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Lin Yi couldn't help but smile-others might not know if Liu Ziyu was agreeing or mocking Sima Zhongxiao, but Lin Yi definitely knew!

"Your Majesties, please excuse my embarrassment!"

Sima Zhongxiao cupped his fists and drew a sword flower, then started to move around.

While he was dancing, he was also reciting a long poem about swordsmen that was widely spread on the sub Island. The two complemented each other and brought out the best in each other.

The dazzling sword light quickly turned into a ball of light, wrapping around Sima Zhongxiao as he dodged around. The poem he recited maintained a steady rhythm and rhythm, without any flaws.

It was as fast as a Dragon and as agile as a Swan!

Lin Yi had to admit that Sima Zhongxiao's sword dance was of a very high standard. In terms of performance alone, it was pleasing to the eye.

Of course, in a battle, Lin Yi could kill ten of them with one slap.

"Alright!"

The second Prince cheered loudly, and the people below immediately followed suit.

On the field, Sima Zhongxiao finished reciting a long poem and his sword move had just ended. The sword light disappeared behind him. He also calmly bowed slightly to the second Prince and third Princess. He looked elegant and had a bit of bearing.

"Many thanks for your Highness" excessive praise, this lowly subject has embarrassed himself!"

"Zhongxiao, you're too humble. Your sword dance is much more brilliant than the dancers in our Palace! I've really widened my horizons today!"

The second Prince laughed out loud. Although his words were unintentional, to others, it sounded like he was saying that Sima Zhongxiao was on the same level as the palace's dancers!

To the eldest grandson of the royal family, this was a form of humiliation. Sima Zhongxiao could tell, but he could only play dumb and smile to thank the second Prince for his praise.

Many of the people below were already snickering, and they looked at Sima Zhongxiao with disdain.

After all, Sima Zhongxiao's previous performance wasn't worthy of their respect.

He's just a bootlicker. If he's happy, he'll lose a bone. If he's not happy, he'll just make him happy. He's just a laughing stock!

Sima Zhongxiao did not seem to notice the mockery from below. After returning the sword, he sat back down at the table. No matter what, at least he had achieved his goal of leaving an impression on the second Prince. As for the rest ... He did not have to care too much!

After Sima Zhongxiao, there were people who took the initiative to show off their talents. They were involved in poetry, music, chess, calligraphy, and painting. However, no one used swords, Spears, or halberds. It was like a gathering of scholars.

Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu sat quietly on the side, drinking and eating. Lin Yi didn't say that he was leaving, and it was interesting to watch. It was fine as long as he didn't stand out.

However, things didn't always go as planned. Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu weren't ready to show off their talents, but someone didn't want to let them go.

"Zhongda, Ziyu, come and show your talents!"

Sima Zhongxiao took advantage of the fact that one of them had just left the stage, and no one was taking over for the time being. He suddenly pointed his spear at Lin Yi and Lin Yi, and introduced them to the second Prince, "Your Highness, these two are the outstanding talents of the young generation in our Hongshang Commandery. One is my cousin, Sima Zhongda, and the other is my cousin, Liu Ziyu. They are both talented young men who are well-versed in both literature and martial arts!"

"With them displaying their talents, it will surely be a breath of fresh air for Your Highness!"

"Oh? It turned out that these two had always been extremely low-key! Since that's the case, please show us your skills!"

The Prince looked at Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu, interested. "I've seen so many talents, I wonder what kind of refreshing performances you two can bring? I'm looking forward to it!"

"Your Highness, please forgive us. We brothers are all boorish people without any elegant talents. Brother Zhongxiao is too kind to us!"

Lin Yi smiled faintly and declined, "Rather than going out to make a fool of ourselves and ruining the mood of His Highness and the other young masters, why don't you let us two brothers study at the side?"

Before the second Prince could speak, Liu Zimei sneered and said, ""You all have some self-awareness! Your Highness, these two people are just crude martial artists. They might be good at wielding Spears and clubs, but they don't have any elegant skills such as poetry, writing, and so on!"

"Your Highness, why don't you let them come out and have a competition? they're all martial artists anyway, and they're only capable of using a few crude moves. It's not a bad idea to use them to make you laugh!"

Liu Zilan followed suit, mocking Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu. They were quite pleased to be able to belittle Liu Ziyu in front of so many people.

"Zhongxiao, are your two younger brothers really well-versed in both literature and martial arts? Are you lying to me?"

The second Prince glanced at Sima Zhongxiao with a smile that was not a smile, which made him slightly nervous.

"I don't dare to. Zhong da and Ziyu are indeed the young talents of our Hongshang Commandery. Perhaps they are too humble!"

Sima Zhongxiao quickly came out and bowed in apology before turning to Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu, "What are you two doing? Was this the time to be humble? What's the point of hesitating in front of the Prince and the princess?"

"Brother Zhong Xiao, I'm afraid that it's not that they want to refuse, but that they really don't have anything that they can take out. If I didn't miss you, I could at least do a sword dance, and it looked pretty good!"

A man from another Commandery laughed and teased Sima Zhongxiao and Lin Yi. He probably thought that Hongshang Commandery was not worth mentioning, so he laughed at the people from Hongshang Commandery.

"I think what the Liu brothers said just now is very right. Let them fight by themselves, or we can hire two guards to accompany them in fighting. It can be considered as showing our faces in front of the two

Majesties! I'm just afraid that they're too weak. If they're beaten down in an instant ... It'll be a little boring!"

The people around them smiled. They were all from the Commandery and had similar status. If they suppressed others, they would naturally show their extraordinariness.

So even if they didn't have any grudges against Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu, it didn't stop them from picking on them.

Liu Ziyu was furious inside, his face turning red. He wanted to say something, but Lin Yi's calm face made him hold back.

He'd gotten used to following Lin Yi's lead-he didn't want to mess up Lin Yi's plan before he said anything!

That's right, Liu Ziyu believed that Lin Yi would have a plan to deal with this. The invincible commander dared to use 800 cavalymen to attack 70000 enemies, how could he be stumped by such a small situation?

What a joke!

As expected, Lin Yi put down the cup and smiled faintly, "What you guys said is not impossible! It's just that we brothers are only practicing killing techniques, not acting. "

"Do you understand what I'm saying? It's not that we don't want to perform, but we're afraid that if we perform, we might accidentally kill you! That's right, there's no need to doubt that you heard it wrong, I did say that!"

"In my opinion, you're just a piece of trash! Not only are you trash, even the guards you brought are trash! To be able to make it to a conferred Kingdom in the Dragon state alive, you're truly lucky!"

Lin Yi was talking about the guy who spoke just now. He paused and thought for a moment before continuing, "I'm not targeting you alone. I'm saying that everyone here is trash!"

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"Of course, that doesn't include the Prince and the princess!"

The crowd was in an uproar. All the young masters from the commanderies were filled with righteous anger and wanted to kill Lin Yi immediately.

Even the second Prince and the third Princess, who had been deliberately excluded, did not know whether to laugh or cry. It seemed that there was nothing to be proud of when they were deliberately excluded!

"How audacious! You actually dare to be so impudent!"

The guy who'd been mocking Lin Yi jumped up in anger. "Do you have the guts to fight to the death? I'd like to see who's the trash!"

"Do you want to die? There's nothing wrong with that! Call your trashy guards over as well!"

Lin Yi shrugged nonchalantly and turned to the Prince. "Your Highness, you've heard it. He's taking the initiative to fight a life-and-death battle. As Warriors, we can't be afraid! So I ask Your Highness to be a witness. You can't blame me for beating him to death, he asked for it!"

The second Prince's mouth twitched unnoticeably. He nodded reservedly. "It's not impossible to exchange pointers, but we're all friends, so it's fine to stop at a certain point. Don't hurt our friendship! In fact, swords and sabers have no eyes, so it's best not to fight if possible to avoid casualties. "

On the surface, it seemed like they were trying to mediate, but in fact, they were telling both sides that they could fight as much as they wanted. It didn't matter if they were killed or injured. After all, there was no harmony to be damaged.

