

## Another World 421

### Chapter 421 - Doesn't Need a Reason

Trezebo looked at Zhao Hai and said, "For mister to leave immediately, it seems like a really important matter. Can I do something to help?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "We'll handle this matter ourselves. I just came to say my farewells to the City Lord before we leave."

Seeing Zhao Hai's reaction, Trezebo decided that there was nothing he could do. So he just nodded and said, "Alright, then mister must go immediately. If there's anything I can do, then don't hesitate and tell me. Even if I'm busy, I'll try my best to help."

Zhao Hai smiled, "Very well, if the time comes, I won't be polite. Well then, I'll go take my leave."

When Zhao Hai left the City Lord's Mansion, Shue and Shun were already outside. The three immediately rode the carriage that Trezebo prepared and hurried towards the pier.

After arriving at the pier, they immediately boarded the Haven. This was also just a way to let people see that they left Jade Water City using their ship.

Shortly after they arrived at the Haven, Laura and the others also arrived. They told him that Mu'en was already informed. Zhao Hai left the five ships that they had stolen from the Markey Family behind Jade Water City.

Zhao Hai didn't know, but after he left Jade Water City, Trezebo immediately asked his people to see what happened that made Zhao Hai very anxious to leave. At the same time, he also wrote a letter to Charlie.

Trezebo knew how much importance Charlie had attached to Zhao Hai. After seeing Zhao Hai so anxious, Trezebo understood that he must have ran into a very thorny matter otherwise he wouldn't be acting like this. This also made Trezebo very concerned.

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At this time, Zhao Hai was sitting inside the cabin while looking at the monitor. He was very annoyed right now, he actually didn't want to see Smith at this time. However, he didn't expect the Calci Family to be very imposing. But reason told him that he needed to endure this time and go take a look at what Smith had planned.

Laura and the others were also closely observing the monitor, in reality, they weren't actually worried about the 9th rank experts of the Calci Family. They believed that with Zhao Wen and Cai'er, even if the other party came with three or four 9th ranks, they could still find ways to kill them. But the Calci Family cannot afford to send that many experts for just this matter, so naturally they wouldn't send that much to deal with Zhao Hai.

But although they weren't worried about their safety, they need to consider the impact this matter would bring. After all, they aren't a huge power in the continent, they cannot provide anything that could threaten the Calci Family.

The Blood Hawk was quick, after several hours, it finally arrived at Sky Water City. The city didn't have a curfew, so the streets were still quite active even if it was already evening.

Zhai Hai made the Blood Hawk place the Ghost Staff outside the city, then they immediately went there from the Space to proceed towards the City Lord's Mansion. But Zhao Hai didn't ride his eye-catching bull-pulled carriage. Instead, he released some horses from the Space and rode them towards the Mansion's direction.

At this time, Zhao Hai and the others already changed their clothes to those that ordinary warriors wore. Only Meg was different since she wore a Mage's robe. When people saw them dressed like this, they could only assume that they were young nobles who went out to play, so they didn't pay Zhao Hai's group any more attention.

Zhao Hai and the others arrived at Sky Water City's Mansion quickly. The mansion looked just like what it did before. Zhao Hai sent the Blood Hawk to deliver his letter to Smith telling him that they would be waiting at the mansion's side entrance.

Sure enough, not long after the arrived, Phil opened the door to the mansion. Zhao Hai immediately jumped down from his horse and looked at Phil, "Uncle Phil, the matter has become very troublesome, how would Brother Smith deal with it?"

Phil looked at Zhao Hai strangely, "The City Lord will tell you, please come inside." Then he brought Zhao Hai and the others to the mansion's living room.

Smith was already waiting for Zhao Hai there, at the same time, he didn't think that Zhao Hai would arrive this quickly. When he saw Zhao Hai outside the room, he immediately went and invited him in as Phil served them some tea. Smith looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I didn't expect you to come this quickly. How did you do it?"

Zhao Hai replied with a serious voice, "Before I answer, let's talk first. How could the situation arrive here? Does the family really want me dead that they were even prepared to send a 9th rank expert after me?"

Smith smiled bitterly, "I didn't think that the family would respond like this as well. Unfortunately for them, they informed me."

Zhao Hai looked at Smith and said, "How are you planning to solve this problem? If you can't, then we'll do it my way."

Smith stared at Zhao Hai, he was puzzled, "Your way? Do you have a method to solve it?"

Zhao Hai's eyes flashed a cold light, "Killing the 9th rank they send out. Let's see how many 9th ranks the family is prepared to lose in dealing with me."

Smith almost stood up, his eyes were set on Zhao Hai. He understood from Zhao Hai's words that he had the power to kill 9th rank experts.

This made Smith very surprised. 9th rank experts aren't people who were easy to please. Ordinary Clans wouldn't even have a 9th rank to take care of them.

Smith looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Are you sure? We're talking about 9th ranks here, not 8th ranks."

Zhao Hai coldly snorted, "I'm speaking the truth. If the Calci Family were to send one 9th rank after me, he will definitely die. If they send two, they will die as well. To be frank, as long as they don't send five 9th ranks, everything they send will just be exterminated. I can assure you that I will stay intact, but I cannot say the same for your Calci Family."

Smith stared, then his complexion turned ugly, "What? Are you threatening me?"

Cold lights passed through Zhao Hai's eyes, "You all want to take my life and I can't even say threatening sentences? Are you afraid?"

Smith looked at Zhao Hai and suddenly laughed, "Good, young man, your words are very good, hahaha. Alright, I'll tell you my method."

Seeing that Zhao Hai was determined, Smith couldn't help but calm down, "Looking at your appearance, you don't really want to be enemies with our Calci Family. Am I right?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I don't want to. To be honest, I'm not afraid of the people from your family, I'm not actually afraid of your Calci Family. But I don't want to get in trouble with the Rosen Empire. I have a lot of things in my hand, but they still needed to be turned into money to provide for what I need. Currently, other than the Rosen Empire, the influence of the Radiant Church is very strong in the continent. And since the church is my mortal enemy, doing business on other nations would be very difficult. This is the reason why I don't want to get driven away from Rosen Empire. If there's a way to avoid fighting with your Calci Family, then I would prefer that. If I have no means of getting money, then things would be very hard for me."

Smith nodded and said, "Looks like I guessed right. Then I'll tell you my method. This wouldn't only stop us from dealing with you, this will also make the family attach great importance to you and help you succeed."

Zhao Hai stared, he was confused, he looked at Smith and said, "What is it?"

Smith smiled faintly and said, "You getting engaged to Megan."

Zhao Hai froze, he looked at Smith with shock and said, "Are you cracking a joke? Megan? Are you crazy?"

Smith shook his head, "I'm not. If you marry Megan, you'll become someone on our side, and the family would support you. What do you think?"

Zhao Hai shook his head, "This wouldn't be good, Megan doesn't like me. And we don't have any emotional foundation. It'll also be unfair to Megan, we can't do this."

At this time, Megan's voice was heard, "Brother Zhao Hai, I already knew of this matter, and I agree. I like you as a person, I don't want to see you in trouble. Most importantly, I don't want to see you and my Calci Family in trouble with each other."

When Zhao Hai followed the voice, he saw Megan. She was standing in front of the living room and calmly looked at Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai looked at Megan and gave a smile, "Megan, why are you doing this? We have no feelings with each other. You don't know much about me, this will be unfair to you."

Megan shook her head and said, "There's no reason to like someone. There is also no such thing as unfair. I just came to like you, and I don't know when it started. I know that we haven't been interacting for long, and you don't think much about me, but I still like you."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly, he really didn't know what to say. It was just like what Megan said, their meetings weren't that long. Even if they were together, Zhao Hai didn't seriously talk with Megan. He really didn't know how such an ordinary, boring man like him managed to attract Megan.

At this time, Laura smiled, she went towards Megan's side and said, "Megan, fantastic! We can be sisters forever, right Meg?"

Meg also smiled, "Yup, we're going to be sisters later."

Zhao Hai looked at the two insane women, he was speechless. He didn't know why even though they're going to divide their husband, they were still happy.

Smith looked at Zhao Hai and snorted, "Boy, you got it easy, I didn't know you had such game. To actually dare snatch my daughter from me. But you should tell me about your identity. Who are you?"

Zhao Hai looked at Smith. As soon as he heard how he was called, he couldn't help but smile. It seems like he has to reveal his identity.

#### Chapter 422 - Identity

At this time, Laura and Meg were at the side chatting with Megan. On the other side, the madam had been led to the living room by Phil and then she sat in front of Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai can only force a smile and said, "Actually, my background isn't really that mysterious, but there were only a few who knew about it. My surname is Buda, I changed my name to Zhao Hai later."

Upon hearing that Zhao Hai was surnamed Buda, Smith stared blankly. His complexion changed as his voice was raised, "Are you really surnamed Buda? That Buda Clan's successor who was bestowed the Black Wasteland by the Aksu Empire, Adam Buda?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "Right, I am Adam Buda. But I have changed my name to Zhao Hai, the Adam from before is now dead."

Smith looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Didn't you drink the Water of Nothingness? Why can you use Magic? Right, according to Bell, you're not using magic, but a divergent ability. So you really can't use Magic?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "No, I can use Magic. The toxin from the Water of Nothingness has already been solved. I'm now a Magic and Battle Qi Dual-Cultivator. My Battle Qi is at 8th rank, and my Magic is at 8th rank as well."

Smith was very surprised, he stared at Zhao Hai, "Water of Nothingness can be cured? Is that really possible? You're not deceiving me right?"

Zhao Hai shook his head, "I'm not deceiving you. My toxin from the Water of Nothingness has indeed been cured. But there is only one cure and it took me a long time before completing it. Otherwise, why did you think that Laura and Meg were still my fiancée's and not my wives?"

Zhao Hai understood why Smith was too worked up, this was because the Water of Nothingness was a hereditary poison. If Zhao Hai's toxin was not solved, then Smith might not let Megan marry him. After all, if they have children, they wouldn't be able to cultivate either Magic or Battle Qi.

Because he read Smith's mind, Zhao Hai immediately told Smith that his toxin has already been solved.

When Smith heard Zhao Hai he couldn't help but turn to look at Laura. Laura smiled at Smith and faintly smiled, "It's true, Brother Hai's poison has indeed been solved. If you didn't call us today, we might have had our wedding two days later."

Smith relaxed and said, "Good, it's solved, good! No wonder nobody can find out about your origin. You're actually a member of the Buda Clan. Hahaha. Nobody in the continent would think that the Water of Nothingness actually had an antidote."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, "This isn't strange, there's no poison that didn't have a cure. So what about the engagement that you proposed? Will you reconsider it?"

Smith blinked. "What? You don't want to? Are you saying my Megan isn't worthy for you? If you dare to decline, I will really have the family chase you with 9th ranks."

Zhao Hai forced a smile, "Alright, I'll talk to my elders at home later and discuss when we'll get engaged."

Smith coldly snorted, "No need to discuss it. It will be tomorrow, the sooner the better. Otherwise, it will be troublesome if the family sends its 8th ranks."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown, "Did the family really plan to send 9th ranks my way? Isn't this too strange? Is there something I have done to offend the whole Calci Family?"

Smith sighed then he told Zhao Hai about the guesses that him and Phil had made. After Zhao Hai listened to it, his shocked face turned to Smith, "Because of that? Killing me because of my leadership ability? If they continue doing this, then the Dark Mage profession would surely die out. What kind of idiot decides to kill talented people? How did it come to this?"

Smith smiled bitterly, "I don't know, but this has always been the family's style. Even I cannot prevent them from doing this."

