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Chapter 551 - Marriage

Nobody expected Ruyen to return to the Purcell Duchy. Right now, she has been changed, she was very much like another person. Zhao Hai sent her to the Duchy because of her familiarity with the place, not because of the Purcell Family's reputation.

Now, the Purcell Duchy was not named Purcell Duchy anymore. It was renamed to the Northern Border. There is only an ordinary Noble here, not a Grand Duke.

However, this Noble was Boris' trusted aide. This made Boris relieved in in placing him in the territory. Boris was now one of the people who hated the Radiant Church the most. Because of the Radiant Church's machinations, he fell into his current situation. Although he had earned the Aksu Empire's throne, he was actually in very deep debt. His current mood was not very good.

It was not only because of this, because of his error, the Aksu Empire had suffered a huge loss. This made his reputation among the Empire's nobles come crashing down. At present, there were a lot of Nobles who didn't obey him.

The only reason why he was still on the throne was because the Aksu Imperial Family still held a huge influence inside the Empire. And even if the members of the Imperial Family were unhappy with Boris, they knew that if he were to be dethroned, nobody was qualified to please the public. Failure to control the populace would lead to the Nobles gaining more control. So for the sake of the Aksu Imperial Family, the members had no other choice than to support Boris.

Boris also knew about his current situation, therefore he exerted extra effort in arranging his trusted men to hold important positions. So when time comes where the others would want to deal with him, it wouldn't be very easy.

The Aksu Empire's current situation was actually fragile. If a powerful force gently nudged the Empire, then the Aksu Empire would have to change its name.

But no matter what, the Aksu Empire's dilemma was caused by the Beastmen. Anyone who wanted to touch them right now would be despised, therefore nobody took the risk.

When talking about the matter of who would take over the Aksu Empire, unless they were the Rosen Empire, no large influence would be able to face such a mess.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wasn't thinking about any of these. And even if Zhao Hai appears in the Aksu Empire, Boris would not dare to have some disrespect towards him. All the hatred between the two of them were all Boris' fault. And now, Zhao Hai's status was no longer much lower than him, who was an emperor. At this point, Boris can only choose to do good for Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't care about this, he just wanted to hand the Purcell Duchy's affairs over to Ruyen. He also did this under the consent of Green and Merine.

Green and Merine agreed to it after talking it over with Evan. After Green agreed, Zhao Hai knew that his relationship with Ruyen had already been decided. Ruyen might marry him in the near future.

But compared to Laura and the others, Ruyen's current status surely has a gap for Zhao Hai. If she wanted to marry Zhao Hai, she would need to make some achievements. This management of the shops in Purcell Duchy, now called Northern Border, was Green's way of testing her.

If Ruyen does well, then she would probably be married to Zhao Hai. If she doesn't, then it would be difficult to be Zhao Hai's wife.

Zhao Hai thought that Ruyen's arrogance would have her disagree with this condition. But Zhao Hai didn't expect her to accept it without any hesitation. Zhao Hai knew that Ruyen might have some feelings for him, but not as deep as what Laura and the others had. The reason why she agreed was most likely because of the future of the Purcell Duchy.

The Purcell Family must rely on the Buda Clan to survive as well as to progress. For the Purcell Family, Ruyen agreed to be married to Zhao Hai.

After Zhao Hai heard about this result, he sighed. He didn't object to it. He knew that such an agreement would come. But he wasn't expecting it to happen with Ruyen.

In fact, even if Ruyen didn't make any achievements, Zhao Hai would still be married to her later on. This marriage had a lot of advantages, one could even call it a political marriage. If Ruyen gets married to

Zhao Hai, then the Purcell Family would be sheltered by the Buda Clan. On the other hand, if Zhao Hai gets married to Ruyen, the Purcell Family would be willing to follow the Buda Clan.

Although Zhao Hai's wives aren't any lower than one another, but one must say that the most helpful to Zhao Hai right now was Laura. Although Laura's status can't compare to either Megan and Lizzy, but one shouldn't forget that the Markey Family was now almost merged with the Buda Clan. This gave the Buda Clan a lot of talented people to use. Although Megan and Lizzy's statuses were high, they couldn't achieve something like Laura. Their families were just too formidable, and all of them were centered on their own family's benefit. It wouldn't be possible for them to help the Buda Clan while sacrificing their own benefits. Therefore, even if they publicly supported Zhao Hai, it wasn't something hugely significant.

However, Laura's support was very solid. With the Buda Clan's present strength, they didn't need public support, they need support like Laura's. This was something that Lizzy and Megan can't compete with.

Zhao Hai was aware of this, so he was also inclined to marry Ruyen so that he could get the full support of the Purcell Family. Even if the Purcell Family was now in a low point, they still had a lot of personal connections that the Buda Clan can make use of.

Establishing a Clan was much more difficult than what others imagine. Money, personal connections, strength, territory were all indispensable. Although the Buda Clan was doing very well, aside from strength, they were weak in all other aspects. Therefore, Zhao Hai wanted to fulfill those deficiencies in order to grow the Buda Clan further.

One has to recognize that Zhao Hai was a person who has a good sense of crisis, it was because of this that he was very careful in his every action. But he didn't oppose to this marriage. He also believed that Laura and the others wouldn't object to it. These women had given their hearts to Zhao Hai and the Buda Clan. They wouldn't oppose to anything that can benefit the Buda Clan.

The more he thought about this, the more Zhao Hai felt that he owed the ladies a lot. Zhao Hai hoped that they get pregnant as soon as possible. But it was a pity that even if he has tried so hard these past few month, Laura and the others still weren't pregnant.

And when the Space checked, he doesn't have any issues, the same was true for Laura and the others as well. It seems like they were only having bad luck.

Upon looking at the situation at the Northern Border, Zhao Hai felt relief. Then he prepared to set off for the Prairie. The first place that he would visit would be the Cows. Although it was proper for him to go to Beast God City first, he opted to visit the Herculean Bulls. After all, this was his tribe, and he was their Prince.

Zhao Hai didn't ride Alien after he went out of the Space. Instead, he released a Blood Hawk and then sat in it as it went out from the Space. This time, the people who accompanied him were only Shun and Shue since both of them didn't have much to do. Laura and the others were left behind since they had some other matters to attend to. If they also came out with Zhao Hai, things would be much more inconvenient.

Seeing three Blood Hawks coming from the skies didn't make the Cows panic. The Herculean Bulls already knew that the Blood Hawks were Zhao Hai's mounts.

After Zhao Hai landed, he was immediately welcomed by the Herculean Bulls. Zhao Hai was also glad to see them as he returned the gesture. He talked with them for quite some time and gave them his Milk Wine.

Zhao Hai's Milk Wine output was now very high. And to guarantee its price, Zhao Hai didn't sell a huge bulk of them to the continent. Therefore, he saved a lot of these Milk Wine inside the Space. And since the Beastmen loved liquor, it was a good idea to gift them some.

These Beastmen liked Zhao Hai very much, he seemed more like a Beastman unlike the other humans they had met before. And everytime they greet him, he has some small gifts that he'd give them, this made the Beastmen very glad.

At this time, Mendez's voice was heard, "You bastards, get out of the way." When the people heard Mendez, they grunted a bit before they all ran away.

Mendez used this opportunity to approach Zhao Hai. Then he looked at Zhao Hai while shaking his head and smiling bitterly, "Little Hai, you can't make those guys get used to receiving your gifts every time you meet."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "It's fine, those are little gifts, not really worth much money. It's good that it makes them happy. Right, let's go in." Then he walked to the main tent along with Mendez.

Wales, Yale, and Kony were already inside the tent. When Zhao Hai came in, Wales couldn't help but laugh, "Little Hai, why did you only come this time? Our attack with the Humans was already finished for quite some time."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I only found time recently. You made the Aksu Empire very miserable. I sold some grain over there and made quite a small wealth."

Wales quickly replied, "What did you sell to the Aksu Empire? Bread Fruits?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "No, I sold them Bamboo Rice. What happened? You didn't get a lot of food this time?"

Without even waiting for Wales to speak, Kony laughed and said, "You can't be anymore wrong this time, Little Hai. We got a lot of good things this time. And it is because of you."

Zhao Hai became confused as the looked at Wales and the others. Wales couldn't help but smile and said, "Because of the information that you provided, we managed to defeat the Aksu Empire and the Radiant Church. And since you're a Foreign Prince of our Herculean Bull Tribe, the Beast King decided to give your credit to our tribe. Therefore, we managed to get a lot of things this time."

When Zhao Hai heard Wales, he smiled and said, "Well, that means the tribe wouldn't need to buy food for a long time. Right, I brought over some daily necessities. I don't know if you still need it."

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Wales smiled and said, "Oh, you really didn't have to. You might now know, but we got much more than food this time. We also managed to get some daily necessities."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I heard that you came to the Purcell and Iksa territories, but I thought you didn't get much. But if you need some in the future, don't hesitate to tell me. Right, I'll be leaving fifty

Blood Hawks here. These things can be used more as scouts. But it's a real pity that your bodies are too big. You won't be able to use them as mounts."

When Wales heard Zhao Hai, his face turned happy as he said, "Fantastic, I have a lot of uses for them right now. Then I'll be impolite and accept them."

Zhao Hai smiled, "No need to be polite with me. Right, do you have any food? I'm quite hungry. I have to go to Beast God City tomorrow. It's been a long time since I went there, do you know the situation there right now?"

Wales asked, "You directly went here from the Human lands? I thought you went to Beast God City first."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm not too anxious about going to Beast God City, I don't have a lot of things to do there right now. Because of the things that you've brought back, I think doing business there wouldn't be a good idea at this time. Therefore, I decided to come here first."

Wales felt moved as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother, your sentiment really leaves me speechless. Right no need to talk anymore, come with me for a drink. If I don't have you fall face down today, then I would be very unfair to you."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "I'm not afraid. Did you think that my alcohol tolerance stayed the same as before? Let's see who'll end up face down." Then the group laughed as they walked out of the tent.

Now, when Zhao Hai comes to the Herculean Bull tribe, Wales doesn't even need to have someone prepare the feast. The Herculean Bulls would already prepare the food as soon as they see him. These people usually receive Zhao Hai's liquor, and they didn't want to just be on the receiving end all the time. So everytime Zhao Hai came, they would prepare some good food from their households. And if they don't have any food, they can just kill some Argali to welcome Zhao Hai.

When the group arrived outside, the Argali and the bulls were already being roasted. What surprised Zhao Hai was that there were two things that were like mouse on the fire. This made Zhao Hai feel strange.

But when Wales saw those two mice, his eyes couldn't' help but turn bright as he said, "Grass Marten? Who brought these things?"

A large Herculean Bull came with a grin on his face. He also had one of those creatures tied up in his hands, then he placed it in front of Zhao Hai and said, "Young Master Hai, when I went out today, I managed to spot these three things. I originally wanted to eat them myself, but since you came, I decided to contribute them and have one given to you since I know you like these peculiar things."

Zhao Hai looked at the Green Marten curiously. This thing looked just like a big mouse but its skin was green and its eyes were bright black. It looked very cute.

Wales looked at Zhao Hai's expression and smiled, "This Grass Marten is one of the Prairie's unique Magic Beasts. Its level isn't high, only about 3rd rank. But it's very fast, it can hide in the grass effectively as well. And most importantly, this thing is a rare delicacy. Remember, if you eat this thing, just eat it as is, no need to add anything other than salt. Its innate flavor is the best."

Then Wales turned his head to the large Herculean Bull and said, "Daws, you really are something. You should make sure to manage your fat. If you get any bigger, people might mistake you to be from the Pig-headed Race. Right, are there a lot of Grass Martens in the Prairie right now? How did you manage to get three?"

Daws didn't mind Wales' words, he only grinned as he answered, "Patriarch, I also came here to tell you about this matter. I recently discovered that there are a lot of Grass Martens around recently. Do you have any solutions for this?"

Wales knit the eyebrows on his head, he knew that even if these Grass Martens taste good, they were one of the pests that can destroy pastures. If the surrounding Grass Martens get to a large number, they would start to hunt and kill, affecting the herds of the Beastmen.

Zhao Hai didn't frown upon hearing this, he just turned and smiled to Wales, "Brother, you don't need to worry too much about this. Don't you have a lot of Blood Hawks? The Blood Hawks are adept in hunting these things. In any case, you still need to feed the hawks, so might as well have them look for their own food, making them hunt these Grass Martens."