Moreover, if one of them died, there would be even less of a need to say anything about harming the harmony.

"Your Highness, please be my witness. I want to have a life-and-death duel with him. No one is to blame!"

That guy was so angry that he immediately asked the people from the same Commandery to call the guards over as he finished talking to the second Prince.

"Sima Zhong da, do you want to call your guards over?"

The Prince reminded Lin Yi in a friendly and fair manner, as if he was afraid that Lin Yi wouldn't be able to hold on if they outnumbered him.

Well, it would be boring if he couldn't hold on!

"Thank you for your concern, Your Highness. There's no need for that!"

Lin Yi waved his hand and smiled nonchalantly, "trash like them won't matter no matter how many of them come. They don't need any guards!"

The young man who was looked down upon once again was enraged. He couldn't wait for the guards to come over anymore and jumped out, pointing at Lin Yi, "Come out! I'm going to kill you right now!"

"Ha ... If ruthless words were effective, I would have been na~ve to death by now!"

Lin Yi raised an eyebrow and shook his head. "Forget it, Ziyu, you go ahead. Let him live for two more seconds. If I make a move, he'll die immediately. How boring would that be?"

Boring, my ass!

The other party was really about to fly into a rage. Unfortunately, he didn't have a knife in his hand. Otherwise, he would have directly rushed over to cut people.

Liu Ziyu was also a little confused. Why did she suddenly ask him to make a move?

I'm not prepared!

Furthermore, Liu Ziyu's combat strength was not strong, and he really had no confidence in dealing with others!

That was because that guy had already displayed his strength. He was a martial artist at the peak of the early stage of the original level. Liu Ziyu felt that he would be a piece of cake if he went up!

"Cousin Zhong da ... I ... I'm not his match!"

Liu Ziyu was nervous as he whispered in Lin Yi's ear, "My strength is far inferior to his. I'm afraid I can't even take a single move!"

Although no one had any weapons, the difference in strength was too great. Fists could kill people!

Liu Ziyu knew very well how much combat power he had. He definitely couldn't beat him in a fight, and it didn't matter if he went up to die, but wouldn't that embarrass his cousin, Zhong da?

"It's fine. Just go ahead. He's not a threat to you!"

Lin Yi consoled him in a small voice before patting his back lightly. He then pushed the man away, "Be bold, don't be afraid to kill him! With the second Prince as a witness, it's fine even if he's beaten to death!"

Liu Ziyu laughed bitterly to himself. He was afraid that he would be beaten to death by the other side!

As for Liu Ziyu's opponent, he did not feel too good.

Just by looking at Liu Ziyu's appearance, he didn't look like an expert. Would this young master be beaten to death by such a piece of trash?

Are you kidding me?

"What kind of trash is this? how dare you challenge me? let's kill one first!"

That guy shouted and instantly charged towards Liu Ziyu, trying to kill his opponent in one move and vent the anger in his chest!

Liu Ziyu was nervous, but he firmly believed that Lin Yi wouldn't harm him. He had a backup plan, so he gathered his courage and shouted as well, punching back with all his might.

At the same time, Lin Yi activated his spirit sense to collide with the guy's head, destroying it instantly.

Without the control of his primordial spirit, his attack instantly lost its power and accuracy. It brushed past Liu Ziyu's body and did not cause any damage.

Meanwhile, Liu Ziyu's fist was slightly slower, but it struck the other party's cheek with exceptional accuracy and ease. The power that he held back completely exploded, sending the other party flying.

Under normal circumstances, Liu Ziyu's attack would not have been able to break through his defense. However, this punch had a truly magnificent effect.

After that guy flew out and landed on the ground, he rolled two more times and then stopped breathing.

Liu Ziyu was a little dumbfounded. What was going on?

Why did it look like it was dead?

Am I that powerful now?

He could kill an original infant stage expert with one punch? Am I dreaming?

Liu Ziyu felt that what had happened was a bit of a dream, and the other people who were ready to watch the fun felt that it was even more of a fantasy!

Instant kill? How was that possible?

The people who were laughing at Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu all tensed up!

It seemed like he had provoked a ruthless person that he should not have provoked!

"Young master!"

The guards that were summoned arrived late, and all they could see were the corpses on the ground.

One of them was a consecrator from his family. He cried out in alarm and flew to the side of the corpse. After carefully examining it, he instantly fell into despair.

He was dead!

It's impossible to save him!

"Dammit! Both of you should die!"

The consecrator didn't make it in time to save them, but he saw Liu Ziyu kill his young master with one punch, so he locked his target on Liu Ziyu and Lin Yi.

He glared venomously at Liu Ziyu as he flew over. While he was in mid-air, he had already activated his most powerful martial technique, ready to kill Liu Ziyu in one fell swoop.

However, before he could even launch an attack, Liu Ziyu had already rushed forward and punched him to the ground!

The consecrator fell from midair, face first. Before anyone could do anything, his face was already covered in blood and was badly mangled.

After he landed, he immediately stopped breathing, just like his master ...

"Ha ... I said you guys are trash, but look at this guy, he played himself to death ... I think it was a heart attack! He knew that he had heart disease, but instead of resting and calming down, he got involved in this. Look at him, he died just like that!"

Lin Yi said, putting on an act. He didn't seem to have anything to do with the incident at all, and no one would suspect that Lin Yi was the one behind their deaths!

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The Prince was speechless-he pretended he didn't see Lin Yi's lie.

"What's going on? why is this kid so powerful? They clearly can't compare to the two dead ones in terms of strength!"

"He must be hiding some trump card or a life-saving ultimate move! I'm sure that this technique can't be used too many times. Perhaps the next time will be the time of his death. "

"Why don't you give it a try? If we can accomplish this in one fell swoop, then we'll naturally be able to contribute in front of the Prince!"

"Go to hell! Why don't you go and try it yourself?"

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The people on the side muttered, all sorts of things going on, but the mockery they had for Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu had all disappeared without a trace.

Some people turned around and began to ask about Liu Ziyu's background, and why he had such an amazing performance.

"Hey, Liu Zimei, that's your Liu family, right? Liu Ziyu is obviously a brother of the same generation as you. What kind of trump card does he have?"

"He's just a stray dog, what trump card does he have!"

Liu Zimei's expression was not too good. They had always wanted to suppress Liu Ziyu, and they had always looked down on him. However, it had never been part of their plans for him to be in the limelight in front of the second Prince and the third Princess.

The person who asked the question had an unfathomable expression on his face. He looked at Liu Ziyu, who was in the middle of the field. How could he call such a cruel and ruthless person a stray dog? Who are you trying to fool?

Don't be swallowed by him in one bite!

At this time, a young man from the black charm Commandery revealed the answer to the mystery. He glanced at Liu Ziyu with some hatred and fear in his eyes, and then quickly and quietly introduced Liu Ziyu to the people from the other commanderies around him.

"Don't be fooled by him! He's a god of death. The leader of the war between the black charm Commandery and the Hongshang Commandery that has just ended is Liu Ziyu!"

"It's this Liu Ziyu, who doesn't look like anything special, who won with a small number of people and killed tens of thousands of well-equipped soldiers of our black magic Commandery! Whoever thinks that he's easy to bully, just wait to suffer!"

"I also remember Sima Zhongda ..."

The guy had just gotten into the zone and was ready to give the people around him a good lesson when he noticed Lin Yi's cold eyes on him. He shivered.

He grabbed a blade of grass!

Why are you talking about this?

Did they think that the black charm Commandery would give too little land and pay too little reparations?

Why did he have to provoke these two killing gods?!

"What did you remember? Say it!"

The people around him were listening intently, and when they saw that he had stopped talking, they were a little unhappy. They immediately asked, ""Weren't you talking about Sima Zhongda? what's his background?"

"Oh, hehehe, I remember now. This Sima Zhong da ... The people of selenbronze Commandery are very familiar with him. You can ask them."

