many beauties chasing him but he didn’t take a wife even after so long. Most probably, this man was far too proud, he didn’t feel that the young misses of any aristocrat clans were qualified to be his wife. However, it should be true that these women chasing him should have some illicit relationship with him before. If not, why would he be so close to the Jialan Clan and why would he help the Mo Clan to develop themselves into a supreme first-tier power?

Since this is the case, if the young females of his He Clan could have a sexual relationship with Di Tian too, he naturally wouldn’t mind it. It wasn’t a big deal to sacrifice a person for the sake of the entire clan. Let alone, if that female could become Di Tian’s woman, it wouldn’t be too bad for her. Jialan Qiuyue from the Jialan Clan kept a very close relationship with Di Tian. Nobody knew of their actual status.

“Okay, I will visit there whenever I have an opportunity to.” Di Tian smiled at the elder from the He Clan. After that, he then asked in a bewildered tone, “But does the He Clan really have the strength and assets of a first-tier power? Why is the He Clan not classified as a first-tier power?”

“Grandmaster Di, do you still need to ask this?” The experts from the other powers laughed.

“Grandmaster Di Tian, you have already heard that the He Clan is famed for having many beauties. Our lord governor Yin Qiu, would also often visit the He Clan.” A few people snickered. The other experts from the He Clan grinned but didn’t say anything.

“Oh, no wonder. Since this is the case, I will definitely place the He Clan inside the list for my consideration. It’s just that wouldn’t Governor Yin Qiu be worried that the palace lord would blame him?” Di Tian had a look of enlightenment on his face, before he smiled and shook his head bitterly.

“Haha, Grandmaster Di Tian is too naive.” Somebody laughed uproariously.

“What do you mean?” Di Tian asked.

“No, no, we shouldn’t say anything. In any case, these are all rules hidebound by convention.” That person laughed and waved his hand.

“Understood, understood.” Di Tian nodded. “I wonder, how good is the relationship between the He Clan and Governor Yin Qiu. Since my Emperor Pavilion wants to develop here in the west, I believe everything would be much smoother if I can gain the governor manor’s support.”

“Grandmaster Di Tian, there’s no need to worry. The relationship between my He Clan and Governor Yin Qiu is extremely good.” The elder from the He Clan smiled.

“Since this is the case, let me ask one more time. Does the He Clan really have the strength and assets that are equivalent to a first-tier power?” Di Tian asked.

“Mhm, I can confirm that. All the powers here can be my witness as well.” The elder from the He Clan laughed. Upon hearing his words, Di Tian smiled and nodded, “Come in.”

A human figure sped over and respectfully bowed, “Pavilion lord.”

“Help me make a trip to the governor’s manor and invite Governor Yin Qiu here.” Di Tian spoke. That person nodded and retreated, departing here.

“Grandmaster Di, why do you want to invite Governor Yin Qiu here?” The elder from the He Clan was puzzled.

“Everyone will know my plans after he is here.” Di Tian laughed. “Come, let us continue to drink.”

The group of them continued to chat and drink wine, feeling extremely relaxed. After three rounds of wine, they all felt much more close to each other. Hence, their conversation became more casual and was no longer as restrained as before.

After some time, Yin Qiu brought his subordinates here. When he saw how lively the atmosphere here was, he couldn't help but furrow his brows. This place was the western city regions, his territory. Di Tian actually gathered all the powers and was so friendly to them? However, there was some conflict between him and Di Tian. Back then when Di Tian wanted to act against Xia Hou, he was the only one who objected.

“Commander Di, why didn't you tell me that you were coming over to my western city regions? I would definitely have planned a good welcome reception for you.” Yin Qiu laughed. Yet, Di Tian calmly sat there and glanced at him with a smile, “Earlier, I was chatting with everyone here and the topic of our discussion just so coincidentally involved Governor Yin. Hence, I invited Governor Yin to come here.”

“Oh?” Yin Qiu laughed as he glanced at everyone.

“Yup, we were chatting about the good relationship Governor Yin has with the He Clan and that you would often pay a visit there. In addition, the He Clan says that they have the strength level and assets of a first-tier power yet they are classified as a third-tier one. This has truly opened my eyes.” Di Tian laughed. Yin Qiu's expressions instantly changed. He glanced at the elder of the He Clan and berated, “What nonsense are you talking about. How is the He Clan a first-tier power? How dare you lie to the Commander Di Tian, you simply don't know the immensity of the heavens and earth.”

All the experts from the He Clan started as their expressions changed. They felt that the atmosphere was now different from earlier.

Among the crowd, there were some experts who lowered their heads as an icy smile flashed in their eyes. They had already participated in the banquet hosted by the Emperor Pavilion in the past. That was the time when the Central Governor Xia Hou's fate was decided. At that time, Governor Yin Qiu objected to Di Tian's views but Di Tian cared nothing and pushed forward. Also, given that Di Tian was the supervisory commander of the Lifire Palace, it meant that he had power over the governors. In that case, the meaning of this banquet hosted today in the western city regions was extremely clear. How sad that the He Clan couldn't even see things clearly.

“Yes. Sigh, this old man must be muddled and boasted too much. Grandmaster Di, please forgive me for my boastful speech earlier.” The elder of the He Clan reacted quickly and changed his stance.

“In that case, the He Clan only has strength and assets equal to a third-tier power? This is why you are classified as such?” Di Tian asked.

“That’s right.” Yin Qiu replied on their behalf.

Di Tian laughed. He turned his gaze to the back as a few figures walked forward and bowed, “Lord Commander, earlier, we have already investigated everything clearly. The He Clan has met the requirements to be classified as a first-tier power.”

“Mhm.” Di Tian nodded. He lifted his wine cup and sipped at the wine. His dark eyes flashed with sharpness as he turned to Yin Qiu, “Governor Yin Qiu, do you know your crime?”

Yin Qiu’s heart sank. Di Tian truly came with unkind intentions, clearly intended to target him. This bastard, it wasn’t enough for him to bring down Xia Hou. Now, he wanted to do the same to him as well? Could it be that he didn’t know each governor of the Lifire Palace was under the command of the Lifire Empyrean who had personally chosen them for the posts? They all belonged to the Lifire Empyrean. Now that Di Tian was planning to make a move on them one by one, was this really just a private grudge? Or could it be that he is planning to challenge the Lifire Empyrean’s authority and prestige?!

Chapter 1652: Acting Against Yin Qiu

“Commander Di Tian must be joking. What crime am I guilty of?” Yin Qiu’s expression was awkward. He sinisterly glanced at the experts of the He Clan. The atmosphere of the banquet instantly quietened down. How could they fail to understand what was happening now?

Commander Di Tian might have hosted a banquet, but the wine drinkers heart wasn’t in drinking the wine.

Before this, Di Tian was still chatting and laughing with the various major powers. But in the blink of an eye, he directly invited Yin Qiu here and immediately called him into account. It gave everyone the feeling that this banquet was simply a scheming plot. The He Clan fell for the trap and

made a blunder. Naturally, there were also people who were gloating over their misfortune. They had long expected something like this to happen here. Who is to blame for the fact that the He Clan couldn't see things clearly?

“Earlier, the people of the He Clan personally told me that they have the strength and assets of first-tier powers but was classified as a third-tier. In addition, they also told me that Governor Yin Qiu would often visit their clan and have a very good relationship with them. I believe everyone here can be my witnesses, right?” Di Tian glanced at everyone before turning back to Yin Qiu.

“I must have misspoken. It's all nonsense. Grandmaster Di Tian, please don't take it that my words are real.” The elder from the He Clan stood up and inclined his wine cup in a toast. “Grandmaster Di Tian, I spoke nonsense earlier due to me drinking too much. Please forgive me.”

As he spoke, he drained the contents of his cup. Di Tian coldly looked at him, “After you told me about all of that, I've already sent my men to investigate. The investigation report was as what you have stated. I believe that the palace lord would definitely want to investigate this matter and he would be able to do so easily. It won't do you any good if you continue to lie.”

The elder of the He Clan broke out in cold sweat. Di Tian slowly stood up and glanced at Yin Qiu, “Governor Yin Qiu, anything you want to say?”

“Commander Di, even if there's truly such a matter, that's only because I must have failed in supervising my subordinates. I'll investigate this and give you a clear response as soon as possible.” Yin Qiu replied.

“Governor Yin Qiu already frequents the He Clan. What's there to investigate?” Di Tian coldly laughed. “As the western governor of the Lifire Palace, Yin Qiu, you ignored the palace's rules and exempted the He Clan from paying first-tier taxes because of your personal relations with them. The difference between the amount of tax paid by a first-tier and third-tier power is extremely great. By doing this, how would the other powers in the west be willing to submit to you? The Realmlord trusts me and held me in high regards, giving me the position of the supervisory commander. Since I learned of this, I naturally won't sit back to do nothing.”

“Bastard!” Yin Qiu cursed in his heart. This bastard has now finally revealed his true colors, even bringing the Realmlord's name out. He actually was really planning to move against him.

“Commander Di, there was just a minor conflict between us in the past. There's no need for you to make use of your official position to get revenge on me, right?” Yin Qiu's tone turned sinister. What he did was considered extremely minor, all other governors would have definitely done so as well.

If Di Tian really wants to investigate, all the governors of Lifire City would definitely have problems.

This Di Tian was clearly here for revenge because he objected back then about acting against Xia Hou.

Yin Qiu naturally didn't expect that Di Tian wanted to move against him today, wasn't it because of that small conflict back then. It was because when the Lifire Emphyrean gathered the governors for a meeting with regards to Qin Wentian, this Yin Qiu clearly wanted Qin Wentian to die. At that time, he supported Zhuge Xiong's words wholeheartedly. Since this is the case, there was naturally no need for Di Tian to show any mercy to Yin Qiu. It's about time to touch the governors of the Lifire Palace.

Let Yin Qiu be the first governor then.

"When this seat does things, I always do it with fairness. This is my responsibility as the supervisory commander. You actually dare to insult this seat? Men, come in and capture Governor Yin Qiu, he ignored the rules of our Lifire Palace." Di Tian coldly spoke. As the sound of his voice faded, two immortal emperors stepped out and moved towards Yin Qiu.

"Impudent!" There were also people stepping out behind Yin Qiu. It was none other than the vice governors of his governor's manor, his subordinates.

"Those who dare to obstruct me from carrying out my duties will be seen as defying the Realmlord, disrespecting his eminence. I will kill them all without mercy." Di Tian coldly spoke. After that, the two vice governors froze as they perspired cold sweat. This Di Tian clearly wanted to deal with Yin Qiu today. He kept bringing up the Realmlord's name and added the words 'no mercy.' If they were really killed by Di Tian because of this, how stupid would that be?

What a bastard.

"Di Tian, you can just say it outright that you want to move against me. There's no need to keep bringing the Realmlord's name up. If the Realmlord knows that you kept making use of his esteemed name, he would definitely be unhappy." Yin Qiu coldly glanced at the two immortal emperors moving forward. "I'm the western governor of the Lifire Palace. Someone personally conferred by the Palace Lord. You guys dare to touch me?"

“Capture him. If he dares to resist, that would be a crime of defying my orders and I will act personally.” Di Tian lifted his wine cup and drank a mouthful of wine. Instantly, the atmosphere here grew tenser than ever. There was too much pressure.

Everyone was staring with trepidation at Di Tian and Yin Qiu. The two of them had shredded all pretense of cordiality and was falling out.

The two immortal emperors continued walking towards Yin Qiu. Light from their laws flashed as they acted.

“How impudent can the two of you be?” Yin Qiu’s expression turned extremely cold. His law energy erupted forth as a gloomy aura permeated the atmosphere. Instantly, the two immortal emperors shivered as their bodies started to freeze.

It was impossible for Yin Qiu to sit here and wait for death. He didn’t dare to imagine what his fate would be if he allowed Di Tian to capture him. Hence, he had to resist no matter what. There was no choice at all.

“Insolence!” Di Tian spoke. He stood up and stepped forward, his eyes gleaming with sealing light. In an instant, resplendent light from his laws covered Yin Qiu, wanting to seal away Yin Qiu’s laws.

“SCRAM!” Yin Qiu coldly roared, punching out with his fist. A cracking sound rang out as the seals broke apart. Di Tian’s gaze turned even more terrifying. The sealing light flowed without end, seeping into Yin Qiu’s body unceasingly. Yin Qiu actually could do nothing to restrict the sealing energy.

Di Tian stretched his hand out and grabbed. In an instant, boundless law energy enveloped Yin Qiu, sealing him from his laws. Yin Qiu groaned in misery, he only felt that the flow of the law energy in his body wasn’t smooth. He stared at Qin Wentian with a venomous look as he spoke, “You’ve actually already reached the peak-stage of the immortal emperor realm.”

Di Tian ignored Yin Qiu. The law energy of sealing from his eyes continued to flow out. He grabbed with his hand again as the formless sealing energy continued to seep into Yin Qiu. Di Tian slowly walked towards him and spoke, “Western Governor Yin Qiu has betrayed the Lifire Palace’s laws, using his official power to gain benefits privately and he even dared to resist me who is acting in the capacity of the supervisory commander. These crimes are unpardonable.”