Wales stared for a moment before he nods, "That's right, hawks are the natural predators of the Grass Martens. Good, let's do that. Daws it seems like you don't only know how to eat. Right, I need to reward you. Little Hai, come give this guy something."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "Brother, but you said that you're going to reward him. How did the price become my responsibility?" Although he said so, he still took out a big bag of Milk Wine and handed it to Daws. Upon receiving the bag, Daws' happiness can be evidently seen on his face.

At this time, the table was already prepared. Then Zhao Hai and Wales sat down before they happily chatted and drank. The group didn't stop until all of them had gotten drunk.

The next morning, after Zhao Hai left the fifty Blood Hawks behind, he left the Herculean Bull Camp and then flew towards Beast God City.

He hasn't gone to the neither the Mastiffs nor the Black Bears. Although he has good relationships with them, they still came lower compared to the Herculean Bulls. Therefore, Zhao Hai passed by them and directly went to Beast God City.

Beast God City was much more prosperous than before. However, even if there were a lot of Beastmen, Zhao Hai didn't see a lot of Humans. Another strange thing to Zhao Hai was because these Beastmen were also sitting down and doing business.

After finding a place outside Beast God City, Zhao Hai left the Space. Then the three walked towards Beast God City. When they arrived, they can see a lot of Beastmen looking at them with hostile eyes.

Zhao Hai didn't care about those gazes. He understood the minds of those Beastmen. They had just fought with Humans and there were no Human Merchants who came here yet. Therefore, Zhao Hai's appearance this time was very eye-catching.

But Zhao Hai believed that those Beastmen wouldn't do anything to him. They only looked at him this way because he didn't have his carriage nor his friendship flags.

Also, when Zhao Hai arrived at the city, a carriage immediately came over to fetch him, it's driver was Ah Tai.

When the Beastmen saw Ah Tai, they looked at each other and then smiled. Those who did business with Ah Tai greeted him, even the hostile eyes towards Zhao Hai disappeared.

All the Beastmen knew that the Magic Lily Shop has the friendship flags of the Dog-headed race as well as the Black Bears. But these friendships flags weren't earned by Ah Tai, instead it was obtained by his boss. At the same time, Ah Tai's boss not only gained the friendship flags of those two races, he was also the Foreign Prince of the Herculean Bull Tribe.

When Ah Tai went and greeted Zhao Hai personally, their status became clear. Therefore, the looks of these Beastmen towards Zhao Hai changed.

Ah Tai drove the carriage up to Zhao hai and then jumped down. After that, he bowed to Zhao Hai and said, "Young Master, I hope that you didn't wait for me for a long time."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "It's fine, I'm enjoying the walk. I didn't think that the Beastmen would do business here. I thought that they only trade with the Humans."

Ah Tai smiled and said, "Young master might not know, but Beastmen trade as well. Not trading for their entire lives might be possible, but there were rare times when they would, like this time. I heard that they were trading for their spoils of war. They might have things that they deemed useless but can be used by other tribes. Therefore, they might as well exchange some items with each other.

Zhao Hai nodded, then he looked at the transactions of the Beastmen and saw that it was just like what Ah Tai said. There were indeed some things that are useless for the Beastmen, this was because those things are specially made for Human use. For the Beastmen, these items belonged to the weak, but they decided to trade them for something since it was a pity to just throw them out.

When Zhao Hai went got on the carriage, Ah Tai immediately drove the vehicle to enter the city and headed to Magic Lily Shop. Ah Tai's two children as well as Sister-in-law was already waiting for Zhao Hai at the store.

After Zhao Hai got out, Ah Tai's whole family immediately came to welcome him. After they sat down on the backyard, Ah Tai looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Young Master, the business in our shop hasn't been doing good these days. The Beastmen had gotten a lot of good things from the recent war. In the

present time, the Beastmen didn't lack in both items and food. Because of this, they didn't come and trade with us."

Ah Tai's expression was somewhat guilty, he thinks that this situation was his mistake. But Zhao Hai didn't care, he just waved his hand and said, "No need to be worried, I already thought about this point. Since the Beastmen already had what they need, then naturally they don't need to buy anything more. But you're not being smart enough, you should've been looking at things that the Humans might use. Since those things are useless to the Beastmen, you can trade them for a low price. When I go back to the Human lands, I can just go and sell them. Even they are sold cheap, wouldn't we still be gaining profits?"

Ah Tai stared, then as if he was enlightened, he tapped his head and said, "Why haven't I thought of that? Fortunately, the Young Master reminded me."

Ah Tai's wife then said, "I've also thought about what Young Master suggested, but most of the things that the Beastmen brought were old. Even if we bring them to the mainland, I'm afraid nobody would buy them even at a low price."

Zhao Hai nodded, it seems like Sister-in-law was more wise than Ah Tai, she had already considered a lot of things. Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Sister-in-law, those things are indeed unsellable to the Humans, but these things aren't that bad. Our Buda Clan can still make use of those. Our Clan now has 100 thousand slaves, and the clan still needs to supply them with various things. If we compare buying those things in the mainland with buying them from the Beastmen, we can certainly get much cheaper rates here with the Beastmen.

As soon as Sister-in-law heard Zhao Hai, her eyes couldn't help but light up. "Right, right, I forgot about this. Now that the Beastmen has a lot of these things, we can certainly save some money if we buy it from them."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Therefore, from now on, you need to think about this matter. Not only could we get items cheaply, we can also make a good impression towards the Beastmen."

Ah Tai and Sister-in-law nodded, then Sister-in-law said, "Young Master, after the Beastmen returned to Beast God City, the Beast King left behind a message stating that once you return to the city, you should go and visit him at least once."

Zhao Hai nodded, he believed that the Beast King would certainly do this. He had given the Beastmen a huge help, so the Beast King would definitely not ignore it. Zhao Hai just didn't expect the Beast King to leave a message this soon.

Zhao Hai thought for a moment before he said, "Since I've just arrived, I'll go see the Beast King tomorrow. Right, you don't need to take care of me, I'll be resting." Ah Tai and his wife nodded and left, leaving only Zhao Hai, Shue and Shun in the tent.

Zhao Hai turned his head to Shue and Shun and said, "Looks like things are going smooth this time. As long as we take care of our matters here, well go back to the mainland. Then we'll go explore the other nations, like Lyon Empire, Buddha Empire and the Ocean Waves Dynasty. It would be very regrettable if we don't go there."

Shun smiled and said, "The map of the southern part still wasn't registered in the Space, so we can use this opportunity to place them into the map. Young Master, can we also go and see the Dwarves? From what I heard, they love drinking. Perhaps we can gain good things if we go and see them."

Zhao Hai nodded, "We should go and see them. If we want to get some iron in the mainland, it would be very difficult. But if we approach the Dwarves, we might get the opportunity to trade with them. That would be very advantageous for us"

Shue nodded and said, "Dwarf Iron Mountain is in Buddha Empire. Because of that, the Buddha Empire's Heavy Armor Cavalry was able to move around unhindered. But I heard that the Dwarf Race also have some special plants and animals. If we get those things for the Space, perhaps Young Master can upgrade it. There's nothing more important than increasing the Space's levels right now."

Zhao Hai and Shun nodded. It was true that the most important thing for them right now was to upgrade the Space. Once the Space levels up, it would be able to produce a lot of high level plants. And if they compound those, they might be able to make 8th to 9th level potions. At the very very best, they can make anyone enter 9th rank. Then in the future, they would be able to walk sideways in the continent.

And most importantly, one of the reasons that Zhao Hai was looking forward to the Space reaching level fifty was the ability to use multiple backgrounds.

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Shun knew that what Shue said was right, but he still frowned and said, "Young Master, I think there is a much more suitable place to make the Space Level Up."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I know that you mean the Elven Forest. I also heard that there were a lot of stranger plants there. It certainly is the place most suitable to upgrade the Space. But you should know about the temperament of the Elves. They absolutely hate Humans. If we just rashly enter their forest, they might see it as aggression. Therefore, I'd rather see the Dwarves first. I heard that the Dwarves have some contact with the Elves sometimes. I want to see if we can learn something about the Elves from the Dwarves."

Shun nodded and said, "So that's the case. But is it true? I heard that the Dwarves are hot tempered, with attitudes no worse than the Beastmen. They like to play with iron, drinking liquor, and are generally rude Artisans. One the other hand, the Elves are elegant, seemingly looking like art, and has a huge affection towards music. Would such people have a friendly relationship with the Dwarven Race?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "Who knows, I only read it in a passing note. I don't know if its true or not. But elves disliking the Humans is something everyone on the mainland knows. Therefore, it would be much better for is to head to Dwarf Iron Mountain first."

Shun nodded, then Shue looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Young Master, what do you think the Beast King wants to talk to you about?"

Shun smiled and said, "It should be something good. The Young Master has helped them quite a lot. With the attitude of the Beastmen, they would definitely give benefits to the Young Master."

Shue actually shook his head and said, "Not necessarily. The Beast King is astute, him looking for Young Master might not be a good thing. Young Master, don't think that things would be like the Herculean Bulls where the conclusion came in smoothly. For a person of the Beast King's level, they will definitely think much deeper into this matter. He would surely not completely believe in you even if you helped them this time. Therefore, it would be a good thing if we get careful in interacting with them in the future."

Zhao Hai nodded, "What Shue said is reasonable. Although the Beast King is a Beastman, he is also a King, and had been for several years. His position being stable meant that he is strong both physically and mentally. We do indeed need to be more careful with him in the future."

Then the three people chatted for a while before Ah Tai came and offered Zhao Hai a meal. After eating their meal, Ah Tai started to get busy in preparing to trade goods with the Beastmen. But even so, Zhao Hai didn't actually make an appearance.

The next morning, after Zhao Hai ate his breakfast, he sat in a carriage and headed towards the Beast King's place. There might only be few structures in the city, but the most famous of them was definitely the Beast King's palace.

Although the Beast King Palace had palace in its name, its structure wasn't really that big. It couldn't even compare to a small Human castle. There was no way for the Beastmen to construct such a large building. If a Beastman wanted to build a house, they would have to kill some Magic Beasts. And one should know that Magic Beasts were extremely valuable assets for the Beastmen. They simply cannot bear to kill a lot of them.

Because of this, although the walls of the city wasn't bad, the buildings inside were mainly tents. The few buildings that were inside Beast God City were small buildings of about three stories at most that had their own fences surrounding them. The city's walls can be said to be the most extravagant structure that the Beastmen had made.

There was no fixed master of the Beast King Palace. When the Beastmen changes their King, the new Beast King would relocate to the Beast King Palace. When a King is replaced, then they would naturally need to move out.

It can be said that the Beast King Palace was a holy place in the hearts of all the Beastmen. Therefore, it was understandable for their guards to be very strict. When Zhao Hai arrived outside the Palace, he immediately got out of his carriage and examined the Beast King Palace. The palace walls weren't very high, only about ten meters in height. Above the main entrance, three characters were engraved that spelled Beast King Palace. And at the walls, the flag of the Tiger Race has been placed on a pole and then hoisted up.

Guarding the entrance were four Tiger Beastmen. On their hands were long steel spears. On their waists were leather whips. At the same time, they were also wearing great leather armor. When Zhao Hai stepped forward, he was met with cold looks from these Tiger Beastmen.

Zhao Hai reorganized his clothes and then arrived in front of a guard and gave a salute, "Beastman Brother, hello. I'll have to ask you to inform the Beast King that Zhao Hai has come to answer his summons."

Zhao Hai specifically picked his words, he told the guards that he only came here because he was ordered by the Beast King to do so. This way, the Beastmen guards wouldn't be suspicious of him and might even allow him to go in.

Sure enough, when the guard heard Zhao Hai say his name, his expression immediately lightened up by a few levels. But he still didn't make a move, he just gestured to a big tent beside the palace as he said, "You go to that tent over there. Someone would help you once you enter." After Zhao Hai expressed his gratitude, he immediately headed towards the tent.

The decorations inside the tent were quite simple. There were several small tables inside where a few people were sitting in. Some of these people were Tiger Beastmen while some are from the Fox Tribe.

Zhao Hai didn't dare to ignore them, so he immediately approached a table with a Tiger Beastman and said, "Brother, hello, I'm here in the orders of the Beast King. I'll have to ask brother to send word for me."

The Tiger wasn't as strong as the others. Although his figure was still very tall, he looked a little thin compared to the other people in his race. But if he were compared to Zhao Hai, he would look like a big man.

The Beastman looked at Zhao Hai and faintly smiled, "So it's Mister Zhao Hai. His Majesty did give the word for your visit. Please wait for a while, I'll have someone come and escort you."