The man from the black charm Commandery laughed awkwardly and pushed the blame away after being killed by Lin Yi's eyes. Of course, he was right. Lin Yi must have left a deep impression on the people of the seitong Commandery.

The people from seitong Commandery were sitting next to them and had been silent the whole time. They felt like they were being hit by a pan.

The damn black charm Commandery!

Betraying the Alliance during a war, taking advantage of the situation, and now deliberately passing the buck, simply preposterous!

You don't dare to talk about that killing God Sima Zhongda, but do you think we dare to?

When those who did not know the truth came to ask about it, the people of seitong Commandery could only laugh it off and put the blame on the people of black charm Commandery.

After two rounds of this, no one was interested in asking anymore. After all, Liu Ziyu's identity and record were enough to amaze them.

They were all of the same age, and the young masters of the commanderies rarely had the opportunity to lead an Army on their own, so they could not help but feel a little envy and respect for Liu Ziyu.

Other than that, there was only a slight worry. It didn't seem easy to be an opponent of such a ruthless person!

"Your Highness, please forgive me. I didn't mean to kill you!"

Liu Ziyu didn't pay attention to the discussions around him. After a moment of confusion, he immediately realized that Lin Yi had been helping him in the dark.

He couldn't say anything about this, so he first asked for forgiveness from the second Prince to dilute the impact of the consecutive deaths.

The second Prince waved his hand indifferently, indicating that it was fine. The guards of the conferred kingdoms of the Dragon state would naturally come in to deal with the aftermath of the dead bodies. However, the atmosphere of the banquet was basically ruined.

"Today's welcoming banquet will end here. Third sister and I admire the talents of all of you, and we look forward to everyone's best performance in the real young master's gathering. "

The second Prince sensed the change in the atmosphere, so he simply announced that it was over for today.

On the other hand, the third princess's eyes were still clear and bright, or rather, they were calm. She was not surprised at all by what had happened.

As expected of a person who had seen big scenes, he didn't care if one or two people died.

After the second Prince finished speaking, he stood up and left with the third Princess. The people below stood up in unison and bowed. "Farewell, Your Highness! Farewell, Your Highness!"

After sending off these two main characters, the remaining people tacitly didn't say much and also left separately. After a good welcome banquet, they finally parted on bad terms.

Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu still didn't go with Sima Zhongxiao and the others. By the time the two returned to their temporary courtyard, the information about the two had already spread.

Before this, no one cared about the two of them. Now that they knew about their battle results, everyone began to pay attention and be vigilant. Many people regarded them as opponents that they must be on guard against!

Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu, on the other hand, knew nothing about it, and they probably wouldn't think much of it even if they did. They'd already been mentally prepared for this since they'd already shown their strength.

Another day passed just like that. Three days after the welcoming banquet, the princes of the conferred kingdoms of the long bang summoned the talents of the various kingdoms and set up a banquet in the palace. This was the true gathering of the young masters!

The seats at the banquet were roughly the same as the previous welcoming banquet. The only change was that Lin Yi and the others from Hongshang Commandery had moved from the back to the front.

If the seating was divided into three classes, Lin Yi's group was in the lower class at the banquet, but today, they were in the upper class, closer to the middle class.

From this, it could be seen that the conferred kingdoms of the long bang were quite aware of the recent changes in Hongshang Commandery, especially the two people who played an important role in the change, Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu.

Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu, on the other hand, didn't really care about the change in seating arrangement. They were more concerned about the fact that not everyone was wearing scholar's clothes at the young master's gathering-some were wearing military uniforms, just like them.

Was this also someone who didn't know the dress code?

Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu were a little confused, but the explanation came quickly. The eunuch beside the Prince stood up and waved his horsetail whisk.

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"Welcome, young masters, to the young masters" gathering organized by the conferred kingdoms of the Dragon state. The banquet is about to begin, and after the banquet, it will be time for all of you to display your talents,"

"In this young master's meeting, those dressed in scholar's uniforms represent that they're skilled in both civil and military affairs, while those dressed in General's uniforms represent that they specialize in martial arts and have more experience in military tactics. Thus, the competition between the two sides will be somewhat different!"

Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu were taken aback-there was such a thing?

Then there's no problem with wearing the general's uniform at first!

On the contrary, buying a scholar's uniform and wearing it seemed a little redundant!

To put it more bluntly, he had dug a pit for himself!

This was embarrassing ... He wondered if he could ask for a change of clothes?

It was obvious that everyone else knew about this, except for Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu. No one had informed them beforehand, so it was obvious that Sima Zhongxiao was behind this.

Of course, Lin Yi was confident in himself and didn't think that something as small as clothes would affect him. He didn't even think about figuring it out and just followed the crowd.

Now, they couldn't make a conclusion even if they were right or wrong. They just had to see how the game would play out.

..."Because of this, young master will compete in penmanship and martial arts. Generals can only choose the martial arts competition, while scholars require both civil and military to participate. However, the points will be different."

"For the individual competition, the basic points are 50 points. If both civil and military participants take part in the competition, they will get 25 points each for a total of 50 points. In the individual competition, the winner will get points and the loser will have points deducted. The final ranking will be based on the total points!"

Putting the final reward aside, Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu felt that they were really screwed when the points rules were out.

Lin Yi just didn't want the trouble-wearing a general uniform meant that he only needed to participate in the martial arts competition, but now he had to participate in the literary competition as well!

As for Liu Ziyu, he was more concerned about the points system of the competition. If it was a pure martial arts competition, the increase and decrease of points were twice that of both civil and military. For example, a general and a scholar competing.

If the general won, he would get two points, and if the scholar won, he would get one point. If he lost, the general would get two points, and the scholar would get one point.

This was to make up for the gap between the general and the scholar. After all, the scholar had a higher chance of scoring in the literary competition. If the martial competition was the same, it was hard to say who would be fair.

In any case, Liu Ziyu felt that it was more difficult for him to play like this. It would probably be difficult for him to score in the literary competition ... And he had lost half of his points in the martial arts competition.

To sum it up, it could only be described in one word:

"Ziyu, don't worry. Don't be impatient and wait and see!"

Lin Yi could tell that Liu Ziyu was a little nervous, and he consoled him, "We don't have to be afraid of anyone even if we don't have a martial arts competition. Perhaps the people here are even worse than us!"

Liu Ziyu calmed down a little after hearing this. He trusted Lin Yi and felt that this might really be the case.

In fact, Liu Ziyu's body-tempering cultivation base was average. He could not even be ranked among the average among all the people here. However, in terms of literary talent, he was not too bad.

He might even have a slight advantage in the overall ranking in terms of combat power. However, he didn't have much confidence in himself, so he felt that it would be difficult to get points.

Lin Yi, on the other hand, was different. No one here was his match in a fight, and as for the literary test ... With his powerful spirit sense, it wasn't hard to find out the answer unless he was creating something on the spot.

"That's the main rule. Now, please enjoy your meal. After the banquet is over, we will begin the first round of the competition!"

After the old eunuch announced the rules in a high-pitched voice, he took a few steps back respectfully and stood beside the Prince to serve him.

The Prince said a few polite words, then was the first to raise his glass. After he finished his toast, he raised his head and drank it.

The rest of them stood up, raised their cups respectfully, and drank the wine in one go.

The atmosphere was a little strange. On the surface, everyone was happy and harmonious, but in fact, all the families had already begun to plan what methods they should use to get enough points as soon as possible after the first round of the competition began!

The Prince of a conferred Kingdom of the Dragon state did not stay for long. After drinking two cups of wine, he took the lead and left.

As soon as the Prince left, there was less restraint in the banquet. People from the same Commandery or other commanderies began to whisper with their heads lowered, discussing the young master's Union.

The old eunuch didn't go into detail about the rewards of the young masters' Union. He only mentioned that according to the final ranking, the commanderies they represented would also be affected in addition to the individual getting a lot of treasures and resources.

Lin Yi thought about it and felt that the young master's gathering was similar to the Champions League in the common world.

