

## Bodyguard 4421

### Chapter 4421 Designated Pirate

As soon as the ranking was announced, many Chambers of Commerce in the South continent, who had been waiting for a long time, took huge orders and went to the heads of the escort agencies. The stronger the ranking, the more popular they were.

In the past, the traditional and powerful escort agencies had always been the most popular ones at the South continent escort agency meetings. They ate the meat, while the rest of the escort agencies could only drink the soup. The smaller escort agencies at the bottom of the rankings could not even get the soup and could only watch from the side.

Five years ago, Qitian bodyguard agency had always been a weak company. Even when they finally rose to become one of the five biggest bodyguard agencies, they were not as popular as the traditional tycoons. However, this time, they had finally stepped into the ranks of the greedy!

At this moment, Qi Wenhan was surrounded by a group of people. There were managers and managers of more than ten Chambers of Commerce, big and small. Among them, the Hong Chamber of Commerce represented by honest Chai was the most dazzling. Whether it was in terms of quantity or quality, it could already be on equal footing with other traditional rich and powerful.

Even the people from the four Seas escort agency and the divine Wind escort agency could not help but feel envious of such a lively scene, let alone those small escort agencies who had nothing to show for it. This was originally a piece of meat that they wanted to eat. Now that the Qitian escort agency had suddenly risen, they had another competitor who wanted to snatch this meat ...

Qi Mingyuan was the head of the Qitian escort agency. He had felt like a dwarf when he sat with the heads of the other five big escort agencies, but now he suddenly straightened his back. People like boundless sea and Zhao bufan finally started to take the initiative to talk to Qi Mingyuan.

Strength determined one's right to speak. Qitian bodyguard agency had been one of the five big bodyguard agencies for five years, but it was only now that they started to gain the recognition of the other five big bodyguard agencies. Lin Yi's contribution to this was the greatest.

After two hours of rest, the escort agencies and the Chambers of Commerce finished their first round of negotiations. The second round of the competition finally began.

All the escort companies started to rub their fists again. The leading ones had to maintain their advantage, and the ones behind had to catch up. Although many Chambers of Commerce had already placed huge orders, businessmen would never put their eggs in one basket. They still had a lot of orders in their hands. As long as they performed well, it was completely possible for them to catch up and join the ranks of the carnivorous!

"The second round of the competition is also closely related to your escort. It will be a dangerous sea voyage." Boundless sea announced to everyone.

Hearing this name, everyone nodded. In other places, because the escort agencies were on land, they might not have to go out to sea for the rest of their lives. However, in the sea areas of the South continent, if you didn't have good sailing skills, you couldn't be an escort at all, because every escort mission here had to go out to sea.

"The rules of the competition are very simple. Each escort agency will send out a golden core stage escort and drive the ship alone through a section of the sea Road. There will be miasma fog, hidden reefs, whirlpools, and some designated Pirates on the road. Anyway, the things that you may encounter during your usual escort journey will appear in the competition." Boundless sea explained the rules to everyone.

"Fixed pirate?" Lin Yi blinked. Everything else was easy to understand, but this fixed pirate ... It was a little weird.

"Brother Ling, you might not know this, but these so-called fixed Pirates are those who are often stationed at the same place. As long as a ship passes by within their range of vision, they will chase after it and Rob it. Although most Pirates usually commit crimes on the run, there are actually quite a number of such fixed Pirates in the waters of the South continent because of the sea fog and other cover. After all, they are more comfortable and comfortable." Qi Wenhan explained.

"So the Pirates that appeared in this competition are real pirates?" Lin Yi couldn't help but be curious.

"That's impossible. We can compromise with Pirates when we're delivering goods, but this is the southern continent escort agency's event. No matter how many Pirates come, we'll definitely kill them all. Besides, why would real pirates cooperate with us in the competition?" Qi Wenhan laughed and speculated. "If I'm not wrong, these designated Pirates should be disguised by people from the five major escort agencies. In the past, there were similar competitions. They all did this."

"Since they know that they're on our side, then these Pirates are just going through the motions. We can't really kill them, right?" Lin Yi didn't think so.

"Hehe, brother Ling, you're wrong about this. Just look at the first round of the competition. Killing people is rare in other places, but here, it's a common occurrence. Even if these designated Pirates are people from the five major escort agencies in disguise, they'll definitely kill them if they encounter them. At that time, it'll be at least five against one. If they encounter them, they'll definitely die." Qi Wenhan sighed and shook his head.

"All the escorts from the escort agency will compete on a new sea route that has been determined. No one has traveled on this sea route before. All the submerged reefs, whirlpools, and even the designated Pirates you encounter on the way will not follow any rules." Boundless sea continued to explain the rules.

Everyone in the audience was silent. This kind of competition seemed simple, as they only needed to sail out to the sea. There was no need to risk their lives like in the first round, but the real experts could already see the danger.

A completely unfamiliar new sea route was a huge challenge for any Navigator. No matter how experienced they were, there was a risk of capsize. Under the sea fog that covered the sky, any hidden reef or Whirlpool was very likely to kill people. If they encountered Pirates, there was no chance of survival.

"One more thing. The designated Pirates are sent by the five major escort agencies. The five of us judges will each choose a set of coordinates, and after randomly mixing up the numbers, we'll get a new set of random coordinates. In other words, no one, including the five of us judges, can predict the pirate's location in advance. We can guarantee absolute fairness. If you have any doubts, you can raise them in front of everyone now." Boundless sea said loudly.

Everyone below the stage looked at each other, and no one said a word. Although it was hard to say how the specific implementation would be, at least from the setting of the rules, there was nothing to be picky about. Even the people from the five major escort agencies would find it difficult to tamper with it.

Of course, since designated Pirates were made up of people from the five major escort agencies, if they really encountered them, the contestants from the five major escort agencies would have some advantage over the other escort agencies. After all, the Pirates had "their own people" within them.

However, in this kind of competition, once they encountered fixed Pirates, they would naturally be declared out!

#### Chapter 4422 No One Accepted The Challenge

Therefore, it didn't make much of a difference whether they had "their own people" or not, and it wouldn't really affect the outcome of the competition. Therefore, everyone turned a blind eye to it and didn't have any opinions.

"May I ask escort leader hai, are the new sea routes we are taking different from each other, or are they all on the same sea route?" Someone in the crowd suddenly asked loudly.

"I can tell you this clearly. All the participants are on the same route in the same Sea area. The routes are roughly the same. However, in order to prevent people from being passive and deliberately following others to test the danger, at the starting dock, each ship must be at least 20 meters apart. Now is the time when the sea fog is the heaviest. Once they enter the sea, they can't see each other for 20 meters, so it's difficult to judge each other's position." Boundless sea answered calmly.