As Di Tian spoke, his palm directly slammed onto Yin Qiu, causing Yin Qiu to scream in agony. A terrifying change appeared in his body. Yin Qiu shivered. His countenance was already extremely pale before this. Right now, he stared with terror at Di Tian as he cursed out loud. Di Tian actually acted so ruthlessly against him.

“By acting so arrogantly, the Palace Lord will never spare you.” Yin Qiu’s voice was hoarse, the people in the surroundings felt their hearts trembling. How crazy, after Di Tian became the supervisory commander, he had eliminated two of the Lifire Palace’s governors. Back then, it was understandable because of the deep grudge between him and Xia Hou. But now, he was preparing to cripple Yin Qiu.

One must know that these two are governors the Lifire Emphyrean personally appointed. The Lifire Emphyrean didn’t say anything when Xia Hou was removed. But now that he wished to cripple Yin Qiu’s cultivation, would the Lifire Emphyrean really still remain silent?

What did this Di Tian want to do exactly?

The expression of that elder of the He Clan had long turned pale. His body trembled. This time, they were in trouble, in great trouble.

“I’ve terribly sorry that such a thing happened in my banquet today. I won’t keep you all back, everyone, please feel free to leave.” Di Tian clasped his hands and spoke. The crowd naturally knew that this was a sign for them to go. All of them respectively left, but the states of their hearts were unable to regain calmness for a long time.

This incident swiftly spread throughout Lifire City. Yin Qiu’s two vice governors had already left. They were not stupid, they naturally knew what they should do now at this moment.

However, Di Tian also sent his men to the Lifire Palace to make a report about this.

When Zhuge Xiong heard of this incident, he instantly felt a sense of unease. His expression grew unsightly as he coldly spoke to the person reporting this, “Commander Di Tian is simply behaving nonsensically and creating trouble.”

After he spoke, he took out his messaging crystal and send a strand of his immortal sense in, transmitting his voice to Di Tian, “Commander Di, how did Yin Qiu offend you?”

“Grand Governor, Yin Qiu didn’t offend me. However, he actually made use of his position for personal gain and purposely messed up the classification tiers for the powers in the west. This made many powers in the west complain, they reported this to me hence I went ahead and did an investigation. Who would have known that the rumors were true? Hence, I had no choice but to act. In any case, don’t worry about it, I’ve already sent someone to report this to palace lord.” Di Tian transmitted his voice back, his tone was like he was acting for justice.

Zhuge Xiong coldly laughed in his heart. If he wanted to make a report, did he even need to send his subordinates? Why can’t he simply use the messaging crystal. This Di Tian was clearly trying to play tricks with him. He was doing this precisely because he wanted to deal with Yin Qiu.

“Commander Di Tian, Yin Qiu is still someone that belongs to the palace lord after all. Can you listen to my suggestion? Why don’t you check the facts again, your investigation might be wrong.” Zhuge Xiong was pleading for mercy for Yin Qiu.

“Grand Governor. Don’t worry about it, I’ve investigated clearly. It’s impossible for there to be any mistakes.” Di Tian replied, he was clearly determined that he wanted to move against Yin Qiu. Zhuge Xiong even used the palace lord’s name but Di Tian still didn’t give face.

“Commander Di, it’s tough to explain to you clearly here. Wait for me, I’ll go look for you.” Zhuge Xiong kept his messaging crystal. He turned and entered the depths of the Lifire Palace, coming to the place where the Lifire Emphyrean resided. He then stopped after he arrived outside a supreme great formation.

“What did he say?” The Lifire Emphyrean sat in there cultivating as he asked.

“Palace lord, I’m preparing to look for him personally.” Zhuge Xiong spoke. Upon hearing this, a terrifying fire flickered in the Lifire Emphyrean’s eyes, causing Zhuge Xiong to feel a sense of being stifled. It was terrifying to the extreme. He understood that the palace lord was angered.

“Okay, go and make a trip there personally and help me probe Di Tian. What does he want to do exactly? Is he planning to take my position? He wants to be the Lifire Palace Lord?” The Lifire Emphyrean sinisterly spoke. Making a move against two of his governors, this was not only not giving him face but was smacking it instead. In fact, it was a provocation to his authority.

Could it be that Di Tian’s ambition was to take over his position?

Maybe, it might be true. When he thought until here, the Lifire Emphyrean's gaze turned even more fearsome than before!

Chapter 1653: Each Having Their Own Schemes

The Grand Governor Zhuge arrived at the Emperor Pavilion of the western city regions. It was the same place that Di Tian brought Yin Qiu to.

Di Tian clasped his hands towards Zhuge Xiong. "Grand Governor, why have you come?"

"Commander Di Tian, I naturally came because of Governor Yin Qiu's matters. What did he do to offend you exactly? You want to deal with him so badly, is there anything I can do to mitigate his wrongdoings if there are any?" Zhuge Xiong spoke.

"Governor Yin Qiu didn't offend me. Didn't I say it clearly? He ignored the rules of the Lifire Palace and used his official position to profit privately, classifying the powers in the western city regions wrongly intentionally. This is disrespect to the Palace Lord, and also a betrayal to the Realm Lord. I naturally have to capture him. Is grand governor mistaken about something?" Di Tian spoke with a straight face.

"Commander Di, that year in the past, the Palace Lord knows of your grudge with Xia Hou. Hence, even after you acted against Xia Hou, the Palace Lord didn't say anything. But now, even if Yin Qiu has committed some mistakes, it's not too big of a deal. Who among the governors of the Lifelong Realm wouldn't have some problems? Hence, it's best that Commander Di Tian considers things from the Palace Lord's point of view."

Zhuge Xiong seriously spoke, the meaning in his words were already very clear.

"Governor Zhuge, what do you mean by this? According to you, does it mean that the Palace Lord is abetting his governors to commit crimes?" Di Tian asked.

Zhuge Xiong furrowed his brows. This Di Tian was still intentionally acting dumb at this moment.

"Brother Di Tian, you should know how has the Palace Lord has treated you. During these years, he has never interfered or obstructed the Emperor Pavilion from its development. In fact, even though

you are extremely close to his enemies, the Jialan Clan, he didn't say a single thing. Can't you see these?" Zhuge Xiong spoke.

"Di Tian naturally understands the Palace Lord's intention. It's just that I'm the supervisory commander and I don't understand grand governor Zhuge's words." Di Tian's voice also grew colder. In truth, he was extremely unhappy about Zhuge Xiong. This man actually brought up the conjecture that his true-self had an avatar. He is an extremely dangerous man. It was fine that Zhuge Xiong had managed to guess it, but he even reported it up to the Lifire Empyrean, wanting his true-self to die.

If his true-self came back without knowing the situation, it would be an extremely dangerous matter. His true self might really have died.

"Commander Di Tian, do you truly not know or are you pretending?" The volume of Zhuge Xiong's voice grew louder.

"Grand Governor, please enlighten me." Di Tian calmly replied.

"Palace Lord wants you to release Yin Qiu. I'm here to bring him away." Zhuge Xiong didn't beat around the bush and directly spoke. He wanted to see how would Di Tian react. Only this way would he be able to probe where Di Tian's bottom line was.

"Alright."

Zhuce Xiong was taken aback, this was out of his expectations. Di Tian actually nodded in agreement, albeit in an unwilling manner. Di Tian then spoke, "Bring him in."

Upon hearing this, a smile appeared on Zhuge Xiong's face as he heaved a sigh of relief. "That's how things should be done. We are all comrades, there's no need to make things too ugly for each other."

Di Tian started, he cast a strange glance at Zhuge Xiong. Upon seeing Di Tian's gaze, Zhuge Xiong felt a little puzzled. However, when Di Tian's men brought Yin Qiu over, Zhuge Xiong instantly understood. His expression instantly turned ashen, becoming incredibly unsightly to behold. He stared at the feeble-looking Yin Qiu who couldn't even stand straight by himself as he coldly asked, "Commander Di, what did you do to Governor Yin Qiu?"

“I exercised my authority as the commander supervisor. Governor Yin Qiu refused to cooperate with me and even injured my subordinates. I had no choice but to personally act to cripple his cultivation in case he injure even more people. Grand Governor, the Palace Lord won’t blame me for acting too heavily, right?” Di Tian clearly knew the answer but he still asked. Zhuge Xiong’s current expression was as ugly as ugly can be.

Was he wasting his time speaking for so long earlier? Yin Qiu was already crippled and he was still trying so hard to get Di Tian to compromise. Never would he have expected that Di Tian didn’t even plan to negotiate from the start, directly acting ruthlessly, chopping all paths of retreats and crippled Yin Qiu.

“Di Tian, you are too impudent!” Zhuge Xiong’s face was filled with rage. Di Tian had gone overboard by doing this. He didn’t inform the Palace Lord and directly crippled Yin Qiu. What did this mean?

“Grand Governor Zhuge. I respect you because of your position and have always been polite to you. The Realm Lord gave me this position to safeguard the Lifire Palace’s interests, yet you kept wanting to shield a governor like him who misused his authority for self-interest? Is this the Palace Lord’s idea or is it you asserting your own viewpoint? To me, the Palace Lord will naturally understand my kind intentions. If you continue to use him to attempt to suppress me, don’t blame me for not being polite.” Di Tian coldly snorted, his tone suddenly became domineering.

Zhuce Xiong started. He stared fixedly at Di Tian. A cracking sound rang out as he clenched his fists. Despite his self-control, he still wanted nothing more than to kill Di Tian at this moment. However, he knew this was impossible because he basically wasn’t Di Tian’s opponent.

If he really made his move here, maybe Di Tian would dare to do what he did to Yin Qiu, crippling his cultivation base as well.

Di Tian clearly already wanted to challenge the Lifire Empyrean’s prestige. What sort of character was he, Zhuge Xiong? How could he fail to see this?

Yin Qiu was merely a convenient excuse. What an unlucky fellow.

“You better watch out.” Zhuge Xiong spoke in rage, bringing Yin Qiu away with him.

“From Grand Governor’s words, it seems that the governors of the Lifire Palace have already ‘rotted’ to such an extent? Seems like I, the supervisory commander, must have been remiss in my

duties.” As Zhuge Xiong soared into the air, he heard Di Tian’s voice drifting over behind him. His body trembled, he was so angered that he almost coughed out blood. From Di Tian’s meaning, was he planning to investigate the other governors as well?

“Di Tian must have already joined forces with the Jialan Clan.” A thought flashed through Zhuge Xiong’s mind. After that, he confirmed his own guess. He truly couldn’t think of any other reasons why Di Tian would do this. During these years, although the Emperor Pavilion’s development was fast, they still didn’t have any empyrean-level characters after all. Di Tian himself also hasn’t broken through yet. Since he would challenge the Lifire Empyrean’s prestige at this time, there was only one possibility – he had joined forces with the Jialan Clan.

However, what made Zhuge Xiong puzzled was that Di Tian already had such a good future. Why would he want to take the risk and ally with the Jialan Clan? He had no idea why Di Tian did so.

After the Lifire Empyrean received Zhuge Xiong’s report, as he stared at Yin Qiu who was kneeling and begging him to take revenge for him, his expression grew heavy to the extreme.

“Does Di Tian have that kind of relationship with the Jialan Clan?” The Lifire Empyrean asked Zhuge Xiong. The first thing that appeared in his mind was that Di Tian and the Jialan Clan have joined forces. If not, Di Tian wouldn’t have chosen to do this.

“I’m not really clear about that. According to what I know, Jialan Qiuyue has always admired Di Tian and might really be fond of him. The Jialan Clan naturally hopes that she could become Di Tian’s main wife. Hence, as long as Di Tian nods his head, regardless of gaining a beauty or the friendship of the Jialan Clan, he can have it anytime.” Zhuge Xiong analysed. The Lifire Empyrean had a heavy look on his face.

Back then those years ago at the grand banquet, the Reamlord personally backed Di Tian, opening up a path for him. It was destined that no one in Lifire City would dare to touch Di Tian as long as he didn’t break any rules of the Lifire Palace. Hence, as long as Di Tian did things more carefully, even if he is joining forces with the Jialan Clan, there was nothing the Lifire Empyrean can do to him. Things would be extremely troublesome.

The matter today was a good example. Di Tian wanted to act against his governors and he did so directly. Even if he, the Palace Lord, feels unhappy about it, he could only endure because it was true that Yin Qiu truly had some problems and Di Tian had investigated it.

Right now, unless he voluntarily disband his current governors making it so that Di Tian had no place to 'attack,' all his governors would definitely be extremely unlucky if Di Tian decided to investigate one by one.

They haven't settled Qin Wentian's matter and now, a Di Tian suddenly appeared. The Lifire Emphyrean was truly in a very bad mood during these recent years.

"How do you think we should handle Di Tian's matter." The Lifire Emphyrean asked Zhuge Xiong.

"It's very troublesome. Yin Qiu says that Di Tian has already broken through to the peak-stage of the immortal emperor realm. Unless Palace Lord acts yourself, no one would be able to deal with him." Zhuge Xiong replied. The Lifire Emphyrean extremely felt that this matter was extremely tough to deal with. Who would have thought that he would be threatened by an immortal emperor character today. He truly didn't know what to do.