The teams participating in the Champions League would receive bonuses according to their final ranking and also obtain European points for their respective countries' leagues.

The number of European points would affect the number of places each country could participate in the Champions League.

The only difference between the young masters' Union and the other young masters' Union was that it did not affect the number of participants in the next meeting, but the privileges, resources, and support that the Commandery could obtain from the conferred kingdoms of the Dragon state.

There were low discussions everywhere in the hall, but at this stage, they could only discuss the known rules, and there was nothing new about it.

Most people were in no mood to eat, and only a few people could still eat and drink calmly.

Soon, the banquet was over. The old eunuch announced, ""The first round of the competition is about to begin. All scholars, please move to the Imperial garden! General, please move to the Imperial stallion Bureau!"

"Before arriving at the destination, you can choose to find a partner and form a two-person team to compete. The members of the team can pass points to each other. When one of them is about to be eliminated, you can give him some points to retain his qualification."

"For non-group members, the points can only be increased or decreased based on the outcome of the battle. If the points are reduced to zero, they will be eliminated! If you're confident, you can also choose to face the competition alone. "

To put it bluntly, forming a team was to add another layer of protection to each other and obtain a chance to come back to life on the edge of elimination.

Of course, if the two members of the team were both trash and were on the verge of elimination, they could only join hands and die.

Liu Ziyu hesitated. If he wanted to team up, he would definitely have to team up with Lin Yi, but he was afraid that he would drag Lin Yi down.

If Lin Yi's ranking dropped just to protect him, it wouldn't be good for anyone.

If he could give all his points to Lin Yi, Liu Ziyu wouldn't hesitate at all-he wouldn't even mind giving them all!

"Ziyu, let's form a team!"

Lin Yi didn't think too much about it, patting Liu Ziyu's shoulder and setting things in stone."Since there are such rules, there must be a reason for it. What we're saying now might not be everything. Let's form a team first."

"Alright, I'll listen to you, cousin!"

Liu Ziyu thought about it and agreed. If it existed, it had its reasons. At most, he would not need any help when the time came and would be eliminated!

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As the two of them spoke, the others also looked for people to form a team. A few of them were confident or were really unwilling to form a team, so they became lone wolves.

The general was led away by another eunuch, and the students followed the old eunuch in another direction.

At the entrance of the Imperial garden, the old eunuch turned to the crowd and motioned for them to stop.""After entering the Imperial garden, please walk around and admire as you wish. However, do not touch anything inside or leave the Imperial garden."

"The first round of the competition is lantern riddles. There are lanterns hanging everywhere in the Imperial garden, and each lantern has a lantern riddle. However, the lantern riddles are initially hidden. Only when two or more people choose one lantern at the same time will the riddle be revealed."

"The person who gets the riddles right first will get one point, and those who don't get it right will have one point deducted! Each person must challenge at least ten lantern riddles. If there are less than ten, ten points will be directly deducted and double the points that are not enough!"

"There are hundreds of lanterns in the Imperial garden. Any lantern that has an answer will light up, which means that you can not challenge it. The time to challenge a lantern is one-fourth of an incense stick. If there is no answer within the time limit, the challenge will be considered a failure. All participants will lose two points!"

There were low exclamations around them. Obviously, they didn't expect such a punishment. If they couldn't answer, they would lose more points, but they had to complete ten challenges, which forced people to challenge.

If he didn't challenge them at all, he would lose 10 points. If he continued to lose double points 10 times, he would lose 20 points. In total, he would lose 30 points!

The problem was ... Those who were dressed like scholars had to compete in both civil and martial arts. The Civil competition only had 25 points. If 30 points were deducted directly, they probably wouldn't need to participate in the martial competition and would be directly eliminated?

"Alright, that's all for the rules. Now, everyone, please enter in order. We can begin the lantern riddles competition immediately! If you think you're confident, you can make more guesses. There's no upper limit to the chances of challenging!"

The old eunuch retreated to the side after he finished speaking and gestured for the crowd to enter.

Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu followed the group and passed through the gates of the Imperial garden.

The inside and outside of the courtyard walls were like two different worlds. The garden was filled with all kinds of rare flowers and plants, beautiful beyond words.

There were many beautiful palace maids scattered all over the place, and each of them had a lantern hanging above their heads. However, the lantern was not lit, and the surface of the lantern was also covered with a light veil.

When they first entered the Imperial garden, there were two Palace maids distributing signs.

Anyone who formed a two-person team would get a pair of Jade plates. With these Jade plates in hand, they would be able to cross the points at a critical time.

After everyone entered the Imperial garden, they dispersed.

However, no one immediately started guessing the riddles. Although everyone had to challenge at least ten times, everyone wanted to see the situation first.

For a moment, the Imperial garden seemed to be filled with many tourists, but there was no atmosphere of a lantern riddles competition.

Lin Yi wasn't in a hurry, and walked slowly with Liu Ziyu, planning to follow and see what was going on.

Not far away, two groups of people were whispering, but their voices still reached Lin Yi's and Lin Yi's ears.

"By the way ... I've thought of a way to win. Let's form a team to play lantern riddles. You win five times and I win five times. This way, we each get five points and lose five points. Not only will we use up the ten challenge chances, but our points will not increase or decrease!"

"Are you sure this is a sure-win method? And not seeking death?"

His companion was speechless, "what if we can't guess it?" Two points for each person? We'll lose all our points and be eliminated together?"

Lin Yi couldn't help but smile. The so-called sure-win method was a bit too naive-only using it on the premise that he could solve the riddle.

Besides, you can definitely guess the lantern riddles, so why do you need to form a team?

"Cousin Zhong da, do you have confidence in guessing the lantern riddles?"

Liu Ziyu was actually quite talented, but he had never played lantern riddles before, so he was not very confident.

In addition, there was a time limit, and he was fighting with others, so it was inevitable that he would be nervous. Liu Ziyu felt that it would be difficult for him to perform well.

"Hehe ... I've played it before, it should be okay!"

When Lin Yi was young, old Lin would bring him to lantern shows occasionally, and they would play riddles together.

Lin Yi's skill level was pretty good back then, but he wondered if the lantern riddles of a conferred Kingdom would be even more difficult.

Lin Yi felt that guessing riddles was a bit of a joke.

After all, the sub Island was a cultivation world that focused on body cultivation. It was a bit funny to use lantern riddles as a means of competition.

However, after thinking about it carefully, the environment here was similar to the ancient times of the secular world. Naturally, there was a trend of quaintness.

It was impossible for commanderies to always be at war, and there should be entertainment outside of war.

"That's good! It's great that you're confident, cousin Zhong da!"

Liu Ziyu let out a breath of relief and looked at the two people who were talking not far away. He pulled on Lin Yi's sleeve and whispered, "Cousin Zhong da, why don't you go challenge those two first and try?"

The difficulty of the lantern riddles had not been tested yet, so everyone wanted someone else to try it first.

But in fact, if one understood, it didn't matter who came first or last. No matter how difficult it was, everyone had to complete the ten challenges.

In this way, the person who challenged first might even have an advantage.

Because in the end, most people would have completed it, and the remaining people would not be able to find anyone to challenge. At that time, they could only bear the punishment of ten points deduction and double points deduction!

Lin Yi didn't really mind-he looked at the two who were talking, and the one who was talking about the sure-win method looked a little depressed, probably thinking that it was a pity that his idea didn't come true.

The other guy was looking left and right, as if to see if anyone was ready to challenge him. Lin Yi nodded to Liu Ziyu, and the two walked over together.

"Two brothers, are you interested in a challenge?"

Lin Yi cupped his fist and smiled politely at them. "There's a lantern here, why don't we try it? Which one of you would like to give me some guidance?"

The two men's expressions changed when they saw that it was Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu.

They still clearly remembered Liu Ziyu's brutal performance at the reception banquet.

They wanted to refuse, but they were afraid of offending Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu. The two looked at each other and forced a smile. "I don't deserve your advice, let's just have a spar."