After the person left, the five remaining people looked at Zhao Hai curiously. Zhao Hai gave a salute to these people and said, "Everyone, this is our first meeting. I really haven't prepared any good gifts. I hope these bottles of liquor would suffice." Then he gave each of them one bag of his Milk Wine.

The people inside the tent smiled. It was common courtesy to provide gifts when one meets a Beastman for the first time. Since Zhao Hai gave them something, these people immediately felt closer to him.

One of the Fox Beastman, who looked like young man, smiled at Zhao Hai and said, "We've already heard of Mister Zhao Hai's name. For mister to be the Foreign Prince of the Herculean Bull Tribe as well as obtain the friendship flags of the Dog-headed Race and the Black Bear Tribe, this meant that Mister is a true friend to the Beastman. I must invite Mister to visit our Fox Tribe in the future. We have some businesses to discuss with Mister."

The Fox-headed Race was generally considered to be the most wily among the Beastmen. They were notoriously shrewd, and many Merchants were very reluctant in doing business with them. This was because the Foxes were too smart, and there were times where the Merchant's tricks failed because of the shrewdness of these Foxes.

Zhao Hai didn't care about that as he smiled faintly and said, "I'd be happy to do business with the Fox Beastmen. Rest assured, I will certainly give you a visit."

The Fox Beastman smiled and said, "Alright, we shall certainly kill some Argali to welcome you."

At this time, sounds of footsteps could be heard. And before long, the previous Beastman came in from outside. He gave Zhao Hai a small bow and said, "I'm inviting Mister Zhao Hai. His Majesty is already waiting for you."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then placed a bag of Milk Wine on the Beastman's table and said, "Thank you, brother. Please receive this small gift from me."

The Tiger Beastman didn't decline. Based on Beastman tradition, if others gave you a gift and you didn't accept it, then it meant that you didn't regard the other party as a friend. This was very different from the Human race. Back in the Human lands, if one gives you a gift, it was proper practice to decline it for one or two times before receiving it.

Then the two went out of the tent and headed towards the Beast King palace. This time, the guards didn't stop them, the two were immediately allowed inside without any obstructions.

Once inside the Palace, Zhao Hai couldn't stop himself from staring. Inside, he actually cannot see a single Tiger Beastman guard. Most of the people inside were from the Fox Race and the rest were half-Beastmen slaves. All of the people inside were very busy carrying and shuffling Sheepskin scrolls.

The Beast King Palace wasn't a large place, but the entire place looks like a machine in high performance. People were processing documents, filing them, delivering them to another person and then repeat.

Seeing this scene Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. Compared to the Beast King Palace, the Rosen Empire's palace, although very stylish, was very short of this kind of vigorous vitaliy. It was certainly a pity.

Under the leadership of the Tiger Beastman, Zhao Hai quickly navigated through the Palace. And in the middle of it was a small building. In front of this building were a couple of Tiger Beastman guards. They wore leather armor while having two steel whips placed on the back.

Zhao Hai and the Tiger Beastman arrived in front of the guards and said, "This is Mister Zhao Hai, allow him to come in."

The guard nodded, then he waved his hand. The Tiger Beastman nodded and then left.

The guard looked at Zhao Hai and gave him a salute, "Mister, come with me. The Majesty is inside." Zhao Hai returned the courtesy and then followed the guard to enter the building.

Zhao Hai stared as he went in the building. He expected that there would be a living room and some other rooms inside. But in truth, this place was unexpectedly the Beast King's study. Inside, there were several large bookcases. Above the building was a sheepskin curtain, a thick wool carpet was spread on the floor. In the middle of the room was a huge brazier, with flames constantly flashing inside. Not far away behind the brazier was a large table. Behind that table was a chair, of which the Beast King was sitting at, with a lowered head as he wrote. There were several Fox Beastmen nearby as well, silently writing on some documents.

The guard bowed towards the Beast King and said, "Your Majesty, Mister Zhao Hai is here."

The Beast King looked up. Zhao Hai held a chest salute and said, "Zhao Hai has come under the Beast King's summons. I ask his Majesty's forgiveness for me being late."

The Beast King looked at Zhao Hai and laughed, "Good, good. Alright, come and have a seat." The he stood up and walked towards the brazier. Right beside the brazier was a circular table with stools on it side.

Zhao Hai sat alongside the Beast King near the Brazier. The guard immediately heated some Milk Wine on the brazier before serving it to both Zhao Hai and the Beast King before he retreated.

The Beast King held his glass up and hinted towards Zhao Hai before the two of them drank the wine.

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When Zhao Hai saw the Beast King's gesture, he didn't dare to ignore it. Thus, he also drank from his cup.

These days, he has rarely drunk this kind of pure, undistilled Milk Wine. Although the smell of this wine is heavier, he has to recognize that its fragrance made the wine's flavor quite different.

The Beast King smiled when he saw Zhao Hai drink the Milk Wine without his brows wrinkling. He knew that only a few Humans can stomach Milk Wine. There were Human Merchants who had been trading in the Prairie for a long time but still couldn't drink Milk Wine. Zhao Hai wasn't like any of them, he even seems like he loved drinking it.

The Beast King placed his glass down and had the guard serve him another glass. Then the Beast King looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I want to thank you for last time. If it weren't for your help, our Beastman Race would have experienced huge losses."

Zhao Hai also placed his glass down, allowing the guard to fill it back up. He smiled towards the Beast King and said, "Your Majesty is too polite. I treat the Beastmen as my friends, and the Radiant Church as my enemies. There is no reason for me to not help my friends and instead aid my foe."

The Beast King smiled, then he said, "I made someone inquire, and I discovered that the grain that you sell to the Beastmen was priced much lower than other Human Merchants. Why is that?"

Zhao Hai replied, "This isn't something strange. The other Merchants needed to recoup their transportation expenses, but on the other hand, I have my Spatial Bags. Since I use Spatial Equipment in transporting grain to the Prairie, then naturally my prices would be much smaller."

The Beast King nodded, and then he laughed and said, "I'm afraid this method is very difficult for the others to learn. Nobody would use their Spatial Equipment just to transport grain. Hahaha."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly. He knew that what the Beast King said was right. But the actual reason why Zhao Hai's method cannot be copied by the other merchants was because they didn't have Zhao Hai's Space.

The Beast King looked at Zhao Hai and then said, "There aren't any Human Merchants that would dare come to the Prairie at this time. I estimate that this situation would go on for several months. Although we had managed to snatch a lot of things, I'm sure those would run out in a few short months. At the same time, small Merchants would refrain from doing business in the Prairie anymore because of the fair price agreement. In the future, I fear that the food shortage would be even bigger than this time. And when that time comes, we could only get grain at a high price. Do you have any solutions to this?"

Zhao Hai smiled to the Beast King and replied, "Your Majesty, you don't need to worry about this. As long as the Beastmen need food, I can sell it. This is not a problem."

The Beast King stared, then his two eyes turned bright as he looked straight into Zhao Hai's eyes and said, "You mean you have a lot of grain? Are they Bread Fruits?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I have plenty of Bread Fruits, plenty of Bamboo Rice as well. Therefore, Your Majesty don't need to worry about the Prairie's food in the future."

The Beast King looked at Zhao Hai, he seems to think that he had misunderstood what Zhao Hai just said. The reason why he invited Zhao Hai over was to gauge if Zhao Hai is truly a friend to the Beastmen. If Zhao Hai passes his evaluation, then he would give him satisfactory benefits. If he fails, then he even if he wouldn't chase Zhao Hai out, he would still be on guard against him.

But he didn't think that Zhao Hai's reply would be this. He was very clear about the amount of food that the entire Beastman Race needed. It was an astronomical amount.

When Zhao Hai saw the Beast King's expression, he knew what was on the Beast King's mind. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Your Majesty, you don't really have to worry. My territory doesn't only produce Bamboo Rice and Bread Fruit, I also have other things cultivated there. To be honest, if I don't sell my food over to the Beastmen and instead dump them to the Human markets, then I'm afraid the price of food would immediately plummet. And I don't want it to be like that. Therefore, I want to bring them over to the Prairie and sell it here. Not only is the purchase price high in the Prairie, the demand is also very large. And if I sell my products to the Beastmen, I won't be affecting the Human markets, and I won't be destabilizing the economy."

The Beast King nodded, although he was a Beastman, after all these years of being a Beast King he has managed to have some understanding about Human matters. He knew that among the merchants who came to the Prairie, only those big Merchants were able to make a fortune, small Merchants wouldn't be able to earn a lot.

He knew the price of grain on Human lands, but he also knew how much it costs for the humans to transport grain to the Prairie. Aside from artificial reasons, this overhead cost was the reason why prices of grain in the Prairie was very high.

Because of this, the fair price agreement between the Empires and the Beastmen didn't include having the same price as in the Human domain. This was because it would be an unrealistic scenario, and there would be no merchants that would sell food to the Beastmen anymore if that happens.

Moreover, the Beast King also knew that in the Human lands, the influence of each Great Noble Family was very formidable. And with how their grain business is closely tied with their military, these Great Nobles would do their best in order to keep the price constant. Any fluctuation to the market would have huge impact to these Great Nobles.

As for the Buda Clan, the Beast King was aware of it as well. The rise of this clan can only be described as absurd. In a very short year, forget about being a Middle-ranked clan, they immediately became one of the most powerful Clans in the Human continent. This kind of development can only be read in legends.

These information were acquired by the Beast King from the Nobles that they had fought. In truth, he had expected Zhao Hai to be someone who didn't have much reputation among the Humans. But after his inquiries, he managed to find out how big Zhao Hai's fame was.

With Zhao Hai's recent response, the Beast King finally believed that Zhao Hai did really have a huge hatred towards the Radiant Church. But if he adds the Great Nobles to his list of enemies, he wouldn't be able to thrive among his race. Affecting the grain market of the Human Race wasn't something that the Buda Clan can afford to handle.

Seeing the Beast King starting to believe him, Zhao Hai then said, "I really do see the Beastmen as friends. To tell you the truth, I really don't like to interact with other Humans, it's too tiring. Haha."

The Beast King stared at Zhao Hai before he chuckled and then it turned into a laugh. A laugh so thick that it penetrated deep into one's soul.

After some time, the Beast King stopped and then with a deep voice he said to Zhao Hai, "Good, good. Starting today, you're also going be my friend. As well as my Tiger Tribe's friend."

The Beast King wasn't only the alliance leader of the Beastman Race. At the same time, he was also the Patriarch of the the Giant Tiger Tribe. His influence in his tribe was so big that he can claim to say these words.

When Zhao Hai heard the Beast King, his heart couldn't help but beat in glee. He knew how heavy the words of the Beast King were. With those words, he would be able to walk in the Prairie much more freely. Even the famous Tribes of the Prairie would have to give him face.

Zhao Hai immediately stood up and gave a salute, "Zhao Hai is very thankful to His Majesty."

The Beast King waved his hand and had Zhao Hai sit down, then he said, "Our Beastman Race's food problem would be handed over to you. I don't know if you knew, but why do you think our Beastmen race is always fighting? It's to survive. If the Big Tribes wanted to survive, they would have to snatch from the small tribes. And in turn, those small tribes would snatch from the smaller tribes. In between these battles, a lot of lives would be lost. All because there is no food. As a Beastman myself, thinking about this is very painful!"

Zhao Hai couldn't think of any response as he listened to the Beast King. What the Beast King said was true. Do the Beastmen really want to fight? Of course not. No race was born to kill and die, all of them were only compelled to do so in order to survive.

The Beast King sighed and then turned his head to Zhao Hai and said, "These years, we had always wanted to establish a good relationship with the Humans. But the Human race simply didn't pay any attention to our Beastman Race. They regard us as barbarians, some even look at us as if we are Wild Beasts. The only thing they want from us is more profit. With such people, who in their right minds would want to cooperate with them? Zhao Hai, those few words you spoke back then outside Iron Wall Fortress moved me. You said that in your eyes, Beastmen and Humans are the same intelligent beings. That made me thing, if there was one Human that we Beastman can comfortably cooperate with, it would only be you."

Zhao Hai stared at the Beast King, he didn't say anything. He knew that these words of the Beast King were spoken with true sincerity, this was what was truly inside the Beast King's heart.

After a moment, Zhao Hai opened his mouth and said, "Your Majesty, I'll stand behind the words that I've said. I treat the Beastmen as my equal. Your Majesty doesn't need to worry about anything if you cooperate with me."