Zhao Hai forced a smile and said, "I initially felt it strange that the Radiant Church didn't offend any other Mage profession other than the Dark Mages. So this was the reason, the Calci Family was actually destroying the profession's future."

Smith smiled bitterly, he didn't have any good thing to say. He just sighed and said, "Let's let that go for now. You should head back and rest, tomorrow we'll release information about your engagement with Megan. Not only to the family, but also to the entire continent."

Zhao Hai wrinkled his brow "How about Charlie? If information about my engagement with Megan gets passed on, how will it affect the Calci Family? Did you already think this through? Didn't Great Nobles abstain from participating in battles for the throne? Will this bring misunderstanding to the Calci Family?"

Smith smiled, "It's complicated, but it shouldn't have effects. Prince Charlie might even be happy, as for other people? Their opinions don't matter. What's important right now is your safety."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but nod. Smith looked at him and said, "It's already late, go get some rest. We still have a lot to do tomorrow."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he led Laura and the others back to Sweet Plum Courtyard. The moment they entered the courtyard, they immediately went to the Space and headed to Iron Mountain Fort to report everything to Green.

When Green heard Zhao Hai's report, he couldn't help but laugh and said, "Fantastic! Hahaha. Young Master, this is very good news. If we have the support of the Calci Family, we would have less problems when restoring our Clan's prestige. I didn't think that the young master would actually be so fierce."



Kun looked at Zhao Hai and sighed, "Boy, why are you so lucky? First, Laura likes you, now it's Megan. One day you will make all the women in this world crazy. What would the other young men say then?"

Zhao Hai can only smile bitterly while listening to their teasing. Even he didn't expect it to be like this, he didn't have anything so say.

Merien didn't care so much. When she heard Zhao Hai had acquired another fiancée, she couldn't help but happily said, "Good. Young Master, we should find some time for your wedding as soon as possible. It's important for the Buda Family to have a proper branch."

Green agreed, "Before, we didn't get to arrange your wedding with Laura and Meg because of your toxin. But now that you've been cured, we should immediately arrange for your wedding."

Zhao Hai just smiled and said, "I also thought that, and I told Laura and Meg about it today. In the past, I really wanted to marry them, but that would be unfair for them. I think that since the Buda Clan still hasn't re-emerged on the continent, it would be an injustice to them if we marry secretly. And now, with the addition of Megan, the situation became even more complex. Who is Megan? She's Calci Family's little princess. Even if she becomes engaged, it was impossible for her to immediately marry. So if I arrange my marriage with Laura and Meg, the Calci Family would certainly not agree. In the end, it seems like we need to delay the marriage."

Green sighed, "Looks like we can only do this. Also, for a Great Noble such as the Calci Family, they should have their own special customs. I heard that there are some other ceremonies to do if a female from their family gets married. It seems like we can only delay the wedding."

Kun nodded, "Actually it doesn't matter if they wed later. Now that Little Hai's body has been solved, his body is much better than before. Not like in the past where we fear that he will only live a short life. Now we only need to avoid being enemies with the Calci Family, otherwise trouble will keep chasing us in the future."

Green agreed, "That is true. Right, Little Hai, you said that you want to be engaged tomorrow? Do you want me to come?"

Zhao Hai shook his head, "No, Smith wanted to engage us by himself. Let's just wait and see what the Calci Family will do."

Green nodded, "That's also good. It seems like Smith wanted this engagement to be simple. Just for the sake of announcing it immediately. Alright, it's still an unusual time to get married anyway. Let's just wait and prepare a better wedding."

Zhao Hai nodded, "My engagement with Laura and Meg was simple as well, so we might as well do the same with Megan, so that it's not unfair on the two. I'll tell this to Smith tomorrow."

Green nods, "Right, Little Hai. Yesterday, the final beer product finally came out. It's just as you said, it's good, its taste is very nice."

Zhao Hai's eyes lit up, "They're done? That's great! How were they? Are there several types?"

Green smiled, "It has, one came out golden, another one is grey, and the last one is black. And the grain wine that you talked about? It's really good."

Zhao Hai's grain wine wasn't the same as the others, it was in fact rice wine. It's method of brewing was relatively simple. However, it had its advantages. It's degree was no high, it tastes mellow. And rice wine can be drank by many people, men, women, and children.

Merine immediately brought the liquors over. Zhao Hai tasted them, the beer were vastly better than what he tasted before. The taste of rice wine was also good. After all, the rice was from the Space, it would be strange if it wasn't good.

Zhao Hai placed his glass down and turned to Green, "This is very good. Grandpa Green, I want to mass produce these types of liquor. What do you think?"

Green nodded, "We should. Young Master, you should leave some undead here and pull out all of the stones you mined. I'm directing those undead to build a liquor factory. You should know that the space inside the Castle isn't enough. If we don't build a new building, there will be no place for further expansion."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Alright, I'll leave behind 10 thousand undeads as well as the mined stones. Right, I have the Shi Lie Jie twins, they're Earth Mages and can make stone golems. Constructing houses shouldn't be problem."

Green gave a nod, "That's good. Young Master, you should go rest." Zhao Hai agreed and returned to the Space to rest.

The next morning, Zhao Hai and the others were summoned by Smith to the courtyard to have some breakfast. After eating their meal, Smith had Phil announce Zhao Hai's engagement with Megan back to the headquarters. This was deliberately done by Smith to pressure the family into not destroying the engagement by stopping its acts against Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai also told Smith that he wanted the engagement to be simple. Smith didn't oppose, it was a special case this time, those extra things could be exempted.

However, even if he said this, Smith still had Zhao Hai and Megan go out together and play. This was to increase their familiarity with each other. Megan was very embarrassed, her face was entirely red as she and Zhao Hai left the City Lord's Mansion.

But at this time, news of Megan's engagement with Zhao Hai had already spread all over the entire Sky Water City. This threw an unexpected bomb into the usual state of the city.

One must know that in Sky Water City, there were a ton of people who wanted to marry Megan. But they hadn't imagined that Megan would actually get engaged suddenly. There was even no ceremony for the engagement, nor was there a banquet. In deep silence, Megan would no longer belong to them.

Soon enough, the people of Sky Water City became crazy. When Zhao Hai went out to play, there were more than 20 Noble men who approached as though Megan needed to be rescued. When Megan told him that the engagement was true, they all turned away with their hearts broken.

Looking at this scene, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile bitterly. One must say that Megan was very popular inside Sky Water City. It seems like this has also become a quite troublesome matter.

Even more troublesome was the fact that Zhao Hai didn't know what the Calci Family felt about his engagement with Megan. Smith engaging his daughter to him this time was a clear indication that SKY Water City's Lord was adamant in protecting him as well as the future of the Calci Family. In front of the supposed action against Zhao Hai, Smith decided to slap the face of the family. Now, wouldn't the elders in the family have ugly expressions?

At the thought of this, Zhao Hai turned his head to look at Megan who was chatting with Laura and Meg. Seeing Megan's flower-like smile, Zhao Hai couldn't help but say in his mind, "No matter what the Calci Family decides on, I will marry Megan."

Megan felt Zhao Hai's gaze on her, she looked up and met Zhao Hai's eyes before lowering her head again as she blushed. Her brave appearance yesterday seemed like a dream, but Zhao Hai had to admit, this Megan was quite cute.

#### Chapter 423 - The Family Patriarch Arrives

Just as Zhao Hai thought about this, the Calci Family received the information regarding Zhao Hai and Megan's engagement. Their initial response was surprise and was immediately followed by anger!

The Calci Family are experienced in regards to their member, so naturally they understood what Smith wanted to do. Smith wanted to guarantee Zhao Hai's life.

Initially they wanted to disregard the engagement and continue on with their plans. However, upon further consideration they didn't want to have a falling out with Smith. Although Smith was a member of the family, he was strongly independent. If they really made Smith distance himself from the family, they would definitely lose a huge chunk of their income.

Moreover, the family understood that with Zhao Hai's engagement with Megan, he was now on the same side as them. This was equivalent to gaining more strength, for the family, this was great.

Although the ancestors had ordered that the women of the family cannot be married for benefits, for families like the Calci Family, that kind of situation rarely happens. No matter what kind of marriage they do, it will always be linked with politics. In the end, the marriage would inadvertently bring forth benefits.

Megan was in good graces with the family, she was their precious little princess. Naturally, the people from the family wouldn't want to marry her off as a tool. But at the same time, the family had concerns about who Megan was going to marry. In any case, they have to find a common ground.

From their point of view, Zhao Hai's identity was not worth marrying Megan. But if the family didn't acknowledge their engagement, the people will lose faith and then and at the same time they would become a laughingstock among the nobles. Similarly, Megan's reputation would also be ruined.

But they really couldn't just swallow this outcome. In the end, the Patriarch of the family, Smith's father, Randolph Calci couldn't sit still anymore. So he decided to head towards Sky Water City and personally meet this Zhao Hai.

Although Randolph was the Patriarch, he was also a person, and he loved Megan. So he wanted to go to Sky Water City to see what kind of person Zhao Hai was and see how he will handle the situation.

Ever since he heard Zhao Hai's name until now, he hasn't seen Zhao Hai's face. He only decided on his impression of the young man based on the reports of his subordinates, as well as Bell, Smith, and Juwan.

However these people had differing impressions of Zhao Hai. According to Bell, Zhao Hai was a very good Divergent Mage, moreover he also had a lot of businesses that could make money.

Smith's assessment of him was high as well. According to Smith, he was a very smart person, moreover, his leadership ability is very strong. Most importantly, his strength is immeasurable deep.

Juwan, on the other hand, naturally didn't put in good word in behalf of Zhao Hai. According to Juwan, Zhao Hai was a very arrogant and domineering person, a villain who was ignorant regarding the proper action to take.

After combining all of these descriptions, Randolph thought of Zhao Hai as an ambitious and arrogant man. This was why he decided to deal with him.

But now that Smith had shown his hand, Randolph was placed on an embarrassing situation. He had to stop the family from sending 9th ranks to deal with Zhao Hai since he needs to meet that man himself when he arrives at Sky Water City.

At this time, Charlie also received the information. Upon receiving it, he was glad. Then he felt that something was wrong. He knew that Zhao Hai was in conflict with Juwan from the Calci Family not too long ago. So how did he arrive to the situation of marrying the princess of the family?

Charlie was very familiar regarding the Calci Family. He was someone who was fighting for the throne, so of course he was informed about the old nobles of the empire.

And for Megan, he also knew about her, it was impossible not to, she was the family's precious Sugar Plum Princess. This was why when Lionheart made a move against Megan in the past, Charlie knew that he wouldn't live long, the Calci Family wouldn't allow him to.

Then suddenly, Zhao Hai unexpectedly got engaged to Megan. This made Charlie feel awe. He wanted to know what was going on, so he sent a letter to Trezebo in order to check it out.

Trezebo was also very confused. Just a day after Zhao Hai was very anxious to leave Jade Water City, he suddenly got engaged to Megan. This made Trezebo extremely surprised, judging from Zhao Hai's expression when he left, it didn't seem like he was going to be engaged.

The fifth day after Zhao Hai arrived at SKY Water City, Lando arrived. He came in secret this time, he didn't want to be overly known.

Just as he disembarked from the ship, he saw Smith and Phil already there waiting for him at the pier. When he gazed at the people who received him, he didn't see Megan's figure, nor did he see Zhao Hai. His face became sullen as he looked at Smith, "Where is Megan?"

Smith quickly replied, "She went to sea three days ago. Little Hai had something to do, and Megan wanted to follow, so she went."

Randolph snorted, he looked at Smith and Phil and said, "Let's go to the mansion and talk." Then they rode the carriage and headed to the City Lord's Mansion.