The guy who said he had a sure-win method obviously didn't have much confidence, so he pushed his partner out to be Lin Yi's opponent.

There was a Palace maid and a lantern next to them, so they didn't have to go far. They directly chose the nearest challenge.

After the palace maid confirmed that the two of them wanted to challenge the lantern, she reached out and pulled down the light muslin covering the lantern, revealing the riddle written on the lampshade.

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A heavy ink is more important than-heavy brush-

Lin Yi looked at it and calmed down. If it was only this level of riddles, then it really wasn't that difficult!

"Is the answer to the riddle played down by Lao Ai?"

The maid was holding a small stick of sandalwood in her hand, ready to use it to time Lin Yi's answer before she even lit it up.

"Young master's answer is correct! The answer to the riddle was the word "downplay"! Congratulations to the young master for winning!"

The palace maid smiled and bowed to Lin Yi. She put away the incense and lit the candle.

Not far away, the people who had noticed the start of the challenge wanted to come over to see the situation. However, just as they took their first step, the outcome was already decided!

Lin Yi's opponent was dumbfounded-he'd only just seen the riddle, and you'd already solved it!

So, you already knew the answer to the riddle and deliberately came to trick me?

Lin Yi smiled faintly and cupped his hands at the confused face of his opponent."Thanks for letting me win!"

"Brother Sima is amazing, I admit defeat!"

The man came back to his senses and hurriedly bowed in return, his face revealing an expression of heartfelt admiration.""I wish brother Sima to continue to advance triumphantly and win all the way!"

In fact, it was a good thing to lose like this. At least it was better than the two groups of people who couldn't answer the question and died together!

"Many thanks!"

Lin Yi had won, so he had to show the grace of a winner. He couldn't leave in a hurry to find a new opponent.

Of course, it would be even better if the two of them were willing to continue the competition. Unfortunately, it was obvious that they were prepared to go as far away as possible!

The surrounding people saw that Lin Yi solved the riddle in an instant and felt that it wasn't that difficult. They dispersed and quickly pulled in people to challenge it.

Lin Yi was hoping for someone to challenge him, but no one came up.

This is awkward!

Lin Yi's reaction to the riddle was seen by everyone, and although it gave the impression that the riddle wasn't that difficult, it also gave people the impression that Lin Yi was a master.

With Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu's infamous names, these people didn't want to mess with them for the time being, so they all avoided them tacitly.

"Cousin Zhong da, what should we do now?"

Liu Ziyu didn't know what to do. If this continued, would he have to learn the sure-win method that the person had just mentioned?

Thinking about it carefully, it didn't seem impossible. As long as cousin Zhong da could guess the answer correctly, wouldn't it be good for him to contribute his own points?

"Why don't the two of us go and challenge him, cousin Zhong da?"

Liu Ziyu put his thoughts into action and had already begun to look for lanterns that no one had challenged.

"What are you thinking? What's the point of our internal friction?"

Lin Yi pulled Liu Ziyu along and walked towards Liu Zimei, who was challenging a lantern with another person.

They were just about to challenge Lin Yi when he came over and smiled at the maid. "I also want to participate in the challenge!"

Liu Zimei's face darkened a little. Yes, the lower limit for challenging the same lantern was two people, so there was no limit.

However, they had already agreed on a two-person challenge, so what was the meaning of this?

The people present basically had a tacit understanding. It was all a two-person competition. Anyway, there were many lanterns, so there was no need to be afraid of not having a chance to challenge. The chances of winning and losing were 50 - 50.

And if it was a three-person battle, then it would become a one-third chance of winning. The more people there were, the lower the chance of winning. However, the profit of winning would not change, still only one point!

"Sima Zhong da, we're about to begin! Can't you find someone else somewhere else?"

Liu Zimei didn't think that Lin Yi would win for sure, but he didn't want any accidents to happen either. He opened his mouth, wanting to get Lin Yi to leave.

Lin Yi ignored him and turned to the maid, "There's no problem if I join, right?"

"Of course!" The palace maid smiled sweetly. Then let's start now!"

Before he finished speaking, the veil covering the lantern had been pulled down, revealing the riddle on the lantern.

"Wait! If he wants to participate, then I won 't!"

Liu Zimei subconsciously wanted to back out-he didn't feel safe being with Lin Yi.

"I'm sorry, young master. The mystery has been solved. If you don't participate now, it's equivalent to giving up the competition in advance. Two points will be deducted. Do you want to quit?"

The palace maid was very polite, but her words made Liu Zimei dumbfounded. Was there such a rule?

As long as one wasn't a fool, they would know that the only way was to continue competing. After all, losing would only earn them one point.

"Extreme joy begets sorrow!"

Lin Yi said indifferently. Liu Zimei thought, "what's wrong with me?"

I've never been happy, okay?

If he wanted to ridicule her, he should at least do something meaningful. What was the point of this?

Liu Zimei glared at Lin Yi, but Lin Yi didn't even bother with him. He continued to smile at the palace maid, "Is this correct?"

The answer?

The answer!

Liu Zimei was instantly dumbfounded. I haven't even seen the riddle clearly, and you're already telling me the answer?

He quickly looked up and saw the words "Kongtong song ends with green clothes wet" written on the lantern!

After pondering for a while, wasn't it just extreme joy turning into sorrow!

He grabbed a blade of grass! 呸呸呸呸呸!

Liu Zimei did not feel good!

The palace maid bowed with a smile, "congratulations young master for answering the lantern riddles correctly. One point added!" The other two young masters will each be deducted one point!"

Liu Zimei and the other passerby who had been a bystander the entire time looked at each other in confusion. Their points were deducted just like that? What had happened?

"You let me win, you let me win!"

Lin Yi smiled and cupped his hands. He stepped aside and activated his super butterfly microsteps, dashing towards his next target.

This was the time when most people were looking for opponents to compete with, and Lin Yi had to use this chance to get more points. Otherwise, if they were all prepared, it would be useless to suddenly join in!

"I'll join too!"

Liu Zimei was still in a state of confusion when Lin Yi appeared beside another group's lantern.

This side was also about to reveal the mystery, and before it was opened, they could join in!

The veil fell down and Lin Yi immediately got the answer, "General Fubo!"

The two people who were originally going to challenge him were immediately like Liu Zimei's team. They were dumbfounded and fell into an atmosphere of doubting their lives!

At this time, they had just seen the riddle on the lantern, which indicated the low tide of three thousand crossbows!

"Congratulations, young master, your answer is correct!"

The palace maid in charge of the lanterns actually didn't have much time to react. She could only make an instinctive judgment after hearing the answer!

Lin Yi harvested a point, and the two passers-by were still in a daze, not even noticing that both of them had a point deducted. Then, Lin Yi disappeared in a flash.

Everything happened so quickly that the people around them didn't even have time to react.

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Lin Yi took the chance to move quickly, looking for the lanterns that were about to open, cutting in, and then leaving!

To be honest, the riddles this time weren't too difficult. Usually, one just had to think about it a little and one would basically have an answer.

After all, the people present were all talents from various commanderies, and this little trick was not difficult for them.

But Lin Yi's speed was like a cheat-the answer was already out before anyone could see it!

If they didn't know how strong Lin Yi was, there would be at least two digits of young Dukes present who would kill him on the spot!

It couldn't be helped-with Lin Yi around, everyone's gaming experience was terrible!

In just a few minutes, Lin Yi was like a tornado, sweeping through ten or so lantern areas, leaving behind a bunch of confused young Dukes.

Lin Yi, on the other hand, had gotten himself ten points and used up the ten challenge chances, the lowest limit.

And then ... Everyone looked at Lin Yi, alert.

As soon as Lin Yi got within two hundred meters of them, they yelled for the fight to end, while those who hadn't even started just broke up.

Seeing that Lin Yi was two hundred meters away, no one cared about their manners and immediately pulled one of them over to start!

"They've all learned their lesson!"