"Right now, our only plan is to temporarily allow him to do as he pleases. Also, Palace Lord you should send out a message and tell the various governors to admit to their wrongdoings if there are any and you will personally administer the punishments on them. Di Tian wouldn't be able to do anything then." Zhuge Xiong stated. The eyes of the Lifire Emphyrean flashed. "Alright, we can only do this for now. You can go ahead and handle this matter on my behalf. Since Di Tian wants to walk this path, I'll see what he can do then."

"Right." Zhuge Xiong retreated.

As for Di Tian, he had already returned to the headquarters of the Emperor Pavilion that's located in the central city regions. However, the news about how he dealt with Yin Qiu swiftly circulated around Lifire City.

Right now, Di Tian was considered a legendary character of Lifire City. Such a major incident about him crippling Yin Qiu, how could this not cause a commotion that shakes the entire city? Yin Qiu was already the second governor that had fallen to Di Tian. Everyone could still recall the fact that Yin Qiu objected when Di Tian wanted to act against Xia Hou. Who would have thought that now, Di Tian directly acted against Yin Qiu. This Grandmaster Di Tian was starting to show off more and more.

At the Emperor Pavilion, Jialan Qiuyue came by to look for Di Tian. Di Tian knew that the Jialan Clan would send someone here to meet him, he had also anticipated that they would send Jialan Qiuyue.

“What do you want to do?” Jialan Qiuyue directly asked when she saw Di Tian. Di Tian smiled, “What are you referring to?”

Jialan Qiuyue rolled her eyes, “What else could I mean? By acting against Yin Qiu, you will definitely enrage the Lifire Empyrean. After so many years, you still have not expressed your attitude towards me clearly. Isn’t it because you wanted to avoid falling out with the Lifire Empyrean? Now that you suddenly did this, what do you mean by it?”

“Eh...” Di Tian sweated. This woman felt that the reason why he didn’t ask for her hand in marriage was because of the Lifire Empyrean?

“You are truly narcissistic.” Di Tian looked at Jialan Qiuyue as he spoke.

“Hmph, am I wrong?” Jialan Qiuyue’s beautiful eyes flashed with a confident look. She sat opposite to Di Tian and smiled at him, “You have not replied me yet. Can it be that you have finally thought things through? I’m just waiting for you to ask the question.”

“Cough, cough...” Di Tian stared at her soul-stirring beautiful eyes as he sighed to himself. The guts of this woman keep growing...now, she even dared to take the initiative to flirt with him.

“I only feel that it’s about time for us to touch the position of the Lifire Empyrean.” Di Tian looked at Jialan Qiuyue as he slowly spoke.

Chapter 1654: A Storm is Coming

Jialan Qiuyue’s beautiful eyes froze, staring at Di Tian with trepidation.

This Di Tian wanted to touch the Lifire Empyrean’s position?

Isn’t that too audacious? In addition, did Di Tian really have such capabilities?

The Lifire Empyrean was, after all, an empyrean character, who's at the half-step world overlord realm. It's said that he has already gained comprehension over a hint of world energy. Although he hasn't acted for many years, there was no need to doubt that his strength was extremely strong.

Di Tian wants to touch the Lifire Empyrean's position? That's nothing more than a foolish dream.

"What do you mean by that exactly?" Jialan Qiuyue stared at Di Tian as she asked.

"Isn't it true that your Jialan Clan has always been against the Lifire Empyrean? Now, I know that the Lifire Empyrean will soon make a mistake. We can use this chance to deal him a heavy blow but naturally, I would need the Jialan Clan to cooperate with me." Di Tian explained.

"What kind of mistake." Jialan Qiuyue asked.

"You should know about Governor Qin, right?" Di Tian glanced at her and continued, "Back then when the Jialan Monarch had died, many people suspected him. Right now, the Lifire Empyrean wants to make an issue out of this, he is prepared to act first before reporting up to the Lifelong Saint Hall and is planning to kill Qin Wentian."

"Qin Wentian has obtained the Realmlord's favor in the grand banquet those years ago, performing admirably during the competition between the world palaces. Could it be that the Lifire Empyrean has obtained some evidence to prove that Qin Wentian really is the killer?" A cold light flashed in Jialan Qiuyue's eyes. No matter what, the Jialan Monarch was her uncle.

"I'm not sure about that. I only know that the Lifire Empyrean secretly gathered all the governors and is secretly plotting to lure Qin Wentian back to the Lifire Palace to kill him first before he reports it up to the Realmlord. The Lifire Empyrean doesn't want Qin Wentian to be alive. From my spy, the Lifire Empyrean has no evidence at all. If the Realmlord knows how little regard the Lifire Empyrean has for him, what would he think?" Di Tian replied.

"You actually have spies beside the Lifire Empyrean? What are you planning exactly? Could it be that you acting against Yin Qiu is nothing but to pave the way forward?" Jialan Qiuyue felt that Di Tian was growing more and more mysterious to her.

"How is my relationship with you?" Di Tian glanced at her. Although she could only see his eyes, Jialan Qiuyue felt her heart pounding as a blush of shyness appeared on her face.

“How is my relationship with the Jialan Clan?” Di Tian continued. “The Lifire Empyrean has long been wary of me. Just because he suspects Qin Wentian, he is already prepared to finish him off without proof. In that case, what about me? I will become a second Qin Wentian the moment he finds an excuse to act against me. But things would be different if the Jialan Clan can get the position of the Lifire Palace Lord. Given the relationship between your clan and me, I naturally would prefer Jialan Jiangshan to become the Lifire Palace Lord.”

“Oh, so you know this? Why don’t you marry into my Jialan Clan now, I can recommend a young miss of our clan to you.” Jialan Qiuyue giggled as she teased. Di Tian perspired cold sweat, to think that this Jialan Qiuyue was still thinking about such things now. He hurriedly continued, “Qiuyue, this matter is considered as me laying my cards out against the Lifire Empyrean. I also have no way to predict how the situation would go. You should inform your clan members and if the Jialan Clan has no wish to make use of this opportunity, just pretend that I didn’t say anything. I will simply be more low-profile in the future. As for Qin Wentian, since he dies, he dies.”

“Fine, I’ll go now.” Jialan Qiuyue nodded and left the area. Upon seeing her departing back, Di Tian sighed. Since the Jialan Monarch had died, in truth, he no longer had any grudge with the Jialan Clan. But for this matter, he had no choice but to make use of the Jialan Clan, and to make use of Jialan Qiuyue’s feelings for him. He felt some guilt in doing so.

But when he thought of Ye Qianyu, as well as Beiming Youhuang being trapped in the Lifelong Saint Hall, he had no choice but to do this. He had to gain more power and status or he wouldn’t even be able to have the opportunity to come in contact with Ye Qianyu and Beiming Youhuang.

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The Lifire Empyrean personally told the governors to check for their own wrong-doings and strictly enforced the rules of each city region. If they were guilty of using their own official positions for personal benefits in the past, as long as they admitted it, they would be given a light punishment. All the governors naturally understood the Lifire Empyrean’s intentions and all of them plead guilty to the Lifire Empyrean and this matter was simply brushed off just like that. At the very least, on paper, the Lifire Empyrean had already handled the matter. There was nothing Di Tian could do even if he wanted to try something.

When this news circulated out, many people felt shocked in their hearts. Clearly, the Lifire Empyrean was opposing Di Tian by doing this. After Di Tian captured Yin Qiu, the Lifire Empyrean didn’t say anything and told his governors to check for their own wrongdoings and he will handle it. To a palace lord, this clearly was a humiliating matter but he still did so. From this, one could very well tell how bad the relationship between the Lifire Empyrean and Grandmaster Di Tian was.

During these few days, Grandmaster Di frequently went to the Jialan Clan as a guest. Jialan Qiuyue would also go to the Emperor Pavilion to look for him regularly. Everyone understood that Di Tian, ultimately has chosen to side with the Jialan Clan. He wanted to help the Jialan Clan to deal with the Lifire Emphyrean.

So, he finally couldn't escape the beauty trap. Seems like Jialan Qiuyue has finally taken down this outstanding supervisory commander and weaponsmithing grandmaster.

And during this sensitive period, Zhuge Xiong actually received Qin Wentian's reply from his messaging crystal. According to Qin Wentian, he had entered one of the mines to temper himself and had placed his interspatial ring and other belongings in a secret place, including his messaging crystal. This was why he couldn't reply until now. Qin Wentian asked if there was anything the matter that Zhuge Xiong was looking for him for?

There seemed to be no problem. Zhuge Xiong told Qin Wentian to make haste to return as many things had happened in the Lifire Palace. The palace lord wanted to summon him for a meeting many times but Qin Wentian was nowhere to be found. Qin Wentian then replied that he would rush back immediately. Zhuge Xiong also felt more at ease. Seems like there should not be much trouble with regards to getting Qin Wentian to return.

It's just that even before they settled Qin Wentian's matter, the problem of Di Tian and the Jialan Clan had already jumped out. This made him felt somewhat gloomy.

After the Lifire Emphyrean knew of this, he naturally told Qin Wentian to come to the Lifire Palace the moment he came back. After that, he planned to question him, take him down, and execute him on the spot, using the crime of killing the Jialan Monarch as the excuse. The Lifire Emphyrean felt that it was best to kill Qin Wentian now to prevent any future trouble.

Since he had already decided to do this, the Lifire Emphyrean naturally would be extremely decisive. He would definitely not be soft-hearted.

Finally, Qin Wentian returned to the Lifire Palace's territories today, back to the governor's manor of the northern city regions.

"Wentian, Zhuge Xiong came by here many times personally, asking me about your location. I've transmitted the messages to you." The Evil Emperor instantly spoke up when he saw Qin Wentian's return.

“I know, I also know why he is looking for me, hence I didn’t reply you.” Xu Li, is everything fine during this period of time that I’ve been away? Any huge incidents that would disrupt the normal operations, etc?” Qin Wentian asked. In his northern city regions, he didn’t want to give his enemies any excuses to turn things to their advantages.

As long as his region had no problems, it wouldn’t be so easy for the Lifire Empyrean to touch him. If the Lifire Empyrean still chooses to do so, it would be the Lifire Empyrean’s problem then.

“No.” Xu Li shook his head. “Everything in the northern city regions has been running smoothly.”

“Good. I’m entering closed-door seclusion. If the grand governor or others come by to ask, tell them I’m entering a life-and-death one because I’m about to breakthrough. Nobody is to disturb me. Remember, no matter who is it, or what is the reason, no one is to disturb me.” Qin Wentian instructed.

“About to breakthrough?” The eyes of the Evil Emperor and Xu Li flashed with sharpness.

He was about to breakthrough so quickly?

The two of them exchanged mutual glances, both of them felt difficult to mask the shock in their hearts. They all knew what cultivation base Qin Wentian had those years ago. How many years has it only been then? Is he already about to enter the legendary empyrean realm?

If they knew that Qin Wentian had already broken through, it was unknown what they would think.

Qin Wentian instructed them like this because he wanted to tell them that when the people from the Lifire Palace came by, they better take their actions fast because he was about to break through to the empyrean realm. If the Lifire Palace delays, things would be extremely troublesome if they want to deal with him in the future.

Qin Wentian decisively entered closed-door seclusion. The Lifire Palace soon received news that Qin Wentian has returned.

As the northern city governor, how could Qin Wentian be so naive? He knew that the Lifire Palace would immediately know the moment he entered his governor’s manor. It was impossible that the northern governor’s manor didn’t have a few spies of the Lifire Palace mixed within his subordinates. If not, the Lifire Empyrean back then wouldn’t have not suspected him in the Jialan

Monarch's death. Clearly, one of the spies had reported that he or she had seen him leaving the governor's manor much later after the Jialan Monarch's death.

Hence, during the second day, the Grand Governor Zhuge Xiong personally came to the western governor manor. The Evil Emperor and vice governor Xu Li personally welcomed him.

"Why? Did Governor Qin not hear my words? He hasn't been to the Lifire Palace for so many years and actually chose to enter seclusion the instant he returned?" Zhuge Xiong was clearly extremely unhappy. He then continued speaking, "Tell him to come out immediately and return with me to the Lifire Palace."

"Grand Governor, please calm your rage. Governor Qin has told us that none of us are to disturb him during this crucial time of his cultivation. No matter who it is, or what matter it is, we are not allowed to disturb his cultivation or we would all be guilty." Xu Li respectfully replied.

"What crucial time during cultivation? Does he dare to disobey the palace lord's orders?" Zhuge Xiong stared at Xu Li. "Are you planning to disobey it as well?"

"Governor Qin has never mentioned anything about the palace lord's orders, he shouldn't know anything about that. If he did, he would definitely have headed to the Lifire Palace first." Xu Li explained. He then continued, "Also, before Governor Qin entered seclusion, he said that he was about to break through to the empyrean realm. At this time, no matter what matter is happening, this subordinate dares not be the one to disturb him. If I delayed Governor Qin's breakthrough, I wouldn't be able to answer for it."

Zhuce Xiong's eyes flashed with sharpness after he heard that. "Governor Qin really said that?"

"This subordinate dares not lie to the grand governor. That's what Governor Qin has said, he's currently in a closed-door seclusion session that's extremely crucial as he is about to break through. No matter who it is, or what is the matter, no one is to disturb him." Xu Li solemnly replied. Zhuge Xiong narrowed his eyes as a look of contemplation appeared on his face.