The Beast King nodded and then patted Zhao Hai's shoulder, "Alright, I'll believe you. I hope you can do it."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I won't disappoint you, Your Majesty. Right, I'll have to offer Your Majesty a cup." Then he turned his hand and took out a bottle of Milk Wine.

The Beast King looked the bottle that Zhao Hai just took out, he had seen this liquor before. The Herculean Bulls and the Black Bears have gifted him some of these. To be honest, he really loved this liquor. This liquor was obviously Milk Wine, but it was much different than what he had drank before.

The Beast King didn't decline and then finished his Milk Wine first before handing his cup over to Zhao Hai. After he took a sip of Zhao Hai's milk wine, he nodded. This was indeed the same wine that the Black Bear Tribe has sent.

After looking at the Beast King, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Your Majesty, perhaps we can cooperate and produce this liquor. What do you think?"

The Beast King couldn't help but stare at Zhao Hai in confusion. He knew what this liquor represented, it represented huge profits, incomparably huge profits.

When he went to the Human lands, he also inquired about this liquor. This Milk Wine was very popular among the Humans as well. Moreover, it's sold at a very high price. If Zhao Hai cooperates with the Beastmen, then it would absolutely bring them huge benefits.

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The Beast King stared at Zhao Hai, he really cannot believe what he just heard. He knew that Zhao Hai was the sole producer of this Milk Wine in the Human domain. But if Zhao Hai can tell the Beastmen the method, then the Beastmen would be gaining very good benefits.

Zhao Hai looked at the Beast King's expression and smiled, "I think that the Milk Wine the Beastmen produce actually tastes very good, but it cannot be stored for too long. I can process your Milk Wine and make them into this. What I'm thinking about was for the Beastmen to ferment the Wine and then sell them to me. After that I'll be selling the processed wine to the mainland. What do you think?"

The Beast King knitted his brows, to be honest, he didn't like this approach. This was because the Beastmen wouldn't gain a lot of benefits. But except for this method, Zhao Hai might not accept any other way.

However, after thinking about it, the Beast King still felt relief. This method of turning normal Milk Wine to high quality Milk Wine was something that only Zhao Hai possessed. If Zhao Hai taught them for no reason, then that would be very suspicious.

But even if Zhao Hai didn't teach them the method, it doesn't really matter. After all, Zhao Hai buying their Milk Wine would provide an income to a lot of Beastman households.

The Beastmen herd Argali. And like any other beast, the Argali would eventually give birth. And along with that, they would produce milk. However, all of these milk couldn't be entirely drank by the Beastmen. Therefore, they would transform the milk into other products such as Milk Wine, cheese, milk skin, and so on.

But these products were still hard to preserve, especially in the Prairie. The Prairie's environment can cause food to quickly spoil.

Sometimes, Beastmen would just drink the milk as though they were water, which was really a waste. If Zhao Hai bought the milk, then it would certainly be beneficial to ordinary Beastmen.

The Beast King nodded and said, "This is a good thing, but how do you plan to collect these Milk Wines? If they were left for a long time, then their taste would change. Once it changed flavor, do you still want to make them into your Milk Wine?"

Zhao Hai smiled, "This is something that I'd like to ask Your Majesty for help. I want to cooperate with some Beastmen, preferably the Big Tribes. I'll ask them to collect those Milk Wines and then I'll take them once every few days. What do you think about this?"

The Beast King thought for a moment and nodded, "This is not an issue, it helps the Beastmen as well. But the Beastman Prairie is too large. Even if the tribes are willing to cooperate with you, are you able to pick them all up?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Your Majesty, did you forget? I have my Blood Hawks. I can use them as transport, greatly reducing travel time. I'll take care of everything else as long as you can make those tribes work with me."

The Beast King nodded and said, "Alright, then it's settled. I'll help you and write an letter to those big tribes. When you have time, you can go to them and discuss your terms."

Zhao hai nodded, "Thanks a lot, Your Majesty. I'll go visit them them as soon as possible."

The Beast King smiled and said, "You don't need to be polite. This is also a good thing to us Beastmen. Moreover, I'm not afraid of you deceiving me. In fact even if you did, we wouldn't be losing a lot. These things would sometimes just turn to waste. With your business, we would be able to turn these excess things into money. It's definitely worth it."

When Zhao Hai heard the Beast King, he couldn't help but smile and said, "It would indeed be better if the Beastmen would gain some income, their lives would be a bit better. Right, I can pay the Beastmen

in three ways, first method is paying them with food and daily necessities. Another way is to pay them with gold and silver, they can use it to trade with other Human Merchants. The third is Magic Beasts, such as Argali. Naturally, I won't be buying them in high price. I also ask His Majesty to explain it to them, I'm afraid that they won't believe me."

The Beast King looked at ZHao Hai and forced a smile, "Not only them, even I might not believe it. If you tell me that you'd buy them in gold and silver, then I might believe you. But trading Milk Wine with Argali? I'm afraid that's too good to be true. You must know that compared to Humans, we Beastmen regard Argali as much more valuable than grain."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I know, but Your Majesty can rest assured, I meant what I just said."

The Beast King nodded and then he smiled to Zhao Hai and said, "Alright, I'll believe you. I'll release word to the Prairie about this. You don't need to worry."

Zhao Hai nodded, "I'll work on this as soon as possible."

The Beast King gave a nod, then he turned to the Tiger Guard and said, "Little Tiger, inform everyone that I'll be having a meal with Mister Zhao Hai at noon. Make them prepare something delicious."

Zhao Hai didn't stop the Beast King. Having a meal with the Beast King can also give him some advantages. He looked at the Beast King and said, "Your Majesty, I'm planning to see the Dwarven Race after a period of time. Therefore, I'll leave the matters of the Prairie over to Ah Tai. If Your Majesty needs anything, you can just send word to Magic Lily store and inform him. He will then pass the message over to me."

The Beast King's eyes shined as he said, "You want to go to the Dwarves? That's fantastic. I heard that the Dwarves have a lot of similarities with the Beastmen. They also have contact with the Elves, so they shouldn't be worrying about food. Zhao Hai, I only ask you for one thing. Can you help us get some ironware when you return? Not just weapons, but anything made from Iron would be great. The Beastmen really lacks a lot of iron."

Zhao Hai nodded and smiled, "The Dwarves make a lot of metallic items. I think that wouldn't be a problem. Your Majesty can rest assured."

When the Beast King heard Zhao Hai, his expression immediately turned to happiness as he replied, "That's great. I must thank you in advance. Alright, let's leave and go to the dining room."

Zhao Hai didn't decline and went to the dining room with the Beast King. And when they arrived Zhao Hai stared, didn't expect the dining room to be another small building inside the Beast King Palace. This building has three stories, the first and second stories were places for the staff to eat while the topmost floor was dedicated for the Beast King.

This made Zhao Hai feel new and strange. The Beast King was really very different compared to the Human monarchs. For example, when the Rosen Emperor eats a meal, he would do it in special place, it was impossible for other people to eat there. The only exception was when the Emperor allowed that person to dine there. But in the Beast King Palace, the Beast King actually dines in the same place as the others.

When they arrived at the dining room, some Fox Beastmen immediately served them several milk products. Naturally, all of these are just side dishes. The main dish was of course the meat.

While Zhao Hai and the Beast King were eating, they discussed the details of the Milk Wine transaction. The discussion was even carried over after their meal. It was evident that the Beast King was very enthusiastic about this cooperation.

After leaving the Beast King Palace, Zhao Hai immediately returned to Magic Lily Shop. But after arriving in front of the shop, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. The state of the shop was much more different compared to yesterday's desolate atmosphere. Currently, the shop was very lively, a lot of Beastmen were encircling the shop and being noisy.

After listening for a while, Zhao Hai understood what was going on. Ah Tai must have already spread their intent to buy those things that were useless to the Beastmen. The Beastmen were now discussing with Ah Tai about the price of their trade.

These people weren't representing themselves, but instead their own tribes. Therefore, they didn't bring anything along with them, but it was certain that the volume wouldn't be very small.

Zhao Hai didn't mind it, Ah Tai can deal with this situation by himself. Therefore, he returned to his tent at the back along with Shue and Shun. After entering the tent, Zhao Hai immediately went to the Space and discussed his Milk Wine cooperation with the Beastmen to Laura and the others.

When Laura heard Zhao Hai, she couldn't help but knit her brows and said, "Brother Hai, this is indeed a great idea. But with this, our prices in the hotel would be lowered. Also, our wineries aren't fully built as well. I'm afraid we won't be able to get any profits in the short-term."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I know. But in fact, it's very simple to process Milk Wine. As long as we have more apparatus for distillation, everything will be okay. We've been doing things wrong since the beginning. We have the Processing Machine, we can just produce some more efficient distillation equipment. Not only could it enhance the flavor, it's output was much higher as well. And don't forget, although the Beastmen can produce Milk Wine, a majority of them used Argali milk. Even if Argali milk tastes good, it couldn't compare to the cow milk that we use. Therefore, our own Milk Wine would still taste much better. When we sell the Beastmen's milk wine, we can just label it as a common liquor, while we advertise our Milk Wine as high end versions. With this contrast, we can still manage to get substantial income from this business."

As soon as Laura and the others heard Zhao Hai, their eyes couldn't help but light up. They had experienced how magical the Processing Machine was. As long as they know what they want, then the Processing Machine can certainly make it. They couldn't think of anything that the Processing Machine can't make. Therefore, Zhao Hai's idea was very reasonable.

At the same time, outsiders aren't able to observe what happens inside the Black Wasteland. So this method was indeed feasible.

Laura looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Alright, then there's no problem. Now that we got our trade network, selling them out wouldn't be a problem. Brother Hai, we must carry this out as soon as possible. Not only would it make the Beastman comfortable, it can also bring a lot more benefits to our Buda Clan."

Lizzy nodded and said, "Big Brother Hai, i think that we should also inform Third Brother about this. After all, most of our sales involve wholesale, we need to rely on others with regards to retail business."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "We don't need to worry about this for now. We need to first establish a receiving network inside the Prairie. After that, it wouldn't be too late to discuss things with Third Brother. Moreover, for the system of receiving goods, I already have someone in mind."

Lizzy stared in confusion as she asked, "Someone? Who is that? We already have our Blood Hawks, we don't need to cooperate with another person."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "The Beastman Prairie is too big. Moreover, I don't want to bring attention to the amount of Blood Hawks that I have. Therefore, I wanted to cooperate with the Hawk Beastmen. Although they cannot fly as far, short distances wouldn't be a problem. They can help us concentrate the supply from some small tribes to the big tribes. It would be much more convenient for us to collect it with that method. And if we cooperate with the Hawk Beastmen, it would be equal to tying them with our business. For us, this is definitely a good choice."

Laura nodded and said, "I agree with Brother Hai's words. The Hawk Race is also a big Warring Race. The placement of the tribes is very broad, and their status among the Beastmen is high as well. We must ask for the Beast King's help in convincing the Hawk Race to help us. At the same time, this cooperation would bring benefits to them as well, so they definitely won't decline. The Markey Family has some relationship with the Golden Ringed Hawks from before, we can approach them for this matter."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he smiled faintly and said, "As long as this thing goes through, I think the friendship flags of the Tiger and Hawk Race would be in our hands soon. When that happens, our Buda Clan's reputation in the Prairie would be increased. This would be very good for our future plans in the Prairie."

Laura nodded, "Although we have a lot of business there, we don't have a lot of partnerships with the big Warring Tribes, we only have Dogs and Black Bears. If we want to dominate the entire grain market of the Prairie, gaining a lot of partnerships would be the most important thing for us to do."

Lizzy looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Big Brother Hai, when do you plan on visiting the Hawk Tribe?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I'll go visit them two days after the Beast King spreads the word of our Milk Wine cooperation. When that time comes, it wouldn't be too late for me to visit them."

Megan looked at Zhao Hai and shifted the topic, "Elder Brother Hai, do you really want the Dwarves to make some weapons for the Beastmen? What if they attack the Humans?"

Zhao Hai sighed, then he replied, "It really depends. If the Beastmen are really willing to attack the Humans, they wouldn't even need weapons in order to do so. But if they don't want to attack, even if they have good weapons, they still wouldn't do so."

Laura nodded and said, "Things are still arbitrary. After all. we still don't know the situation with the Dwarves. But if the Beast King says that they have a relationship with the Elves, then it is possibly so. As long as we get in touch with the Elves as well, then the benefits to us would be very big."

The people present knew what Laura meant. They needed a lot of things to upgrade the Space, and they didn't have the means to do so right now. Therefore, they can only get the materials from the Elven Forests in order to progress.

