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Chapter 71

AGM 0071 – Luo Qianqiu

“Sister Yao.” Qin Wentian mumbled as he stared dumbstruck at Qin Yao’s beautiful gaze.

As if by instinct, Qin Yao’s gaze landed on Qin Wentian. Her heart lurched uncontrollably after noticing him, and an intense light flickered in her eyes. She wanted nothing more than to rush down to reunite with Qin Wentian.

The two of them locked their gazes. Qin Wentian was the first to recover, and he strode towards Qin Yao’s direction.

“No, I can’t meet him now. Wentian is currently held in high regard by the Emperor Star Academy. With his current position, I can’t meet him like this or else he’ll become embroiled in a web of rumors.” Seeing Qin Wentian making his way forward, Qin Yao couldn’t help but to feel her heart tremble with emotions. Soon after, she let down the curtains and commanded, “Faster.”

As the sound of her voice faded, the troops in the formation increased their speed. Qin Wentian had already arrived in front of the formation and was about to go to Qin Yao when suddenly, a silhouette atop of a horse blocked his way. “No one is allowed to get near the carriage.” The figure on the horse stated coldly.

Qin Wentian froze as he felt the aura emanating out from the figure on horseback. He knew that he would not be able to rush over.

“What’s happening? Sister Yao saw me as well, but why did she pretend not to know me?” Qin Wentian stood there in a daze. The figure on horseback, upon seeing that there was no other reaction from Qin Wentian, turned and departed.

Very quickly, the formation of troops left the area, leaving behind Qin Wentian, who was still standing on his original spot, lost in his thoughts.

“You know the person sitting in the carriage?” Fan Le asked as he came over. Qin Wentian nodded his head in response.

“But I heard that the person sitting inside is one of the candidates to be chosen as the crown prince’s wife, are you sure you did not make a mistake?” Fan Le murmured.

“Snowcloud Country, I can’t be wrong. Sister Qin Yao stated that they would be going to cultivate at Snowcloud Country at the start of the year. What on earth happened within these seven to eight months?” Qin Wentian’s mind was in chaos. The candidate for the crown prince’s wife? What was going on?

“Let’s go.” With a heart full of bewilderment, Qin Wentian left and walked towards the direction of the Emperor Star Academy. For the matter of Qin Yao, he decided to investigate further using other sources, he must know for sure what exactly happened to Qin Yao.

Qin Wentian and Fan Le, along with Little Rascal, arrived at the academy grounds. To their surprise, the eyes of the students glancing at them contained something unreadable in their gazes, something strange.. something like sympathy.

“Qin Wentian has returned.”

“That fellow disappeared for two months. They say that he went to temper himself in the Dark Forest. Now that he finally returned, I’m afraid that things aren’t looking so good for him.”

Many people were whispering to themselves. The news regarding Qin Wentian’s return soon spread like wildfire all over the academy.

As Qin Wentian and Fan Le returned to their dorms, they discovered many people waiting in the area outside. Sheena was there as well.

“Sheena, why are you here?” Qin Wentian asked with bewilderment in his tone.

“What happened? How did you guys managed to antagonise Luo Qianqiu?” Sheena frantically inquired, her voice filled with concern. Qin Wentian locked gazes with Fan Le. Both of their faces was filled with puzzlement. Who the hell was Luo Qianqiu? Did they know him?

“About 20 days ago, Luo Qianqiu returned back to the academy and ordered some of his men to send word, telling you to pay him a visit once you’re back.” Sheena continued.

“Luo Qianqiu, could he be the Young Master Luo that Logan spoke of?” Qin Wentian mumbled. On the day when they fought over the Blood Ember Fruits, Zero appeared with Franklin, which eventually led to Logan agreeing to give all the fruits to a Young Master Luo.

“That sounds about right. The person they were speaking of should’ve been Luo Qianqiu. You guys somehow created a big mess for yourselves now.” Sheena sighed as she continued, “Luo Qianqiu is a legendary figure from our academy, blessed with extraordinary talent. Previously, when he first joined, the competition between Elders fighting for him was extremely intense. With his cultivation base at the 7th level of Arterial Circulation, not many people would dare to antagonise him. Even the aristocratic members of the Knight’s Association would have to show him some respect.”