Lin Yi rubbed his chin-it wouldn't be easy for him to get involved anymore!

In fact, these people thought that two hundred meters was a safe distance, but if Lin Yi used all his strength, he'd be there in the blink of an eye, but that would make it look a little ugly!

Hmm ... He didn't look very good when he ate just now ...

"Cousin Zhong da, why don't the two of us do it?"

Liu Ziyu was stunned by Lin Yi's performance, but he was overjoyed,"Cousin, you've already gone to the bottom of the line, and I haven't even done it once. Let's finish my ten attempts first and give the points to cousin. It's better than being deducted!"

"Ziyu, why are you here again? what's the point of our points moving around? How about this, you go and challenge someone else first!"

Lin Yi put an arm around Liu Ziyu's shoulder and whispered in his ear,"Now that I've attracted everyone's attention, you should be ignored. Learn from me and join the competition when you have the chance."

"Cousin Zhong da, but I'm afraid ..."

Liu Ziyu was not very confident.

The riddles Lin Yi solved before were simple, but it wasn't that easy to figure it out before he saw the answer!

She'd rather lose her points to Lin Yi than to someone else ...

"What's there to be afraid of? You were not afraid of tens of thousands of elites from the black charm Commandery. What is there to worry about in this small situation? Go! I'll help you in secret!"

Lin Yi patted Liu Ziyu's back and pushed him out.

Liu Ziyu wanted to say something more, but Lin Yi had already walked in the other direction with his hands behind his back.

The people in that direction immediately acted as if they were facing a great enemy. Those who felt that they had a chance quickly sped up and began to guess the lantern riddles, while those who were not confident simply gave up.

Lin Yi didn't care-he was just trying to attract attention and get an opportunity for Liu Ziyu. It'd be best if everyone's attention was on him.

Liu Ziyu had complete faith in Lin Yi-since his cousin had given him the order, there had to be a reason behind it. He looked left and right for a while before walking towards the lanterns that Liu Zizhu and the other person had their eyes on.

Because Lin Yi was in the other direction, Liu zizhu and the other person wanted to start as soon as possible.

Once it started, Lin Yi wouldn't be able to join in.

Unexpectedly, Liu Ziyu suddenly came over and interrupted in a low voice, ""I want to participate too!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the light muslin covering the lantern was pulled down, and Liu Ziyu's participation qualification was confirmed!

Liu zizhu and his opponent were shocked-Lin Yi had scared them out of their wits, but they let out a breath of relief when they realized it was Liu Ziyu.

"Don't worry about him. He's ignorant and incompetent. He's brave and fierce. He might be good at fighting, but he's definitely not good at literature!"

Liu zizhu subconsciously consoled his opponent, but then he realized what was going on. Why the hell was he consoling his opponent? Did water enter his brain?

Wouldn't it be great if the opponent was scared and confused?

Seeing that his opponent had calmed down after hearing these words, Liu zizhu was even more annoyed.

However, now that the lantern riddles had appeared, it was not suitable to continue struggling. It was better to solve the lantern riddles as soon as possible.

As he looked up at the lantern, Liu zizhu also sneaked a worried glance at Liu Ziyu, afraid that this person had the same style as Lin Yi and would give the answer right away. Then, it would be over!

Fortunately, Liu Ziyu wasn't Lin Yi. He was also frowning at the lantern, not even paying attention to the mockery in Liu zizhu's words.

The misty fog loses the tower-the moon is lost

At first, it seemed easy and he even wanted to say the answer, but when he really wanted to say it, he was a little hesitant.

The three of them fell into deep thought, mumbling to themselves as they searched for suitable poems.

Liu Ziyu was the most focused, and the other two would also be distracted to observe Liu Ziyu, afraid that he would suddenly reveal the answer.

However, in this way, their thoughts would inevitably be confused, which would affect their performance.

The palace maid had already lit a small section of sandalwood incense in her hand and stuck it into the soil to keep time.

If there was still no answer by the time the sandalwood incense burned out, everyone would have two points deducted!

Lin Yi wasn't here, but he'd been watching Liu Ziyu with his spirit sense the whole time. He was a little confused when he saw the riddle.

This lantern riddles also existed in the secular world, and could be said to be quite simple. In ancient times, any scholar with some talent should be able to think of the answer.

The problem was that this was a sub-Island, could there also be poems from the secular world?

Or were there similar people in the two spaces who made similar literary works?

Well ... It's not impossible!

After a minute or so, Lin Yi's divine sense noticed that Liu zizhu's opponent's eyes had become clear, and the corner of his mouth curled up into a smile. It was obvious that he had learned something, and that might be the correct answer.

Lin Yi immediately sent a message to Liu Ziyu, "I can't see either of them!"

Lin Yi's voice suddenly rang out in Liu Ziyu's mind. He didn't know what was going on, but he repeated it instinctively, "I can't see either of them!"

The person who had gained something was suddenly tongue-tied, a sentence had already reached the tip of his tongue, but no matter what, he could not say it!

That was because he had wanted to say the same thing, but at the last moment, Liu Ziyu beat him to it!

"Correct answer! Congratulations to this young master for winning a point!"

The person who was half a step too late stomped his foot helplessly. He felt that he lost in vain, and didn't feel the shocking pressure from Lin Yi at all.

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In other words, Liu Ziyu's performance was within the range of a normal person-it was completely different from Lin Yi's despairing strength!

Therefore, for a moment, that person even wanted to drag Liu Ziyu along and continue the fight.

As the saying goes, there's no first in literature, and no second in martial arts. He was definitely not convinced that he had only lost by such a small amount!

"Let's do it again! There's another lantern here, do you dare to try?"

"Why not? Please!"

Liu Ziyu's heart was set. Cousin Zhong da was indeed omnipotent. Since that was the case, what was there to worry about?

He was originally worried that he would be rejected by everyone like cousin Zhong da, but he didn't expect the other party to be unconvinced. That was great!

Liu zizhu was also somewhat unconvinced. He felt that no matter what, he should be much better than Liu Ziyu, this stray dog.

However, Liu Ziyu had already achieved impressive military achievements and was doing very well in Hongshang Commandery. He even had the title of general.

He couldn't win in this aspect, but could it be that he couldn't even win in guessing the lantern riddles?

"I'll join too!"

The anger in Liu zizhu's heart couldn't be quelled, so he naturally wanted to follow and compete. In any case, it didn't matter whether it was two or three people. Winning or losing, it was still one point!

Liu Ziyu shrugged his shoulders and didn't have any objections. Since Liu zizhu was willing to be an extra, he couldn't possibly stop him!

The three quickly started a new round of the competition. Lin Yi was monitoring with his spirit sense from a distance, a subtle smile on his face.

The light muslin on the lantern had no meaning to the spiritual sense.

In other words, Lin Yi already knew all the riddles in the Imperial garden.

Although he did not consider the answer to the riddle, knowing the riddle in advance was already a great advantage.

For example, Lin Yi had already figured out the answer to Liu Ziyu's lantern riddles even before they were solved.

"Ziyu, the answer to this riddle is a thousand rivers and mountains. Be careful not to reveal it too early. Wait until they're about to figure it out before revealing the answer!"

Lin Yi's voice came at the right time, and Liu Ziyu had already experienced this before-he lowered his head in response.

At the same time, Liu Ziyu was also sighing in his heart. Cousin Zhong da was really too amazing. He simply couldn't figure out where his limits were!

It seemed like there was nothing Zhong DA's cousin couldn't do!

As expected, he was the omnipotent cousin Zhong da!

Sighing in his heart, Liu Ziyu's attention was completely focused on his two opponents. After waiting for a while, he saw that Liu zizhu seemed to have understood something, and immediately said the answer.

"Is the answer to the riddle a thousand rivers and thousand mountains?"

"Yes! Congratulations to the young master for another point!"

The palace maids on the side smiled and congratulated him, but Liu zizhu was tongue-tied and felt uncomfortable holding back his anger!

Just a little bit more!