The Elven Forest was recognized as the most mystical place that was inhabited by an intelligent race. It's mysteriousness wasn't any worse than the Carrion Swamp. And from the previous contacts with the Elves, it was said that the forest contained a lot of strange flowers and plants. And it was precisely those things that managed to get Zhao Hai's attention.

Chapter 556 - Karen Goes Insane

Several days passed as Zhao Hai stayed inside Magic Lily Shop. However, he wasn't idling inside. Although he has mapped most of the Prairie, there was still quite a large chunk of it that he has not yet saved. If he wanted to do business in the entire Beastman Prairie, then it would be better for him to save the Prairie's map into the Space's monitor.

At the same time, Ah Tai has been busy as well. He was working hard at making the transactions with the Beastmen. From being an unknown store, the Magic Lily Shop had already managed to make a reputation among the Beastmen. And it was not only because it was the first shop that had Beastmen Friendship flags in it, but it was also because of the recent matter.

Being reluctant in throwing useless things away was another trait of the Beastmen. Because of this, they would have piles of rotting things in their hands. They couldn't sell it off as well since it was also useless to the other tribes.

But now that Magic Lily Shop was willing to take those off of their hands, it wasn't a mystery as to why the Beastmen were ecstatic. It didn't take long before word spread to the entire Beastman Prairie, giving the Beastmen a favorable impression towards Magic Lily Shop.

Five days after Zhao Hai met with the Beast King, a reaction was finally seen in Beast God City. The Beast King sent forth various scrolls out, these scrolls were like those used in Ancient China. those scrolls were sent to various Patriarchs of the Beastman Race, informing them about Zhao Hai's Milk Wine partnership.

The excitement that this caused was much greater than the purchasing of useless goods. Many Patriarchs had gone to Beast God City to confirm whether this was true or not. In turn, this made Ah Tai much more busy, he now has to deal with the inquiries of the Patriarchs every day.

Zhao Hai looked at the situation and knew that it was the time to visit the Golden Ringed Hawks. Through the Golden Ringed Hawks, he can reach the Hawk Race's Royal Tribe. Then he would talk to their Hawk King with regards to his plan of cooperation with the entire Hawk Race.

Three days after the Beast King sent word out, Zhao Hai rode his carriage as it left Beast God City and headed to the Golden Ringed Hawk's territory.

The Golden Ringed Hawks were also a major force inside the Hawk Race. They were one of the formidable Beastmen in the Prairie. Their builds weren't tall and big, however their flying mounts were fast. Among the Beastman race, the Golden Ringed Hawks were among the most well known aerial scouts.

In the past, when the Golden Ringed Hawks and the Markey Family were in a partnership, they way that the Markey Family conducted themselves were very overbearing. Therefore, their cooperation with the Golden RInged Hawks wasn't very big. If one were to describe it, their transactions might be in the low to medium sized.

Zhao Hai's carriage travelled quickly, he wanted to reach the Hawk Race at the shortest possible time and discuss the cooperation with the other races. This way, the logistics of the Milk Wine business would get established as early as possible. In the past few days, Zhao Hai had spent a lot of gold coins in the Space to make a lot of advanced level distillation equipment. Once these equipment were installed in Iron Mountain Fort, their Milk Wine output would definitely increase by a large amount.

Naturally these equipment needed power, but Zhao Hai had already thought about it. So he also had the Processing Machine make a set of generators in the Space. This generators were hydropower generators. Although their electric output wasn't high, it was enough to satiate for the power consumption of the distillation equipment.

And since the process involved electricity, Zhao Hai made sure to have the workers educated in safety and reminded them to work carefully. He didn't want someone to have an accident.

But while Zhao Hai installed these things, a person immediately came with eyes as bright and shiny as the sun. This person was none other than his father-in-law, Karen.

Karen was infatuated in inventions and novel ideas, and the things that he invented were mostly dealing with Magic Formations that increase comfort of life. So now that he saw the new things that Zhao Hai brought, he immediately felt very curious.

Therefore, it didn't take a long time before he planned to allocate all of his time and energy to research this new thing. When Zhao Hai saw his expression, he immediately invited Karen into the Space, letting Karen see the blueprints of these new equipment.

And since Karen was an expert in this field, he immediately discovered how useful these things would be in the Ark Continent. Because of the existence of Magic Crystals, most of the equipment in the continent were exclusively using Magic Crystals as sources of power. The blueprints that Zhao Hai showed Karen made him see another side of the world. It seems like there was a power system that can replace the Magic Crystals.

Zhao Hai didn't plan to stop Karen upon seeing his excited expression. He allowed Karen to inspect the equipment but he also told Laura to pay attention to Karen and make sure that he gets proper food and rest. Zhao Hai knew that Karen was a research freak. Once Karen discovers something interesting, it wasn't unlikely for him to study without end.

Five days passed by and Zhao Hai finally arrived at the Golden Ringed Hawk's domain. In Zhao Hai's mind, he expected the Golden Ringed Hawks to live in a mountain or maybe in a forest. However, he didn't think that the Golden Ringed Hawks' camp would actually be just like the camp of any other Beastman in the Prairie.

On Zhao Hai's carriage, the friendship flags of the Dog Race and the Black Bear Tribe as well as the Herculean Bull King's flag was erected. Therefore, one could say that his road was always left unblocked. Every tribe that Zhao Hai met treated him with politeness. And when it was time to rest in the evening, these tribes would be very enthusiastic to have Zhao Hai stay with them.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't decline their offers, he also gave these tribes some of his Milk Wine as a gift. The tribes near Beast God City were almost all Big Warring tribes. When they went to war, a lot of their loot came up to be useless. So when Magic Lily shop started to buy these items, these tribes were extremely glad. And since Zhao Hai was the shop's owner, it was no wonder that they treated Zhao Hai as a valuable guest.

At the same time, the reason why Zhao Hai gave them some Milk Wine was because these Beastmen weren't lacking in both grain and daily necessities. He also decided to give them his Milk Wine in order to show them the Milk Wine that he'd make from the Milk Wines that these tribes would produce. This way, the doubts in these Beastmen's minds would eventually fade away.

When Zhao Hai finally arrived at the Golden Ringed Hawk's Domain, he didn't even need to head towards their main camp before the tribe sent a party to welcome him.

A team of a thousand Golden Ringed Hawk Knights descended next to Zhao Hai's carriage. When Zhao Hai gave his name, they immediately flew back up into the sky and lead the way towards their main camp.

Upon arriving at the camp of the Golden Ringed Hawks, Zhao Hai was immediately led to the camp's golden tent. This golden tent was very similar to other golden tents of the Beastmen. But from what Zhao Hai can see, the living standards of this tribe was very good. Their golden tent looked much better compared to the Black Bears.

When Zhao Hai entered the tent, he saw several Golden Ringed Hawks present inside. On the most honored seat, an old Golden Ringed Hawk can be seen. This old Beastman had a huge Hawk Head, and the feathers on his neck were gold, it looked very beautiful.

Zhao Hai quickly noticed an issue, although the Golden Ringed Hawks had Hawk heads, the shape of their faces were more like a Human. At the very least, their eyes weren't on the sides of their heads, but were instead at the front like how Humans were. They looked more like a Human with crazy hair compared to a Hawk-headed beastman.

Zhao Hai quickly took a step forward and made a bow and said, "Zhao Hai has seen the Golden Ringed Hawk tribe's Hawk King. I thank the Hawk King for sparing time to see me."

The Golden Ringed Hawk King laughed and stood up to help Zhao Hai up, then he said, "Mister Zhao Hai is too polite. Even the Beast King treats you as an honored guest, so how could I dare neglect your presence?" His voice was somewhat hoarse, but his imposing tone was very strong, worthy of someone who held the title of Hawk King.

Zhao Hai hastily straightened his body and then smiled and said, "The Hawk King is also too polite. I only became the Beast King's guest because of his summons. And then we discussed about a partnership. Therefore, I won't dare to receive the Hawk King's favor."

The Hawk King laughed, "Mister shouldn't be too polite, for the Beast King to accept Mister's Milk Wine business meant that the Beast King also held you in high regard. Right, Mister, what's the reason for you to specially come to my Golden Ringed Hawk tribe?"

Zhao Hai quickly replied and said, "The Hawk King might not know, but the Markey Family who had business with you in the past is somewhat related to me. Therefore, I went here to see you first."

The Hawk King asked Zhao Hai to sit down first then he offered him Milk Tea and then said, "Oh? I didn't know about that. What relationship did Mister and the Markey Family have? But I heard that Mister is part of the Buda Clan?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "My Buda Clan was once a medium-sized family in the Aksu Empire. But were were later framed and was exiled to the Black Wasteland. Since we can't develop the land there, I had no choice but do business. And then while doing so, I fell in love with a young lady from the Markey Family named Laura. But the Markey Family didn't like me, and were very adamant in breaking our relationship so they sent some assassins to deal with me many times. In the end, I had enough of it and decided to eliminated them, making my wife the family's Patriarch. And after my wife took over, we noticed that the family had some business with the Golden Ringed Hawk Tribe in the past. But when we were about to visit, we didn't expect that the Radiant Church would cause a food shortage in the Prairie. I only have so much food in my hand that it would only be like throwing a cup of water in a burning carriage if I decided to help. And now that my wife is handling the affairs of the Markey Family after the family's recent conflict, we had no other choice but to let other business go. It's truly regrettable."

Zhao Hai said these to the Hawk King because he wanted to tell the Hawk King that the Markey Family who interacted with you before was not the same as the Markey Family right now.

Zhao Hai knew that they Markey Family didn't have any good reputation in the Prairie. So he was afraid that the Hawks would misunderstand him. If he doesn't say those words, then the cooperation with the Hawks might go through a bumpy road.

At the same time, from the Hawk King's words, Zhao Hai understood that the Golden Ringed Hawks were somewhat aware of the situation on the Human domain. Therefore, Zhao Hai told his matters to the Hawk King straightly, avoiding any misunderstandings in the future.

Chapter 557 - Hawk King Mountain

The Hawk King quietly listened to Zhao Hai's words. To be honest, he already had a bit of understanding about Zhao Hai's affairs. Back at the war, when Zhao Hai gave the Beastmen information, the Beast King had asked the Hawk King to look into Zhao Hai, so naturally the Hawk King would know.

Since the Hawk King found out before hand, therefore he knew that Zhao Hai's words were true. In the Human lands, Zhao Hai was like a living legend. Turning a fallen clan into one of the most powerful families in the Continent in just one short year wasn't something that ordinary people could achieve.

The Hawk King asking Zhao Hai about his relationship with the Markey Family was just a decoy in order to probe Zhao Hai. In the Beastman Prairie, there were a lot of rumors about Zhao Hai. Majority of them were about how Zhao Hai treated the Beastmen with sincerity, something a friend would only do. The Hawk King just wanted to see if the rumors about Zhao Hai were indeed real.

And Zhao Hai's reply didn't disappoint him. He looked at Zhao Hai and laughed, "Why would mister regret it, you're already here in our Golden Ringed Hawk Tribe. To be honest, compared to the Markey Family, I'd much better prefer doing business with mister."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I thank the Hawk King for your uplifting words. Today, I came to the Hawk King's tribe because I have something to ask for the Hawk King's help with."

The Hawk King stared, he was curious, so he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister is the Beastman Race's friend. Tell me your request, if I can offer help, then I would help."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, then he told the Hawk King about his plan off cooperating with the Hawk Race. This cooperation involves him providing the Hawk Race with Space Bags. But these Space Bags are to be used to store Milk Wine. Every five days, the Hawks would go to the various tribes and collect Milk Wine while carrying some money along the way. The Milk Wine can be exchanged with grain, gold, or Argali. If they wanted grain or gold, then they can exchange it on the spot. On the other hand, if they want Argali, they would have to pick them up at Beast God City.

After the Hawk King heard Zhao Hai, he immediately knew that this cooperation would bring huge benefits to the Hawk Race. His eyes couldn't help but light up as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Will Mister really give our Hawk Tribe some Space Bags? Are we going to need a large number of them?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "It's not really a lot, 20 Space Bags should be enough." The reason why Zhao Hai was so sure of this was because when the Space levels up, the capacity of the Space Bags that it produces would get bigger. Right now, their capacity had already reached about a thousand cubic meters, give or take a few cubic meters.

When the Hawk King heard Zhao Hai, he was finally convinced. Zhao Hai really did want to give the Hawks some Space Bags in order to transport Milk Wine.