Qin Wentian was actually about to breakthrough? What a fast cultivation speed he had.

"Since this is the case, I'll return and report this to the Palace Lord first." Zhuge Xiong left with his unhappiness. Xu Li watched as he vanished, before glancing to the Evil Emperor as he spoke, "Why do I feel that something big is about to happen?"

The Evil Emperor narrowed his eyes. Qin Wentian entered closed-door seclusion the moment he returned and Zhuge Xiong arrived here almost immediately, wanting him to go to the Lifire Palace. Not only that, Zhuge Xiong's attitude was extremely domineering. This was something that has never happened before.

Also, from Qin Wentian's reactions, it was like he already knew Zhuge Xiong would come here, hence he gave the order that no one was to disturb him when he is in the closed-door seclusion. In that case, this means that Qin Wentian was intentionally avoiding Zhuge Xiong.

"Yes, a storm is coming." The Evil Emperor spoke, his eyes gleaming with an evil light.

Chapter 1655: Arrival

Qin Wentian had returned to Lifire City. On the surface, it seemed that the atmosphere was tranquil and fine. In truth, dark undercurrents were already brewing.

The Jialan Clan was silently making their moves. In fact, even the main pillar of support of the Jialan Clan, Jialan Jiangshan, who had once contended against the Lifire Emphyrean for the position of the Lifire Palace Lord, had also secretly arrived at Lifire City. Not only that, a large number of experts had arrived. The Jialan Branch in Lifelong City had also prepared in case there were unexpected situations occurring.

The Emperor Pavilion had also summoned their core characters back and stationed them in the western city regions of Lifire City. The Emperor Pavilion in the western city regions was extremely large, there was enough space for many experts to stay there. They were ready to react to any unexpected incidents.

Just like what the Evil Emperor and Xu Li had guessed, a storm was about to come in Lifire City. It was just that the storm was still currently invisible, although the undercurrents of chaos could already be felt.

After Zhuge Xiong returned to Lifire Palace, he told the Lifire Emphyrean about the news that Qin Wentian was about to break through to the next realm. After the Lifire Emphyrean heard this, he stared at Zhuge Xiong and asked, "Will Qin Wentian do this intentionally? In truth, he has already received news and knows that we will be acting against him?"

“I don’t think so. If he had received the news, he wouldn’t have returned to Lifire City.” Zhuge Xiong affirmed. How would Qin Wentian come back to die if he knew about this?

“This means that it must be true that he is about to break through to the empyrean realm and he’s at a crucial moment of his cultivation.” A terrifying fire flickered in the Lifire Emphyrean’s eyes. Although he had been in the empyrean realm for many years, and was confident that he would be able to easily deal with Qin Wentian even if Qin Wentian really broke through, he couldn’t help but feel worried. After all, he had seen Qin Wentian’s combat prowess before. There might be unexpected situations occurring if Qin Wentian really broke through.

“It’s highly possible. I’m afraid he wouldn’t come out of his seclusion unless he achieved his breakthrough. Palace Lord, should we wait for him?” Zhuge Xiong asked. It was the most suitable if they acted against Qin Wentian when in the Lifire Palace because this was the ultimate territory of the Lifire Emphyrean. He could control all the factors here and news wouldn’t leak out no matter how they dealt with Qin Wentian.

But now, Qin Wentian was in a life-and-death situation and would only come out after he achieved his breakthrough. This then became a problem of choice. Should they wait for him before summoning him to the Lifire Palace, or should they head over to the northern governor’s manor now to act?

“No, we can’t wait.” A cold light flashed in the Lifire Emphyrean’s eyes.

“Palace lord, the Jialan Clan is in the northern city regions and their influence there is extremely great. Will there be trouble?” Zhuge Xiong felt some trepidation as he asked.

“Without Jialan Jiangshan, what can the Jialan Clan do against me? Also, no matter how strong the Jialan Clan is, this place is still my Lifire City.” The Lifire Emphyrean domineeringly stated. “Also, if they knew that Qin Wentian was the Jialan Monarch’s killer, they would naturally also hope for Qin Wentian’s death. With me acting personally, there shouldn’t be any unexpected accidents occurring.”

“Your subordinate is useless, I would have to trouble palace lord then.” Zhuge Xiong bowed. This initially was something he ought to handle as the governors of the Lifire Palace were supposed to be his direct subordinates.

However, right now, a mere northern governor actually required the palace lord to act personally. This clearly meant that he was not strong enough.

“Qin Wentian is too monstrous, you can’t be blamed for this. Immediately summon the other governors for a meeting to discuss things.” The Lifire Emyrean commanded. Zhuge Xiong nodded and took out his messaging crystal, summoning the other governors to the Lifire Palace. Right now, the number of governors he could summon had dwindled down to a few. Only central governor Sun Qian, eastern governor Lin Ba and southern governor Beauty Xiao remained. Yin Qiu had been crippled, and the northern governor was none other than Qin Wentian.

The three governors received the orders and brought their vice governors and headed to the Lifire Palace respectively. On the way there, Beauty Xiao kept cursing in her heart. That fellow actually returned?

She had already warned him that the Lifire Emyrean wanted to kill him yet he still dared to return? Could it be that he really thought that the Lifire Emyrean wouldn’t dare to kill him?

Right now, the Lifire Emyrean had already personally issued the order to gather the various governors and vice governors. Evidently, it was to deal with Qin Wentian. What was even more infuriating was that she had sent him a message to warn him, yet Qin Wentian actually didn’t even reply her. That insufferable bastard fellow...

When the three governors reached the Lifire Palace, they discovered that there were already many people here. The subordinates of Grand Governor Zhuge Xiong and some experts and attendants of the Lifire Palace were here as well. There were tens of immortal emperors here. With such a powerful group, it was clear that the Lifire Emyrean was prepared to act personally.

However, the Lifire Emyrean didn’t appear at all. The governors were led by Grand Governor Zhuge as well as two masked elders of the Lifire Palace. These two elders were the left and right arm of the Lifire Palace. They were extremely mysterious and could be considered the palace’s envoys. Behind them, there were also a number of masked figures at the immortal emperor realm. These were all the secret guards of the Lifire Palace.

“Grand Governor, is it necessary to gather such a large group of expert just to deal with a single Qin Wentian” Beauty Xiao smiled.

“Right now, it’s unknown how many hidden experts there are in the northern governor’s manor. We have to capture the Evil Emperor and the others first and if they dare to resist, kill them all directly.

No unexpected accidents are allowed to happen.” Zhuge Xiong icily commanded. He then waved his hand, “Move out!”

As the sound of his voice faded, this big group of experts directly rushed towards the northern governor’s manor, the two envoys led the masked experts separately, they didn’t travel together with Zhuge Xiong and the rest. One party was moving in the light, the other in the dark. They were prepared to finish Qin Wentian off.

Beauty Xiao understood the Lifire Emphyrean’s character. Since he could sit in the palace lord’s position, he was definitely an extremely decisive and ruthless individual. Since he decided to do this, he would go all the way to prevent any sources of future trouble. Qin Wentian was someone the Realmlord had taken notice of. If he killed Qin Wentian under the circumstances that there is no evidence, things would be extremely troublesome. If the Realmlord somehow learned of this and became unhappy, things would be extremely disadvantageous for him, the Lifire Palace Lord.

This group were made up of immortal emperors, not a single immortal king could be seen within it.

Currently, the people of Lifire City had no idea what was going on. They were leading their lives as usual or were cultivating alone, transacting treasures, drinking and chatting, or idling the time away.

Things were the same in the northern city regions too. Everything was normal, there didn’t seem to be any different from usual.

“Did you guys know that lord governor has returned?” The people of the northern governor’s manor were discussing.

“Yeah, I’ve heard about it. Lord governor has always been extremely mysterious about his movements. I heard that despite him having returned, he had never appeared out in public inside the manor to see the subordinates at all.”

“I heard that during the second day after lord governor returns, the grand governor Zhuge Xiong came by, seeking to meet him immediately as though there was something extremely urgent. However, he was stopped by vice governor Xu Li. I wonder what has happened.”

“What else can there be? Don’t you know what sort of character our Governor Qin is? Although Zhuge Xiong is the Grand Governor, so what of it? In front of our lord governor, he still doesn’t have any capacity to be arrogant.” That person spoke with pride, filled with respect and reverence for Qin Wentian.

Although Qin Wentian has been extremely low profile these years, he was simply too special. Every deed he chose to do, would always be a major deed that can shake the entire city.

Just as they were speaking, terrifying fluctuations could suddenly be felt from the air. The clouds rolled and a moment later, a stifling pressure bore down on all of them.

“What’s going on?” The crowd frowned.

“What happened?” All of them inclined their heads. The pressure grew stronger and stronger and in a short instant, the terrifying pressure had already enveloped the entire governor’s manor as many experts descended from the sky, all of them immortal emperors.

Also, the man in the lead was actually the grand governor Zhuge Xiong.

At this moment, everyone in the governor’s manor felt their hearts trembling. They understood that a major matter was going to happen. A heaven-shaking major matter!

The entire governor’s manor instantly turned into chaos. Also, in the surroundings of the governor’s manor, everyone here also felt the sense of pressure pressing down on them. When they saw the experts descending from the sky, all of them felt shocked in their hearts.

After descending, the experts all stood at different locations. Zhuge Xiong stepped out and spoke loudly, “Northern Governor Qin Wentian. Come out now.”

Nobody replied to him. Within the governor’s manor, the Evil Emperor, Xu Li and their subordinates appeared. They looked into the air and when they saw the many experts arrayed against them, they understood that the storm had come. Although they had been expecting it, they still didn’t expect that the storm would come so fast.

“Governor Qin is in seclusion. Grand Governor, what do you mean by this?” Xu Li asked.

Zhuce Xiong’s expression was solemn, icy to the extreme. He continued, “Qin Wentian has broken the palace’s rules and his crime is unpardonable. The palace lord is summoning him to the Lifire Palace for questioning, including all the vice governors and attendants of the northern governor’s manor.”

Even now, Zhuge Xiong still wanted to bring them all back to the Lifire Palace and quietly settle things.

The gaze of the Evil Emperor and Xu Li froze. Did they want to capture all of them in one go, bringing all the vice governors and attendants away? Did the Lifire Empyrean wish for the core characters of the northern governor's manor to vanish completely?

Countless people felt their hearts shaking. The Lifire Empyrean wanted to capture the northern governor Qin Wentian? What the hell was going on exactly?

"I don't understand grand governor's meaning." The eyes of the Evil Emperor shone with a jade-green light as he coldly spoke.

"You will know after you come back with me to the Lifire Palace." Zhuge Xiong's immortal sense gushed forth. His eyes glanced towards the courtyard Qin Wentian was in. A moment later, he punched out, causing his fist light to cover the heavens, directly tearing through everything. Thunderous rumbling sounds rang out as the buildings in the surroundings collapsed, causing clouds of dust to rise up into the sky. A sturdy-looking grand cultivator formation appeared in the middle of the ruins and a white-robed figure could be seen sitting cross-legged within it.

This white-robed figure was naturally none other than Qin Wentian!

At this moment, Qin Wentian inclined his head. His eyes were like sharp swords, shooting across the distance, terrifying to the extreme. With a single glance, Zhuge Xiong felt his entire body shivering. At this moment, he actually felt as though he was facing against a divinity. It was like he was matching gazes with an invincible existence.

"Has the time finally arrived?" Qin Wentian's gaze was extremely terrifying as he slowly rose into the air. He has been waiting for this moment for a very long time!

Chapter 1656: Head-on Opposition

Qin Wentian floated in the air, staring at the experts of the Lifire Empyrean. He then turned his gaze to Zhuge Xiong and coldly spoke, "Governor Zhuge, what crime did I commit?"

His voice was extremely calm but Zhuge Xiong felt his heart shaking. For some reason, Qin Wentian actually gave off an unknown sense of pressure, an extremely powerful pressure.

“We will talk about this matter after we return to the Lifire Palace. The Palace Lord commands you to bring all your vice governors and attendants and return with me. Governor Qin, it’s best to obey the order.” Zhuge Xiong’s voice was no longer as domineering as before. The calm Qin Wentian actually made him feel even more terrified. If Qin Wentian suddenly erupted, it was unknown whether he would be in danger or not.

“Today, leaving aside the fact whether I, Qin, have committed any crimes, why is Governor Zhuge humiliating my men and destroying my property so blatantly? I’m afraid if I return there with you, I will never be able to exit.” Qin Wentian stood with his hands behind his back. His white robes fluttered in the wind, projecting a majestic aura, causing the eyes of everyone to gleam. This was as expected of the governor of the northern city regions, Qin Wentian.

Even if they had numerous experts with them and Zhuge Xiong was here to capture him to the Lifire Palace, all these didn’t cause Qin Wentian’s expression to fluctuate at all. Instead, it felt like if Zhuge Xiong was unable to give him a proper reply, there was no need for him and the experts he brought here to leave.

“In that case, does this mean the Palace Lord’s commands are useless against you?” Zhuge Xiong’s voice turned cold after being threatened.

“If I’m not guilty of any crime, even the Palace Lord cannot humiliate me like this and destroy my property.” Qin Wentian calmly spoke.