"Then what if someone tries to slip away and turns back halfway before they finish the journey?" Someone in the crowd asked again. When this was said, everyone couldn't help but prick up their ears. There was really a guy who had such an idea.

"Good question. The starting point and ending point of this voyage will be set at the moleng Pier. However, there is a must-pass point twenty miles away. The staff of the meeting are waiting for you there. You can only return after you have the seal in their hands. The results of this round will be counted. If anyone dares to turn back halfway, not only will he not have any points, but the escort agency he is in will also be fined three hundred thousand spiritual Jade!" Boundless sea answered.

"What about the specific points? how do you calculate them?" Someone asked in the midst of the uproar.

"It's very simple. We'll calculate it according to the time each person takes to pass. Those who pass in one joss stick time will get two hundred points. Those who pass in two joss stick time will get one hundred points. Those who pass in three joss stick time will get fifty points. Those who pass in four joss stick time will get thirty points. Those who pass in five joss stick time will get ten points. As for those who can't pass in five joss stick time, there's no need to calculate the points, because these people usually won't come back." Boundless sea said loudly.

The joss stick he was referring to was not the short joss stick that ordinary people were familiar with. Instead, it was a long joss stick that had been specially ordered by the General Assembly. Just like the first round of robbery, the time it took was much longer than the average person's concept of a joss stick. Otherwise, the new sea route was forty miles long. Forget about the dangers along the way, even if they were familiar with the route, this little time would not be enough.

At this point, everyone had a clear understanding of the rules of the second round of navigation. Next, it was up to the 32 escort agencies to see how they would arrange their troops.

Unlike the first round, although it was also limited to Jindan stage Masters, the second round did not have a high requirement for the strength of the escort. Even early Jindan stage was not impossible. However, there was one point. The experience of sailing must be extremely rich. Otherwise, no matter how strong the escort was, it would be useless.

If they really encountered a submerged reef or Whirlpool, once the ship was submerged, not to mention a master of the Golden core stage, even a master of the Yuanying stage could only die if they fell into the vast sea. Although cultivators kept saying that they wanted to go against the heavens, but in the face of the vast sea, at least in the level of the Yuanying stage, they were far from having the confidence to resist it.

No matter which agency it was, there would always be a few experienced escorts. However, at this time, no one would take the initiative to sign up.

There was no other reason. This round of competition seemed simple, but in reality, it was even more dangerous than the first round.

The first round was to have people kill each other in the open. It looked bloody and cruel, but at least they could see their opponents. Even if they died, they would at least die clearly.

However, in this second round of dangerous region navigation, the hidden reefs and whirlpools under the sea fog were far more dangerous than a few Jindan enemies. The key was that they couldn't even see them, and in the end, they didn't even know how they died, not to mention that there were Pirates among them.

It was completely unfamiliar and completely random. Under such circumstances, even the most experienced escort would not have the slightest confidence. Once they set sail, whether they could come back alive depended on two things: one was seafaring skills, and the other was luck. It could be said that the latter was far more important than the former.

This was no longer called risking one's life, but a real gamble of life. In many cases, people could be impassioned to risk their lives, but there were very few who dared to gamble their lives.

First of all, he had to be an experienced voyaging bodyguard, and at the same time, he had to be a super gambler who dared to gamble his life. There was no one in this world who had these two characteristics in one, because in the vast sea, no gambler could live long.

"It's the same as before. Whoever is willing to take the initiative to participate, regardless of the result, the escort agency will reward you with 50000 spiritual jades. Is there anyone who wants to sign up?" Qi Wenhan continued to use the spiritual Jade as an offensive strategy. It was still the same principle: there would always be brave men with great rewards.

However, this time, no one responded as enthusiastically as before. The escorts from Qitian bodyguard agency looked at each other and shrunk their necks. They did not dare to look at Qi Wenhan in the eye, afraid that their young master would call them out in public.

In the first round of the competition, the three brothers who had worked together with them on normal days had been beaten to death in front of everyone's eyes. Their bright red blood was still left on the field until now. Such shock and excitement could not be digested in a short time.

Moreover, there were indeed people who weren't afraid of risking their lives. There was at least a possibility of survival in this kind of life-and-death battle, but anyone with a little common sense knew that sailing in completely unfamiliar and dangerous waters was no different from courting death.

Sea Fog, submerged reefs, whirlpools, and Pirates. If these were placed alone, they wouldn't be daunting. But when all of them were placed together, this was really a matter of life and death. No matter how confident they were in their navigation skills, they didn't dare to take on this job that was almost certain death.

Only with heaven-defying luck and skilled navigation skills would there be a slight chance of survival. However, who would be willing to bet their lives on this luck?

Although 50,000 spiritual jades was good, everyone was afraid that they would not be able to spend it even if they had the life to earn it!



Seeing that no one took the initiative to sign up, Qi Wenhan was caught in a dilemma. If he really couldn't do it, the only way left was to use his identity as the young master of the bodyguard agency to force the candidates to sign up. After all, he couldn't just give up.

However, this was the worst plan that could not be chosen. If they really did this, not to mention whether the chosen ones would really cooperate, at least in terms of morale, this would definitely be an extremely huge blow.

Chapter 4423 Confident

After this, it would be completely unrealistic to expect everyone to take the initiative to help, or even fight to the death for the bodyguard agency's glory, like in the first round.

Forcing his way through was the worst plan, but this competition couldn't be left empty. Qi Wenhan's brows were locked together. After hesitating for a long time, he suddenly gritted his teeth. Damn it, otherwise, he would have personally gone into battle!

It was no wonder that Qi Wenhan had such an idea. After all, the Qitian bodyguard agency was the property of the Qi family. Since no one else dared to do such a thing that would obviously cost the agency their lives, only he, the young master, would do it personally.

However, there was a huge hidden danger in this. If Qi Wenhan did not return, the Qitian escort agency would lose a young master. More importantly, no one could take over the overall situation for him. If there was no leader, all the hard work that the Qitian escort agency had worked so hard for would be for naught.

Moreover, even if Qi Wenhan really wanted to do it, his father, Qi Mingyuan, would never agree to it. After all, he only had one son.

He didn't know what to do. For a moment, Qi Wenhan had a headache. Butler song, who was standing beside him, also saw the problem and couldn't help but feel troubled.