The Hawk King stood up and then laughed and said, "Alright, since Mister is confident enough, then I won't say anything more. Mister can take a rest in the camp in the meantime. Tomorrow, I shall bring Mister to the main camp of the Hawk Race."

Zhao Hai stood up as well and gave a bow to the Hawk King and said, "I give my thanks to the Hawk King."

The Hawk King laughed and said, "Mister doesn't need to thank me. Instead, it should be me who needs to express gratitude. This cooperation would surely bring big benefits to my Hawk Race."

Zhao Hai didn't dare accept it, but the Hawk King didn't care. The Hawk King just laughed again and said, "Right, since Mister has come to visit my tribe, how could I not invite mister over for a drink. Come, come, let's drink a cup."

When he knew that Zhao Hai was coming, the Hawk King immediately had people prepare. And now that their discussions were finished, it was time for food and drinks.

The night went by without any disturbances and the next morning, the Hawk King sent someone to look for Zhao Hai. After the Hawk King and Zhao Hai had their breakfast, the Hawk King immediately told Zhao Hai that they'd be heading towards the Hawk Race's main camp.

Zhao Hai would certainly not decline. But the Hawk King also informed Zhao Hai that in order to go to the Hawk Race's main camp, riding a Hawk would be a much better option. Therefore, Zhao Hai immediately called over his Blood Hawks.

When the Golden Ringed Hawk King saw how beautiful Zhao Hai's Blood Haw was, his eyes couldn't help but express his envy. He had heard that the Humans were now starting to develop their Air Force, moreover, the Magic Beast used for the Air Force was provided by Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai, Shun, and Shue rode their Blood Hawks and followed behind the Hawk King and his 1000 Golden Ringed Hawk Knights. After they left the Golden Ringed Hawk's camp, they immediately went straight for the Hawk King Mountain.

This Hawk King Mountain was actually a boundary mountain. The south side of this mountain was the Beastman Prairie while at its north was the Northern Ice Fields. The Northern Ice Fields were also one of the continent's great regions. There was almost nobody who entered deep into the Ice Fields who managed to return. Even if it was the Ice Hawks, the Great TIgers, the Polar Bears, and the other Royal Tribes, nobody would dare venture too deep into the Ice Field. Otherwise, they would have no other way out.

At the same time, the Hawk King Mountain was also the highest mountain in the Prairie. It was most commonly known to the Beastmen as the Divine Mountain. It was because the mountain's position allowed it to keep the Northern Winds away. If the Northern Ice Field Winds were to reach the Prairie, then the Prairie would definitely turn into a huge snowy plain.

Zhao Hai and the others flew in the sky for a good three days before they saw a faint image of the Hawk King mountain in the distance. With how high the mountain was, one would even think that it was connected to the sky.

The top of the mountain was azure white, very beautiful. These three days of flight also showed Zhao Hai the tenacity of the Beastmen. The Hawks ate their meals while flying and did so for three days without even going to sleep.

To be honest, flying in the sky wasn't a very fun activity. Perhaps it might feel good in the beginning, but as time goes by, you would begin to be tired of it. Not only because of the cold air, but the buffeting of the wind was something very uncomfortable as well.

Zhao Hai thought that the Hawks wouldn't be able to fly long distances like from what he heard. But this flight completely broke his misconception. The Hawks clearly chose to fly short distances and low altitudes in order to fool the Humans.

The Beastmen Race were known to be tough and strong, they can endure even the most rigorous tasks. This time, Zhao Hai was asked to follow the Hawks, so he couldn't decline. However, when things go bad, he would just go to the Space when nobody's looking for him.

So in three days, Zhao Hai and the others finally arrived at Hawk King Mountain. When he was close to his destination, Zhao Hai came out of the Space, the Golden Ringed Hawks should be looking for him right now.

After coming out of the Space, Zhao Hai immediately placed some Wind Magic on to his body as well as Shue's and Shun's, making it possible for the harsh winds to evade them.

Just after doing that, the Hawk King arrived at Zhao Hai's side. The Hawks had special leather equipment, a tight leather jacket as well as special gloves on their hands. This way, they wouldn't be affected by the cold harsh winds.

When the Hawk King saw Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but feel envious. It was really a pity that the Beastmen were unable to use Magic.

Hawks have the ability to speak in the air, so the Hawk King turned his head to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, in a while, a guard of the Ice Hawk King would be coming to meet use. Don't go anywhere they else until they arrive."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, the Hawk King can rest assured, I definitely won't make any careless actions." The Hawk King nodded, and then before long, a shadow came from the mountain and slowly flew towards them.

It didn't take a long time before the shadow appeared in front of Zhao Hai. The mounts that these people were riding on were bluish hawks. They were much slimmer than the Blood Hawks, but they appeared much more alive. The Beastmen that were riding on them looked just like the Golden Ringed Hawks but their head feathers were blue in color.

These blue Hawks surrounded the Golden Ringed Hawks and escorted them into the Hawk King Mountain.

They didn't go to the mountain's summit, it was too high and too cold. Their destination was instead somewhere along the middle of the Hawk King Mountain. The mountain's halfway point had big trees growing in them. The trees were so tall it seemed like they were piercing the skies, like swords stabbed on the ground. Most importantly, these trees were very thick, with most of them having a diameter of over 20 meters.

Some houses can be seen on these trees. The houses were constructed in a hole carved into the tree. Zhao Hai can even see a couple of Ice Hawks moving in and out of these houses.

After flying over the trees, Zhao Hai can see a large canyon. The canyon was very wide and it seems like it's ground was covered in grass. On the walls of the canyon, caves were carved out. The people who lived here were Ice Hawks as well.

However this canyon wasn't Zhao Hai's destination. After flying over the canyon, Zhao Hai can spot a very enormous cavern halfway up the mountain. It's entrance was similarly large, about a hundred meters tall and 60 meters wide. The Hawks then flew towards this cavern along with Zhao Hai and the others.

Zhao Hai discovered that although there were Hawks flying in and out of the entrance, their flight was also very orderly. The left side of the entrance was for entering while the right side was for leaving. This arrangement made the entrance quite organized.

As the group entered the cavern, Zhao Hai came to understand how large this hole in the mountain was. And even if it was 10 degrees inside, there weren't any winds at all.

Inside the cavern were smaller caves where the Ice Hawk King's family lived in. In the middle of the cavern, there was a square, and in the middle of the square there was actually a very big pool.

The group slowly descended to that square along with Zhao Hai's group. When Zhao Hai came down from his Blood Hawk, he pretended to move his hands an feet as he carefully looked around the cavern.

The hole in the cavern was very much like the underground city that the Dwarves had built under Iron Mountain. But compared to Iron Mountain, this cavern was much bigger. Moreover, there weren't any stairs that can be seen. Anyone who wanted to move anywhere needed to ride a hawk, it was a very unusual sight.

After Zhao Hai got down, the Golden Ringed Hawk King welcomed him to the place as he smiled and said, "Mister Zhao Hai had to endure the hardship. This matter is really too important for our race, I ask Mister for his forgiveness."

Chapter 558 - Price

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Hawk King is too polite. In fact, I want to thank you. I really am quite anxious about this matter. Haha."

The Hawk King smiled and said, "This is the Ice Hawk King's place, this is where he lives and does his work. I don't know if Mister Zhao Hai has noticed, but the royal tribes of the Beastman Warring Races are all situated in the vicinity of the Northern Ice Fields. Legend has told us that the Northern Ice Fields contain formidable Magic Beasts that can cause a calamity to the Prairie. This was the reason why the Royal Tribes decided to move here, it was in order to protect the entire Beastman Race."

Zhao Hai nodded, he had developed a habit to not disregard the legends of the Ark Continent. It was because these legends have high probabilities of being true, quite unlike the legends back on Earth.

At this time, an Ice Hawk arrived in front of them. The Ice Hawk issued a salute and then said, "Golden Ringed Hawk King, Mister Zhao Hai, the Hawk King invites you in."

Zhao Hai and the Golden Ringed Hawk King immediately complied, they rode their mounts and then followed behind the Ice Hawk. The space inside was truly high, even if they had already flown 500 meters, they were still heading up.

In the uppermost lever, Zhao Hai and the others stopped in front of the sole cave entrance present. The cave's entrance was about 10 meters high, and had a platform protruding out from it. The platform was about 30 square meters. Zhao Hai and the others landed their mounts on this platform.

This time, only three people had come here. When the three of them came down from their mounts, the hawk mounts immediately left. Then the Ice Hawk escorted Zhao Hai and the Golden Ringed Hawk King inside the cave.

After entering the cave, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare at the scene. Inside the cave were a lot of ignited braziers, completely illuminating the entire cave.

In this cave, an Ice Hawk can be seen sitting on the innermost part, reading a sheepskin scroll among the numerous scrolls around him.

However, this Ice Hawk didn't actually process these documents, he was just simply looking through them. This Ice Hawk didn't have much of a difference compared to the others of his race. He even looked thin, thinner than the common Ice Hawk. He had a golden crown on his head, sitting there as he turned his pair of cold hawk eyes towards Zhao Hai and the others. His mere gaze made Zhao Hai feel like the surrounding air just dropped a couple of degrees.

Zhao Hai didn't know, but this was actually an innate ability of the Ice Hawk Tribe. Once this ability was in full use, it would send forth a beam that can freeze anything in its way. It's intensity was just like an attack from a 5th rank mage, and it was quite difficult to deal with.

The Golden Ringed Hawk King immediately issued a salute and said, "Golden Ringed Hawk King has see the Ice Hawk King. This is Mister Zhao Hai, mister wants to cooperate with our Hawk Race regarding his Milk Wine business. Therefore, I led him here to see you."

The Ice Hawk King nodded and said, "Right, I have heard about Mister Zhao Hai but this is my first time meeting mister, please have a seat." Although his gaze was very cold, his expression was actually quite temperate.

Zhao Hai immediately responded courteously, "I thank the Hawk King." Then he sat on a chair after the Golden Ringed Hawk King.

After sitting down, the Ice Hawk King looked at Zhao Hai and said, "The Beast King has sent word out about mister's Milk Wine business. Before everything, this King here wants mister to accept my gratitude in behalf of the entire Beastman Race."

Zhao Hai replied, "I don't dare. This business also makes me money. Haha. This time, I wanted to see the Hawk King because I need help from the Hawk Race."

The Hawk King looked at Zhao Hai and smiled faintly, "Mister can say it freely. As long as we can be of help, then I wouldn't decline immediately. For the sake of the Beastman Race, I shall provide mister with a helping hand."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'll thank the Hawk King in advance." Then he told the Ice Hawk King about the details of his intended cooperation with the Hawk Race.

The Ice Hawk King silently listened to Zhao Hai's words. After Zhao Hai spoke, the Hawk King nodded and then smiled towards Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, this is basically giving money to my Hawk Race. So how can we just push this opportunity away? Rest assured, with how broad our tribes are placed in the Prairie, information about mister's Milk Wine business would be delivered much more quickly. Mister cooperating with us is indeed something good. I agree, tomorrow I'll write a letter informing all of the Hawk Tribes, mister can rest assured."

Zhao Hai didn't expect the discussion would go this smoothly. He stared for a moment before he hastily stood up and bowed to the Hawk King and said, "This Zhao Hai thanks the Hawk King. But does the Hawk King also want to help me collect the Milk Wine?"

Zhao Hai knew how arrogant Royals were, so he was afraid that it would be impossible for them to help him collect Milk Wine. If the Hawk King was not willing to cooperate, then the Milk Wine business would have problems.

The Hawk King looked at Zhao Hai and smiled, "Of course, mister doesn't even need to ask."

Zhao Hai became happy, then he immediately said, "That's great. I'll have to ask the Hawk Race to receive the Milk Wine in a radius of three thousand li in a single Space Bag. For the price, one jin of Milk Wine would be traded with five jin of grain. What does the Hawk King think about this price?"

The Hawk King thought for a moment and then nodded, "This price is quite high."

Zhao Hai faintly smiled and said, "The Hawk King can receive the Milk Wine from the other races with the previously stated price. And once the Hawk Race delivers the Milk Wine to Beast God City, I would exchange them for five and a fifth of a jin of grain for each jin of Milk Wine. These extra fifth of a jin can be said to be the transportation costs for the Hawk Race. What does the Hawk King think about this?"

The Hawk King stared before his two eyes lit up. He knew that this 22 liang cannot be underestimated. Once added up, this amount was very big. Keep in mind, those small Beastman tribe can also produce a lot of milk wine annually. A single Beastman household would be able to provide 100 jin of Milk Wine monthly. And when those 100 jin of Milk Wine were traded for 500 jin of grain, the Hawk Clan would get a commission of 20 jins. Now how many Beastmen household are there? And in the end, how much grain can the Hawk Clan gain? With this arrangement, the Hawk Clan wouldn't even need to buy food for themselves in the future.