“Oh?” A tyrannical voice rang out from the void, its might shaking the sky. In an instant, the vast northern city region was subjected to a stifling pressure. Countless people were shocked, they all stared up at the sky but couldn’t see anything. Even their immortal sense was unable to discover anyone at all. They could only feel that terrifying pressure.

At this moment, all of them understood that the Lifire Emphyrean had personally come.

What did the northern governor Qin Wentian do exactly? Why was the Lifire Emphyrean personally here?

Zhuge Xiong's expression was ice-like. A beautiful figure behind him, Beauty Xiao, her face was painted with worry. Could it be that this fellow wanted to clash head-on with the Palace Lord? Didn't he know that this was simply courting death?

Qin Wentian also inclined his head, his eyes peering into the void. He naturally knew who had come. He had long expected that the Lifire Emyrean would surely personally come by. Because, other than Lifire Emyrean, none of his other subordinates would be able to capture him, Qin Wentian.

"Qin Wentian, I'm commanding you to go to the Lifire Palace right now. Are you going to obey or not?" The Lifire Emyrean coldly spoke as the might rolling off from him bore down on Qin Wentian.

Qin Wentian stood up straight and proud. He replied arrogantly, "Palace lord, please make things clear then. What crime has this subordinate committed exactly? Why are you humiliating me like this?"

"You just have to reply, are you going to obey, or not?" The Lifire Emyrean domineering replied, not wanting to waste words.

Qin Wentian stood there, "I regret that I cannot comply."

"The vice governors and attendants of the northern governor manor, are you guys going to obey my command or not?" The Lifire Emyrean asked. A moment later, other than a few of those who had been following Qin Wentian since the time of Ye Qianyu being captured, the other vice governors and attendants were all trembling with fear.

Do they need to make a choice?

Although their governor was the magnificent Qin Wentian, the person asking them was none other than the Lifire Emyrean, the hegemon over this boundlessly vast region, the Palace Lord of the Lifire Palace.

"Your subordinates will obey Palace Lord's command."

"We are all willing to head to the Lifire Palace." An instant later, more and more people spoke out as their silhouettes flashed, moving towards Zhuge Xiong's side. Qin Wentian's other subordinates

stared at this scene dumbfoundedly, they glanced at Qin Wentian again. They had always treated this imposing lord governor like a God. However, was this existence akin to a divinity to them, about to collapse today?

Qin Wentian had done something that enraged the Lifire Emyrean.

The atmosphere was incomparably tense. The hearts of Qin Wentian's subordinates pounded rapidly. During these years, Qin Wentian was their belief and conviction. No one had expected that such a thing would occur.

"Qin Wentian, this seat is going to ask you for the last time. Will you obey or not?" The domineering voice of the Lifire Emyrean thundered through the air. Qin Wentian was still as calm as ever. He stared into the void and replied, "I'd rather die than to be humiliated."

"Since this is the case, I'll grant you your wish." At the next instant, an even heavier pressure enveloped the surroundings. Flames filled the air, bolts of red lightning rained down. This was like a scene of the apocalypse, shaking the hearts of everyone.

After that, a thunderous rumble shook the sky, threatening to rend one's eardrums. In the air, a blazing giant palm descended from the sky. At this moment, it seemed that the entire world was about to be destroyed.

Below on the ground, countless people trembled in fear as they started to retreat in a frenzy. Zhuge Xiong and the others evaded. This giant palm was like a natural calamity, shooting right towards Qin Wentian, controlled by the Lifire Emyrean's law will.

A brilliant radiance radiated from Qin Wentian, creating a domain where buddhic light flared. A countless number of arms manifested, brimming with power as they welcomed the arrival of the giant palm attack. A sense of sorrow seem to tinge the atmosphere. It was clear that he should have just obeyed, but Qin Wentian chose death over humiliation.

The luxurious governor's manor laid in ruins. Qin Wentian's attacks all blasted towards the palm strike. Everyone watched in a dumbstruck manner at this scene before them. The Lifire Emyrean actually wanted to destroy Qin Wentian in a single strike, not giving him any chance at all.

When that apocalyptic palm landed, a fearsome explosion rang out. Everyone felt the ground trembling as a huge crater opened up. This crater still wanted a sense of fiery destruction. The ground turned red from the heat of the flaming palm. Lines and cracks could be seen on the ground

as everyone waited for the dust to settle. Was the magnificent Qin Wentian really going to die so easily just like that?

If he really died, wouldn't it seem like a joke?

Also, this was extremely cruel. Such an outstanding and extraordinary governor but he died just like this. Before absolute strength, no matter how outstanding your talent is, it's nothing but floating clouds. No wonder those supreme monstrous geniuses who have yet to grown were no different from commoners before those of the older generations. So what if your talent is very high? I can kill you easily the moment you offend me. You won't even have a chance to grow and mature.

But at this moment, a light sound rang out. After that, a figure walked out from the deep crater in the ground. The white robes of the figure were stained red by his blood. He cut a sorry figure but his demeanor was as imposing as ever as he stared arrogantly up the sky.

This strike actually failed to kill him.

In the air, the stifling pressure once again enveloped the surroundings, in preparation for the second killing strike.

“Palace lord, what are you doing?” At this moment, a voice drifted from afar. After that, terrifying sonic booms sounded out as a group of figures appeared in the air.

The one in the lead was a figure robed in black. He had a mask on his face and was someone of equal fame with Qin Wentian. He was none other than the weaponsmith grandmaster, genius of the martial path, supervisory commander, Emperor Pavilion's pavilion lord, Di Tian.

Not only has Di Tian arrived, he also brought many experts with him, over tens of immortal emperors. The strength of their group actually wasn't in anyway inferior to the group from the Lifire Palace. Upon thinking of the latest rumor that Di Tian had decided to fall out with the Lifire Emphyrean, all the spectators in the surroundings had an intrigued look on their faces.

Was Di Tian planning to ally with the Jialan Clan to clash against the Lifire Emphyrean head-on?

Di Tian actually appeared at this moment. For a period of time, more and more experts appeared from various directions, rushing towards here. Other than the experts, the citizens of the city also came here, they wanted to see the eventual ending of this incident.

Zhuge Xiong frowned when he saw Di Tian's appearance. This fellow actually appeared here at this moment.

"Di Tian, this matter has nothing to do with you. You should leave quickly." Zhuge Xiong stared at Di Tian as he spoke.

"What crime did Governor Qin commit. Why must Palace Lord kill him on the spot?" Di Tian stared at the air as he directly questioned.

"Do I need to answer to you?" An imposing voice rang out from the void. The Lifire Empyrean was already extremely unhappy towards Di Tian. Right now, Di Tian even dared to question him.

"The Palace Lord naturally needs not answer to me. It's just that I received news saying that Palace Lord wants to frame and kill Governor Qin. I initially assumed that this news is false. What sort of character is the Palace Lord, how would he make a move against Governor Qin? But now, I've seen it with my own eyes that this is true. Hence, I have to ask that question." Di Tian calmly replied in a tone that was neither servile nor overbearing.

"Qin Wentian disobeyed the Palace Lord. This crime alone is already sufficient." Zhuge Xiong coldly spoke. "Governor Qin also dared to sully the Palace Lord by speaking untruth. This is a major crime."

"Disobedience?" Di Tian glanced at Qin Wentian and asked, "Governor Qin, is this true?"

"If the Palace Lords wants to kill me, just say it directly. Why is there a need for so much excuses? I entered close-door seclusion upon my return and grand governor Zhuge Xiong immediately killed his way over the next day and destroyed my manor, forcing me to awake from my seclusion and followed up by saying that I committed a great crime yet he refused to say what it is. He wants to bring me back to the Lifire Palace. I really want to ask the Palace Lord how can this be considered disobedience?" Qin Wentian coldly spoke.

"Shut up." The Lifire Empyrean berated. After that, he turned to Di Tian. "Commander Di, I know you are exercising your duty as the supervisory commander. However, Qin Wentian had committed an unpardonable crime. I naturally will report this up to the Lifelong Saint Hall. There's no need for you to worry about this. You can retreat for now."

“I initially thought the news was fake. However, since Palace Lord can’t even give a name to the supposed crime governor Qin has committed, I, as the supervisory commander, naturally cannot stand aside. I hope Palace Lord will show mercy and allow me to report this up to the Lifelong Saint Hall for further investigation.” Di Tian came here precisely for this matter. He had also waited for a very long time. How could he leave here just like that?

“This seat controls the Lifire Palace and is apprehending a guilty subordinate here. Do I even need your approval?” The pressure in the air intensified, terrifying to the extreme. The fearsome aura bore down on Di Tian. It was like the Lifire Emphyrean was on the verge of an explosion. If his anger erupted, he might even act against Di Tian.

“Palace lord, you can’t even name the crime he has committed. Seems like the news I received was real. In order to kill Governor Qin, you actually misused your power to such an extent. I, Di, am loved by the Realmlord and will naturally follow his orders and do my job well as the supervisory commander of the Lifire Palace. This matter is too serious. I have no choice but to interfere.”

After being threatened by the Lifire Emphyrean, Di Tian’s voice actually became even more tyrannical, causing the hearts of everyone to tremble. They felt that the situation was getting more and more unclear!

Chapter 1657: One Betrayal after another

Di Tian’s domineering voice caused the atmosphere to be even more tense. Right now, were these two monstrous geniuses really planning to fight against the Lifire Emphyrean?

Qin Wentian and Di Tian were famous at the same time, during the grand banquet organized by the Lifelong Saint Hall. At this moment, both of them were facing the same enemy – the supreme and lofty character of the Lifire Palace, the Lifire Emphyrean.

“How, can you interfere?” The Lifire Emphyrean coldly spoke when he heard Di Tian’s voice. After that, red bolts of lightning flashed through the sky. Space was torn apart as a figure appeared. This was none other than the Lifire Emphyrean. It was like he was the sovereign of his surroundings, gazing down with imperiousness at his subjects under the heavens. His eyes shone with a terrifying fire as he stared at Di Tian.

“I, Di, have received the love and regards of the Realmlord. I naturally can’t let this slide when I encounter such a method. Even if I cannot interfere, I have to interfere and will do my best to do

so.” Di Tian spoke. He stared at the Lifire Empyrean, “If Palace Lord really wants to do this, Di Tian can only play along with you then.”

“Hahaha...” The Lifire Empyrean started laughing uproariously, causing the space to tremble. A fearsome heat radiated from him, forming a storm of flames. The fire in his eyes grew even more intense as he spoke, “Tell your backer to step up.”

What sort of character was he? Given how strong his immortal sense was, how could he not know that his old opponent has already arrived?

As expected, at the moment as the sound of his voice faded, a figure stepped forward. This was none other than Jialan Jiangshan. He stood in the air, resembling a divinity as he stared at the Lifire Empyrean. “I didn’t expect that after you became the Lifire Palace Lord, you would actually act so brazenly with no restraint, even wanting to frame and kill your own subordinates.”

“Is the Jialan Clan planning to interfere in the internal affairs of my Lifire Palace?” The Lifire Empyrean icily spoke. He then glanced at Di Tian, “Supervisory Commander. What crime are you guilty of? How dare you collude with the Jialan Clan.”

“Collude?” Jialan Jiangshan spoke. “I just cannot stand your behaviour. The relationship between Di Tian and my Jialan Clan is truly not bad and he is also regarded highly by the Realm Lord, supervising the Lifire Palace. Now, seeing how tyrannical you are acting, Di Tian merely wanted to stop you. Since this is the case, what’s wrong with me helping him out? The Realm Lord stands at the top of all existences. Even if he knew about this, he would also be able to understand.”

“In that case, I can’t even enforce the law in my Lifire Palace and am being restricted by a supervisory commander?” The Lifire Empyrean’s voice rang out like thunder.

“Palace Lord, why must you try to beguile the masses? You didn’t even say the crime Qin Wentian had committed and wanted to kill him on the spot. Could it be that, I, as the supervisory commander, don’t have the right to ask why?” Di Tian spoke. “Or maybe, since Palace Lord is the hegemon of an entire region, you don’t place me, a supervisory commander conferred by the Realm Lord in your eyes at all, acting without law and order, attempting to murder a governor character.”

“Since you guys want to know this so much, I shall tell you all. Qin Wentian, as a governor of the Lifire Palace, had actually killed the Jialan Monarch. Are you, the supervisory commander, happy now?” The Lifire Empyrean’s voice was glacial like ice. He was actually forced to explain himself to an immortal emperor. This was simply a humiliation.

Also, everyone in the Lifire Palace knew that this supervisory commander Di Tian, was someone that stood against him.

“From what I know, when the Jialan Monarch was killed back then, many people saw that Governor Qin was in his governor’s manor. Palace Lord, aren’t your lies a little too weak?” Di Tian spoke.

“This is because Qin Wentian has cultivated an avatar-creation technique, allowing him to pull the wool over everyone’s eyes. His true self masqueraded as the bandit head and he killed the Jialan Monarch while his avatar revealed himself at his governor’s manor, granting him an ironclad alibi, shielding him from all suspicions.” The Grand Governor Zhuge Xiong spoke out, answering Di Tian. Naturally, it wouldn’t be too good for the Lifire Emphyrean to answer every question or it would affect the prestige of his status.

“Governor Qin, is this true?” Di Tian asked.