With the friendship between Butler song and the Qi father and son, he was willing to help Qi Wenhan solve his problems. For the Qitian bodyguard agency, he was willing to go through fire and water. However, the problem was that he was a master of the original infant stage. The rules of the competition required him to be at the Golden core stage. What was the best thing to do?

Everyone in the Qitian bodyguard agency looked at each other. No one knew what to do, and the situation fell into a stalemate.

"Brother Qi, I'll go." Lin Yi said suddenly.

"Ah?" Qi Wenhan was stunned and jumped in shock. He quickly stopped her, ""No, no, brother Ling, I appreciate your kindness, but you definitely can't go this time. I've already decided, I'll do it myself."

Lin Yi was a national treasure to the Qitian bodyguard agency. They couldn't let him do something like this. Even if Qi Wenhan did it himself, it was better than letting Lin Yi die for nothing!

Qi Wenhan was the young master of the Qitian bodyguard agency, after all. It was his responsibility to step up at a time like this, but Lin Yi was outside help. He already owed Lin Yi a big favor by coming to the escort agency meeting in the South continent. How could they let him participate in such a dangerous competition? Moreover, he was not a veteran escort with rich sailing experience!

"Brother Qi, the bodyguard agency still needs you to take charge. It's like a decisive battle on the battlefield. How can you, the commander, personally go into battle? If other people were to see this, they would think that there's no one in Qitian escort agency!" Lin Yi pressed on his shoulder and said seriously, "I have some seafaring experience, and I'm confident in this kind of thing. Don't worry, leave it to me."

"No, I really can not! No matter how experienced you are, it's hard to come back alive from this kind of competition, let alone you, brother Ling. I definitely won't let you go, and even my father won't agree!" Qi Wenhan shook his head firmly.

"Brother Qi, let me ask you a question. Have I ever lied to you?" Lin Yi suddenly asked.

"I didn't." Qi Wenhan couldn't help but be stunned.

"Then have you ever seen me do something I'm not confident in?" Lin Yi asked.

"This ... I don't think so ..." Qi Wenhan scratched his head. Although the other party had done many shocking things, when he thought about it carefully, everything seemed to be within his control. He didn't feel that it was out of his control.

"Then that's it. Since I said I'm confident, then naturally I'm confident. Do I look like the kind of person who would joke around with his life?" Lin Yi laughed as he took the form from Qi Wenhan's hands. He didn't wait for Qi Wenhan to react as he wrote down Ling Yi's name.

Qi Wenhan and Butler song didn't know whether to laugh or cry at this scene. They didn't know what to do. Although they instinctively felt that they couldn't let Lin Yi Do it, Lin Yi had already done this much. How could they stop him? He couldn't just tear all decorum and force him to not go up, right?

As for the other escorts from Qitian bodyguard agency, they looked at Lin Yi with more respect. Before, they were only in awe of Lin Yi's status and strength, but now, they were even more in awe of Lin Yi's courage.

Anyone who dared to gamble their lives was a dangerous person that they couldn't mess with. As for people like Lin Yi, who had both strength and status, and dared to gamble with his life, he was like a god of War. He could only bow to him, not show any disrespect.

"Hehe, go hand in the name list." Lin Yi smiled as he handed the form back to Qi Wenhan. The reason he did this was to do the Qitian bodyguard agency a favor. As Lin Yi said, this was extremely dangerous for others, but it was a small matter for him.

It was true that Lin Yi didn't have much sailing experience-he wasn't even skilled at navigating through fog, let alone hidden threats like reefs and whirlpools. But that was enough for him to handle this competition with ease.

Qi Wenhan and Butler song looked at each other and smiled bitterly. They didn't know if they should accept or not, but they knew that Lin Yi had made up his mind. They knew that it was impossible to persuade him otherwise. They couldn't say anything more and could only thank him in their hearts.

On Qitian bodyguard agency's side, Lin Yi's help had saved Qi Wenhan from the crisis, so they had no problem choosing a candidate for the battle. However, the other bodyguard agencies were still in a dilemma.

There was no other way. No one was willing to do this kind of thing. No matter how much the reward was, it was useless. Qi Wenhan was already very generous to offer 50000 spiritual jades. If even that was not effective, what about the other bodyguard agencies?

It was still the same saying, spiritual jades were not something that could be earned with one's life, but at the same time, one had to be alive to spend them. This was simply the rhythm of courting death, and everyone was not stupid ...

In the second round of the competition, the usual reward system was useless. The other bodyguard agencies weren't like Qitian bodyguard agency, where Lin Yi stood up for them. The only thing they could do was to force people to join them, which was the last resort Qi Wenhan had thought about.

Everyone knew that this method was very demoralizing. If they had a choice, no one would be willing to make this choice. If they could give up, many escort agencies would give up on their own initiative. After all, they did not expect to get many points from this kind of forced selection. They might as well be rational and maintain their morale.

#### Chapter 4424 Secret Inside Story

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Most of these people did not have much strength or ability to show off. Many of them had been seriously injured when they were young, and they still had serious aftereffects to this day. Some of them were even seriously ill and on the verge of death. Instead of wasting their days and waiting for death, it was better to take this opportunity to earn some spiritual Jade for their families.

Moreover, even if they didn't want to go, the bodyguard agency would throw them out forcefully. They had to go even if they didn't want to. If they caused trouble now, they would definitely die a worse death. So, they had no choice but to accept their fate.

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Having received an elite education from a young age, he knew that the loyalty of the people was the key to the success or failure of any force. Once the People's hearts were lost, even a traditional wealthy family like the four Seas escort agency would fall into the abyss of a broken nightmare, let alone the Qitian escort agency, which was one of the five major escort agencies. The price was too great and no one could afford to pay.

"Who said that we have to force the person to choose? if you don't want to do it, just do it yourself. Who are you? You're the young master of the Qitian bodyguard agency and you'll be the head of the agency in the future. Can't you use your brain before you do things?" Qi Mingyuan's face was filled with disappointment as he knocked Qi Wenhan's head.

"Then what do you think we should do, dad?" Qi Mingyuan said helplessly as he held his head.

"Are you stupid? didn't eighth brother always say that he doesn't want to live because of his old injuries? You can just let him go!" Qi Mingyuan's eyes widened as he pouted.

Qi Wenhan was stunned for a moment before he remembered this eighth brother of Tang 's. This man had been working at Qitian bodyguard agency for many years and could be considered a veteran bodyguard.

It was said that when he was young, he had made a name for himself in the South continent's Sea area. He was once a master who was unconvinced by eight out of seven people. However, those who were brave and ruthless usually did not have a good ending. This eighth brother of Tang was no exception. After one failure, all his bones were broken one by one. Even his internal organs were pierced by his own bones. He almost reported to the King of Hell.