Upon arriving at the mansion, they entered the living room. Smith asked Randolph to sit down before he waved his hand to order everyone other than Phil to leave the room.

Smith and Phil had long prepared for this day, so they calmly stood there and waited for Randolph to unleash his anger.

When Lando saw that the two were acting like dead pigs who weren't afraid of boiling water, his anger couldn't help but flare up even more. But he suppressed his rage then looked at Smith and Phil, "Talk, how did this happen? Why did Megan get engaged to Zhao Hai? Why didn't they wait for me to arrive? They actually dared to not see me?"

Smith calmly replied, "Because Megan likes Zhao Hai. Therefore, I just allowed her and Zhao Hai to be engaged. As for why they went to sea, it was because God's Grace Day is fast approaching, and Zhao Hai had already made an appointment with Charlie to give him a set of shipments before then. That's why then needed to leave early."

Randolph look at Smith and snorted, "What? Since you're now old and quite established, you can now ignore my words? You knew that I already gave the command to deal Zhao Hai, but you actually engaged him to Megan. What are you thinking? Are you still Calci Family? Why did you decide to trip us over?"

Smith looked at Randolph and calmly said, "Naturally, I'm still a person of the family. I did this for the family. Megan was my very loved daughter, do you think that the daughter that I very much love would just get married, without even a ceremony to Zhao Hai, just for nothing? It was you who forced me." At the end of his dialogue, Smith was almost roaring.

Randolph looked at Smith and said coldly, "Good, you even dare shout at me. You say that you're doing it for the family? How could it be good for the family?"

Smith looked at Randolph coldly as well, "Of course it's good for the family. You shouldn't treat Zhao Hai like that, if you do, the other members of the League of Dark Mages wouldn't think well of us. Do you really want to disband the league? You want to make the Dark Mages scattered, only to be cleaned up by the Radiant Church?"

Randolph retorted, "What do you know, I'm doing this to fight against the Radiant Church. As long as we unite all of the Dark Mages under our family, then we will have the strength to fight the Church."

Smith seemed to not listen, he then gave his reply, "is it? In the past when the Radiant Church didn't suppress us, didn't we also try that? What happened? Did those Dark Mages listen to us? In the end, what we did was make it harder for people to learn the profession, causing our numbers to get fewer and fewer. And when the Radiant Church finally wanted to deal with us, the Dark Mage profession almost got exterminated. Is this what you call unity?"

Randolph's face was currently very ugly, He knew about the past matter. But he thought that time time would be different. With the plan provided by Zhao Hai, he felt like the Dark Mage was on its way to the top. At that time, the Calci Family would happily assume its leadership. It would make the family's strength almost as great as the Radiant Church.

However, when he thinks about these, Randolph couldn't help but be embarrassed. The method was given by Zhao Hai, and now they were actually planning on dealing with him.

Smith looked at Randolph and said, "Are you thinking that with Zhao Hai's idea, the Dark Mage profession would grow explosively? So in that case, even if you kill some Dark Mages here and there, then it's no big deal? Is that what you think? How long do you think training in becoming a Dark Mage would take? 20? 30? 40 years? Do you know what will happen in 20 years? Yes, with Zhao Hai's idea, Dark Mages would certainly increase exponentially, but it was under the premise that all of the schools in Rosen Empire were producing Dark Mages. If you really succeed in placing all Dark Mages under the influence of our Calci family then our family's power would truly increase. But at that time, what would differentiate us from the Radiant Church? Why was the Radiant Church being suppressed? Why did it vanish from Rosen Empire? Do you want to turn the family into the second Radiant Church? Even if the church were to be suppressed by the Rosen Empire, it still had its influence outside the empire. But what about us? What would happen if we do get suppressed by the alliance of all the Nobles of the empire? Do we leave? Don't forget, other than the Rosen Empire, the world outside belongs to the Radiant Church!"

Smith's words made Randolph perspire. His plan was just like what Smith said, essentially turning the family into a second Radiant Church. But he actually forgot that the Calci Family was still a only a Great Noble of the empire. There were also Great Nobles like them, as well as the Imperial Clan above. If they really become another Radiant Church, then they would be threatening the rule of the Imperial Clan. What would happen then? Will the other Nobles just let them off? If those Great Nobles got together and suppressed the family, what can they do?



Beside the Rosen Empire, the Radiant Church's influence outside was overwhelming. If they leave Rosen Empire, then the Radiant Church would surely run them over.

Before, Randolph admits that he had been stunned by their victory. After all, he was the Patriarch of a Great Family, he experienced the ups and downs of the family. Now that he heard Smith's thoughts, he sobered up and measured the pros and cons. In the end he has to acknowledge what Smith said.

At the same time, as a Patriarch, Randolph knew that the Imperial Clan wouldn't allow the presence of a power that could threaten their rule. The same was true with the other Great Nobles. If he really did what he planned, then they both the Imperial Clan and the Great Nobles would join together in suppressing the family.

Smith looked at his father and knew that he was thinking things out. So Smith just stood there quietly, he believed that his father would figure it out. If he couldn't, then he didn't deserve being the Calci Family's Patriarch.

After quite some time, Randolph let out a long breath and said, "Even if you are correct, you don't have to marry Megan off to Zhao Hai. In the end, what does he really have?"

Upon hearing that Randolph had somehow softened, Smith felt relief. He knew that Randolph was convinced. He immediately gave his answer, "Father, I did it for the family. If we really did send a 9th rank to deal with Zhao Hai, then I fear that we would have problems. I'm afraid that the 9th rank may not be able to return."

Randolph stared before his complexion changed, he looked at Smith and said, "Do you know what you're talking about? That is a 9th rank expert, do you really think that Zhao Hai is that strong?"

Smith forced a smile and said, "I don't know if he really is strong. But Zhao Hai told me that as long as you don't send five 9th rank experts, then those 9th ranks wouldn't be able to return. And even if we send five 9th ranks, he was confident that he could escape."

Randolph snorted, "You actually got terrified just by listening to him? Did you really believe what he said?"

Smith smiled stiffly and said, "I believe him, father. Did you know how long he took to travel from Jade Water City to Sky Water City? Only a few hours, he flew that fast. Even common falcons aren't that fast. Can most 9th ranks fly that fast? Because of this, I believed his words."

Randolph's shocked face looked at Smith and said, "Are you sure? Is he really that quick?"

Smith smiled, "If you don't believe me, you can ask Uncle Phil."

Phil nodded and said, "Patriarch, it's true, Zhao Hai is indeed very quick. We have arranged a person inside Jade Water City to specifically watch out for Zhao Hai, as long as Zhao Hai appears in Jade Water City, that person would immediately send us a letter. Six days ago, in the morning Zhao Hai arrived at Jade Water City. After his arrival, the person immediately sent a Wind Falcon to us. After we received his word, we then quickly had a Blood Hawk deliver a letter to Zhao Hai, telling him to rush towards Sky Water City as soon as possible. When the Blood Hawk bearing his reply arrived at Sky Water City, Zhao Hai also arrived."

#### Chapter 424 - The Sea

When Randolph heard what Phil said, he couldn't help but frown. It would take a Wind Falcon several hours to fly from Jade Water City to Sky Water City. But after Zhao Hai received the letter, he unexpectedly arrived along with the Blood Hawk, this made him extremely surprised.

He had also seen the Blood Hawk that Zhao Hai gave Smith. It was very handsome, whether it be fighting strength or speed, it was much better than a Wind Falcon. However, Zhao Hai actually reached Sky Water City at the same time as the Hawk, a feat like this is extraordinary.

Smith looked at Randolph's appearance and said, "Father, I heard some whispers coming from the Shelley Family. It said that Zhao Hai is a Space Mage, but I don't know if it's true or not."

Randolph couldn't sit still, he immediately stood up and said, "Space Mage?! Are you sure?"

Smith nodded, "The Shelley Family had issued a gag order regarding this. No matter how hard I try to inquire, I couldn't get certain proof."

Randolph circled the ground twice, "If he is really a Space Mage, then he is certainly worth of Megan, but what is his identity? I never did find out about it, how can you be assured in leaving Megan to such a person?"

Smith forced a smile and said, "Father, I already know his identity. Although I just knew out about it, I should not be wrong."

Randolph said, "You found out? How is that possible? Almost all Great Clans in the continent were determined to find out, but came back with nothing. How did you manage to find out?"

Smith smiled and said, "I didn't actually find it, Zhao Hai himself told us. Before he got engaged to Megan, I asked him for his background. And he agreed to tell us."

Randolph looked at Smith and frowned, "So what is it? Is his identity special? Did he belong to a hidden family or a Great Power?"

Smith shook his head, "None of those. From the beginning, we had been looking at the wrong direction. He didn't belong to a hidden family nor a great power. His surname is Buda, formerly known as Adam Buda and now he changed his name to Zhao Hai Buda."

Randolph stared, then his eyes widened, "Buda? Are you talking about the lord of the Black Wasteland? That Buda Clan?"

Smith nodded, "Right, Black Wasteland's lord, the Buda Clan. This was the reason why he first appeared at Black Earth Fortress. This was why his first actions happened in Purcell Duchy."

Randolph nodded, and then his complexion changed, "You bastard, if he really is from the Buda Clan, then didn't he drink the Water of Nothingness? How can you let him marry Megan? Are you insane???"

Smith looked at Randolph and sighed, when looking at his father's appearance, it seems like he was looking at himself. At the time, when he found out about Zhao Hai's identity, his reaction was the exact same as Randolph. However, he still needed to answer his father's question, so he smiled and said, "If Zhao Hai still had the toxin from the Water of Nothingness, then how could I possibly give him Megan? The poison on his body has already been solved."

Randolph replied, "Solved? Really?"

Smith nodded, "Indeed, I made him demonstrate Magic as well as Battle Qi. Right now, his Magic has reached 8th rank, his Battle Qi as well, 8th rank. But since he didn't practice his Martial Arts that well before, he can only combat a 7th rank in regular battle. However, he's actually a Mage of every element, and he's skilled in them as well. He can also do Compound Magic. According to my calculations, his current fighting strength would make him invincible to those below 9th rank."

Randolph stared at Smith, "Are you serious? Is he really a Multi-element mage in all elements? Dual cultivating Magic and Battle Qi? What kind of fortuitous encounter did he experience?"

Smith smiled stiffly and said, "I also want to know, but he didn't agree to tell me. Perhaps he will tell Megan later, he couldn't just tell anyone he couldn't fully trust."

Randolph knit his brows, "He's very careful, but this is good as well. Your decision this time is truly correct, I didn't expect this kid to be this strong. If we really did continue to cause him trouble, then we would certainly suffer a huge loss. But for this youngster to steal my granddaughter away from me, I definitely won't forgive him."

Smith smiled, "Father, you should know that because of our earlier actions, Zhao Hai had been pushed towards Prince Charlie. Will this affect our family?"

Randolph thought for a moment and then shook his head, "I don't think so, Zhao Hai is still engaged to Megan, not married. And even if they are married, he is still primarily a member of the Buda Clan, not the Calci Family, so it shouldn't affect us. Just pay attention to not get too close with Charlie."

Smith nodded and looked at the weather as he said, "Father, it's already quite late. Let's go eat something. Right, Zhao Hai told me that he would return in a while. I think you're better off staying in Sky Water City for a while if you want to see Zhao Hai."

Randolph thought for a moment and nodded, "Alright, I haven't seen Megan in quite a while. Then I'll stay here for some time."

Smith nodded, then he lead Randolph towards the dining hall along with Phil. But they didn't think that at this time, Zhao Hai was heading towards the Rock Shrimp Tribe.