Qin Wentian looked at Zhuge Xiong, “You want to pin this crime on me? I also want to know where this avatar of mine came about. Why don’t I know about this?”

“Grand Governor, do you have proof?” Di Tian asked again.

“Naturally. We planned and lure a bandit in that group to surrender. He clearly gave us a painting via immortal sense of the features of the bandit head that recruited them. That painting was none other than that of Qin Wentian.” Zhuge Xiong replied.

“Grand Governor, do you take me for a fool?” As Qin Wentian spoke, his features shimmered and transformed. He icily continued, “I’m skilled in the art of disguise. If I really was the bandit head, why would I use my true features?”

Everyone was stunned when they saw Qin Wentian’s methods. However, the Lifire Emphyrean radiated a strong killing intent, he was even more sure of his guess.

The Jialan Monarch is definitely killed by Qin Wentian.

However, now, this was already not a problem of who killed who. There was no way to explain clearly because they basically didn’t have a single shred of evidence at all.

“It’s very normal that Governor Qin might has a moment of carelessness.” Zhuge Xiong spoke.

“Since this is the case, can Grand Governor Zhuge hand over the bandit you caught? My subordinate the Evil Emperor can control a person to speak the truth. We will immediately know whether this is true or not.” Qin Wentian calmly spoke.

“Enough.” The Lifire Emyrean berated. The might radiating from him was as terrifying as ever. He turned to Di Tian, “You are already clear of his crime. Qin Wentian assassinated the Jialan Monarch. Is the supervisory commander satisfied with this?”

“Senior Jialan. You are an elder of the Jialan Monarch. Do you believe in the Palace Lord’s words?” Di Tian glanced at Jialan Jiangshan as he asked.

“Although I cannot eliminate Qin Wentian from all suspicions, but without proof, it’s impossible to verify that the Jialan Monarch was killed by Qin Wentian.” Jialan Jiangshan straightforwardly replied.

“How about everyone else?” Di Tian glanced at the people around him as they all shook their heads.

“Wanting to kill a governor without proof. This is simply too tyrannical.” A person beside Di Tian spoke.

“Who the hell are you? You have no rights to comment on the internal affairs of our Lifire Palace.” Zhuge Xiong coldly replied to that person. The eyes of that person gleamed sharply, he stared directly at Zhuge Xiong and laughed, “I’m a member of the Xuanyuan Clan from Lifelong City. What do you want?”

“Xuanyuan Clan of Lifelong City.” Zhuge Xiong’s expression instantly froze as he stared in trepidation at the man beside Di Tian.

The eyes of the Lifire Emyrean also flashed with light. Someone from the Xuanyuan Clan actually came here.

An icy smile lit up his face. Seems like Di Tian clearly came fully prepared today.

“There’s not only people from the Xuanyuan Clan here today, people from the other major powers of Lifelong City are present as well. All of them are my good friends and came for a gathering with me in Lifire City. However, to think that I heard the news that Palace Lord is going crazy. Hence, me and my good friends all came here to take a look. Who would have thought that we would witness how tyrannical the Palace Lord is, capable of stooping to underhanded measures just to kill one of your own governors. It seems like you can just pin a crime on everyone you want to kill. What if one day, Palace Lord says that I’m guilty? Wouldn’t my fate be the same as Governor Qin and I will be directly killed by you?” Di Tian’s voice also grew more and more domineering.

When everyone heard that the people from the major powers of Lifelong City was here too, they instantly felt a change in the atmosphere.

What is this Di Tian planning exactly?

Not long ago, he acted against Yin Qiu. Could that be just a prelude to this? Was all his actions back then just to pave the way for him to deal with the Lifire Emphyrean today?

This time around, even Zhuge Xiong and the others of the Lifire Palace felt a chill in their hearts.

Right now, they clearly didn’t want additional trouble. This matter was gradually blowing out of proportions, out of their control.

But what was going on with Di Tian?

Why would Jialan Jiangshan of the Jialan Clan appear here today? Not only him, people from the other major powers of Lifelong City came here too. Was all this really just a coincidence?

Or could it be that Qin Wentian long knew all this would happen? Had he allied himself with Di Tian?

Even the Lifire Emphyrean was confused. Why would the situation became like this?

“In that case, I wish to listen more about what news did Supervisor Commander Di receive?” The Lifire Emphyrean asked.

“This matter has to start from Governor Qin Wentian. It was already known to all that back then, Governor Qin and Ye Qianyu have an extraordinary relationship. Your lordship captured Ye Qianyu and made use of Qin Wentian to govern the northern regions is something that everyone knows. After that, Governor Qin displayed his brilliance at the grand banquet of the Lifelong Realm. Palace Lord must have started to fear his growth because he is gradually spiralling out from your control. Hence, you wanted to use the Jialan Monarch’s death as an excuse and pin this crime on Governor Qin, bringing him back to the Lifire Palace to kill him. After all, as long as he is dead, how can he refute your accusations? At that time, no matter what the truth was, Governor Qin would surely be deemed as the Jialan Monarch’s killer. Am I right?”

Di Tian stared at the Lifire Emphyrean as he spoke.

“Your ability to weave a story is not bad. The supervisory commander joined forces with the Jialan Clan and wished to take my position?” The Lifire Emphyrean laughed.

“Story?” Di Tian coldly sneered. He turned his gaze towards Zhuge Xiong. Over there, a figure beside Zhuge Xiong suddenly sped over, coming to beside Di Tian.

“Sun Qian, what are you doing?” Zhuge Xiong froze. The Lifire Emphyrean’s eyes flashed, staring at Sun Qian.

“Palace Lord, you brazenly plotted to kill an innocent governor. Sun Qian dares not follow blindly and could only report this to Supervisory Commander Di Tian.” Sun Qian spoke, undoubtedly admitting that Di Tian was right. The Lifire Emphyrean was plotting to kill Qin Wentian.

A terrifying killing intent flickered in the Lifire Emphyrean’s eyes. This smiling Sun Qian...he had always assumed that Sun Qian was an honest individual. Who would have thought that Sun Qian had betrayed him?

In that case, the reason behind how Di Tian was able to know of this matter, was already clear.

“Sun Qian, how much benefits did the Jialan Clan and Di Tian give you? You even dare to betray the Palace Lord?” Zhuge Xiong’s reacted quickly. He then continued, “Don’t you know that doing this is a crime that’s punishable by death?”

“Zhuge Xiong, this idea was suggested by you. As expected of the Palace Lord’s advisor.” Di Tian glanced at Zhuge Xiong. He then continued, “People of the Lifire Palace, do not be muddled any longer and blindly become a sword in the hands of others, being made use of without knowing. The

implications of this matter are extremely great. I'll report this up to the Realm Lord and seek his advice. Is there anyone willing to step out to reveal the truth?"

The hearts of everyone trembled. Right now, they already understood the situation now. This was a gamble between Di Tian plus the Jialan Clan, against the Lifire Emyrean. They made use of a blunder made by the Lifire Emyrean and attacked relentlessly. They wanted to pull the Lifire Emyrean from his position in a single shot.

Qin Wentian was merely the fuse, nothing more than a convenient excuse. Di Tian had long made arrangements for everything. Even Sun Qian was his man.

"How terrifying." Many people mused silently, even the people from the Lifire Palace felt their hearts trembling.

"Hehe." A charming voice rang out. Beauty Xiao's silhouette flashed and appeared behind Di Tian as she spoke, "Palace Lord, I always felt that it isn't appropriate to treat Governor Qin in this manner. Please rescind your order."

At this moment, the gazes of everyone froze.

Right now, there were only three governors remaining in the Lifire Palace. Lin Ba, Sun Qian and Beauty Xiao. Out of the three, two of them have turned traitor and admitted that the Lifire Emyrean had plotted to kill Qin Wentian!

Chapter 1658: The Victor Shall Be The King

Sun Qian and Beauty Xiao were the Lifire Emyrean's subordinates. Clearly, as governors, they were people that he had trusted. If it was only Sun Qian alone, he might have been bribed by Di Tian to betray the Lifire Emyrean. But now that there were two governors who stood out, the degree of credibility was much higher.

The Lifire Emyrean didn't have enough evidence to prove that the Jialan Monarch was killed by Qin Wentian. It meant that he really wanted to make use of this chance to finish off Qin Wentian.

With regards to this point, many people believed it. They also knew that this was highly possible given the relationship between Qin Wentian and the Lifire Emyrean. It was like how the Lifire Emyrean felt for sure that Qin Wentian had killed the Jialan Monarch.

“Beauty Xiao!” The Lifire Empyrean stared at her. In an instant, Beauty Xiao felt a stifling pressure boring down on her. Her body trembled as the light of lifire seemed to flicker in her eyes.

“Palace lord, are you planning to kill her to shut her up?” Di Tian coldly spoke. Jialan Jiangshan stepped out, blocking before the Lifire Empyrean as the two empyreans stared at each other.

Everyone felt incredibly shocked. This place was the Lifire City, the territory of the Lifire Empyrean. He, who was the supremely lofty Lifire Palace Lord, was actually forced into a passive state now.

“Palace lord, as the master of the Lifire Palace, you control a boundlessly vast stretch of territory. I didn’t expect you would actually do such a thing, framing your subordinate to kill him. Such incidents should have occurred before too in the past, right? Because, in the Lifire Palace, nobody could restrain you.” Di Tian coldly spoke. He then continued, “There’s an ancient saying that states that a commander on the field might have to ignore the imperial orders and make his own decisions. Most probably, you have no regards for the Realmlord, right?”

“In the past, I’ve heard that Ye Qianyu and her bandits killed their way into the Jialan Emperor Palace and the Evil Emperor was among them. A subordinate of the Lifire Empyrean was there and could have stopped them but he did nothing to do so, causing countless casualties. Even the vast majority of Jialan Monarch’s wives and children had died. Is this so?” Jialan Jiangshan asked.

“I can be the witness for this. Back then, it was none other than me who slaughtered my way into the Jialan Emperor Palace. The Lifire Empyrean’s subordinate is named the Crow Immortal Emperor. He did nothing to obstruct me, allowing me to kill everyone in the Jialan Emperor Palace.” Qin Wentian calmly spoke. “After that, the Palace Lord made use of me to deal with the Jialan Clan, placing me in the northern city regions. Yet now, he actually wanted to kill me to remove all future sources of trouble. Palace Lord, what a good method indeed.”

Out of the four remaining city governors of the Lifire Palace, three of them had rebelled against the Lifire Empyrean.

“During these years, the northern governor’s manor did nothing. It was the Jialan Clan who maintained the law and order in the northern city regions, yet we still need to pay tax to the Lifire Palace? What’s the use of having a northern governor’s manor? What’s the purpose of the existence of the Lifire Palace? Why don’t you let the Jialan Clan take over the managing of Lifire City?”

“That’s right. Not only for the northern city region. Back then, the central governor Xia Hou actually directly acted against the Emperor Pavilion, using all sorts of despicable methods. Didn’t the Lifire Palace also shielded Xia Hou and found a few scapegoats to take the blame for him? And this only happened after Grandmaster Di Tian became the supervisory commander, imposing his will to investigate clearly the events which happened in the past. The Lifire Palace is completely useless, what’s the point of having it?”

Numerous voices rang out. Today, many powers from Lifire City also rose in revolt, giving off the feeling that the Lifire Emphyrean had been completely betrayed. The people from the various major powers of Lifire City didn’t approve of him, wanting him to get off the stage.

The Lifire Palace, it seemed that the gods are angry and the people are resentful. They felt that the Lifire Emphyrean wasn’t qualified to hold this position.

“What a drama.” Those powers from Lifelong City had smiles on their faces. This Grandmaster Di Tian was truly an extraordinary character. His weaponsmithing abilities were supreme and he had terrifying combat prowess. Even in terms of scheming and plotting, he was outstanding, forcing the Lifire Emphyrean into this situation. Right now, given the commotion this matter caused, even if it eventually abated, the position of the Lifire Palace Lord would no longer be as secure as before.

It was unknown how many experts appeared around this place. All of their hearts shuddered violently from the impact within.

This was forcing the Palace Lord to abdicate, the skies were going to change.

This time around, Grandmaster Di Tian had joined forces with the Jialan Clan, they were planning to pull the Lifire Emphyrean down from his position as the Lifire Palace Lord.

Regardless of the Emperor Pavilion or the Jialan Clan, both of them had huge influence and power in Lifire City. They were long prepared and had made all arrangements. The voices of those opposing merged together like tidal waves, drowning out everything. None of the experts in the crowd dared to step out to directly support the Lifire Emphyrean. They didn’t dare to express their stance.

Everything was spiralling out of control.

As the saying goes, the loser would be vilified while the victor becomes king. The powers in Lifire City all had to pay tax and even if they had some connection with the Lifire Palace, that’s only on

the surface. They wouldn't be too close at all. The situation now was completely different. Nobody knew who would sit in the position of the Lifire Palace Lord in the near future. How would the major powers dare to casually express their stance? If they sided with the wrong person, it would truly be a path of no redemption.

The Lifire Empyrean's face grew more and more unsightly. His aura gushed forth, the scene behind him resembled an apocalypse. It felt like he wanted to burn down the heavens and earth due to his fury.

He, the master of the Lifire Palace, had stepped into this trap prepared for him by Di Tian today. Clearly, the arrangements were made long before this. All the spearheads were pointing at him, listing out all his mistakes before the view of the public.