In the end, although he was saved by someone and managed to recover a little of his strength, he was left with serious side effects. After joining Qitian bodyguard agency, he could still hold on at first. However, as time went on, especially after being exposed to the sea breeze and rain, the side effects became more and more frequent, and they became more and more serious, making him wish he was dead.

There were a few times when he was tortured to the point where he wanted to commit suicide. He even tried to do so, but was stopped by others. Now, he was being raised by the bodyguard agency like an idle person. He could only rely on drinking to numb himself. Every day, he would drink until he was dead drunk.



"This is a good opportunity for eighth brother to be free. His family can also earn a large sum of money for his funeral. It's a good thing for both him and our bodyguard agency. Why not?" Qi Mingyuan instructed.

"That's right, but dad, this is just the most passive way to deal with the job. There's no way you can get any points like this. " Qi Wenhan frowned.

"Score? You actually expect to score in this segment, are you F \* cking stupid?" Qi Mingyuan looked at Qi Wenhan in disbelief. He pointed at boundless sea and said in a low voice, ""Do you know why there's a second round of competition?"

"Didn't the five of you come up with this plan together?" Qi Wenhan couldn't help but ask.

"That's just what they say in name. In reality, the second round of the competition was purely suggested by the four Seas escort agency. Then, they used all sorts of threats and promises to force their way through with their status as the leader of the underworld." Qi Mingyuan explained in a bad mood.

Qi Wenhan was speechless. He didn't know that there was such an inside story.

"Do you understand now? the demon cold Sea area has always been the four Seas escort agency's home ground. This so-called new sea route may be unfamiliar to us, but do you think it's also an unfamiliar sea route to them? Therefore, this is a competition tailored for them. Of course, only they have a chance of scoring. The other thirty-one bodyguard agencies are just accompanying the Crown Prince to study. Scoring or whatever is purely wishful thinking. " Qi Mingyuan sighed.

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There were a few times when he was tortured to the point where he wanted to commit suicide. He even tried to do so, but was stopped by others. Now, he was being raised by the bodyguard agency like an idle person. He could only rely on drinking to numb himself. Every day, he would drink until he was dead drunk.

"This is a good opportunity for eighth brother to be free. His family can also earn a large sum of money for his funeral. It's a good thing for both him and our bodyguard agency. Why not?" Qi Mingyuan instructed.

"That's right, but dad, this is just the most passive way to deal with the job. There's no way you can get any points like this. " Qi Wenhan frowned.

"Score? You actually expect to score in this segment, are you F \* cking stupid?" Qi Mingyuan looked at Qi Wenhan in disbelief. He pointed at boundless sea and said in a low voice, ""Do you know why there's a second round of competition?"

"Didn't the five of you come up with this plan together?" Qi Wenhan couldn't help but ask.

"That's just what they say in name. In reality, the second round of the competition was purely suggested by the four Seas escort agency. Then, they used all sorts of threats and promises to force their way through with their status as the leader of the underworld." Qi Mingyuan explained in a bad mood.

Qi Wenhan was speechless. He didn't know that there was such an inside story.

"Do you understand now? the demon cold Sea area has always been the four Seas escort agency's home ground. This so-called new sea route may be unfamiliar to us, but do you think it's also an unfamiliar sea route to them? Therefore, this is a competition tailored for them. Of course, only they have a chance of scoring. The other thirty-one bodyguard agencies are just accompanying the Crown Prince to study. Scoring or whatever is purely wishful thinking." Qi Mingyuan sighed.

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Chapter 4426 Quick Elimination

However, when they truly entered the completely unfamiliar new ocean Road, the gap suddenly became obvious.

Under the sea fog, the visibility had unknowingly dropped to less than 20 meters. Among the 32 ships, they could still hear each other's wind and waves, but they could no longer see each other's silhouettes. Some of them even had no silhouettes.

Visibility was the most critical and important factor for all voyagers. Once the visibility was reduced, it meant that there was no way to observe the environment in advance to avoid risks. When the eyes lost their function, especially in such a completely unfamiliar new sea route, it was easy to imagine how fatal it would be. Whether one lived or died, everything depended on luck.

Even the most experienced sailor would shiver in a situation like this, but Lin Yi, on the other hand, didn't have much experience at all. He only knew the most basic controls of the ship, and he couldn't even control it with his own hands, yet he was confident and assured.

Bang! Bang! Not far away, a loud noise suddenly came from the side, followed by the sound of seawater pouring into the cabin. At the same time, it was accompanied by a desperate cry for help, but this sound was quickly drowned out by the huge waves.

There was no doubt that the ship not far away must have hit a reef, which caused the ship to be destroyed and people to die. However, this could not be helped. With such visibility, one could not even see a ship beyond 20 meters, let alone a reef hidden under the sea.

Before the sound on this side had completely subsided, there was a sudden loud "bang" on the other side. The outcome was the same as this side, another submerged reef.

They'd just set off, and in the blink of an eye, the boats on both sides had been destroyed. There were probably many people further away who'd suffered the same fate, but Lin Yi couldn't hear them as they were covered by the sound of the wind.

Facing all this, any normal person would be on edge, as if they were walking on thin ice. They might even think of running away, especially if they were in Lin Yi's position. Qi Wenhan had said that as long as he could return safely, it was fine even if he turned back halfway. If it were someone else, they would've turned around at this time.

But Lin Yi didn't plan on doing that at all. Even if he couldn't see what was going on ahead, and even if he was going to end up like the other ships, crashing into a reef and getting both of them killed, he was still calm and composed.

Lin Yi had absolute confidence in this. He couldn't tell what was going on ahead with his senses alone, but don't forget that the Jade on him had a natural warning function, with 100% accuracy!

In this situation, this was the best time to maximize the warning function of the jade pendant.

It didn't matter if he didn't know where the submerged reefs were or if there were whirlpools ahead. It didn't matter if he didn't know where the designated Pirates were, either. As long as the jade pendant beeped and he immediately changed his course to a route without any warning, everything would be fine. He would be able to avoid all the unperceivable risks easily.

The Jade's warning ability was perfect for this environment. With such a powerful cheat helping him, Lin Yi was able to drive the ship easily and happily.

If one were to look through the layers of Sea Fog from midair, they would see an extremely strange scene. On the vast sea, there were wreckages everywhere behind them, and in the sea in front, sailboat No. 5 was constantly taking all kinds of strange routes, sometimes Z-shaped, sometimes snake-shaped. In short, it was not going in a straight line, but twisting and turning.