After getting along for a few days, Zhao Hai and Megan were now comfortable with each other. Although it still didn't reach the level he had with Meg and Laura, it was still very good.

However, Zhao Hai was still indecisive about telling Megan about the Space. Megan's situation was different than Laura and Meg. Laura had a falling out with her family and cannot return. Also, Meg had always been with him, so her loyalty was not an issue. Therefore, Zhao Hai can rest assured in telling them about the Space.

But Megan was different, standing behind her was a Great Noble Family. A family that ranked as one of the powerful families in the continent. Moreover, Megan still had a good relationship with her people. She was extremely favored by the family, so she still had deep sentiments towards it. If Zhao Hai tells Megan about the Space, then he was afraid that Megan would tell Smith if ever he asks. Then Zhao Hai's biggest secret would be exposed to the outside world, and Zhao Hai didn't want this to happen.

Megan didn't feel anything, she was just sitting on the deck of the Haven. The ships stolen from the Markey family were right next to it.

Ever since she was young, this was the first time that she had gone out this far to sea. When Megan was still at the family, she mostly got along the river and rarely the sea. Additionally, the family didn't include her in their businesses, so she was mostly just riding the boat near the coastlines. It was the first time that she got to travel such a long distance.

Two days after they left, Megan was still very excited. But on the third day, she became quite bored. In addition to the sea and the people on the boat, there was hardly anything to see.

Zhao Hai and the others were already used to Megan being on the ship, so they didn't enter the Space during the day. They needed to wait until the evening before entering the Space. In the morning, they could only play around on the ship.

In reality, the ship was very big, so there were alot of things to play around with. But because Zhao Hai and the others were used to the ship, they just chatted peaceful while drinking some tea and eating, unknowingly making the days past by.

It was already the third day after they left Sky Water City. Megan was currently feeling boredom, she just stood on the deck, watching the sea silently with a frown on her face.

At this time, Laura saw Megan's frown, she immediately walked over and asked, "Megan, why do you look so unhappy? Did you miss home?"

Megan turned to look at Laura and said "I don't really miss home, it's just that I'm feeling quite bored of the sea. We can only stay inside the ship, it's too boring."

Laura gave a smile and said, "We really have no other choice, this is how it is at sea. We still have seven days left of travel before we arrive at our destination."

Megan rolled her eyes and said, "I'm afraid I won't stay sane at that point. It's terrible, I don't think I would be able to endure the boredom."

Laura smiled and said, "If you really can't stand it anymore, just make something fun for yourself. There are books on the ship, we can also chat, you can learn how to cook. If that's not enough we can fish. If you always think about boredom, then you will be really bored."

Megan smiled and said, "Alright, then you should teach me well, I want to learn how to cook."

Laura smiled and said, "We can't right now, meal time isn't here yet. Actually, it isn't that boring sometimes. There were moments that we will come upon some pirates and might meet an attack. Those times were the most exciting. Ballistas firing arrows, Magic Cannons roaring, those really stimulate your senses."

Megan smiled stiffly and said, "I really couldn't understand how that could be interesting. I'd rather be bored than be attacked."

Laura smiled, "Rest assured, I'm just talking about it. It isn't necessary that something will happen. Especially since we have a five-masted armored ship, there weren't a lot of pirates that would attack us. Pirates would generally attack three-masted ships."

At this time, Zhao Hai walked over, he looked at the two and said, "What's wrong? What are the two of you talking about?"

Zhao Hai also understood that Megan was probably unhappy. Actually, he wasn't prepared to take Megan to the sea this time. But he didn't have the means to decline her joining them. So he could only bring Megan along. He didn't expect that Megan wouldn't be able to adapt to life at sea, it has only been three days.

Megan looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Elder Brother Hai, aren't you bored? There's nothing at sea, only a few occasional seabirds passing by, or maybe a ship. Moreover, you have an undead crew, isn't that more tiring?"

#### Chapter 425 - Decision

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "A little bored, but there are advantages in having an undead crew as well. They will not betray you, they don't need any salary, and moreover, they won't bother us, isn't that great?"

Megan pouted her mouth and said, "Is it really? Why couldn't I see it? Elder Brother Hai, how about you tell me about your life. What happened to the Buda Clan after being bestowed the Black Wasteland?"

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly, a lot happened after the Buda Clan got sent to the Black Wasteland. But most of those matter were related to the Space. If he tells Megan about those experiences then he could only expose the Space. And Zhao Hai didn't want to deceive Megan, so he didn't know how to proceed from here.

When Laura saw Zhao Hai fall into an embarrassing situation, she inserted, "We can talk about those later. Megan, let's go cook. We'll have to let Brother Hai taste the meal that we create today. By the way, we need to call Meg, otherwise Brother Hai would be poisoned by us."

Megan's interest was piqued when she heard Laura. So she smiled and followed along. Then the four women ran towards the kitchen. When Zhao Hai saw the backs of the four he talked to Blockhead who was at his side, "Blockhead, what do you think? Should I tell Megan about the Space?"

Blockhead smiled and said, "That depends on the Young Master. But if you think about it, even if the Space were to be exposed, there were only a few powers in the continent that could still be a threat to us. With the numerous undead inside the Space, we have numerical advantage against anyone. If we really can't endure, we can just escape to the Beastman Prairie."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, and said, "Your ambition isn't small, but what you said is right. Right now, we don't need to be afraid of anyone. And I also feel like I've been deceiving Megan, I feel sorry for her. Anyway, if I didn't trust her, then I shouldn't have gone and got engaged to her."

Blockhead smiled and said, "I don't really understand much about these things. Young Master can do it himself."

Zhao Hai looked at Blockhead and smiled, "While we're here, you and Rockhead are already quite old enough to get married. I'll go discuss this with Grandpa Green. The both of you can't just be single your whole life, you need a woman to look after you."

When Blockhead heard Zhao Hai, his face couldn't help but turn red as he said, "Young Master, you really do like to make jokes. I'm already quite happy serving the Young Master along with Stonehead."

Zhao Hai smiled, "Serving me and getting married are two different matters. You can get married and still serve me. It seems like I really do have to tell this to Grandpa Green."

After the group had their lunch, they went on to have an afternoon nap. In the afternoon, Zhao Hai practiced his Battle Qi and Fighting techniques on the ship. At the side, Meg was teaching Megan how to fight using Magic.

Although Megan was a 5th rank Water Mage, while also having good magical skills, her practical experience wasn't good, so Meg went forward to guide her.

But Zhao Hai understands that this type of guidance can only take Megan so far. What she needed was actual combat experience. When comparing practice with actual combat, the atmosphere between the two was completely different. There were quite a lot of people who were very gifted in training but were complete dunces in the battlefield. They would get killed because they couldn't adapt to the environment of the battlefield. They would become scared of the enemy's charges, making their overall combat capability drop to about twenty percent. And this was fatal for a warrior.



In the evening when Megan had gone to sleep, Zhao Hai and the others went to the Space. Green and Kun were already waiting for them inside. After Zhao Hai practiced his martial arts, the group entered the living room to sit down. Then Zhao Hai turned to Green and said "Grandpa Green, I want to tell Megan about the Space."

Green stared for a moment before he knit his brows, "Why did you suddenly mention this? In the past few days, you were sure that you wouldn't tell her your secret, in fear that Smith and the Calci Family were to find out."

Zhao Hai nodded, "It's true, if I tell Megan about the Space then the Calci Family might know. But if I don't tell her, then I would feel that I may have been unfair. If I wouldn't trust Megan, then I might as well have not agreed to the engagement. Upon thinking about it, I really do think that it is unfair to Megan."

Green nodded, but didn't say anything. At this point, Kun frowned and said, "Is it okay? If we do this, then we need to think about what will happen if the continent were to know. Including the Calci Family, there were also a lot of great powers in the continent who could take interest. You must know that there are endless greed in this world."

Zhao Hai nodded, "I also know that. But currently, we don't need to fear the Calci Family's strength. If we really cannot endure, we can just end them."

When Green heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but knit his brows as he said, "In that case, we may become the enemy of the entire continent, then we won't have any place inside it."

Zhao Hai sighed, "I also know, but the continent places importance to strength. We are currently very strong, but now very known, making these small troubles arrive to us. But if we show off our strength, then wouldn't they naturally disappear?"

Green knit his brows, obviously not in approval with Zhao Hai's proposition. But he thought that Zhao Hai's thinking was correct. If the Calci Family knew that they had the strength to contend against a 9th rank expert, then they might've not treated Zhao Hai like what they just did."

However, Green still thought that this wasn't a safe approach. The 9th ranks on their group were still very few. If they were to fight against all those people, then they can only be pushed back to the Black Wasteland.

At this time Kun said, "Little Hai, how about you take those 9th ranks back at the Carrion Swamp. We already have Cai'er and Zhao Wen on our side, so getting those other 9th ranks shouldn't be too difficult. If we take them one by one, then we can slowly weaken their Flower Protection Alliance's power, and eventually, they will all be taken over by us. After all, they are Magic Beasts, and if Magic Beasts enters the Space, it will immediately take control over them. We wouldn't even have to worry about them betraying us. If we have them on our hands, we can be on the same level as the Humans, Beastman, Merfold, Elves and the Dwarves, we would become a formidable existence on the continent."

Zhao Hai froze, he didn't think about this. Because they were always thinking about the Flower Protection Alliance, they actually forgot to take into consideration that those Magic Beasts have their own respective domains, rarely coming in contact with the others. If Zhao Hai can subdue those 9th ranks, then his strength would immediately be risen to among the top of the continent.

Green's eyes also lit up, "If this is the case, then we could definitely do it. However, now's not the time. We must wait until afterwards. Right, Young Master, I think you can tell Megan about the Space. But you have to make her promise to not divulge it to any other person no matter what."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Grandpa Green, another matter, it's about Blockhead and Rockhead. They aren't that young anymore, how about setting them up to get married? There is also Shue. I think we should find them a companion. They can't serve me while being unmarried forever, wouldn't that be unfair to them?"

Green didn't say anything, it was Merine who smiled and said, "Right, Young Master's idea is quite good. The two boys, Blockhead and Rockhead, should have a family. Shue even more so. They should get married."

Blockhead and Rockhead's faces looked like boiled shrimp, their necks were red as well. But Shue was very calm, he turned to Zhao Hai and Merine and said, "I thank the Young Master and Madam Merine for the good intentions, but I've already made an oath to never marry in my entire life."

Zhao Hai stared at Shue for a moment before he nodded gently. He didn't talk anymore. He knew the Shue might have his own reasons. He was also afraid that he might've made Shue recall a painful experience.

Merine didn't ask further, but she still looked at Shue and sighed, "Alright, you're free to have own reasons. But Young Master, I think you need to talk to Megan about the Space tomorrow. It's just like you said, since you're now engaged to Megan, then you should trust her, otherwise you would be unfair to her."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he turned his head to Laura and Meg and said, "Laura, Meg, are you fine with this? I felt that If I leave Megan out of the Space's matter, then I might have been deceiving her."

Laura smiled and said, "Of course we're fine. Brother Hai, you don't know but we have long wanted to tell you about this matter. If we discuss sentiment, our feelings towards Megan is comparatively better than yours."

Zhao Hai cannot help but laugh, "If you say so, then I'm relieved. Actually, I'm quite fortunate that I have the favor of you girls. And since you all were taking care of me, then I want all of you to see each other equally. I hope that all of you gets along with each other, otherwise my Buda Family wouldn't have a great future."