After thinking about it, the Hawk King still didn't immediately agree, he knit his brows and said, "Mister, in truth, this price is too high. It might be disadvantageous to Mister. If mister owes us, then it wouldn't be good for the entire Beastman Race. From what I can see, Mister can set the price at one jin of Milk Wine per three jins of grain. And then our Hawk Clan would get about a tenth or so jin of grain as commission."

Zhao Hai was shocked, he didn't see someone like this before, lowering his benefits in order to decrease pressure. However, once he thought about the Hawk King's words, Zhao Hai understood what he meant. The Hawk King was afraid of Zhao Hai owing the Beastmen and making him stop his Milk Wine business,

causing the Beastmen to lose out on the long run. Also, the price that the Hawk King quoted was somewhat of a fair price for the Beastmen.

Zhao Hai knit his brows and then said, "Lower the price? How much jin of Milk Wine can the Beastman Race produce every month?"

The Hawk King smiled faintly and said, "Mister doesn't need to worry. The average Beastman household would be able to produce not less than 50 jin of Milk Wine every month. This is already quite a large number."

Zhao Hai nodded, he already expected these numbers. He had lived with the Beastmen before, so he knew that they cannot go without Milk Wine. But even if they produce more than 50 jin each month, they would also need to leave something behind for them to drink. They would only sell their excess off. If a household can sell 20 jin of Milk Wine each month, it would produce about one or two jins of Milk Wine after distillation. This is already acceptable.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, then we'll go with the Hawk King's suggestion. I'll have to trouble the Hawk King to spread the word tomorrow."

The Hawk King smiled and said, "It's not too much trouble, this is something good for the Beastmen. But mister, I'll have to inform you that it would be impossible for the households to sell 50 jins of Milk Wine. Even if we Beastmen can stand not being able to eat, we cannot survive if we don't drink. So the only wine we would sell to Mister would be the excess. I hope mister has prepared his mind for this. Along with the news, I'll also have the Hawks do some statistics in each tribe, getting data on how much Milk Wine each one can produce so that Mister can have a figure in mind. Is Mister alright with this?"

Zhao Hai smiled and gave the Hawk King a bow and said, "Zhao Hai thanks the Hawk King. This matter is truly very important for me."

The Hawk King chuckled, then he helped Zhao Hai up and said, "Mister doesn't need to be so polite. We're now in a partnership, so we would do our best to help Mister. The higher income Mister gets, the higher cut we receive." Zhao Hai smiled at the Hawk King's words. After a day of rest, the Beast King spread word to the Hawk Tribes in the Prairie. At the same time, he also divided the Prairie into 20 different regions. A Hawk Tribe would be responsible for receiving the Milk Wine in each region.

Upon completing all of these, Zhao Hai returned to Beast God City and waited for the news from the Hawk Race. It shouldn't take too long for the Hawks to tell him how much Milk Wine the Beastman Prairie would produce each month.

And five days after Zhao Hai arrived at Beast God City, the Hawk King sent him the numbers. For the entire Beastman Race, they would be able to sell about 10 million jin. This number was much smaller than what Zhao Hai expected. But in the end, he understood. The Beastmen also had a lot of uses for their milk, aside from making Milk Wine. At the same time, they would also leave behind some milk wine for themselves, which explains the small amount they could sell each month.

Although the Beastmen lacked grain, because of their living environment, they became able to consume milk products while eating their food. After all, they cannot just use up all of their grain before the winter, or else, they wouldn't be able to survive until spring.

But because of this, the Beastmen were very grateful towards Zhao Hai. They weren't looking at Milk Wine as a main source of income, they just use the liquor as some sort of pocket money. It was like those people in the rural areas back on earth. If they have excess eggs from their chickens, then they would sell if off as extra change, if they don't have a lot, then they would keep it for themselves to consume.

Even if it was pocket change, it still helped them out a lot. Plenty of Beastmen decided to not trade their Milk WIne with grain, but in daily necessities instead.

After knowing about this situation, Zhao Hai didn't care. He wasn't afraid of spending 30 million jin of grain. And he was also not worried about not selling the 1 million jin of milk wine to the Human lands.

After taking care about the initial steps, Zhao Hai handed the matter over to Ah Tai. Ah Tai was just responsible for collecting the Milk Wine as well as giving out the payments. He didn't have to do anything else, it was this simple.

When he saw that things had already been taken care of, Zhao Hai returned to Iron Mountain Fort. The winery in the Fort was already finished. The winery was divided into four districts; one was for Fruit Wine, one was for Rice Wine, one was for Beer, and the last one was for Milk Wine.

The machines for these districts were already installed as well. Some of them might be modern equipment, but the workers were already adept in using it.

Now, the Beastmen appeared to be understaffed. The earliest of Zhao Hai's slaves were already sent out to manage the villages. Therefore, the ones left to man the brewery were only the Beastmen. Because of this, Zhao Hai asked the original slaves to help with the situation. And since the new slaves were already settled down and were working on their own fields, there happened to be some surplus manpower in the villages. Therefore, Zhao Hai had those people go to the winery and help, this would also aid the slave families earn a bit more income.

After this was taken care of, Zhao Hai also asked Green to start making the school for the children in the Black Wasteland. There were plenty of idle children right now, so Zhao Hai wanted all of them to be educated at school. Naturally, this was in the premise that they would be diligent in their studies.

When the matters in the Black Wasteland were done, Zhao Hai then returned to the Rosen Empire. He still needed to approach, Randolph, Charlie, Jesse, and the Shelley Family. He wanted them to prepare for the Milk Wine business.

The Milk Wine that Zhao Hai wanted to sell this time was the distilled Milk Wine of the Beastmen. Although it wasn't as good as his Milk Wine, it's flavor was still very tasty. Moreover, it also developed some kind of acidic taste to it. This acidic Milk Wine and Zhao Hai's Milk Wine was different, one could definitely tell just from one sip. But it still gave a very unusual flavor, so Zhao Hai continued on to make this wine.

He also had Randolph and the others taste this new type of wine, and they agreed to sell it. Zhao Hai's new wines weren't priced very high, general commoners would be able to afford it. Therefore, their attraction towards Randolph and the others was quite big.

The grain in the continent was just sufficient for them to eat, moreover, they also needed to supply the Beastmen. Therefore, nobody was thinking about making wine out of grain. What people usually drank was Fruit Wine, but not all fruits can be made into liquor. This made wines quite rare in the Human lands, especially to the cash strapped commoners. If Zhao Hai's cheap wine gets sold to these

commoners, how much daily sales could Randolph and the others get? It would surely be an astronomical number.

Chapter 559 - Business Nuances

Some small merchants in the mainland always think that only expensive things can make the most money. But they didn't know that, in fact, the most profitable things weren't those expensive products, it was sometimes those things that people use in their livelihood. Those things were where true money can be found.

Although Zhao Hai's liquor made from Beastmen Milk Wine tasted average, it wins in being cheap. And since its degree was very high, ordinary civilians would be afraid of it being consumed quickly when they take it back home. And since it was priced low, it would certainly be popular among the commoners.

Randolph and the others had their own business outlets, and these outlets mostly deal with people's day to day lives. If the liquors were launched, then their business would surely get better.

The most profitable businesses always involved unique products. Although the Milk WIne wasn't unique, it's definitely so to the commoners.

Average civilians would also pick their own fruits and make it into wine. But the wine that they make had very low degrees and weren't tasty at all. And most importantly, the commoners didn't have the time to improve upon this craft.

Commoners were generally busying themselves in order to survive. If they go out of town and get some fruit, it would take them at least a day to do so. They would rather use this one day to make money. And if they were to get some fruits, they can just sell them immediately. Therefore, for the civilians, making Fruit Wine just wasn't worth it.

Randolph and the others were much more experienced than Zhao Hai. When Zhao Hai wanted to cooperate with the Beastmen about their Milk Wine, they had him temporarily stall it. After all, they still needed to do market research and determine whether the Milk Wine would sell well on the Human markets.

And after undergoing strict calculations, they decided that Milk Wine did have a place in the market. Therefore, they immediately agreed to Zhao Hai's proposal. At this time, the first batch of Milk Wine was being received in the Prairie. The Milk Wine were then sent to Iron Mountain Fort for processing. At the same time, the Hawk Race also brought forth news that for the Milk Wine, the Beastmen opted to not choose grain since they didn't lack any of it. Instead, they wanted to be compensated with living necessities.

Zhao Hai understood their decision, and he had already expected this outcome. Although he can't make living necessities, Randolph and the others can. Zhao Hai would sell the Milk Wine to Randolph and the others while having some of the payment exchanged for cheap living necessities. Then, he would trade those daily necessities to the Beastmen for cheap Milk Wine. Zhao Hai didn't do anything else other than be the middleman. But even so, he had gained huge profits in doing so.

With the advent of Zhao Hai's Milk Wine business, the human continent immediately went into a stir. A cheap but still tasty liquor was something inconceivable. Although the commoners thought that the Milk Wine tasted weird, they still found it quite fragrant. Not only did it have the taste of wine, it also had a hint of milk in it. Even if people cannot drink much of it in the beginning, they began to get used to it afterwards.

At first, Zhao Hai placed a hundred thousand jin of this Milk Wine into the market. But it didn't even take a single day for all of these to be sold out, the market's reception of the product was very good. This fact made the confidence of Randolph and the others increase.

And at the same time, when Zhao Hai used daily necessities to trade with the Milk WIne, the entire Prairie immediately seethed in excitement. These things might not be precious, but for the Beastmen, their pocket change can finally be traded for something of value.

Brewing Milk Wine was too simple for the Beastmen, almost each household would even do it. But since these Milk Wine cannot be stored for a long time, a lot of them were thrown out every year. But now, the Beastmen didn't need to worry about this anymore. As long as they sell these Milk Wine to Zhao Hai, their problem of excess would be solved. Not only would they stop wasting things, they could also trade for something that was very useful.

After this success, Zhao Hai's Milk Wine production line, logistics network, as well as sales had finally been established and was operated very well.

It wasn't only Zhao Hai who was happy, Randolph and the others were elated as well. After their shops sold the Milk Wine, it became evident that the performance of their shops had become much better than their competitors. For them, this was absolutely good news.

Zhao Hai's clan was very happy as well. The biggest earners in this Milk Wine business was them. Not only because they were the processors, but also because of having the advantage of price differences.

Although the Beastmen and the Human had signed the fair price agreement, the price disparity between them was still very large. Zhao Hai would buy the daily necessities in factory prices and exchange them for cheap Milk Wine with the Beastmen. But since these daily necessities were bought at a higher price in the Prairie, the amount of money that Zhao Hai can gain along the way was very big.

Except for the losses during the distillation process, Zhao Hai was gaining profits everywhere else. At the same time, Zhao Hai also didn't need to worry about transportation. Although he had the Hawks working with him, the Hawks were just treating it as a sideline job.

After the initial success, Zhao Hai went to the Herculean Bull Tribe and met with Wales. After all, when this matter gets done, he would be leaving for a faraway place.

When Zhao Hai came back from the Prairie, he didn't immediately go to the Rosen Empire. Instead he went to the Purcell Duchy to see how Ruyen was doing. And she was doing very good. The shop that she opened in the Duchy was now expanding outwards. At the same time, Ruyen didn't look at Zhao Hai in discomfort anymore, and was now smiling in front of him. It seems like she had found her own calling.

When Zhao Hai saw Ruyen's state, he also felt relief. Ruyen already knew about the things discussed at Iron Mountain Fort. And since she now has an inseparable relationship with him, Zhao Hai slowly accepted Ruyen into his heart.

Zhao Hai wasn't a person from the Ark Continent. People in the Ark Continent with statuses like Zhao Hai's still held a woman's chastity very seriously. But for an Earthling like Zhao Hai, he knew that the chances of finding a chaste woman at his age back on Earth was akin to the chance of winning the lottery.

Because of this, Zhao Hai really didn't care about a woman's past. Therefore, he wasn't very concerned about Ruyen's previous life. After all, past is past, everybody needs to move on.

Zhao Hai stayed with Ruyen for a day in the Purcell Duchy and learned about the business matters there. He also ate a meal with Ruyen, cultivating their relationship and then he told her that he was going to a far away place. After that, Zhao Hai returned to the Space.