However, it was this strange and twisted route that made it seem as if it had eyes in the sky. It cleverly avoided all the submerged reefs and even passed through the giant whirlpools that appeared from time to time. It was a dangerous scene, but Lin Yi, the ship's controller, was very calm.

This round of the competition was just as everyone had expected. They weren't even halfway there, and the thirty-two security agencies were almost completely annihilated. Everywhere Lin Yi went, there would be wreckage and carnivorous fish in the sea. As for the bodyguards, not even their bodies could be found-not even their bones were left.



If it wasn't for the Jade's warning, even Lin Yi would've ended up like the others, getting eaten by these bloodthirsty fish. Of course, there was no "if" in this world, and if it weren't for the Jade, Lin Yi wouldn't have come to fight.

"Twenty-one." Lin Yi calculated in his heart. This was the number of wreckages he had seen on his way here, which meant that at least twenty-one escort agencies had been eliminated from this voyage. And that was just what he saw-if he counted the ones he didn't see, the total number was close to thirty!

Such a high elimination rate made one's hair stand on end. Lin Yi also noticed that there were some high-ranked numbers in the remains, like number two. This meant that even a traditional Noble House like the shenfeng escort house had suffered the same fate as the other escort houses.

"Such a dangerous competition, no one should be able to complete it normally. I wonder who designed it?" Lin Yi couldn't help but ask.

He was deeply touched by this point, not only by the shipwrecks he had seen along the way, but also by the route he had taken. No matter how he thought about it, it was strange. The complexity and danger of this sea route was far beyond ordinary people's imagination.

Without the help of the jade pendant's warning, it would take at least a month to explore a passage bit by bit, let alone a competition. Otherwise, no matter how many people came, they would all die. In short, this was not a place for a competition.

Lin Yi was still mumbling to himself when he suddenly made a turn. Not far ahead, he heard a sound that was different from the usual waves. Listening carefully, it was clear that there was a ship speeding ahead!

Lin Yi couldn't help but be surprised-who was this person in front of him? there was actually a master who could travel on the sea like this? And judging from the speed, it wasn't slow at all!

Lin Yi couldn't see the number of the boat in front of him due to the fog, and even his divine sense was blocked, but he could at least tell that it was a participating boat. Who else would want to sail in such a dangerous place?

While Lin Yi was at the back, a middle-aged man at the helm of the sailboat sensed Lin Yi's presence!

Chapter 4427 Sinister Move

He couldn't help but be shocked as well, even more so than Lin Yi.

"What's the situation? Could it be that he's fishing for ready-made ones?" The middle-aged man was shocked and suspicious. His name was Wang baichao. He was once one of the most famous pirates in the cold demon Sea area, but he was later subdued by boundless sea and became an escort of the four Seas escort agency.

Putting everything else aside, there was absolutely no one in the world who was more familiar with the demonic cold Sea area than Wang baitiao. After all, he was born and raised here. Whether he was a pirate before or an escort after that, he had been going back and forth on the sea. He was definitely a snake that sat on the ground and did not dare to move.

Especially this sea route. For the sake of this competition, he had specially spent two months to measure it bit by bit before finally finding the safest route to go back and forth. Other than himself, no one else in the world knew!

As a result, Wang baitiao was very confident in this competition. All the other escort agencies had been wiped out, and only sailboat one, which represented the four Seas escort agency, had successfully returned. This was the request boundless sea had given him.

Originally, everything was going very smoothly, and most of the boats that should have capsized had already capsized. It was just that Wang baitiao never expected that at this time, there would actually be someone who would come out to bite the gold!

Wang baitiao didn't believe it at all. This guy had caught up with him with his own strength. No matter how good his sailing skills were, it was impossible for him to do this. The only possible explanation was that this guy had followed the route he had taken and had been picking up ready-made things along the way. This was the only explanation.

"How can we do that? If I let this fellow return safely, wouldn't escort chief hai skin me alive?" Wang baitiao was so scared that he broke out in cold sweat.

Boundless sea might be a bodyguard, but when it came to doing things, he was much more ruthless than any other pirate. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been subdued so easily back then. Even if Wang baitiao had ten times the courage, he wouldn't have dared to go back and face boundless sea's anger.

Although he had made up his mind to get rid of the ship behind him, Wang baitiao did not dare to act rashly before he figured out the truth. In this place, killing did not necessarily require a face-to-face fight. This Sea Road was naturally a huge death trap. As long as it was used well, not to mention killing one person, even ten thousand people would be killed without hesitation.

The two sailboats, one in front and one behind, maintained a distance that was neither too far nor too close. This maintained for a moment, but immediately after, sailboat No. 1 in front suddenly changed course, walking in a large Z-shape. It was not deliberately done, but the reef in front was dense, and if they did not Walk This Way, they would not be able to cross.

At the same time, Wang baitiao was also taking this opportunity to further observe the movements of the ship behind him. It was best if they couldn't catch up, as they would definitely die on this reef. If they caught up, it would prove that the ship behind them was indeed picking up the loot and had already set its eyes on him.

Although he didn't know what kind of skill the other party had that allowed him to keep an eye on him in this Sea Fog that blocked the spiritual sense of cultivators, he had indeed done it!

A moment later, a cold light flashed in Wang baitiao's eyes. Hearing the sound of water, that boat was really following them. This guy was indeed a Lackey who picked up ready-made goods!

From the beginning to the end, Wang baitiao had never considered the possibility that the other party was relying on his own strength to sail. This was because in everyone's knowledge, such a possibility did not exist, and there were no exceptions.

He didn't know that there were some things in the world that ordinary people couldn't imagine.

"This guy's skills are pretty good." Wang baitiao pursed his lips and coldly snorted. If it was a normal Sea area, there wouldn't be any difficulty in following a ship like this. However, under the interference of

this thick Sea Fog, one was able to walk in such a wide zigzag pattern and not be thrown off. This was a test of one's skill. If one wasn't experienced enough, it was simply impossible to do this.

From the looks of it, it would be very difficult for Wang baitiao to shake off the ship behind him with his speed alone. Even if he knew the safe route, he didn't dare to really increase his speed. This place was too dangerous. A slight accident could cause the ship to crash and people to die. No one dared to take this risk.

However, Wang baitiao's mouth immediately revealed a sinister smile. 'Since you're determined to follow behind and pick up what's ready-made, then you better follow me closely. I'll add something to your mix!'