Laura smiled and said, "Be relieved, we wouldn't struggle with each other. But if you prefer one of us, then all of us won't be happy, we are now one group."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh even louder, Green and the others also laughed. To be honest, with Megan's engagement to Zhao Hai, Green was afraid that Laura and Meg would have some misgivings. If Zhao Hai's backyard was on fire, then their Buda Family wouldn't fare very well.

Kun sighed inside, he knew that Laura loves Zhao Hai very much. Otherwise, she wouldn't have such considerations for him. But Kun also knew that Zhao Hai is very happy with Laura. There's no decision that he wouldn't discuss with her. Kun could even say that Zhao Hai's feelings for Laura was the same as Laura's feelings for him.

#### Chapter 426 - Hot Spring

The next morning, Megan woke up early. Although she had been on the sea for four days, she was still unfamiliar with sleeping on the ship. This made her rests each day quite unpractical.

.This was also the reason why Megan's mood was not very good these days. If one was not well rested, then their temperament wouldn't be good. It was precisely because of this that Megan had been very depressed in the past days.

After washing up, Megan went out of the cabin. She thought of breathing in the sea breeze outside. This time, she went out of her house without bringing any servants along with her. But Megan wasn't regretful, since she was going to marry Zhao Hai, then she must be familiar with his lifestyle, she doesn't want Zhao Hai to see her as a young lady that need servants all the time to help her.

When Megan arrived on the deck, she saw that Zhao Hai and Laura were already up. Megan quickly went forwards and embarrassingly said, "Big Brother Hai, Sister Laura, you're all up. I'm sorry I woke up late."

Zhao Hai turned to Megan and saw that there were dark circles around her eyes, he couldn't help but feel very apologetic towards her. He smiled and said, "What's wrong? Not sleeping very well? This is normal for newcomers at sea, always feeling sick because of the swaying and shaking. Hehe."

Megan smiled stiffly and said, "I really don't know. I've already been used to the swaying since I was young. But I think If I still stayed here when I was young, I would still get sick." This caused Laura and Zhao Hai to laugh.

Megan also laughed, although she underwent hardship and suffered a bit over the past two days, she also learned a lot from Zhao Hai's group. They were hard-working, persevering, and optimistic. It was because of this that she can still joke about at this point.

Now Megan understood the thing about Zhao Hai that attracts her, it was his spirit of optimism. No matter what happens, Zhao Hai was still optimistic. The most important thing about Zhao Hai was that he strives to move forward no matter what happens, this seemed to be attractive to her.

While looking at Megan's face, Zhao Hai calmed down. He looked at Megan and sternly said, "Megan, now that we're engaged, you'll be a person of my Buda Clan in the future. Because of this, I'll tell you our Buda Clan's greatest secret. I hope you keep this secret, even from your father, can you do it?"

When Megan heard Zhao Hai's first couple of words, she felt her face turn hot. But as soon as she heard the last ones, she froze and looked at Zhao Hai, but she didn't agree immediately.

She quietly thought about Zhao Hai's words. Yes, she was now engaged to Zhao Hai. And although they hadn't been married, the matter was already set. She will become a person of the Buda Clan, no matter what others thought about it, and it was also not in her mind to leave Zhao Hai.

However, she also needed to take her parents into account, which made it difficult for her. Her feelings for Smith and the madam was too deep. So if she wanted to keep a secret from her mother and father, she was afraid that she would be unable to do it.

Seeing that Megan didn't answer immediately, Zhao Hai didn't become angry. On the contrary, he was quite glad that Megan didn't quickly agree. I meant that she held relationships as important, and it also showed that her feelings for Zhao Hai were genuine. Otherwise, Megan could just agree immediately and when she returns, she could just sell Zhao Hai out.

Zhao Hai looked at Megan and said, "Megan, you must know that this secret is known by Laura, also Meg, all of the people from my Buda Clan knows. Since you've become engaged to me, I hope that you will have the same status as Laura and Meg. Otherwise, it would be unfair for you. At the same time, I completely believe in you, if I didn't, then it wouldn't be good in the future if you marry me. I hope you can take these words into account as well."

When Megan heard Zhao Hai, she understood that Zhao Hai hoped for her to reach the same status as Laura. This also meant that in his heart, she held the same place as Laura and Meg. This fact made Megan happy, she looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Big Brother Hai, you can rest assured, if you trust me that much, then I wouldn't disappoint you. I will protect the Buda Clan's secret, even from my mother and father."

Zhao Hai looked at Megan's face then laughed, "Alright, I already feel relieved from hearing your words. Are you prepared? Because you will now know about the biggest secret of the Buda Clan."

Megan took a deep breath and said, "I'm ready." Zhao Hai smiled faintly and made an intention on his mind. Megan felt a flash of white light before she appeared in front of the villa.

Megan looked at everything in front of her and thought that she must have been in the Prairie. All around were green grass, and not far from the villa was a cultivated land where various plants were planted. But most importantly, she didn't know how they arrived here, weren't they on the ship just now?

At this time, Meg came and opened the door to the villa. As soon as she saw Megan, she smiled and said, "Megan, you're here? Come in quickly, breakfast is already prepared. We can talk while eating at the same time."

Megan's mind was hazy as Meg pulled her into the villa. When they arrived at the dining room, Meg didn't serve the dishes immediately, they waited before Shue and the others came and also sat down.

This was Zhao Hai's custom. When there was no special event, Shue and the others would dine with him, chatting on the table, increasing their sentiment to each other. Although they were under the Blood Oath, and were not allowed to betray Zhao Hai, Zhao Hai didn't want to depend on the Blood Oath for their loyalty. He hoped that Shue and the others would sincerely work for him

Megan was still hazy when she sat down, she was very puzzled seeing all of this. The villa was just fine for her, but the environment made her very confused.

At this time, Zhao Hai also sat down and smiled, "Megan, this is our Bida Clan's greatest secret, Um, Laura, go introduce Megan to the Space."

Laura didn't object, she smiled faintly and talked to Megan about the Space along with its various mystical properties.

Megan already forgot to eat as she just stared and listened to Laura telling everything about the myriad magical things that was in the Space. Laura also kept talking for about one hour, at this point, Zhao Hai and the others were already finished eating. The only people who have not yet eaten were Laura and Megan.

When Laura finished, Megan couldn't believe it as she looked outside the window and said, "You mean this entire place belonged to Brother Hai? In here, Brother Hai is a god?"

Laura smiled and said, "It's just like what you said, everything here belongs to Brother Hai. And even if he is a god here, he is a miserable god, why? It's because he needs to pay the Space for everything, also he needs to upgrade the space, otherwise he wouldn't be able to use its full potential."

Megan didn't understand so much about it, but she still muttered, "Everything here surprisingly belongs to Brother Hai, amazing, this is too amazing."

Seeing her appearance, Laura didn't say anything and just faintly smiled. She went to the kitchen to warm their meal. She had to, otherwise they wouldn't be able to eat it.

After some time, Megan recovered. Currently, it was only her who was left inside the dining room. Laura was busy in the kitchen while Zhao Hai and the others were in the living room.

Megan didn't head to the living room, but instead she went to the kitchen. She asked Laura about the questions she had about the Space. Laura was also patient in answering them all. Soon after, their meals were already prepared, then the two went to the dining room to eat. After the meal, they went to the living room and saw Zhao Hai and the others looking at the monitor. The screen displayed the state of the sea.

As the various images popped out of the monitor, Megan was again reminded of the various mysteries of the Space. Zhao Hai looked at her and faintly smiled, "Megan, is Laura done in telling you about the Space? This is our Buda Clan's ace, right, you should know about the good things I have right? Those were outputs of the Space, hehe, I can say that without the Space, you wouldn't be able to meet me."

Megan nodded at Zhao Hai, "Brother Hai, rest assured, I will certainly not mention the Space to anybody."

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile and said, "Very well, I believe you. Megan, I know that you haven't been resting properly these days, you can go sleep inside the Space. I'll let Laura and Meg accompany you. The ship can just sail without us outside, but I still can't feel at ease."

Laura also said, "That's right, we haven't had a good rest these days either, so let's sleep here. Megan, let's go and take a rest." Then she pulled Megan and left.

Zhao Hai also led Blockhead and the others outside the Space, leaving the girls alone. The women didn't immediately go to bed, they took Megan to have a good bath first. There was a hot spring pool in the Space, they can just bathe there and relax.

The hot spring of the Space was placed underneath the villa, which was Karen's former laboratory before he moved to Iron Mountain Fort. Since the basement was not used, Laura proposed to Cai'er her intent to make the basement into a Hot Spring pool. The pool was supplied with flowing water since there was a spring underneath the villa. At the same time, there was also an outlet on the pool, since it was hard to control the amount of water inside the basement.

In the basement, there weren't only some stone tables and other furnitures, Cai'er can also send some fruits and wine for Laura and the others to enjoy. After the basement was prepared, it was very well regarded by the group. Afterwards, Zhao Hai proposed dividing the place into two rooms, one for the women, then the other one is for men.

#### Chapter 427 - Trade

Megan sat in the hot spring pool and felt an unprecedented sense of comfort. This was her first time experiencing a hot spring ever. Sky Water City was on a coastal region, there were no hot springs available there.

Soaking in hot water inside the spring made her feel really good, it was very comfortable. Sitting in the hot spring while eating fruits and drinking wine was something she thought only fairies could do.

After taking her wine glass and taking a sip, Megan turned her head towards Laura and Meg who were also soaking in the hot spring while sipping wine. Megan made a discontented pout and said, "You two are really good sisters, enjoying such good stuff these days but only telling me now, hmph."

Laura and Meg both laughed, after which Laura said, "It's not that we don't want to tell you, this place is just too important to the Buda Clan. If this secret were to be known by others, the Clan's final trump card would be gone, so we dared not to tell you immediately. We only told you this time because of Brother Hai's proposal." Although Laura also wanted to tell Zhao Hai to inform Megan about the Space, she didn't say it. No matter what, it was Zhao Hai's decision. Moreover, she also said that to make Megan's impression of Zhao Hai better, to make Megan's heart accept Zhao Hai more.

One had to recognize how much Laura thought about Zhao Hai, even such small details were taken into consideration. This was because Laura knew that since she wanted to spend her lifetime with this man, it would help him if she solves all of his troubles. So Laura decided to think about such matters.

When Megan heard Laura, she snorted, "I forgive you. I'll never tell anyone about this, be relieved. This place really is too good, you'll really enjoy it here."



Laura smiled and said, "It really is. Actually some of those things were Brother Hai's ideas, he just couldn't come enjoy them, he has too many things to do, he is too busy."

Megan also sighed, she also saw how much things Zhao Hai handled these past few days. Although Zhao Hai was not signing documents like her father, Zhao Hai also had a lot of matters regarding the Buda Clan to think about. Just like Laura said, Zhao Hai was indeed very busy.

After the group soaked at the hot springs for a while, they then went to rest upstairs. There were more than 20 rooms in the Space's villa, so there were still plenty of empty rooms. Since Megan had not rested well lately, she immediately fell asleep after the hot spring bath.

She didn't think that she would fall asleep until the afternoon. When she got out of bed, there weren't any other person inside the Space. After she wore her clothes, Megan immediately appeared on the Haven.

She stared for a moment before she understood that it was certainly Cai'er's doing. Zhao Hai already introduced Megan to Cai'er yesterday. But Zhao Hai didn't tell Megan that Cai'er was in fact a 9th rank expert.

When Megan arrived on the ship, Laura saw her. Laura immediately went and greeted her with a smile, "You woke up. Seeing you sleep so much during the day makes me think whether you can still be able to sleep at night."

Megan spat out her tongue and said, "I haven't slept well these past few days, so I had a very good rest. But I surprisingly overslept. Haha."