Laura and the others didn't mind Zhao Hai's actions. Zhao Hai being with Ruyen was very different from Zhao Hai being with them. Laura and the others felt this difference, therefore they weren't jealous.

After Zhao Hai returned to the Space, he took an evening rest before he returned to Iron Mountain Fort. The situation at the fort was very good. The slave villages were stable, and the slaves were enthusiastic about work. In order to make the slaves working at the wineries more comfortable, Zhao Hai set them up with an undead carriage for them to use to commute to work.

For the slaves living in the villages, their current lives in the Black Wasteland was like a paradise compared to the places that they used to live in the past.

Everything in Iron Mountain Fort was working properly. The new machines for the wineries have been figured out. And the slaves weren't stupid, it didn't take a long time for them to get started.

The machines that Zhao Hai took out this time should be very simple to operate. It was because the machines were relatively advanced. The more advanced a machine was, the easier it would be to operate. Most of the machines in the wineries only needed someone to turn them on, everything else would be processed accordingly.

What small physical work that the slaves did wasn't tiresome as well. It wasn't a difficult task for them to take barrels from one place to another.

Zhao Hai also knew that the slaves were relatively uneducated. If he were to make them carry out complicated work, they would certainly be incompetent in it.

Now that the Milk Wine business has been stabilized, Zhao Hai had Ah Tai build a tent specifically for the storage of the Space Bags. That way, Cai'er could regularly take those Space Bags and send them to Iron Mountain Fort. And then have the processed Milk Wines transported to each supply points.

Naturally, the entirety of this process, the shipping and receiving, wasn't solely done by Cai'er. Cai'er would release Blood Hawks outside Beast God City and had them go to Ah Tai and take the Space Bags. Then the Hawks would re-enter the Space when they were out of sight. Iron Mountain Fort doesnt need to be that troublesome, the bags can just be left inside s specific storehouse. But from Iron Mountain Fort towards the supply points, the Blood Hawks were needed again. All of these were deliberately done in order to mask the Space's existence as much as possible.

This kind of method wasn't something that people can easily predict. At most, people would find out that Zhao Hai had several Space Equipment in his hands. With Zhao Hai's strength, there were only a few people who would dare snatch his Bags right now. After all, Zhao Hai had already turned his Clan into something that rivalled the influence of a millennium-old family. At his current state, nobody wanted to annoy him.

The reason Great Nobles were great was their businesses, thus it was an unspoken rule that nobody would use overly shady things in order to affect a family's business. If one wanted to do shady things, then the affected Family would no doubt do their best to eliminate the person. This was the aggressiveness of Great Clans, and this was the aggressiveness of the Buda Clan as well.

After the the completing his tasks at Iron Mountain Fort, Zhao Hai returned to Golden Island. The island was now developing very well as more pirates traded here. However, don't think that the existence of Golden Island made the seas more peaceful. Instead, the island actually made the surrounding waters quite chaotic.

It was publicly know that Golden Island was somewhere that people can dump their items in, whether they be fairly acquired or not. And for the pirates, this was good news. Because of this, pirates had become much more rampant in the seas near Golden Island.

However, these pirates didn't dare cause any troubles inside the waters of the island. First, it was because the Buda Clan had already showed them what they could do. And second, it was because they didn't want to destroy their relationship with the only place that they can do business safely.

Although some of these pirates had Great Clans at their back, but as they stay on sea for a long time, they would need money to sustain and entertain themselves. In the past, they didn't have any opportunity to achieve this. But now that Golden Island appeared, it was natural that these pirates would want to behave in the island's territory as much as possible.

Chapter 560 - Meeting Pirates

Zhao Hai was currently sitting inside his ship, the Haven. The sea breeze and the sight of birds on the horizon made him feel very good. Although the environment of the Space was much better compared to outside, Zhao Hai still felt that the outside world had a type of realistic feeling in it.

Laura and the others were also standing by Zhao Hai's side. They were currently leaving Golden Island and was heading towards the Buddha Empire. Although the Lyon Empire was much closer to Rosen Empire than the Buddha Empire, Zhao Hai sill wanted to go to the Buddha Empire. Going to the Dwarf Mountains was much more important than visiting the Lyon Empire.

Actually, because of the enormity of the Dwarf Mountains, it wasn't entirely located in the Buddha Empire, a small part of it was also in the Lyon Empire. However, the Dwarves had a much better relationship with the Buddha Empire. And with the strength of the Dwarves managing to rival the Beastmen, the Lyon Empire wouldn't dare to attack them even if their empire was the second strongest nation in the continent.

But although the Lyon Empire wasn't quite close with the Dwarves. They still had something that they can count on, the Accra Mountain!

The Accra Mountain was famous in the continent. The main reason of the Mountain's fame was because it was one of the five forbidden areas of the Continent.

The Five Forbidden Lands in the continent were namely the Carrion Swamp, Accra Mountain, North Polar Icefield, Inferno Island, and the Demonic Abyss! These five places had their own special characteristics. For example, the Carrion Swamp was well known for its poisonous mist as well as its Undead creatures. It was a place that nobody can leave once they enter.

The characteristic of the North Polar Icefield was its freezing cold atmosphere. When one goes then, their metal weapons would be frozen until it gets brittle like glass. Even the strong Beastmen only dared to explore it's vicinity.

Inferno Island is the exact opposite of the North Polar Icefield. It was a world of fire. Fire spirits and beasts of Fire attributes prevailed there. Only a few would want to think about going to that island.

The Demonic Abyss was the most mysterious place in the continent. Legend says that it was the gateway to the Demon Realm. In the past, Zhao Hai didn't believe it, but after seeing Cai'er strength, he was finally convinced that Cai'er came from the Demon Realm.

But Accra Mountain was very different from the other four, it was actually the most favorite place of adventurers. It was because the Mountain is a kingdom of Magic Beasts. There were a large number of Magic Beasts living inside the Mountain and people can catch some of them in order to make money. However, they cannot go deep. Accra Mountain was, after all, still one of the forbidden lands, once one goes very deep, they wouldn't be able to come out. This rule didn't exempt 9th rank experts.

Accra Mountain was the natural border between the Rosen Empire and the Lyon Empire. But the majority of the mountain was inside the Lyon Empire, only a small part belonged to the Rosen Empire.

Because of this, the Lyon Empire held the most elite Magic Beast cavalry. This cavalry was all made up of Magic Beasts obtained in Accra Mountain. Although they had been trained by the Humans, they still had the wildness in them, making their attacks very strong. This made the empire's cavalry quite fearsome in the continent.

But Zhao Hai didn't want to go to the Magic Beast Kingdom right now. Although there were a lot of Magic Beasts there, it was just too dangerous. And even if he wasn't afraid of danger, business was much more important to him right now. He wants the Buda Clan to be stronger as soon as possible, so he didn't want to upgrade the Space yet. But with that said, although one can easily catch Magic Beasts in Accra Mountain, the high-level ones were still quite rare. So in the end, Zhao Hao chose to go to Dwarf Mountain first.

And if he went to the Dwarf Mountain, there would be a chance for him to visit the Elven Forest. Although it feels like going to the Magic Beast kingdom was a much better idea, but don't forget that Zhao Hai would meet two intelligent races instead of none. If he wanted to expand the Buda Clan's business, this was definitely a good idea.

After Zhao Hai thought about these matters for quite some time, Laura suddenly said, "Brother Hai, do you expect our visit to the Dwarves to be smooth?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "It should be smooth. After all, the Dwarves and the Humans had more contact compared to the beastmen. Moreover, conflicts rarely happen between the two, so there shouldn't be any big problems."

Laura nodded and said, "The Dwarves are famous metalworkers in the continent. If we can get some of their products and trade it with the Beastmen, we would certainly be able to get some good things. The Beastmen crave iron the most."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I also heard that the temper of the Dwarves are much worse than the Beastmen. And they also love to drink. I think our wine would be able to impress them."

Laura nodded and said, "I hope so. I also think that we would have problems this time. At our current strength, there would be nobody who would pose a danger to us. Even the pirates wouldn't offend us."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Pirates wouldn't even think about robbing us when they see a Buda Clan ship. And with the addition of the Markey Family, even the Aksu Empire wouldn't be able to move against us. And as for the Radiant Church, they are now too busy protecting themselves, so they wouldn't have any time to think about us. I think that besides the mysterious Engraved Ark, nobody can deal with us."

Megan smiled and said, "That would be best. I just want to play well. To be honest, the Space is good, but after a long time, it becomes stale. It's good to relax outside from time to time."

Laura said, "But there isn't a lot to look at in the sea. It wouldn't be a long time before you get bored of it. The scenery just remains unchanged."

Zhao Hai smiled, "But you can see other people here, other ships. In the Space, there are no other people besides us. And also maybe some flocks of animals."

After he said that, the sounds of Magic Cannons being fired was suddenly heard. Zhao Hai and the others gawked, they knew that there was fight nearby. Zhao Hai immediately opened the monitor to see what was going on. What he saw was a pirate ship and another ship, naturally a robbery was going on. But it was not Zhao Hai's ship that was being robbed, but a five-masted ship instead.

Zhao Hai looked at the ship's flag and wasn't able to recognize it. So he turned his head to Laura and said, "Do you know who that flag belongs to?"

Laura stared at it for a moment before she nodded and said, "I do, it belongs to the Buddha Empire's Hurricane Family. That Family's status in the Buddha Empire is very high. In the past, they were also being suppressed by the Radiant Church because they weren't firm believers in the religion. The family had a peculiar characteristic, it doesn't matter if they were man or woman, as long as one had any blood relation to the family, they would have a huge probability to have the affinity to the Wind Element. No matter it be Battle Qi or Magic, their attributes would be Wind. They are very famous in the continent because of this affinity. And because of this characteristic, they only worship the WInd God. In the Buddha Empire, they are also classified to be a millennium-old Family, quite similar to the status of Megan's family. But why did the pirates dare attack them?"

Zhao Hai looked at the ships and smiled faintly, "I have to say, these pirates are indeed rich. Who would've thought that five-masted ships would be part of a pirate fleet. This is the really the first time that I've seen such a thing. If all the Pirates had these kinds of ships, then I'm afraid that our Buda Clan's restriction would be put to trash."

Laura and the others also noticed what Zhao Hai was referring to. The ships of the pirates that were attacking the Hurricane Family turned out to be Advanced ships of the continent. Not to mention pirates, but even Great Nobles cannot just casually have those kinds of ships.

Lizzy's eyes turned sharp, "Is someone trying to kill them? Big Sister, who are the enemies of the Hurricane Family?"

The Big Sister that Lizzy meant was Laura. Although Meg was the one who spent the longest time with Zhao Hai, it was Laura who had helped him the most. And adding on to the fact that Laura was the oldest one of them, it was acceptable for the women to call her Big Sister.

Laura shook her head and said, "Although the Hurricane Family has formidable strength, their temper is very good, and they don't like to offend people. Most importantly, they really don't strive for power and money. In addition to them being very loyal to their faith, the family members are very good-hearted people. So how could these possibly offend someone? Besides the Radiant Church, the Hurricane Family is friends with everyone. When the Radiant Church suppressed them, a lot of people went out of their way just to provide help. I can dare to say that the most friendly people in the continent would be their family."

While Zhao Hai was listening to Laura, he had felt confused, "Laura, how did you get this information? Why was it so detailed?"

Laura smiled and said, "Brother Hai, you don't know? Our Markey Family has collected information regarding the various families in the continent. The history and emblems of the families were written in great detail. At the same time, we also have the Robert Family's archives that had more or less the same content."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "I really didn't know which family was who, their emblems and so on. Remembering these things gives me headache. It's nice that you remembered them. Right, do we have a good relationship with the Hurricane Family?"

Laura shook her head and said, "Most likely not. The Hurricane Family rarely does business. They basically get what they need from their territory. Because of this, business with them was very rare, so we don't have much contact with them."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Then this is the right time, let's go draw them in to be our friends. Right, Laura, can you recognize where the ships came from?" Naturally Zhao Hai wasn't referring to the Hurricane Family's ships, but instead to the Pirate ships.

Although the ships in the continent looked very much the same, a fairly discerning person would be able to see some slight differences on these ships. Each country had their own flair when it came to their shipbuilding that experienced people could distinguish.

Laura carefully looked at the several Pirate ships, and after some time she opened her mouth and said, "From the shape of the ship, it's probably from the Buddha Empire. But its color very much belongs to the Ocean Waves Dynasty. I really cannot be sure."

Zhao Hai's eyes flashed, "Ocean Waves Dynasty? Them again?"