In the blink of an eye, the victory that was within his grasp had become Liu Ziyu 's!

What the hell was going on?

When the other saw Liu zizhu's expression, it was as if he had seen his own appearance just now. While he was a little happy that someone had died with him, he also had a trace of doubt.

He answered the riddle two times ... Was it just a coincidence?

Or was Liu Ziyu pretending to be weak? Was he actually the same type of contestant as Sima Zhong da?

"Thank you, thank you! Do the two of you wish to continue?"

Liu Ziyu cupped his hands humbly, but received a hint from Lin Yi-he couldn't talk like that!

It had to be provocative and arrogant in order to stimulate the two kids to continue the competition.

It wasn't easy to catch these two big fat sheep, of course, he had to do his best to fleece them!

Liu Ziyu understood tacitly, and his expression immediately changed. He raised his chin arrogantly. ""I guess you guys don't dare to do it anymore? I thought you two would be a match for each other, but you two were like idiots, not reacting at all! It's also very boring!"

Liu zizhu and the other man suddenly felt suffocated. No reaction? I just didn't react as fast as you!

"Forget it, forget it. There's no point in competing with you. I'll find someone else!"

Liu Ziyu shook his head while revealing a disdainful chuckle. He even deliberately stretched out his right index finger and shook it left and right a few times, especially toward Liu zizhu.

That contemptuous and disdainful tone made Liu zizhu explode in anger!

"Liu Ziyu, what are you so proud of? He was just lucky and got it right twice! Don't leave if you have the guts, let's continue!"

"Liu zizhu, I'm just reminding you out of goodwill. You won't even win once in my hands, so why waste your points in vain? Go and compete with the one next to you. Your level is about the same, so you should be able to do it!"

Liu Ziyu's expression said, "you're all retards, I don't want to play with you." He successfully angered the two of them!

The other one had originally wanted to watch from the side and see if Liu Ziyu was really pretending to be a pig to eat a Tiger, but now he couldn't bear it anymore!

If he admitted defeat now, wouldn't he be confirming the fact that he was completely inferior to Liu Ziyu?

He definitely couldn't!

Hence, the two of them insisted on continuing the match.

At this moment, they had all forgotten about the powerful combat power that Liu Ziyu had displayed earlier. They only wanted to save some face by guessing the lantern riddles.

Liu Ziyu laughed in his heart, but on the surface, he still had to reluctantly agree and continue to fight with the two.

Lin Yi couldn't help but give Liu Ziyu a thumbs up from a distance-this acting was really good!

Before they knew it, Liu Ziyu had won eight points under Lin Yi's guidance. Liu Ziyu and the other guy finally gave up on the idea of getting back one point, and they went their separate ways.

Most of the people around them understood how weird Liu Ziyu was. He wasn't as overbearing as Lin Yi, not giving anyone a chance at all, but in the end, there wasn't much of a chance.

This was because Liu Ziyu was always able to give an answer before others could come up with it, even if the other party didn't say anything.

In comparison, Lin Yi's tyrannical way was much more satisfying-the other person didn't even get to see the riddle and they already failed. It was better than having someone beat them to it after thinking for half a day.

After Liu Ziyu won eight points, he received the same treatment as Lin Yi. No one wanted to play with him anymore, and they started guarding against him from a distance.

"Cousin Zhong da, it looks like we won't be able to find anyone else to compete with us. I still have two more challenges before I can reach the bottom line. Why don't we go and complete them first?"

Liu Ziyu walked over to Lin Yi's side, a smile on his face-he was in a good mood."I now have 50 base points and 8 points. It's not a problem to lose 2 points to you, cousin Zhong da!"

"Alright, let's go and complete your minimum challenge first. But you don't have to lose to me, we just have to win once each."

Lin Yi thought about it and decided that it wasn't a big deal to waste two lanterns. "In a while, we'll find an opportunity to get some points. The points we have now are not outstanding. If we want to rank higher, we have to earn more points."

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"Alright, I'll listen to cousin Zhong DA's arrangements!"

Liu Ziyu nodded in agreement, and the two of them found two lanterns nearby, quickly completing the mission with the minimum number of challenges.

After that, they could both attack and retreat at will, and their freedom would be much higher.

As the competition went on, more and more people stood out from the crowd and earned a lot of points, and Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu slowly became less eye-catching.

And after the two of them went into hiding, it made people ignore them.

With the people who were gathered together at the start scattering all over the garden, Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu finally had a chance.

After some small fights, Lin Yi's total points had reached seventy points, twenty-five of which were basic points from the martial arts competition. He couldn't use them in the literary competition, so he could only use forty-five points.

Liu Ziyu was a little worse off-he had sixty-six points, four points less than Lin Yi. The two of them weren't the top of the pack, and were only in the top ten.

"Ten points for this lantern. Who dares to challenge me?"

Someone suddenly shouted from under a tree, attracting everyone's attention.

"Is it okay for him to do this?"

The person closest to the tree immediately asked the palace maid under the tree.

This was because the rules did not mention whether points could be used to gamble. If it was not allowed, then it would be meaningless no matter how many points one gambled.

"Sure!"

The palace maid under the tree nodded slightly."But the original rules will not change. Your duel can only be considered an additional rule set privately. It will not affect the original rules."

In other words, you can bet however much you want, but the original points and points will not be affected.

"In addition, people from the same group and the same Commandery can't bet on a fight, and you can't refuse others to join in the competition!"

The palace maid added. This was to prevent people from cheating and transferring their own points to one person to create high scores.

The rule that no one could refuse to join also put an end to the possibility of many parties working together to transfer points.

This was because if outsiders joined in, it would be impossible to transfer the points safely. If something went wrong, there was a high possibility that they would end up benefiting others.

"I'll do it!"

Hearing the palace maid's explanation, someone immediately couldn't resist the temptation and walked out of the crowd to stand under the tree. ""Ten points, I'll bet with you!"

"Anyone else? The more the better!"

The one who suggested the duel was the third Prince of Ziyi Commandery, Ximen liuyan. He looked around with a smile and said, "" 10 points, plus the point reward automatically given to the winner, that's 11 points!"

"With these 11 points, I might directly jump to the top of the list! It's rare that I'm giving you such a good opportunity, so don't miss it!"

Those who had the confidence to participate in the wagered fight must be experts who had won many rounds before, so everyone's points should be about the same.

Therefore, it was indeed possible to jump to the top of the list if one got eleven points at once.

Of course, there were also those who had lost miserably and wanted to take a big gamble in an attempt to make a comeback. It was not impossible.

After hearing Ximen liuyan's words, three more people came out to participate in the battle.

Ximen liuyan's lips curled into a smug smile. The more people there were, the more advantageous it was for him. After all, there was only one person who could win.

As the banker, if he won, he would have won against everyone!

It was a one-on-four battle now. If he won, he would get forty points. If he lost, he would only have to pay ten points. What could be more promising than this business?

"What you said makes sense. If I win this round, I might be ranked first!"

Lin Yi suddenly walked over and raised his hand with a smile, "I'll join too!"

Ximen liuyan's face turned ugly. He knew about Lin Yi's performance before, so he was a little uneasy when he saw Lin Yi come out.

The plan was good and the odds were high, but one of the rules was that you couldn't refuse other people to join the battle. That was annoying!

The other participants didn't feel too comfortable either-they felt that their chances of winning were very low with Lin Yi around!

But it didn't matter-Lin Yi wouldn't take their points if he won, and they'd only lose one point at most.

"You can join us if you want, but we have an extra rule!"

Ximen liuyan thought about it. Since she couldn't reject Lin Yi, she decided to use conditions to limit his potential,"After the riddle is revealed, you can't answer it immediately. You must start after one minute of consideration."

"After a minute, write the answer on the paper. Whoever finishes it first, raises the answer on the paper, and proves it to be the correct answer will win. How about it?"

This was a setup specifically for Lin Yi!

If they let Lin Yi Do whatever he wanted, the answer would come out as soon as the face appeared.
What was the point of playing then?