Zhao Hai showed a faint smile, "We can just return to the Space in the night and rest. It's quiet there, and the air is very good as well. Sleeping there is very comfortable."

Megan nodded and looked at the scenery of the sea. She smiled and said, "Looking at the grass inside the Space, while gazing at the sea on the ship, this lifestyle is very good." Her words made Zhao Hai and the others smile.

After some time, Megan turned to Zhao Hai and said, “Big Brother Hai, what are we doing on this trip? Why do I see that we’re heading towards the deep seas? Do you intend to go there?”

Zhai Hai smiled faintly and said, “Right, we’ll head towards the deeps seas, as well as Ape Island, we have a base there.”

When Megan was reading a few days ago, she also came across information regarding Ape Island. So upon hearing Zhao Hai, she couldn’t help but be startled as she said, “Ape Island? Isn’t that the one written in the book that had reefs surrounding it as well as strong magic beasts?”

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, “Yes, that Ape Island. We’ve already subdued the magic beasts there. One of them is called Little Jin, I’m sure you’re going to like him. Moreover, that island is rich in Bread Fruits.”

Megan also knew about the Bread Fruit, she had eaten several of them. She didn’t think that the fruit was grown inside that ominous island.

After several days, Zhao Hai and the others finally arrived at Ape Island. Upon arriving, Little Jin’s group received Zhao Hai and the others. However, Zhao Hai wasn’t planning on staying long this time. He stayed for two days and then they left, but this time Little Jin joined them. Zhao Hai didn’t oppose it, after all, there’s a transmission point inside Ape Island, Little Jin can just return anytime.

Megan also came to like Little Jin very much. Although Zhao Hai and the others told her that Little Jin was formidable, Megan just can’t see it just by looking at its face. She didn’t really believe that Little Jin was as scary as what the others said,

After leaving Ape Island, Zhao Hai’s group naturally headed to trade with the Rock Shrimp Tribe. Zhao Hai also told Megan about this, which made her shocked, she didn’t expect Zhao Hai to be trading with the Merfolk.

Keeping this as a secret was also tol to Megan. Even if they can cooperate with the Calci Family about marine products later on, they cannot tell the family about their transactions with the Rock Shrimp Tribe.

Megan didn't oppose, ever since Zhao Hai revealed the Space to Megan, she already classified herself as someone from the Buda Clan. What she needed to do right now was to contribute into developing the clan. Not saying Zhao Hai's matter wouldn't affect the Calci Family's benefits anyway. Conversely, if she cooperates, the Calci Family would be obtaining a lot of advantages in the future.

Megan's transformation was also in small part the Space's doing. Although the Space's influence on a person was very minimal, almost nothing, ever since Megan started to stay inside the Space every evening, she changed bit by bit.

Naturally, this influence on a person was very limited, so Zhao Hai didn't really care about this point. Before long, they arrived at the Shrimp Tribe's domain. The tribesmen immediately came to meet them and escorted them to the reef where the tribe lived.

But when Zhao Hai arrived, he was shaken, this was because it was not only the Shrimp Tribe that was trading with him, there were also the Crabs and the Shellfishes. The deals with the two tribes were also very beneficial to Zhao Hai. There was needless to say about the Shell Tribe, since they were the ones who had the pearls. But the Crab Tribe also traded Zhao Hai with crab magic beasts. These crabs were really very big, if they were placed on the ground with their claws outstretched, their length would be about ten meters.

Altogether, what Zhao Hai gained from the trade this time were 100 jins of pearl, 100 corals, 200 gigantic crabs, 100 giant shrimps, as well as various marine plants and other Magic Beasts. One could say that Zhao Hai's harvests were very great.

Moreover, Libben also told Zhao Hai that he was still contacting other tribes to see who wanted to trade with Zhao Hai. Naturally, Zhao Hai was extremely glad about this, so he gave the Shrimp Tribe some Bread Fruits as well as some Milk Wine. As to whether how they will drink the liquor, it wasn't under Zhao Hai's worries.

When Zhao Hai left the Shrimp Tribe's area and headed towards the shallower sea, Megan couldn't help but release a breath. She looked at the Shrimp Tribe's territory and turned to Zhao Hai, "Brother Hai, aren't you scared when seeing those Shrimp and Crab Tribesmen?"

Zhao Hai already saw Shrimp Tribesmen from before. Now, he saw the Crab Tribesmen. Their upper bodies were vaguely similar to the Shrimps, but they didn't have as many arms like them, the Crabs were just like humans. However, their eyes were not normal since they stretched outwards their heads, they may even turn them 360 degrees to see all around their body. Their arms were like the humans,

but their hands were replaced with huge claws. Their lower body had crab-like feet, they also had large shells. One could say that the Crab Tribesmen just looked like a long crab with half a human's body.

On the other hand, the Shell Tribesmen were very much like humans. But on their backs were a pair of wing-like shells. The shell was quite huge, as long as a Shell Tribesman curls their body, they could fit themselves inside their shells. When Zhao Hai saw the appearance of the Shell people, he couldn't help but think about Shell Girl. However, the Shell Tribesmen weren't very beautiful.

It was because of the odd and strange appearances of the Merfolk that Megan asked Zhao Hai that question. He just smiled and said, "Why should we be afraid? They are also creatures who had wisdom no lesser than our own. They just had appearances that appear strange to us, just like how us humans look strange to them. Megan, you have to remember this as a future senior member of the Buda Clan, you must be good if you meet different races. The most hated thing for these races are when Humans look down on their appearances. Therefore, even if you do fear them, don't show it. An expression of fear or loathing will enrage them, they might even possibly go out and attack you."

Megan stared, then she turned to Laura. Laura smiled and said, "In a few days, we will lead you to Iron Mountain Fort. There, you will be able to see some Giant-Horned Ox Clansmen. They are huge, with giant horns. We felt strange when we saw them for the first time, but give it some days and you will get used to it. You would be getting along with them and see that they are much more easy to interact with than other humans."

Although they already told Megan about the transmission points, Zhao Hai still hadn't brought Megan to Iron Mountain Fort. He just invited Green and the others to the Space to meet Megan.

Chapter 428 - Raise the Banner of the Wild Dragon, Show them Who is Invincible!

When Megan knew that she was going to meet Green, she was very anxious. From what she heard from Laura, Green was Meg's grandfather, the Buda Clan's housekeeper. He also looked after Zhao Hai while he was growing up, Green was no different from Zhao Hai's blood grandfather. Although Green still called Zhao Hai Young Master, Zhao Hai was extremely respectful to him. To get the recognition from the Buda Family, Grandpa Green's approval was required.

This made Megan nervous. When she saw Green, she didn't know what to speak, this made Green and Merine very amused.

At this point, Megan knew that Laura was just teasing her and chased her around for a long time. However, as a result, this made Megan look better in the eyes of the elders, and in the end she got Green's recognition.

These past few days, Zhao Hai had been busy sailing. So he didn't have the time to bring Megan back to Iron Mountain Fort. He just waited for a proper time before going back.

And now, when Megan heard Laura, she became very curious. She had known about Iron Mountain Fort for quite some time, but Laura and the others didn't talk much about it. She just knew that the Milk Wine that was very in demand in the continent was produced in the fort, this made her want to take a look at the place.

But Zhao Hai really didn't have much time to return to the fort. So Megan had no other choice but to wait. Now that they're on their return trip, there was now a lot of spare time, naturally it was also time to go back to the fort and take a look.

Just as Megan was about to ask Zhao Hai as to when he plans to take her to Iron Mountain fort, a hawk's sound was suddenly heard. Zhao Hai turned his head and saw that it was coming from a Blood Hawk, but he didn't know where this one came from. So he immediately called it down and took the letter attached on its body. When Zhao Hai read the letter, his expression sank.

Laura looked at Zhao Hai and knew that something important just happened. She quickly asked, "What is it Brother Hai? Did an accident happen?"

Zhao Hai handed the letter off to Laura, which made Laura's calm face change. She muttered, "It's surprisingly Uncle Evan, 200 thousand mercenaries? How is this possible? Are they fools?"

Meg looked puzzled at Laura, "Sister Laura, what happened?"

Laura gave the letter to Meg, "The letter is from Uncle Evan, he said that Casa City is suddenly besieged by 100 thousand mercenaries. There was also another 100 thousand outside the city's vicinity to block reinforcements for the Purcell Family. Currently, Casa City is receiving no help, it will be broken into in five days."

Although Megan didn't read the letter, she stared blankly just by listening to Laura's words. Even if she wasn't an expert in military, hearing about 200 thousand mercenaries made her feel the absurdity of the situation, are the mercenaries crazy? 200 thousand mercenaries actually grouped up to attack a duchy? This was something a military would do, Megan looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Big Brother Hai, which extraordinary person did the Purcell Family offend? Otherwise, why would so many mercenaries attack them? 200 thousand mercenaries, even if people who didn't understand militaires would definitely think that they are just soldiers in disguise."

Zhao Hai nodded, "It should be Southern King Boris. Back when Ruyen was heading home, Southern King acted against her, but was saved by the Swordfish Ship that I had sent. And now that Ruyen came home safely, it seems like Boris wants to extinguish the Purcell Family."

Laura turned to look at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, what do you want to do?"

Zhao Hai thought for a moment and said, "We'll go discuss this with Grandpa Green as well as Uncle Smith. Both of them are veterans in politics, they should have good inputs on this matter. As for the fleet, let them head towards Jade Water City. Let Mu'en handle this matter."

Laura nodded, "Mu'en can deal with it, in any case, he only needs to hand them over to Trezebo. We should indeed ask Grandpa Green's advice, however, he had minimum contact with the outside world lately. I think Uncle Smith's input is very valuable this time."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he immediately gave the Ghost Staff over to a Blood Hawk before sending it flying towards Sky Water City. At the same time, he had the five-masted ships gotten from the Markey Family to head to Jade Water City. He also left the traded items behind as well as an undead Water Mage to freeze the goods over. After that, everyone went to the Space and returned to Iron Mountain Fort.

Megan didn't think that this would be the reason why she could go to Iron Mountain Fort. After arriving at the fort, Zhao Hai had Meg take Megan to walk around and see the place. Zhao Hai found Green and the others in the living room, then he told them about Evan's matter.

Green frowned and said, "Of course we need to help, but if we do, then wouldn't we be exposing our status?"

Zhao Hai snorted and said, "If we get exposed, then we get exposed. We happen to be looking for an opportunity to do so. It's time to let the continent know that the Buda Clan has risen back. Grandpa Green, it seems like our Buda Clan's Wild Dragon Banner hadn't been shown in the continent for quite some time, should we take it?"

Green stared blankly before he stood up and laughed. From his body an intense killing aura, only those who experienced the battlefield would have, appeared, making the temperature in the room decrease by a several degrees.

Green turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Young Master, have you really decided?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I've decided. Our Wild Dragon Banner must return to the face of the continent. Let people know that our Buda Clan is back."

Green laughed, "Alright, the Wild Dragon Banner needs to be inherited, one day it would land in your hands. Now that the strength of our Buda Clan has increased, I think it's time for the Young Master to receive it. Young Master, please wait, I'll go bring it right away."

Before long, Green arrived while carrying a neatly folded scarlet cloth. When he arrived at the living room, he unfolded his hands and revealed the banner.

The banner was 2 meters high by 4 meters wide, fully red, and embroidered with a clawed dragon. This wasn't a Chinese dragon, but a Western dragon with wings. But the embroidery was quite abstract, the dragon was drawn on its side, along with some fire coming out of its mouth.

However, what made Laura and the others surprised was that the banner looked a bit tattered. A hole was even present on the middle of it, but not damaging the dragon image. On the contrary the hole was lined with gold thread, making it glitter.