One in the front and one at the back, the two ships sailed through the waves. In the cockpit of sailboat five, Lin Yi was getting more and more suspicious. He was safe all because of the Jade, but what was the situation with this ship in front? It couldn't be that the other party also had a jade pendant, right?

But according to Lin Yi's observations, the route the boat chose, especially at the turns, was a lot smoother than his.

He could only change directions after receiving the warning from the jade pendant. Many times, if he made a wrong adjustment, he had to adjust again, which caused the route to be very twisted and stiff. However, the ship in front was different. Every time, it accurately entered the bend ahead of time. It felt as if it knew the safe route. It was smooth and natural.

"It seems that this so-called 'absolutely fair' bodyguard agency event in the South continent still can't avoid some shady tricks." Lin Yi laughed mockingly. He wouldn't believe it if someone told him that this ship wasn't well prepared. Even if the other party had a cheat, they couldn't make it so natural.

This way, however, it saved Lin Yi a lot of trouble following the ship. At least when he received the Jade's warning, he wouldn't be as flustered as before. He just had to listen to the sound of water in front of him, and he could prepare in advance. It was a lot easier.

Lin Yi didn't even think about overtaking the boat in front of him-it wasn't necessary. After all, this round wasn't based on ranking, and as long as they could make it back in time, they'd get a corresponding number of points. It wasn't a life-and-death competition.

Secondly, this sea route was too dangerous-even with the Jade warning him, he didn't dare to go in recklessly, as it'd be suicide.

To be honest, his sailing skills were not even at beginner level. He was only able to control a ship and was not completely proficient. If he were to compete with those real sailing experts, it was very likely that he would make a mistake in his busy schedule. At that time, even the jade pendant's warning would not be able to save him.

Lin Yi knew that he wouldn't do anything stupid. The only thing he needed to do now was to return safely after reaching the critical point. All other thoughts were just floating clouds.

Suddenly, the Jade's alarm sounded again. Lin Yi listened to the sound of the boat ahead and realized that it was turning to the right!

Chapter 4428 I'll Kill You!

Lin Yi didn't hesitate and made the same right turn. The person in front obviously knew the safe route, and following him was the right choice.

But then, Lin Yi's eyelid twitched-the Jade's alarm didn't get any weaker after he made the right turn, but it got even more intense!

Still not out of danger? Lin Yi was surprised. He subconsciously confirmed the position of the ship in front of him and realized that it was indeed on the right.

Lin Yi didn't dare to waste any more time and immediately turned the ship to the left. After a while, the Jade's alarm finally stopped.

"Could it be that the person in front also made a mistake?" Lin Yi was surprised. He was sure that the person in front of him knew the safe route, or he wouldn't be able to get here. In theory, as long as he followed him closely, there shouldn't be any problems.

However, compared to the Jade's warning, Lin Yi chose to believe the Jade without hesitation. After all, people made mistakes, but the Jade never did.

What Lin Yi didn't know was that not long after he turned the bow, a giant whirlpool suddenly appeared in the sea after the ship in front passed by. The turbulence was strong enough to drag any sailboat in, and the ship would be destroyed and the people would die. Only a giant ship like a treasure ship could pass through it smoothly.

If Lin Yi didn't turn the ship around in time and kept following them, he'd be in deep trouble. Even with Lin Yi's strength, he wouldn't be able to survive.

"Hehe, I'll see how you die this time!" Wang baitiao heard the sound of the turbulent Whirlpool not far behind him and laughed wildly in ship No. 1. There was no need to look at this situation. Even if the God of heaven was following behind, he would definitely die.

Unlike submerged reefs that clearly existed, the existence of whirlpools was a headache for any experienced Voyager because they were uncertain.

They didn't know when or where it would appear, but once it did, it would be a devastating disaster. Basically, any standard sailboat that was dragged into the whirlpool would end up in the same miserable end.

As the tyrant of the land, Wang baitiao knew everything about the devil cold Sea region like the back of his hand, especially the distribution of the submerged reefs in the sea region. However, even he couldn't predict when and where the whirlpool would appear. However, the whirlpool here was an exception.

This was no ordinary Whirlpool, but a legendary bait Whirlpool.

There was no such thing as a bait Whirlpool in other places except the South continent Sea area. It was passed down from generation to generation. It sounded very magical at first glance, but in fact, it was because the South continent Sea area was densely covered with submerged reefs and some special terrains. It was naturally formed and could be considered a rare natural wonder.

It was said that under normal circumstances, the bait vortex was hidden under the sea and was as calm as still water. Ordinary people could not see or feel it. However, once a ship passed by, it would cause the water to surge. As if a bait had been cast, the hidden invisible huge vortex would immediately appear and swallow the ships passing by. This was the legendary bait vortex.



The existence of the bait vortex was harmless to the first ship that passed by, but it was a devastating disaster to the ships following behind. Many exploration fleets in the South continent could survive all kinds of dangers, but they were killed by the bait vortex.

It could not be helped. Once the bait vortex was awakened, it would appear extremely quickly and suddenly. The ships following behind often relied heavily on the leading ship's inertia and could not react in time. Even if they did, it would be too late.

This was the death trap that Wang baitiao had prepared for Lin Yi. If it was just to avoid the reefs ahead, he could turn left or right. Normally, he would turn left to avoid triggering the trap, but this time, he chose to turn right.

"There's no problem now. Thirty-two escort agencies, thirty-one ships were destroyed and people died. I'm the only one who returned safely. Escort chief hai won't blame me anymore, right?" Wang baitiao proudly hummed a little tune.

The four Seas escort agency's strength was second to none among the 32 escort agencies. In addition to the points they had gained from the second voyage, the other four big escort agencies, including the other four, were definitely far behind. It was as easy as taking first place in the competition.

However, before Wang sitiao could even finish his song, not far to the left, a sailboat suddenly slanted over. They were so close that they almost collided. A huge "five" on the sail was clearly reflected in Wang baitiao's eyes.

"F \* ck! This is the Qitian escort agency's ship?" Wang baitiao was so shocked that his soul almost left his body. He staggered and fell on the deck with a shocked expression on his face as if he had seen a ghost. "This can't be a Ghost Ship, right?"

Of course, he could guess that this Qitian escort agency's sailboat No. 5 was definitely the one that had been following him just now. However, the problem was, hadn't this guy been swallowed by the bait vortex? Why did it suddenly appear from the side and even run ahead of me for no reason?

Shaking his head hard, Wang baitiao gave himself two hard slaps before barely waking up from the shock. He stood up again and steered the ship while looking at sailboat No. 5 in front of him with gritted teeth. "F \* ck, what the hell is this guy doing? he can actually come from the left. Even if he's lucky, this isn't how he should go about it. Could it be that he also knows the safe route?"