After the decision was made, at least everyone had time to think about it and put the final victory on their writing speed. It was quite good!

"Sure!"

Lin Yi didn't mind-he wasn't going to lose, no matter what!

There was no need for instructions. The palace maids had prepared the Four Treasures of the Study and a desk and sent them over, so they did not make everyone wait long.

During this process, all the young masters "Guild participants had gathered around, ready to watch the first battle of the day.

In fact, no one even continued with their own battles.

"Are you ready?"

Ximen liuyan laid the paper flat and pressed it down with a paperweight. She smiled at Lin Yi and the other participants.

Lin Yi shrugged and ignored Ximen liuyan. He turned to the maid, "Let's start!"

The veil fell and the lantern riddles appeared.

Xuanji was an extraordinary character with only four strokes. There was no horizontal, straight, or crooked line. When the Emperor saw it, he had to stand up. When the Saints saw it, they had to bow.

Lin Yi had a plan in mind, so he only glanced at it.

Everyone, including Ximen liuyan, was a little nervous. Their minds were working at full speed, hoping to figure out the answer before the time was up.

In fact, this lantern riddles was really simple. They were all experts in this area, otherwise, they wouldn't have accumulated so many points.

Under normal circumstances, one would be able to come up with an answer with just a little thought.

This time, however, it involved the eleven points, and with Lin Yi, the pressure source, the more anxious she was, the harder it was for her to think.

This was especially true for Ximen liuyan. If he won this round, he would be able to gain fifty-one points, which was equivalent to more than double his original points.

Not counting the martial arts competition, the first place in the cultural competition could be said to be in the bag!

However, in the midst of worrying about personal gains and losses, he clearly felt that the answer to the riddle was about to be revealed, but he was stuck and couldn't get out.

Seeing that the time to think was almost up, he became even more anxious.

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"Time's Up!"

The palace maid on the side automatically acted as the judge. When the agreed time to think arrived, she immediately gave a reminder.

Lin Yi reached out his hand and was about to write down the answer.

Under the immense pressure, Ximen liuyan suddenly had a flash of inspiration and hurriedly grabbed her brush.

The other four people seemed to have the same idea as well, and they reached out to grab the writing brushes.

Unfortunately, when they were about to start writing, Lin Yi had already thrown his brush away and picked up the paper.

There was only one big word on the paper: "father"!

The people around them started to make a ruckus, saying that they had already guessed the answer to the riddle. They did not expect Ximen liuyan and the others to only understand it at the end.

It wasn't just one person who said this. It seemed that they all felt that they could easily win this battle if they went on stage!

However, they had never considered whether they would be able to perform normally under pressure if they really went on stage.

Ximen liuyan threw down the pen in his hand in frustration. His paper also had the word "father" written on it, but he did not have time to pick it up.

"You win! However, you're just lucky this time! It's not that you're better than us!"

Ximen liuyan hmphed at Lin Yi. "If not for your abnormal performance, how could you have written the answer faster than me?"

"You're not convinced? Then let's have another round!"

Lin Yi's lips curled up as he looked at the lantern hanging on a tree. "I'll be the banker this time, and I'll still get ten points. The rules are the same. "

Ximen liuyan hesitated.

He could tell that if there wasn't a time limit, Lin Yi would be able to give him the answer immediately. He wasn't confident in continuing the bet.

He had already lost eleven points. Should he go and gamble again?

Even if it was a gamble, he wanted to be the banker. That way, he would be able to gather the most points.

"You don't dare? If you don't dare, then quickly go to the side and cool off, don't talk about your luck!"

Lin Yi hmped, putting on a look of disdain."And here I thought you were strong, but it turns out you're just a cowardly rat!"

Ximen liuyan's face immediately turned red.

They were all young people, and they were all famous talents from various countries. If they had to admit defeat in private, then so be it.

But everyone was watching-there was no way he wouldn't react to Lin Yi looking down on him!

Even if he lost all his points, he couldn't back down. He would lose the person, but not the team!

"Who wouldn't dare? Let's bet! I don't believe that your luck will always be that good!"

Ximen liuyan's face was slightly red. No matter what, she had to hold on until the end!

Fortunately, he only gambled 10 points, so he could still afford to lose.

If he lost again, he would be able to stop. At that time, no one would say that Ximen liuyan was a coward. They would only say that he knew how to adapt to the situation.

Wait, we haven't even competed yet, why are you thinking about what will happen after you lose?

... Ximen liuyan's face darkened and she felt that something was wrong!

If it wasn't for his face, he would have admitted defeat ...

"You have some guts. You know you will lose, but you still rushed to give me points. I'm too embarrassed to refuse!"

Lin Yi smiled as he walked to a lantern. "Are the others interested in participating? I won't reject anyone! Of course, those who don't have the courage or feel that they haven't learned enough, don't come. Otherwise, you'll just give me points for free!"

"I don't think they're going to participate, so you don't have to waste your time!"

Ximen liuyan laughed coldly, as if she saw through Lin Yi's provocation and was intentionally causing trouble.

He was conflicted-he wanted to drag some people down with him, but he didn't want Lin Yi's family to be the only one.

Then, she thought about it again. Was he certain that she would lose?

Can't you get rid of this damn thought?

Really ... They hadn't even competed yet, and he had already lost his confidence.

"This is a battle between the two of you, so we won't be participating! It's better for you to solve your own problems!"

The few people who had participated in the battle just now looked at each other. One of them acted as a representative and stepped forward to express his attitude.

They could all see Lin Yi's provocation-he'd only lost one point earlier, but if he joined in now, he'd lose eleven points!

Lin Yi shrugged and didn't really mind. He'd won against Ximen liuyan twice anyway, so he'd gotten quite a bit.

"Alright! Then let's start!"

The veil fell, and the riddle appeared. A minute later, Lin Yi got eleven points again.

Ximen liuyan had no chance of turning the tables. This time, he did not even have time to think of an answer.

After this, Ximen liuyan would never bet with Lin Yi again!

It wasn't just Ximen liuyan, the others started to reject Lin Yi as well.

They'd rather not have the competition than let Lin Yi participate, and even Liu Ziyu was getting the same treatment.

They thought that Lin Yi and Liu Ziyu must have their own unique insights into lantern riddles.

It wasn't just for scholars, it might even be popular in the military as well. It wasn't unreasonable for them to think that the two were good at riddles.

Everyone was waiting for the next round to start. The competition was not only about guessing lantern riddles, but also other events. He believed that it would be difficult for people from the military to keep up with everyone's thoughts.

And so, even after the lantern riddles ended, Lin Yi didn't earn much more than that. He stopped at around ninety points.

Of course, this was enough to guarantee Lin Yi's temporary first place.

As long as their scores didn't fall behind, they would definitely be able to obtain an eye-catching ranking in this young masters Gathering.

"The first round of the lantern riddles has come to an end. Next up will be the second round of the literary competition, which will be about the Chinese couplets!"

The old eunuch appeared in front of the crowd again and announced expressionlessly, "The rules of couplets are similar to riddles. From here, there's a corridor where many couplets are hung."

"As long as you can correctly match the second half, you will get one point. If you are wrong, you will lose one point! Everyone must complete ten challenges, but there's a limit this time, twenty!"

"There's no need for two people to compete in matching couplets. Each of you just need to find a couplet that you can match. One couplet can have several couplets. As long as it's neat and correct, there won't be any problems. "

"There's one more point. Anyone who can match ten couplets in a row and score can challenge this round's finale couplets. Each finale couplets are worth between five to ten points. Anyone who makes a mistake in the middle is not qualified to challenge. "

Couplets were different from riddles. Riddles only had one answer, but couplets could have many suitable second half.

Therefore, there will be no competition in the second round. Everyone is free to play.

If you want to get a high score, you have to meet the conditions and then challenge the more difficult couplets!

After the old eunuch finished speaking, he stepped aside and motioned for the crowd to follow the path he had pointed out.