“Since I’ve already offended those members of the Knight’s Association, I wouldn’t mind offending one more Luo Qianqiu as well.” Qin Wentian’s tone of voice was calm and tranquil. This Luo Qianqiu really thought of himself as the axis the world revolved around. Such pride, even daring to demand the Blood Ember Fruits though he did nothing to deserve them.

Now, despite the fact that they were back at the Academy, it seemed that Luo Qianqiu still had no intentions on giving up the Blood Ember Fruits

“No, you don’t understand. Luo Qianqiu is totally different from those of the Knight’s Association. When doing things, members of the Knight’s Association would still have to take many things into consideration, but it’s different for Luo Qianqiu. In the academy, he always does what he wants. By now, he practically did everything, breaking every rule with the exception of the killing of a fellow student. He even once crippled the cultivation of several students but the academy did nothing to stop him. Not only that, his background, the power behind him, is a extremely terrifying entity.” Sheena frantically explained, worried that Qin Wentian wouldn’t be able to see any sense.

“It’s good that you understand now.” A cold voice drifted over. Qin Wentian and the rest turned their heads over, only to see the person who Zero betrayed them to – Franklin.

“You guys actually dared to steal Young Master Luo’s belongings? Now that you are back, go present yourselves to him with the fruits and humbly beg for an apology. This way, the Asura Faction may still let you off with a light sentence.”

Franklin coldly snorted at Qin Wentian and Fan Le. On that dreadful day, these two fellows and that dog had stolen the entire hoard of Blood Ember Fruits.

“We stole?” Qin Wentian and Fan Le froze.

“The treasures hidden in the Dark Forest belong to those who have the luck to find them, and yet you say that we stole the fruits from him? That time, Luo Qianqiu wasn’t even there when we fought the demonic pythons guarding the fruits.” Qin Wentian calmly retorted. Franklin’s words were too ridiculous.

“Since Logan had wanted to gift the Blood Ember Fruits to Young Master Luo, this meant that all the fruits you acquired that day were already his. How dare you steal them!?”

Franklin couldn’t help but feel astonishment when he heard Qin Wentian contradicting him, “Don’t think that because the academy holds you in high regards, you have the qualifications to go against Young Master Luo’s wishes. Even for people of Murong Feng’s standards, Young Master Luo has the power to easily squashed him to death with a single finger.”

After saying this, Franklin flicked his sleeves as he turned and departed, “If you don’t appear in front of Young Master Luo with your apology, you better be prepared for the consequences. But I can warn you right now, Young Master Luo’s anger is something that even you wouldn’t be able to handle.”

A look of extreme coldness radiated from the eyes of Qin Wentian as he gazed at the back view of the departing Franklin.

“Even a lackey dares to be so arrogant, what a marvel!” Fan Le exclaimed.

“Hmm, even Teacher Mustang and Senior Sister Luo Huan came.” At this moment, Qin Wentian saw two silhouettes walking over from the distance. They were none other than Mustang and Luo Huan.

“Little Junior Brother, you really have a talent for creating trouble.” Luo Huan laughed as she looked at Qin Wentian, causing him to smile bitterly in response.

It seemed like this Luo Qianqiu truly had an extraordinary background. If not, there was no way that Mustang and Luo Huan would appear here today.

“I didn’t offend him.” Qin Wentian shrugged his shoulders as he proceeded to explained what happened to the both of them.

“Blood Ember Fruits, no wonder.” After hearing Qin Wentian’s explanation, Luo Huan had already understood. Obviously, Luo Qianqiu wanted to get his hands on the precious Blood Ember Fruits to aid him in his breakthrough.

“Wentian.”

At this moment, Mustang shifted his gaze onto Qin Wentian and sighed, “From what you said, your actions were not wrong. In fact, they were excellent and would probably be what I would have chosen to do if I were in that situation. However, in this world, there is no absolute right or absolute wrong. Everything depends on strength. I can only say that your luck is not good to have met Luo Qianqiu right after you found the Blood Ember Fruits.”