Zhao Hai was excited while looking at this banner, from the memories he obtained from Adam, he knew the significance of this banner. This was a War Banner of the Buda Clan's First Patriarch. The banner itself was made with the most common red fabric, the dragon was also embroidered with ordinary yellow thread. However, during a battle, the First Patriarch was seriously injured while the flag was heavily damaged. The First Patriarch picked up the banner and wrapped it around his body, and

struggled to survive while wearing it. In the end, they won the battle, and the banner was soaked with the blood of the family, making it even more scarlet red.

Afterwards, the Aksu Empire's Emperor personally assigned someone to use fire silk to fix the banner as well as use gold threads to redraw the dragon before giving it back to the Buda Clan. The Clan then continually used the banner for several wars and battles, even though the the cloth and the silk were getting damaged, the Clan never changed the banner. Finally, when they left Aksu Empire's capital, Green sold all of their things aside from the Clan's banner. This banner could be said to be the spirit of the Buda Clan.

Green looked at the War Banner and turned to Zhao Hai, "Young Master, this Banner represents the honor of our Buda Clan. Today, I bestow this banner to you. I hope you take the Clan's honor into heart. And most importantly, you must wave this banner in front of the Continent and let them know who is truly invincible!"

He said before handing the banner over to Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai received the banner and solemnly nodded, "Grandpa Green, be relieved. I will certainly ingrain the image of this banner onto the eyes of everyone in the continent, I promise!"

Green laughed, and at the same time, tears flowed down his face. More than a year, it was more than a year before the Buda Clan had been relocated. Ever since being relocated, Green had always hoped that the banner could re-emerge into the continent. Now that the opportunity has arrived, the continent would have to know, that the Buda Clan is back!"

Meg and Merine were also silently shedding tears on the side. After experiencing everything, the banner had finally been handed over to Zhao Hai, and he even appeared very noble while doing so.

Zhao Hai turned to Green and said, "Grandpa Green, I'll go now. Since the Buda Clan is going to reappear on the continent, do you have any other advice?"

Green looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Young Master, I only have a few words. You must express the power and prestige of this flag, you cannot discredit this flag."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he folded the flag before sending it to the Space. But as the War Banner entered the Space, a prompt was unexpectedly heard, "Inheritance-type Special Item detected. Item can only be



passed from generation to generation. Added to spirit department, special item class. This item can be used in battle, bound to the host, cannot be damaged, cannot be dropped. Can enhance soldiers, and increase host's leadership ability. Increases the Host's influence, loyalty of subordinates to the host increased. Also increases the Space's attack power."

Zhao Hai froze, he didn't expect the banner to be very special. He quickly told Green about this development.

After listening, Green laughed, "Good! The Space is truly made for the young master, it actually recognizes the family's treasure. This would be a great help to the Young Master. Right, the Young Master should leave. Don't hesitate to approach us if you ever need anything."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he led Laura and the others to return to the Space. After looking at the monitor, they saw the blood hawk quickly flying towards Sky Water City. Then he shifted to the Haven, and upon seeing that there were no other ships in the vicinity, he immediately stored the ship into the Space.

The group sat in the living room and looked carefully at the screen. Laura sat beside Zhao Hai and gently said, "Brother Hai, this time if we use the Buda Clan's War Banner, will those people shift their attention to the Black Wasteland? What do we do if they send some people over to investigate?"

Zhao Hai who was looking at the screen snorted, "They can come, but they won't be able to return. This time I've planned let out 10 thousand creatures for the attack, too much is no good. The rest of the undead, about 100 thousand, will be left behind the Black Wasteland. And with Cai'er, even if they send in a 9th rank, they wouldn't be able to leave."

Laura didn't oppose and just asked again, "Isn't 10 thousand too few?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "10 thousand is already a lot. There are several Dark Mages who can command 10 thousand undead to battle. For me to dominate with these 10 thousand could already shake some people."

Laura nodded, and then said, "Alright, 10 thousand is enough. We can also turn those we attack into undead, this way, nobody would get suspicious."

Zhao Hai nodded, at this time the Blood Hawk arrived outside Sky Water City. Zhao Hai and the others immediately flashed out of the Space and then rode horses directly towards the City Lord's Mansion.

Zhao Hai repeated his movements from before and sent a Blood Hawk to inform Smith about his arrival.

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It was already afternoon, Smith and Randolph were in the living room talking about Zhao Hai. Megan had already been gone for ten days, they were now worried.

At this time, a hawk's cry came. When Smith heard this, he knew that it must be the Blood Hawk. He immediately had someone go out and retrieve the letter from the Hawk. After reading the letter, Smith quickly had Phil go to the side entrance and receive Zhao Hai. At the same time, he also returned to the living room and said to Randolph, "Father, Little Hai and Megan's group had come back. But this time it seems like they came with an important matter, they seem to be anxious."

Randolph knitted his brows and said, "What could it be? Alright, we'll just wait for them here. For them to return this soon, they must have something they needed to discuss with you."

Smith nodded, at this time Zhao Hai's group arrived at the side entrance and was greeted by Phil, "Mister, Miss, you're already back? Come in, the Patriarch is waiting."

Thunder seemed to erupt in Zhao Hai's mind as he heard Phil's words. But no matter what, he had to meet this man from the Calci Family, so he didn't say anything. However, Megan's face changed, "Grandpa is here? Does Grandpa oppose my engagement with Big Brother Hai? Grandpa Phil, what did Grandpa say?"

Phil smiled and said, "Young Lady need not worry, the Patriarch already agreed to your engagement. Now, the City Lord and the Patriarch are waiting in the living room, come in quickly."

Megan relaxed her uneasy expression, she was really worried that Randolph would stop her engagement with Zhao Hai.

## Chapter 429 - Primary Interest

Zhao Hai and the others headed towards the living room with Phil. They saw that Smith was already standing outside the door, so Zhao Hai gave a bow and said, "Uncle Smith"

Because they still hadn't married, and adding on to the customs of Great Nobles, Zhao Hai can only call him Uncle Smith right now.

Smith nodded and said, "Alright, let's enter the room and meet Megan's Grandfather. Megan hurry up, your grandpa has already waiting for you for several days."

Megan nodded and ran into the room. Zhao Hai then went along with Smith as they slowly entered. When Zhao Hai entered the living room, he saw Megan sitting on an old man and acting like a spoiled brat.

The man looked very old, having hair that was somewhat grayish white, but it was extremely well kept. He wore a stern face and most importantly, he had an imposing aura about him. Comparing this aura to Smith, one could see that he held a much higher standing than the City Lord.

Smith turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, this is Megan's Grandfather."

Zhao Hai immediately went forward and bowed, "Zhao Hai has seen Grandpa Patriarch."

Randolph nodded, then he looked at Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai was already experienced with this situation, so he just calmly stood there, returning Randolph's gaze.

Then with a deep voice, Randolph said, "Sit". Zhao Hai complied and sat down. Randolph didn't speak again, and just looked at Zhao Hai. However, Zhao Hai wasn't in the mood for this right now, so he turned to Smith and said, "Uncle Smith, I have a matter to discuss with you today."

Smith stared at Zhao Hai and said, "What matter?"

Then Zhao Hai told Smith about the Purcell Family's situation, and then expressed his intention to provide help. Smith and Randolph both frowned while listening to Zhao Hai's words. After waiting for

Zhao Hai to finish, Smith looked at him and said, "Do you really want to help? Moreover, you will use the Buda Clan's Banner?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I do, and I'm capable of helping them. Moreover, the Purcell Family had given some grace to our Buda Clan. Even if the Purcell family is an established noble of the Aksu Empire, they still chose to give aid to my Clan."

Without even waiting for Smith to speak, Randolph opened his mouth and said, "You should go and help them. You would be using your undead right?"

Zhao Hai nodded, and was confused as he stared at Randolph. When he entered the room, he could see that Randolph was somewhat upset with him. He knew the old man wasn't very happy to speak to him. But he didn't think that Randolph would actually support his decision.

Randolph didn't stare at Zhao Hai for a long time. He opened his mouth and continued, "Since there hadn't been any major battles in the continent these past years, we Dark Mages barely had any opportunity to show our might. This made people forget about how formidable the undeads of our profession were. If you help the Purcell Family this time, you would surely need to use your undead, you could also make use of this situation to show the continent how fearful a Dark Mage was inside a battlefield. Therefore, not only do you need to endure, you should win, and make sure that it's an overwhelming victory. You must express the might and power of a Dark Mage."

Zhao Hai nodded, but Smith said, "I've heard about this matter, I think the 200 thousand mercenaries are only used to deceive people. When other people see it, they would understand what's going on. However, this matter was well thought out, from what I've got, the other side wasn't very violent towards Casa City. I think they might have been waiting for you to appear. As long as you go, they would then immediately deal with you. You wouldn't fare well if they send a 9th rank expert, are you really confident?"

When Zhao Hai heard Smith, he couldn't help but stare. Then he asked, "The really came for me?"

Smith nodded and said, "I'm not sure of it in the beginning, but now that you came, I think that this is the case. They don't know your true identity, but they know of Zhao Hai the Dark Mage. And you as a Dark Mage seem to be secretly related to the Purcell Family. In addition to the time when you saved Ruyen some time ago, they reckoned that you will also help Casa City. Therefore, they decided to attack the Purcell Family in hopes that you would come, and then have an expert come and deal with you as

well as the Purcell Family. As the matter stands, your enemy can stand to gain great things with this operation.”

Zhao Hai frowned, “Southern King really has this much influence in Aksu Empire? I didn’t expect this, would the other nobles of the Aksu Empire just ignore it?”

Smith shook his head and said, “It is very likely that Southern King had paid a hefty price so that the Great Nobles would choose to ignore this matter. But it is certain that Southern King cannot hold out for too long, and they would also keep the damages to a minimum. And similarly, they wouldn’t act against other people, only the Purcell Family and you.”

Zhao Hai nodded, and in a serious voice he said, “This is also good. This way, I can beat them once and make them unable to dare to come again. Rest assured, as long as they don’t send five 9th ranks, they will not be able to return from where they came from.”

Hearing this, Smith knew that Zhao Hai wasn’t joking before. When Randolph heard Zhao Hai, his eyes couldn’t help but narrow.

In the past they didn’t believe Zhao Hai’s words, since Zhao Hai said that he was from the Buda Clan, they knew that the demise of the Clan was in large part because of their lack of 9th rank experts. However, now, Zhao Hai actually said that they wouldn’t be able to return if they don’t send five 9th ranks. This meant that four 9th ranks wasn’t a match against this young man.

One must know that in order to deal with four 9th ranks, one would generally need seven to eight 9th ranks to make sure. Otherwise, it would be impossible to entrap the other party. How could the Buda Clan have this much 9th ranks.

However, now that Zhao Hai said this, they thought that maybe he wasn’t lying. Since Zhao Hai wanted to support the Purcell Family immediately, then if he wasn’t confident with dealing with 9th ranks, then there was no point in telling this.

Smith looked at Zhao Hai and knew that he was already set on going, he just nodded and said, “When do you plan to leave?”

Zhao Hai replied, "Right now. This time, Megan wouldn't need to come with me, it's too dangerous. We need to head out immediately, the Purcell Family couldn't hold out for long."

Smith nodded and stared at Zhao Hai, "Do you need our family to send you support? In any case, you're now engaged to Megan, this is also somewhat related to our Calci Family."

Randolph also nodded, "Since you became engaged to Megan, I don't hope for you to get in danger. Boy, will you really go on your own?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Me alone is enough, Uncle Smith, Grandpa Patriarch, I'll be taking my leave," Then he gave a bow before heading out.