After thinking about it carefully, Wang baitiao quickly overturned this guess. This competition was something that the four Seas escort agency had come up with at the last minute. The other escort agencies couldn't have prepared for it. Moreover, Wang baitiao was the only one testing out this sea route. The safe route was only in his mind. Even boundless sea didn't know about it, let alone the others.

After thinking about it, Wang baitiao finally came to a damn conclusion. This fellow from the Qitian escort agency was really lucky. He couldn't follow them around the bait whirlpool area just now, but he accidentally escaped and came around from the left ...

"No matter what kind of luck you have, you actually dared to run in front of me. Don't try to fool me, I'll just kill you!" Wang baitiao immediately became ruthless. Don't forget that he was a pirate. His first reaction when he saw other ships at sea was definitely not to greet them in a friendly manner, but to think of ways to sink them!

Chapter 4429 Almost Annihilated

Bang! Bang! Sailboat No. 1 suddenly adjusted its direction and accelerated, crashing straight into the side of sailboat No. 5. It looked like it was going to kill itself if it couldn't kill it.

He might not be good in other aspects, but when it came to crashing into ships, Wang baitiao's standard was definitely at the peak. He used to be in this line of work. Not to mention when he was a pirate, even when he joined the four Seas escort agency as an escort, he had knocked down other people's ships many times. It was just that the people he hit were Pirates.

Lin Yi wasn't able to steady himself, and he almost suffered a huge loss. Fortunately, the Jade gave him a timely warning, and he managed to adjust the ship's position at the last moment. Otherwise, with the enemy's momentum, if the ship were to be hit on the side, it would've been destroyed, or at least capsized.

Even so, Lin Yi's sailboat was pushed off the safe route and almost hit a reef not far away.

With Lin Yi's slightly rusty driving skills, it was already a rare thing for him to be able to stabilize the direction in this situation. However, Wang baitiao didn't plan on letting him go so easily. If he didn't succeed once, he would try again. If he failed twice, he would try again three times.

With their positions, Wang baitiao's side had the absolute advantage, and Lin Yi, who was at the front, didn't even have a chance to fight back.

Bang! Bang! The ship shook again. Because it was prepared in advance, it was not as unprepared as before, but it was not much better.

"You don't know what's good for you!" Lin Yi's eyes flashed with killing intent. If it was someone else in his position, the only thing they could do would be to speed up and get rid of the enemy, but this was a

completely unfamiliar and dangerous Sea Road. It was suicide to speed up without thinking about the cost.

In fact, this was exactly what Wang baitiao was thinking at the moment. In his eyes, there were two choices for the No. 5 sailboat. Either it would be sunk by him, or it would speed up to get rid of him. No matter which one it was, it would still be difficult to escape death.

What he didn't know was that Lin Yi actually had a third option-jump off the ship and kill him!

To Lin Yi, killing a golden core was a piece of cake. After killing him, if his sailboat five was fine, he'd jump back to sailboat five and continue the competition. If something happened, he'd just go back on sailboat one.

The competition depended on the person, not the boat. As long as Lin Yi returned safely, the Qitian escort agency would still get points.

Wang baitiao was still gloating, thinking that he had forced Lin Yi into a dead end. Little did he know that he was the one standing in front of death's door. Once Lin Yi made a move, he'd have to report to the King of Hell.

Full of confidence, Wang baitiao immediately launched the third collision. Just as he was about to hit the target, he discovered that the sail of sailboat No. 5 in front of him suddenly changed direction and directly went to the right.

"You want to run?" Wang baitiao's eyelids twitched, and he subconsciously wanted to give chase. However, he was suddenly shocked. According to the safe route he had detected before, he had to turn left!

It was not completely impossible to go to the right, but when he scouted earlier, it was difficult to pass even with a small boat, let alone a large sailboat like this. There was no possibility of passing safely at all. On the contrary, it was much smoother to go to the left.

"Hmph, since you're going to die anyway, I'll let you go and let you die on your own." Wang baitiao cursed regretfully as he turned the ship to the left. He couldn't just sink Lin Yi with his own life, could he?

He imagined Lin Yi's tragic death and hummed a little tune, and his mood was great again, but not long after, he saw the outline of a small boat in front of him. It slowly became clear in the sea fog, and his face turned extremely ugly.

The tonnage of this ship was extremely small. It was almost less than one-tenth of Wang baitiao's sailboat. It could only seat five people. If it was a head-on confrontation, Wang baitiao could completely crush it. However, even if Wang baitiao had a hundred guts, he would definitely not dare to do so.

He was very familiar with the black skeleton flag hanging on the boat. They were Pirates!

According to the rules of the competition, there would be a random location on the ocean route where the Pirates would be placed by airdropping their flying spiritual beasts. As the coordinates provided by the five judges were randomly mixed, even the four Seas escort agency had no way of predicting it beforehand. To Wang baitiao, this was the only unknown factor.

Who would have thought that even after such thorough preparations, they would still encounter the Pirates? Man proposes, God disposes. Was this God's will?

Without waiting for Wang baitiao to react further, the designated Pirates over there had already charged over aggressively.

Wang baitiao's vision instantly darkened, and he was so angry that he spat out a large mouthful of blood. This was because he suddenly recalled that sailboat No. 5 had made a sudden right turn. In this extremely dangerous sea route, even if one wanted to escape, it was impossible to rashly make a turn. From the looks of it, it did not seem as simple as a dog jumping over a wall in desperation, but rather had a deeper meaning ...

Although he was a golden core stage expert, Wang baitiao had never believed that there was really someone in the world who could predict the future. He felt that this was all exaggerated by people, but today, he finally believed it, but it was too late ...

At moleng dock, everyone was looking forward to it. Although the people in charge of the escort agencies did not have much hope, they still had a glimmer of hope. Even if the people sent out were the old, weak, sick, and disabled, what if they were lucky?

It was fine for the others as they would not be too nervous if they thought that they were lucky. However, Qi Wenhan was really anxious. He had to keep an eye on the distance to see if there were any ships coming back. From time to time, he had to check how much incense had been burned. At the same time, he had to check the mother array of the Jade plate to see if the number five Jade plate was safe and sound. A pair of eyes was not enough.

Not long after they set off, the last bit of hope in the heads of the escort agencies was completely shattered. The situation at the main formation of the Jade plates was constant. There were a total of thirty-two Jade plates, and they were broken one after another. In less than half an incense's time, thirty out of the thirty-two Jade plates were broken!