“Luo Qianqiu.” Qin Wentian mumbled. Earlier when he had purposely offended Orchon, Mustang did not step in to warn him off the path of his action. But, for Luo Qianqiu, he did so now, which supported the assertion that Luo Qianqiu’s status and background was truly monstrous.

“Wentian, after you left Sky Harmony City, you should have known that even though the world outside is fanciful, it’s also filled with danger. Experts are as common as the floating clouds, and so are the disciples of those with great authority. The number of talented youths under the sky is boundless. Your talent is extraordinary, but if you want to mature, it is not that simple. Who knows how many monstrous geniuses have fallen before reaching the peak of their potential. Do you understand what I’m trying to say?”

Mustang regarded Qin Wentian, as he continued, “This place is merely an academy, but in the future, when you leave here, you will realise that sometimes, the art of tolerance is a great virtue.”

“Teacher, I understand your kind intentions. Please tell me what you want to directly.” Qin Wentian smiled bitterly. Naturally, he understood the intent behind Mustang’s words.

Mustang paused, but he slowly nodded his head, “Go look for Luo Qianqiu and apologise. If there are people who want to kill you within the academy, Luo Qianqiu, is undoubtedly, one of them now.”

Qin Wentian’s pupils narrowed as he asked, “What background does he have?”

“You do not need to know of this now.” Mustang replied heavily, “Luo Huan will accompany you. If there are still any Blood Ember Fruits remaining, it would be good if you give them to him.”

Qin Wentian irresolutely muttered to himself. He knew that Mustang's urgings were only out of concern for him. Eventually, he smiled and replied, "I will look for him."

"Since that's the case, if there's anything else, you can chat with your Senior Sister Luo Huan. I will take my leave first." Mustang left shortly after. Luo Hua, rubbed the head of Qin Wentian as she smiled. "Little Junior Brother, you've grown and are even more handsome-looking now."

Rolling his eyes, Qin Wentian laughed bitterly, "Senior Sister, I have something that I need your help with."

"What's the matter?" Luo Huan curiously inquired.

"Earlier in the Royal Capital, I met my sister Qin Yao. However, she came here together with people from the Snowcloud Country. I heard that..... she was one of the candidates for the crown prince's wife. Could Senior Sister help me to investigate this matter?"

"Fine, leave this to me. Tomorrow, I will look for you and we will go to see Luo Qianqiu together, alright?"

"Alright." Qin Wentian nodded his head.

After this, Luo Huan and Sheena both left, leaving behind Qin Wentian and Fan Le. Fan Le glanced at Qin Wentian and asked, "Are you really going?"

"Didn't you see how Teacher Mustang came personally? This matter is of extreme importance." Qin Wentian exclaimed as he walked into his dorm with Fan Le following close behind. Fan Le added with some depression, "Damn, the next time we do things, we must be ruthless enough and ensure that we eliminate all possible roots of trouble."

Qin Wentian understood Fan Le's words. If they had been strong enough to completely annihilate Franklin, Logan, and his party members, they wouldn't have to face such a situation today.

"How about the Blood Ember Fruits? Are you really going to give them up?" Fan Le curiously looked at Qin Wentian. He knew that although Qin Wentian appeared nonchalant on the surface, he

had his own pride in his heart. Going forth to apologise because of Luo's greed and even giving up the Blood Ember Fruits to pacify him? Impossible!

Qin Wentian withdrew the remaining Blood Ember Fruits, threw them into his mouth, and devoured them all in one go. His actions caused Fan Le to freeze before momentarily bursting out with laughter. This fellow, how ruthless!

After he devoured the fruits, a sharp glint of cold light flickered in Qin Wentian's eyes. He had no more remaining fruits to give to Luo Qianqiu.

In this world, strength was absolute.

Without strength, what enabled you to have pride? Without strength, what would you use to protect your dignity? Without strength, you can't even protect yourself, not to mention protecting your family and friends.