“Zhuge Xiong, as the grand governor and advisor of the Lifire Empyrean, you actually instigated the Palace Lord to do the wrong thing, suggesting to the Palace Lord that he should kill Governor Qin. Do you know your crime?” Di Tian glanced at Zhuge Xiong who was in the air as he icily spoke.

“Governor Lin Ba and the protectors and soldiers of the Lifire Palace, I'll report this up to the Realmlord. Do you guys still want to stubbornly stand on that side and continue to be in the wrong?” Di Tian continued.

“Shut up!”

The Lifire Empyrean coldly berated. “Today, I came here to apprehend the criminal Qin Wentian. The supervisory commander Di Tian used every possible means to obstruct me and had even colluded with the Jialan Clan, conspiring together to usurp my position as the Lifire Palace Lord. Such a crime of betrayal, yet you still sound so dignified and pompous. How dare you incite the powers controlled by the Jialan Clan and Emperor Pavilion to revolt. Do you know how great this crime is? Di Tian, I'll ask you again. Are you sure you want to revolt and aid the Jialan Clan in seizing my authority?”

The Lifire Empyrean knew that what Di Tian said was right. But right now, he was already mounted on the back of a tiger and it was no longer possible for him to stop.

There were only these words for the situation now: The victor shall be the king, the losers will all be vilified.

The winner would always dictate how history is written. No matter what conflict, strength was the ultimate resolver. Since the two parties were facing each other in a head-on opposition and both had the laws on their side, strength would be the determinant of this outcome.

The Jialan Clan had joined forces with the Emperor Pavilion, waging a war against him for the position of the Lifire Palace Lord. Since this is the case, there was no way the Lifire Emphyrean would back down.

“Seems like Palace Lord is planning to continue making mistake after mistake. How hurtful this is. I, as the supervisory commander that received the love and regards of the Realm Lord, will hereby try to persuade Palace Lord one last time. If you stop now, it will still be in time. Maybe you will only be given a light punishment after the Realm Lord finishes investigating everything.” Di Tian sighed.

“Di Tian you started a rebellion with the Jialan Clan. This crime is unpardonable, and to think that you don’t feel the slightest bit of regret even now. In that case, as the Lifire Palace Lord, I can only suppress all the rebels.” The Lifire Emphyrean waved his hand. In an instant, a powerful grand formation appeared with him standing at the center, ready to attack at any moment.

The crowd stirred, everyone understood that a battle was about to begin.

Right from the start, this conflict was already fated to be resolved by strength. Because, it was impossible for either side to compromise. If he, the Lifire Emphyrean took a step back, where would his prestige be? If he admitted to his wrong-doing, would he still be able to sit securely in his position?”

It was also impossible for Di Tian and his group to retreat. The conflict has already occurred and the Jialan Clan also already mobilized their forces. In addition, the timing for this opportunity was perfect. It was impossible for them to give up now.

The experts from the Emperor Pavilion and the Jialan Clan moved, preparing to face the soldiers from the Lifire Palace. The spectators all retreated. The majestic northern governor’s manor had now become the battlefield for the two forces. The battlefield that could potentially change the sky of Lifire City.

Those vice governors and attendants of the northern governor’s manor felt their hearts shaking again. When the Lifire Emphyrean appeared, although they feared and respected Qin Wentian, it was an easy and obvious choice for them to choose the Lifire Emphyrean over Qin Wentian. But the situation now had far exceeded their expectations, they were embroiled in the center of this storm.

“People of the Lifire Palace, stop being a fool. It’s time to wake up.” Di Tian coldly stated. The hearts of everyone trembled. Now, there were already two governors shifting their allegiances. This caused some others to feel their hearts stirring too. Would the rebels be able to win this battle?

However, the Lifire Empyrean was currently like a divinity, backed by the deep foundation of the Lifire Palace that had accumulated resources for countless years. Who among the soldiers would dare to retreat in front of him?

“Di Tian has colluded with the Jialan Clan in an act of betrayal. Capture them all, kill without mercy for those who resist.” The Lifire Empyrean officially gave the order.

Violent auras radiated forth. Astral light flashed brilliantly, illuminating the sky. The surroundings were filled with bursts of emperor light and a chaotic storm of law energy. The experts on both sides were unleashing their strongest strength in preparation for the battle.

“Hahaha, how invigorating. It has been a long time since I enjoyed a battle. Let us fight then.” Jialan Jiangshan spoke to the Lifire Empyrean. They didn’t act against the immortal emperors here or both sides would definitely have heavy casualties.

“Sure.” The Lifire Empyrean nodded. The light of lifire shone brilliantly, transforming into streaks of red lightning that resembled a dragon, lunging straight for Jialan Jiangshan.

Jialan Jiangshan manifested snowy-white demonic snakes with his will. The snakes rushed towards the Lifire Empyrean. For the battlefield around them, chaos reigned supreme, no one else was able to participate in this battle between them.

“Governor Zhuge. You instigated the Palace Lord to frame me and kill me, barging into my governor’s manor and forcing me out from my seclusion. Now, tell me how should I account for this debt?” Qin Wentian’s white robes fluttered. He stared at Zhuge Xiong as he coldly spoke.

Upon seeing that pair of eyes, Zhuge Xiong’s expression became incredibly unsightly. The Lifire Empyrean was fighting against Jialan Jiangshan. In that case, who would be the one to deal with Qin Wentian and Di Tian, these two monstrous characters?

Chapter 1659: The Situation is Already Set?

Qin Wentian and Di Tian's combat prowess were something he had personally witnessed those years ago at the grand banquet. Let alone today, even if it was in the past, he wouldn't be their match. Di Tian and Qin Wentian only depended on their mid-stage immortal emperor cultivation bases then to challenge the other geniuses and experts from the other world palaces in the competition, suppressing all their opponents. Their names shook Lifelong City and the Realmlord heavily rewarded them.

Right now, Qin Wentian's strength was even stronger. Just that gaze gave him a deep sense of fear. Other than the Lifire Emperian, no one would be able to kill Qin Wentian.

"Governor Qin, everything is still changing. If you listen to the Palace Lord's orders now and stand with us, helping us to rout the traitors, you might even have a chance to gain merit and erase your crimes. Don't forget that the Realmlord once said that as long as you can accumulate a certain amount of merit, he would release Ye Qianyu." Zhuge Xiong spoke to Qin Wentian. He then continued, "Do not be used by others."

"You guys directly acted against me, seeking to kill me yet you still have the face to say such things now? Grand Governor Zhuge, your ability to pay lip service is really worthy of admiration." Qin Wentian spoke.

"Since you remain so stubborn, you only have a path of death before you. Everyone hear my commands, kill the rebels!" Zhuge Xiong waved his hands and spoke. After that, the immortal emperors on his side all launched terrifying law attacks, aiming for Qin Wentian.

"Kill!" The subordinates of Di Tian and Jialan Clan also attacked, as the great battle instantly occurred.

Qin Wentian's body shimmered with light. A sword-shaped shield manifested around him, allowing the law attacks to blast into it as he remained unmoving.

"Puchi..." A sword emerged from the darkness, gleaming with dark light, radiating a fearsome destructive might. This sword actually directly appeared behind Qin Wentian, aiming to pierce through his back. The suddenness of this attack caused many of the spectators to perspire cold sweat.

There was actually someone in the darkness, hiding in the void. There wasn't just a single person, but a small group of them. These assassins were all special guards of the Lifire Palace. The moment they acted, they would act like explosive thunder, holding nothing back.

However, when the terrifying sword of darkness brimming with a fearsome destructive might struck Qin Wentian, it had completely no way to pierce into Qin Wentian's body. The sword pierced into the shield, sinking in bit by bit. There seemed to be a terrifying vortex there, absorbing the sword into it. The assassin tried to pull out the sword but he discovered that he was unable to do so.

"How powerful." Everyone stared at Qin Wentian. Although Qin Wentian almost died to the Lifire Empyrean's attack earlier, it was only because his opponent was the Lifire Empyrean. When facing immortal emperors, his dominance could instantly be felt. He allowed his enemies to attack freely but he wasn't injured at all.

The assassin wanted to retreat. However, Qin Wentian merely tossed a palm out, manifesting a giant palm strike that completely crushed that assassin in a single attack.

"I've always done my duty and ensure that the northern city regions are governed by law and discipline, paying their taxes on time. However, I didn't expect that such a pitiful thing would happen to me. The Palace Lord and Grand Governor actually plotted secretly for my death. You guys even sent out the secret guards to assassinate me. Since you guys want my death so badly, I have no choice but to retaliate."

Qin Wentian stood in the air, his long robes fluttering in the wind. He seemed to be mumbling to himself, but also seemed to be speaking to everyone.

His voice seemed to contain a magical power, deeply drawing the attention of others. It gave the feeling that if he acted, the moment he retaliated, that moment would be heaven-shattering.

It felt like Qin Wentian had been suppressing himself before this, enduring everything, not wanting to retaliate. But since things came to this now, he finally could endure it no longer.

A fearsome aura radiated from Qin Wentian, causing countless eyes to turn to him.

The northern governor Qin Wentian. Before this, everyone felt that his fate would be death today. Even the other vice governors and attendants of his northern governor's manor chose to side with the Lifire Empyrean.

However, the reality wasn't like what everyone had expected. Qin Wentian suffered an attack of overwhelming power by the Lifire Empyrean that was supposed to kill him. Despite so, he survived. Not only that, even Di Tian appeared along with the Jialan Clan.

And as for the main lead that sparked the fuse to this entire situation, Qin Wentian, had now seemingly become nothing but a foil to enhance others. However, would he be willing to become a foil?

Qin Wentian finally wanted to take the initiative to retaliate.

What would the end result be?

Terrifying rumbling sounds rang out. Startling law energy radiated from Qin Wentian, directly permeating the area around him. Qin Wentian stared at Grand Governor Zhuge Xiong. With just a single look, Zhuge Xiong felt like his eyes were about to be pierced from the sharpness of Qin Wentian's gaze. In the next instant, boundless sword intent enveloped Zhuge Xiong, trapping him in the midst of a sword qi river.

Qin Wentian stood where he was, not moving from his original location. He calmly stared at Zhuge Xiong in the air. At this moment, Zhuge Xiong was completely trapped. It was like as long as Qin Wentian willed it, he would die immediately right here and now.

There were experts from the Lifire Palace that launched attacks at the sword qi river. However, the attack sparked a retaliation that sent out a wave of sword might that drowned the attackers within, instantly killing them all. Immortal emperors actually couldn't resist the power of his sword intent? All the attackers fell from the air, their corpses slamming upon the ground.

On seeing this scene, Zhuge Xiong trembled as a look of terror appeared on his face. He could sense that right now, he was on the dividing line of life and death.

Was this the retaliation by the northern governor Qin Wentian? In an instant, he forced the Grand Governor Zhuge Xiong into a dead end.

"Grand Governor Zhuge. Let me ask you this. When have I, Qin Wentian, ever offended you, why must you instigate the Palace Lord to frame and kill me?" Qin Wentian's voice was as sharp as swords. Zhuge Xiong turned pale, he could sense how powerful the sword intent surrounding him was. It seemed that that, wasn't something he could defend against.

“Qin Wentian, do you really want to head down this path that leads to eternal condemnation?” Zhuge Xiong still harbored some hope in his heart.

Qin Wentian’s eyes shone with a terrifying light. The sword intent flowed, a slashing sound echoed as Zhuge Xiong screamed in pain. His right hand shot out, clutching his left arm. Blood pooled around the area he was in, falling from the air. Zhuge Xiong’s expression was like dead ashes, he felt a bout of dizziness striking him.

How could Qin Wentian be so strong? So strong to the extent that he, the Grand Governor, couldn’t even resist at all.

“Let me ask you again, what crime did I, Qin, commit? Why must you do this to me?” Qin Wentian’s voice rang out, causing Zhuge Xiong to tremble with trepidation. He glanced at the battle between the Lifire Empyrean and Jialan Jiangshan and knew that it was impossible for the Lifire Empyrean to save him. He had a look of despair on his face. If he knew this was the ending, he would never have stepped into this muddy pool of water. Right now, Zhuge Xiong only felt endless regret.

He had always been intelligent but he actually made such a wrong choice then. But, who would have thought that something like this would happen today? The Lifire Palace Lord was the sovereign of this boundlessly vast stretch of territories!

Right now, the position of the Lifire Palace Lord, encountered a challenge.

Zhuce Xiong naturally knew what Qin Wentian wanted to hear. His body shivered, staring at Qin Wentian before he finally spoke, “This has never been my intent. Palace Lord wanted your life. Me, as his subordinate, could only do my best to aid my lord. The death of the Jialan Monarch was a perfect excuse to remove a threat like you.”

“Zhuge Xiong has admitted it...” The hearts of everyone trembled when they heard this. Although he was forced to say this under threat of his life, there was a significance in his words. Right now, out of all the governors of the Lifire Palace, only Lin Ba has not spoken yet.

With a slashing sound, Zhuge Xiong screamed again. His other hand flew through the air as blood splashed onto the ground. He appeared extremely pitiful.