At this time, Megan said, "Wait! Brother Hai, I'll go with you."

Zhao Hai stared, then frowned, "Megan, it's fine, we're heading off to war. Although you wouldn't be in relative danger, I think you wouldn't be able to stomach the scene."

Smith and Randolph also frowned, "Right, Megan, you should stay at home. You can't contribute anything if you go."

Megan actually shook her head and said, "No, I must go with Brother Hai. You must let me go."

Zhao Hai looked at Megan's appearance and didn't know what to do. At this time, Laura's voice was heard, "Brother Hai, you should let Megan come. After all, she wouldn't be in any danger."

Seeing the resoluteness in Megan's face, to the point of shedding tears, Zhao Hai's heart couldn't help but soften and said, "Alright, you can come."

Smith's complexion changed and said, "Little Hai, are you really confident? If Megan gets injured, I will never forgive you." Smith also knew Megan's disposition, although Megan didn't have such a strong temperament normally, if she really decided to be stubborn, she wouldn't listen to anybody.

Randolph also knew Megan, therefore he could only frown at Zhao Hai right now. Seeing the two's expressions Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Feel relieved, there won't be any problems. When we come back and Megan lost a single hair on her head, then you can hold me accountable for my sins."

Smith turned to Megan and said, "Megan, what do you think? Do you really want to go?"

Megan nodded with full effort, "Yes, I've decided." Smith couldn't help but sigh, it seems like his little girl really didn't want to stay, so he could only agree, "Alright, you go. But remember that you're not allowed to enter the battlefield." Megan nodded.

Zhao Hai looked at the time and said, "It's already quite late, we need to save time as much as possible. I'm afraid that the Purcell Family wouldn't be able to wait for a long time." Then he bid Smith and Randolph farewell once again before he headed towards the Mansion's side gate.

Phil had already arranged their mounts, then the group hastily left the City Lord's Mansion. When they left the city, Zhao Hai gave a command to Cai'er, "Cai'er, go find an area in Stony Mountain where there is no one, we need an exit." Cai'er complied and got to work.

They already have a Transmission point at Stony Mountain. Originally, the place they could teleport to was only two kilometers around the point, which was the monitor's range. But now, since the range had increased by five times, Cai'er could definitely find some place that was to Zhao Hai's specifications.

Zhao Hai knew that Southern King had started to form suspicions. He might have suspected Zhao Hai of having a magic tool that could teleport people. So he already sent some of his men to monitor Stony Mountain and see if Zhao Hai emerges from there, and if he did, it would confirm Boris' suspicions. This would bring Zhao Hai a ton of trouble, and he didn't want this right now.

Since Cai'er already got into the task, she soon found a suitable place for Zhao Hai to exit. However, they only released a Blue Eyed rabbit to bring the Ghost Staff to survey the place before having it picked up by a Blood Hawk to deliver them straight into the Casa City.

Zhao Hai's group appeared inside an unknown warehouse. This place had been bought by Green in the past. Now they could finally be put to good use. They immediately went out of the warehouse to contact Evan about how they would destroy the enemy.

## Chapter 430 - Gift for Women

Cai'er's movements were quick, before long, she already told Zhao Hai that the Blue-eyed Rabbit had already been released. Now she was waiting for the opportunity to release the Blood Hawk. Zhao Hai wasn't anxious, he had just left Sky Water City and was currently looking for a desolate area so that they could enter the Space.

At this time, Zhao Hai also released Xenomorph. Since the Space had been upgraded, Xenomorph's body also became much bigger. Now its main body was already ten meters high and 20 meters long. The space within its body was now divided into two stories, the upper and lower floor, all in all providing 50 square meters of floor space. Zhao Hai, Laura and the others sat on the upper floor while Blockhead's group sat on the lower floor.

As soon as they entered Xenomorph, it immediately went to Law River and swam in it. However, it cannot swim for a very long time, since it wasn't a Water element Undead.

Not long after Xenomorph entered the water, Cai'er told Zhao Hai that the Blood Hawk has been released. After a couple hours, the hawk would arrive at Casa City.

If one were to travel from Stony Mountain to Casa City, a horse would take two days' worth travel, but for a Blood Hawk, two hours was enough.

Zhao Hai didn't mind it, he just led Xenomorph to swim towards the sea. They were now travelling underwater.

Because Alien cannot travel underwater for too long, Zhao Hai was now considering about having a Water element Undead, something like the Blade-Scaled Whale.

Although he was thinking about this, Zhao Hai knew that it wasn't time to do it. They hid underwater for two hours before the Hawk finally arrived at Casa City. Then Zhao Hai's group went into the Space.

This made Laura and the others quite regretful, this was the first time they saw such a view of the sea. Although it wasn't that early, there was still a bit of light coming from the surface, this made them see all kinds of underwater sceneries, like small fishes swimming. This was a new experience for them.



It was not only them who experienced this for the first time, it was the same for Zhao Hai as well. He hadn't that much time to play around at sea before, now he was just sitting and gazed through Xenomorph's transparent body towards the depths of the sea.

But it was a pity that Xenomorph wasn't suitable for going too deep because of its element. Presently, they could only go on waters near the sea's surface, they wouldn't dare go too deep.

As soon as the group entered the Space, they also immediately went out. The place where they appeared in was exactly the place that Green had bought before. This place was Zhao Hai's temporary transmission point, but lately they hadn't been using it.

But since the place was owned by Green, nobody would come here, so Zhao Hai re-used the it.

Zhao Hai and the others didn't dally in the courtyard, upon arriving, they immediately rode their horses to head towards the Grand Duke's mansion. They didn't sit inside Alien since Casa City was in a state of war, they didn't want to make any unnecessary misunderstandings.

Although Zhao Hai knew that Casa City was in a war, he still froze upon arriving. This was because its current appearance was very far from what it was before.

Casa City was Purcell Duchy's capital, it was even dubbed as the Pearl of the North. Trade was very flourishing here, its streets were very lively.

However, the current Casa City was deserted, not a single person was seen, it was no different from a ghost town. At this moment, a sudden boom was heard, making Zhao Hai look for its source. He understood that the sound must have come from the city wall. His expression couldn't help but change. He didn't expect the enemy to still attack in the evening, no wonder Evan said they couldn't hold on for long.

Zhao Hai frowned and didn't say anything, he immediately had his horse sprint towards the Grand Duke's Mansion's direction. Their action attracted the attention of the people inside the city. Soon, the city's defenders were onto them, doors and gates were closed in order to block them.

Zhao Hai didn't have the time to deal with those people, he just continued on towards the mansion. But upon arriving, Zhao Hai noticed a group blocking his way. There were a thousand knights in front of them, all paying attention to Zhao Hai. The lead Knight closed his visor and seemed to be in the ready for a charge.

When Zhao Hai saw this, he couldn't help but immediately stop his horse. Then he bowed to the knight and said, "To the Purcell family knight, my name is Zhao Hai, I came to see the Grand Duke, I'll have to give you the trouble of informing him."

The Knight stared, he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You said that you're Zhao Hai? Does Mister Zhao Hai intend to help our Purcell Family?"

Zhao Hai faintly smiled, "I wouldn't dare. I'm just here since the Grand Duke sent me a letter asking for assistance, please do notify him." The knight excitedly raised his Knight's spear, an act which Zhao Hai knew was a knight's way of salute. Then the knight said, "Mister, please wait a bit. I will immediately return, the Grand Duke is still currently at the walls defending." Then the knight turned towards the wall.

Zhao Hai didn't mind it, it was a special time, so it was natural for them to be careful. He looked at the Cavalry by his side, they should be the elite troops of the Purcell Family. The weakest of them were 4th rank while the strongest were 6th rank. This wasn't a bad composition, it clearly showed the high caliber of the Purcell Family. It really deserved to be called a Great Clan with its rich heritage.

While Zhao Hai was inspecting the cavalry, the cavalry were also inspecting him. For them, Zhao Hai's name was very well known. He was quite popular among the people of the Purcell Family since he had helped them in the past.

What's most important was his and Laura's legendary love story, it was the people's favorite topic to talk about in their spare time. Although Zhao Hai had been gone for quite some time, if you mention his name in Casa City, it was impossible for people to not know him, those who don't number in the scarce few.

But now that they look at Zhao Hai, they couldn't help but feel disappointed. He looked very ordinary, dressed ordinary, even his magic staff looked very ordinary. He didn't look any special while sitting on his horse. Then they saw Laura and Megan who were at the back, so they immediately knew it was indeed Zhao Hai since Laura's face was very well known inside Casa City.

Before long, the sound of hooves galloping was heard as two shadows were quickly approaching. With his own eyes, Zhao Hai noticed Evan beside the Knight.

After Evan arrived in front of Zhao Hai, he immediately pulled the reins and jumped down from his horse. Then he laughed and said, "Zhao Hai, good, you really came. You really made me worried, if you came a few days later, then you wouldn't be able to see me anymore."

Zhao Hai also jumped down from his horse, he bowed and said, "Little Nephew has seen Uncle Evan. Uncle really has been living a great life for a few thieves to attack him."

Evan laughed, "Boy, this isn't any small thief. It's that son of a b\*tch Boris. If he doesn't kill me this time, then he won't live well."

Evan was originally a warrior, he had wandered outside before. Even if he had been immersed in being a Grand Duke for the past years, his unyielding warrior spirit was still ingrained to his very bones. This time, this trait of his was rediscovered as he himself fought in battle to kill his enemies.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Nephew has heard of this matter, I'm afraid that this this situation was caused by me, so I came here in order to help solve it. After receiving your letter, I immediately made haste to come here. Right, Uncle, let me make an introduction, you've already seen Laura, Meg, and Nier, you should also recognize Blockhead and Rockhead. This is Shue, this is Shun, this is my new fiancée, the Calci Family's princess, Megan. Megan, this is Uncle Evan, Purcell Duchy's Grand Duke."

Megan blushed and then bowed to Evan, "This one has met Uncle Evan."

Evan laughs and said, "Good, good, this youngster really has a gift for women. In such a short time, you already have another fiancée. Right, we shouldn't be talking here, let's enter the mansion."

Zhao Hai then replied, "Uncle Evan, it seems like someone is attacking the city. Is it alright to leave the walls as it is?"

Evan shook his head and said, "It should be fine, it's evening, those fellows wouldn't make that much of an effort. They would wait until the day before doing so." Then he led Zhao Hai's group into the Grand

Duke's Mansion. The scene earlier made the knights confused, they knew that Zhao Hai had a good relationship with the Purcell Family, but they didn't expect it to be this good. From Evan's actions, it seems like he didn't treat Zhao Hai as any other outsider.

This made it strange for those who didn't know Zhao Hai's true identity. They already heard that his relationship with Evan was good, but the two of them didn't have that much contact. So how was it that the two of them were so familiar with each other?"

After the group entered the mansion, Zhao Hai noticed something different. At this time, Zhao Hai didn't notice a lot of servants, instead there were a lot of warriors inside. All of these people were naturally the Purcell Family's foreign elders, since the family was now in a crisis, it was their duty to come and support it.

When Evan arrived, he immediately greeted every person he came across, before long, the group arrived at the living room. After sitting down, a warrior came and offered them some tea. Evan wasn't polite, he took the tea and drank it before he turned to Zhao Hai, "It's fortunate that you came quickly. If you were a few days late, I'm afraid you won't be able to help anymore. Those guys are too powerful, they have quite a lot of 8th ranks. But even if they didn't seem to have a 9th rank expert, the ancestor gave word two days ago that the other side had quite a number of 9th ranks among them. If the ancestor came out this time, the other party would be forced to act."