In just half an incense's time, almost all of them had been wiped out. Such a high death rate was truly hair-raising. The bodyguards from the various escort agencies guarding the dock could not help but secretly rejoice. Fortunately, they did not manage to catch up just now!

#### Chapter 4430 Unexpected

Otherwise, he would have already been buried in the fish's stomach.

Qi Wenhan was terrified when he heard the sound of the Jade tablets shattering. He had to struggle for a long time before he dared to look at them. No matter how strong his mental fortitude was, he couldn't withstand such a torment.

Fortunately, the number five Jade plate was safe and sound. Of the thirty-two Jade plates, there were only two pendants left. One was number one and the other was number five.

The person-in-charge of the four Seas escort agency was full of confidence from the beginning to the end. He did not even look at the mother formation of the Jade token. It was as if the outcome was already set in stone. Qi Wenhan felt a little more at ease when he saw this.

It seemed like he had made the right choice. Ling Yi would never do anything he wasn't confident in. Since he dared to go, it meant that he was 100% confident. The situation of the Jade token's mother formation was proof of that.

But even so, before he saw Lin Yi return safely, Qi Wenhan still didn't dare to relax completely. He was still praying nervously in his heart, hoping that there wouldn't be any accidents.

The time it took for an incense stick to burn wasn't very long, but it wasn't short either. According to the rules of the competition, if one could return within the time it took for an incense stick to burn, they would get the highest score of two hundred points.

However, this was only in theory. There were so many escort agencies in the first round, and so many lives were lost. In the end, only the four Seas escort agency scored more than 100 points. How could points be so easy to obtain?

Therefore, the high score of 200 points only looked beautiful, but it was actually just a decoration in the air. Normally, no one could reach it.

Although none of them had personally gone to compete in the sea route, since they had taken it out in this gathering of experts, they could naturally imagine that this sea route was definitely not simple. The near-total death rate was the best evidence. Moreover, the round trip was forty li. How could it be easy to rush back in the time it takes an incense to burn?

Anyone who had some common sense would not think that anyone could come back in one joss stick's time, especially now that only two out of the 32 bodyguard agencies were left. It was already very rare for someone to come back in three joss sticks' time, let alone one joss stick's time.

"A ship is coming!" Seeing that the first stick of incense was about to burn out, someone suddenly shouted at this time. There was a sudden commotion at the dock. Everyone stood on their tiptoes and looked up. The experts suddenly opened their mouths in surprise and looked at each other.



"It can't be a ship from another country, right?" Someone couldn't help but Mutter in doubt. Many people on the side immediately agreed and echoed. For the sake of the competition, although the dock was temporarily sealed off, it couldn't completely prohibit foreign ships from entering the port. So it wasn't strange at all if it was a foreign ship.

However, as the sailboat got closer and closer, the outline of the boat became clearer and clearer. The crowd gave up on this speculation because the sailboat was clearly the standard sailboat used in the competition.

"Hehe, Wang baitiao, this kid has improved!" Boundless sea and the other four judges were sitting together. Seeing this, he couldn't help but be surprised.

In the previous practice, Wang baitiao's best result was two incense sticks 'worth of time. According to the rules of the competition, he could get 100 points. He never thought that this kid would give such a surprise. He had gotten 100 points for no reason.

"Congratulations, congratulations. It seems like the four Seas escort agency will take the top spot again this year." On the side, Zhao bufan and the others cupped their hands and congratulated boundless sea. They felt helpless in their hearts. This caused the four Seas escort agency to get an extra 200 points. Their own escort agencies really had no chance at all.

It couldn't be helped. This situation had already been anticipated during the competition. As one of the five major escort agencies, the four Seas escort agency's position as the Overlord was unshakeable. With its powerful Foundation, it could control the outcome of the competition to a great extent. In the face of its carrot and stick attacks, everyone had no choice but to bow their heads.

"No, no. The conference has just begun. It's still too early to say all this. We just took the initiative. Everyone still has a chance." Boundless sea laughed heartily, accepting everyone's congratulations.

Whether intentionally or not, everyone seemed to have forgotten about one thing. The number one from the four Seas escort agency was not the only participant who was still alive. Number five from the Qitian escort agency was also alive!

Hearing boundless sea and the others compliment each other, Qi Mingyuan couldn't help but curse at them for being hypocritical. However, he didn't dare to show it. After all, even he didn't believe that the person returning at this time would be Ling Yi from his own bodyguard agency ...

"Alright, this round of competition isn't easy. As the judges, I think we should go and welcome the winner. What does everyone think?" Boundless sea suddenly stood up. His intentions were clear. He wanted to use this opportunity to praise the winners. To put it bluntly, he wanted the four Seas escort agency to gain some limelight.

Zhao bufan and the others couldn't help but look at each other. In their hearts, they were full of vulgarities. However, on the surface, they didn't want to make things difficult for boundless sea and the four Seas bodyguard agency for such a small matter. Since the other party had requested it, they would just pinch their noses and help him back.

The leaders of the five escort agencies immediately came to the forefront of the dock and waited for the sailboat to dock. There was a sudden sensation around them. This kind of treatment was unprecedented. These five people represented the highest level of the escort agency world in the entire South continent.

"Number five! It's number five!" Someone in the crowd suddenly shouted, and then more and more people saw the number on the sailboat. Each and every one of them was extremely surprised and began to discuss.

Boundless sea was originally full of pride, but when he saw the number, his entire body froze. His face instantly sank like the bottom of a pot, and he couldn't say a word for a long time.

On the other hand, Qi Mingyuan, Qi Wenhan, and the entire Qitian escort agency were overjoyed and cheered.

The boat docked, and Lin Yi jumped off. He looked at the first incense that hadn't completely burned out, and then at boundless sea and the others blocking him with strange expressions. He turned to Qi Mingyuan and Qi Wenhan and smiled. "Fortunately, I didn't fail my mission."

In fact, if it wasn't for the last section of the sea route that was filled with hidden reefs and extremely difficult to walk, he could have returned much faster. However, there was no difference now. In any case, it was the time it takes an incense stick to burn, and the points were the same.

"Too awesome! It's too awesome!" Qi Wenhan and the others were so excited that they lifted Lin Yi up on the spot, screaming and jumping, ecstatic and excited.

"It seems like I have to congratulate you, chief escort Qi. You're really unexpected and extraordinary." Zhao bufan and the others were stunned for a moment, then turned to Qi Mingyuan and cupped their hands. At the same time, they glanced at boundless sea to see how he would react.