“You bullied me, wanting to kill me. By right, I should kill you but although you are a subordinate of the Lifire Palace, you are still ultimately the Realmlord’s man. As a governor of the Lifire Palace myself, I do not have the authority to take your life. Hence, I’ll cripple both your arms for the sake of my revenge.” Qin Wentian spoke bluntly, like he was acting in the name of justice. He then turned his gaze towards Lin Ba as he asked, “Governor Lin, what about you? The Lifire Emphyrean has defied the rules set by the Realmlord, are you going to continue to be in the wrong?”

“As the supervisory commander of the Lifire Palace, I will report this matter to the Realmlord. All those who are guilty will be handed over to his eminence, the Realmlord, to decide the punishment. I don’t have the authority to punish them.” Di Tian spoke out. Lin Ba glanced at the situation before him and understood that everything was already set.

Qin Wentian was too powerful. There was basically no one who could obstruct him.

Although as long as the Lifire Emphyrean defeats Jialan Jiangshan, there would still be a chance for everything, he knew that if he didn’t speak out now, Qin Wentian would take his life before the Lifire Emphyrean could win against his opponent.

There seemed to be a choice for him but in truth, there was no choice at all. Unless he wished to die.

“Governor Qin, I’m merely following orders, I have no choice.” Lin Ba had always felt that Qin Wentian was extraordinary, and his relationship with Qin Wentian couldn’t be considered bad. But since the Palace Lord wanted to deal with Qin Wentian, he had no choice but to comply. Lin Ba also didn’t expect Qin Wentian would clash against the Lifire Emphyrean so quickly.

“You guys all dared to betray the Palace Lord. After he kills Jialan Jiangshan, all of you will become traitors, death is the only path remaining to all of you.” A cold voice rang out. The speaker was none other than the Crow Immortal Emperor. He knew what his fate would be if he landed in Qin Wentian’s hand. When he saw the experts on their side preparing to give up, he immediately shouted out, causing the hearts of many people on his side to waver again.

“You are courting death!” A voice rang out in the Crow Immortal Emperor’s mind. At the next moment, he only saw Qin Wentian’s figure vanishing. With a piercing sound, the Crow Immortal Emperor was directly slain by a beam of radiance. In the next moment, Qin Wentian appeared at the place where he was standing in, projecting an aura of staring down on everything with tyrannical arrogance.

“This man was none other than the Lifire Palace’s expert who was in the Jialan Emperor Palace back then. He ignored the plights of the Jialan Monarch’s family. Although this seat had a grudge with the Jialan Monarch, I cannot stand for the existence of such a man.” Qin Wentian coldly spoke.

“How did he do that?” Everyone stared at Qin Wentian in shock, this man before their eyes grew more and more inscrutable. What level of strength has Qin Wentian reached exactly?

The battle continued, but experts who were fighting, had gradually ceased to do so. Qin Wentian’s dominance made it so that the battles in his surroundings had no suspense. The situation was already set. Everything now depended on the battle between the Lifire Emyrean and Jialan Jiangshan!

Chapter 1660: Direct Clash

The other battles here have all concluded. The experts from the Lifire Palace were defeated. The instant Qin Wentian acted against Zhuge Xiong, everyone here understood that no one would be able to contend against Qin Wentian.

Many supreme and transcendent-level immortal emperors fixed Qin Wentian’s image in their minds as their hearts trembled. They could sense that Qin Wentian had already entered that legendary level – the Emyrean Realm.

Tens of years ago, he was merely at the mid-stage of the immortal emperor realm. This seemingly impossible thing has actually been accomplished by him.

What was peerless? This was peerless...

Before this, those subordinates from the northern governor’s manor, who betrayed him, all felt their expressions turning stiff. Panic was in their hearts. Would the Lifire Emyrean be defeated today? This was something they would never believe possible even in their wildest dreams. But now, all of them were filled with doubts.

The battle today could be called a battle that could change the skies of Lifire City.

Numerous eyes turned to the apocalyptic scene. The sky was dyed with streaks of red as bolts of red lightning danced wildly, shattering the buildings on the ground. Although the buildings of Lifire City were constructed from special materials, they had no way to withstand the aftershocks that

manifested from a battle between two empyreans. Fortunately, the area was deserted, the crowd had long retreated extremely far away.

The people in the surroundings of the governor's manor all stared at the battle in the air with shock on their faces. This seemed to be a battle of destiny. There always had been rumors about the grudge between the Lifire Empyrean and the Jialan Clan. Jialan Jiangshan was none other than the rumored person who contended against the Lifire Empyrean for the Lifire Palace Lord's position those years ago. Right now, the two of them finally fought against each other in a heaven-shaking battle.

The eyes of people of the Jialan Clan were filled with nervousness as they watched. This battle was too critical. The loser would be vilified while the victor becomes king. As long as they don't lose this battle, they would gain a tremendous amount of benefits. The position of the Lifire Palace Lord would shift hands. But if they were defeated, who else here still could fight against the Lifire Empyrean?

Numerous white snakes spiralled above Jialan Jiangshan. This was a special innate ability of the Jialan Clan. The Jialan Monarch also had this ability but he was clearly much more inferior to Jialan Jiangshan. There was simply no comparison between their strength at all.

At this moment, at the Lifire Palace that was extremely far away, the Lifire Palace suddenly trembled as rumbling sounds could be heard. After that, terrifying flames emitted forth as heat currents permeated the area.

The guards remaining behind at the Lifire Palace felt themselves trembling. A bell chimed as a voice rang out within all corners of the Lifire Palace, "Everyone, gather inside the Lifire Palace. The Lifire Grand Formation is going to activate."

"Lifire Grand Formation." The hearts of many people shook. The person who could control this grand formation was none other than the Lifire Empyrean himself. Right now, there was only a single possibility of why he activated this. The Lifire Empyrean must be in an extremely threatening situation and had no choice but to do so.

This is...what was going on? The Palace Lord actually activated the Lifire Grand Formation.

After the Lifire Grand Formation was activated, there was only a single place that would be safe. That place was undoubtedly the inner area of the Lifire Palace. Many figures sped over madly, directly rushing into the palace. The heat grew more and more terrifying as red dragons manifested,

shooting through the air with the speed of a lightning bolt. A moment later, the sky above the Lifire Palace turned crimson, it was like a world of lava, wanting to incinerate everything.

Lava-like dragons appeared in the air as they howled at the heavens. After that, they sped towards the horizons with terrifying speed.

“Lifire dragons!” The hearts of everyone pounded. The majestic Lifire Palace was now a scorching red, emitting towering amounts of fire. The entire palace was shaking, and people in the boundlessly vast surrounding regions also felt their hearts shaking when they saw this. They stared at the lifire dragons with a dumbstruck look. They all understood that something big was going to happen, something earth-shattering big!

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In the Lifelong Realm, within the Lifelong Saint Hall, an expert rushed through the air in a great hurry as he arrived outside a majestic palace inside the Lifelong Saint Hall. He then bowed low, “This subordinate has an important matter which I need to make a report to the Realmlord.”

“What’s the matter?” A voice rang out from within.

“The Lifire Emyrean activated the Lifire Grand Formation. After investigations, we learned that the Lifire Emyrean went to arrest Qin Wentian and encountered a counterattack from the Jialan Clan and Di Tian. He is currently fighting against Jialan Jiangshan now.” That person replied.

The sound of wind whistling rang out. a figure abruptly appeared before the subordinate making the report. This figure was none other than the Lifelong Realmlord. He stared at the person and spoke, “Tell me in detail. What is going on? Why does Jialan Jiangshang dare to battle with the Lifire Emyrean?”

Although Jialan Jiangshan was the founder of a peak power, he is still considered an outsider. The Lifire Emyrean was his direct subordinate that managed a part of his territories for him. Now that there was a battle between them, he first had to ascertain who gave Jialan Jiangshan the courage to do so.

This, was the rules of the Lifelong Realm.

“This matter happened because of Governor Qin. The Lifire Emyrean says that Qin Wentian had killed the Jialan Monarch and went to arrest him, wanting to execute him. However, he didn’t have any proof and sought to act first before making a report up. After Supervisory Commander Di Tian knew of this, he brought the Jialan Clan along with him and rushed over there. Both parties stuck to their views and a conflict occurred, leading to a battle.” That person continued to bow as he made the report.

“The Lifire Emyrean most probably feared Qin Wentian’s potential. How dare he act like this, killing someone whom I heavily regarded. Also, Di Tian’s appearance with Jialan Jiangshan, could this be a coincidence? Hmph, they have grown truly audacious.” What sort of character was the Lifelong Realmlord? He instantly saw through the majority of the things the moment he heard it.

“Realmlord, how should we handle this? Should we force them to stop?” That person asked.

“Since they want to play, let them play. There’s no need to interfere. I really want to see if supervisory commander Di Tian, a genius that obtained first in the martial competition, can he really defeat the Lifire Emyrean when he joined forces with the Jialan Clan.” The Realmlord casually spoke, as though he didn’t care at all. His position was far too lofty, and could afford to treat the multitude of living things as his chess piece. As long as his position wasn’t affected, they can play however they wanted to play. He couldn’t be bothered to interfere.

“Retreat for now. There’s no need to make any more reports about this incident. After this matter is concluded, the victor naturally will come to the Lifelong Saint Hall to seek a pardon for his crimes.” The Realmlord calmly stated.

“Yes, Realmlord.” That person bowed, The Lifelong Realmlord cast his gaze into the distance as a gleam of sharpness flashed through his eyes. He didn’t expect that the two most outstanding individuals in the grand banquet that day, would so quickly cause a storm to manifest in Lifire City. Truly, geniuses disdain a lonely atmosphere.

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In the airspace above the northern governor’s manor of Lifire City, the fearsome combat continued. At this moment, a terrifying scene could be seen. Numerous dragons formed from lifire flames wanted to engulf everything, painting the sky red.

The lifire dragons lunged towards the white snakes manifested by Jialan Jiangshan. Each of the lifire dragons contained a towering amount of destructive might within.

“This is the power from the Lifire Grand Formation.” Beauty Xiao’s beautiful eyes froze. Although she knew the existence of the Lifire Grand Formation, she had never seen it being activated before, only having heard rumors about it. She didn’t think that despite such a vast distance, the Lifire Empyrean could still activate the Lifire Grand Formation of the Lifire Palace. This caused a look of worry to appear in her beautiful eyes. If Jialan Jiangshan was defeated, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Just as she was worrying, the lifire dragons grew more and more terrifying. Numerous lifire dragons soared through the air, generated from the formation. They spiraled in the sky, controlled by the Lifire Empyrean’s will, blotting out the sun.

Lin Ba and the others who had submitted, felt their hearts trembling. What should they do?

If the Lifire Empyrean was victorious, wouldn’t they, the ones who turned traitor, be in extremely dire straits?

Just as they were worrying, thunderous rumbling sounds rang out. Jialan Jiangshan coughed out blood, the impact from the attack flung him through the air as the lifire dragons chased after him, breathing out molten-like flames. Jialan Jiangshan continuously retreated but he was struck once again. His entire body glowed red from the heat and he resembled a devil who came out from a fiery lava hell.

With an explosive bang, Jialan Jiangshan’s aura wavered. His body was riddled with wounds as his countenance paled while he continued to retreat. The Lifire Empyrean closed in. The lifire dragons flew around him, the might they exuded boring down on everything. His eyes shone with lifire flames and everywhere he stared at, would burn up in flames.

“For traitors, all of you shall be annihilated.” The Lifire Empyrean coldly spoke. At this instant, numerous auras erupted forth. Those who were convinced by Qin Wentian, wanted to change their side once more. They directly rushed at the experts from the Emperor Pavilion and Jialan Clan as they launched attacks. The situation reversed in an instant. These people wanted to live on no matter what. Backing the Lifire Empyrean was the right choice.

“Puchi...” A light sound rang out. Sword qi whistled, directly slicing off the head of an immortal emperor.

The swishing sound continued. The sword qi river around Qin Wentian flowed swiftly forth and to the shock of the crowd, they discovered that the enemy immortal emperors kept dying one after another. These immortal emperors turned with difficulty, wanting to see who was it that killed them. When they spotted Qin Wentian, their expressions turned ashen as despair and terror painted their faces.

“Fickle-minded people who keep changing their sides. Why do we need such despicable subordinates at all?” Qin Wentian coldly spoke. His white robes fluttered as he took a step forth, instantly appearing beside Jialan Jiangshan.

The lifire dragons rushed over in a frenzy, breathing molten flames. However, an empyrean aura radiated from Qin Wentian. The sword qi river flowed towards the lifire dragons, drowning them in its tide. At the same time, numerous spatial prisons appeared in the air, imprisoning the dragons within.

The lifire dragons howled in anger, thrashing against the prison walls, wanting to break free.

“This...”

Everyone stared up in the sky, feeling their hearts trembling violently, as though they don't dare to believe what their eyes were seeing.

The northern governor Qin Wentian, he actually stood right before the Lifire Emphyrean, preparing to clash against the Lifire Emphyrean directly?

“Oh heavens, who can tell me what's going on?” Someone mumbled speechlessly to himself. This person was from the northern governor's manor. He originally already treated Qin Wentian as a peerless existence akin to a divinity. Now that he saw his governor actually able to stand against the Lifire Emphyrean, he felt his blood surging with excitement all of a sudden.