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A moment later, Maria saw a tall, slender, middle-aged woman with a strikingly handsome face and a heroic air walk in.

Maria knew the people following behind her.

One was Leon, the Wade family's longtime steward.

One was the fake nun she'd met that day at Qingzhao Temple;

And one was the renowned young Buddhist master, Master Jingqing.

So, who was this beautiful woman?

Maria felt vaguely familiar, but at first glance, she couldn't place her name.

Living too long has its advantages and disadvantages.

Besides the increased burden of worry, the sheer number of people one has met and heard of puts a strain on one's memory.

Even the most sociable of individuals live for decades,

And even those who shy away from socializing know only a few thousand.

Since her teenage years, Maria has constantly changed locations and identities, meeting one group of people after another.

Her timeline spans over three hundred years,

And her memory bank is filled with countless faces.

As for Margaret, she had never actually met Maria.

She had only seen bits of her indirectly or passively,

So the connection was initially unclear.

When Margaret first learned about Maria, Charlie was still living in the Aurous Hill Welfare Home.

From some of the group's opponents, she had learned many of its secrets,

Including Maria, who had long been Victoria's primary target.

However, she had no idea what she looked like until she appeared beside Charlie.

She hadn't noticed this peculiar girl.

Initially, she was unsure.

It wasn't until Maria accompanied Charlie to the Shiwan Mountains that she was finally certain this young girl was the Maria that Victoria had been searching for for over three hundred years.

Although she had seen photos and videos of her some time ago,

This time, face to face, Margaret felt a sudden, overwhelming sense of power and aura from this seemingly young woman.

She knew she couldn't be misled by her appearance.

Maria, a frail woman of only sixteen or seventeen, had managed to survive the unpredictable and treacherous modern world for nearly four hundred years,

All despite Victoria's relentless pursuit.

She was undoubtedly a remarkable woman.

When Margaret approached Maria, she smiled.

Though she had questions in mind, she didn't speak first.

Instead, she gestured to the futon across from her and offered him an invitation.

Margaret returned the invitation with a smile,

But didn't immediately take a seat.

Instead, she spoke respectfully,

"Senior Lin, it's a nice meeting."

"Let me introduce myself."

"My name is Margaret An, and I'm Charlie's mother."

At the mention of Margaret, a slight ripple crossed Maria's usually calm face.

She was genuinely shocked, but it didn't last.

As the saying goes, the longer one lives, the more one sees.

And the more one sees, the fewer things can disturb one's calm heart.

For Maria, even if two living dinosaurs appeared tomorrow,

Let alone Margaret's continued existence,

She wouldn't find anything incomprehensible.

She believed that the most incomprehensible person in the world was herself.

So, with a faint smile and a slight nod, she said,

"So it's Madam Wade?"

"Then everything makes sense. Please take a seat."

Margaret nodded and sat down cross-legged in front of her with a respectful expression.

For the first time, these two incredibly intelligent women sat face to face.

Maria looked at Margaret, and Margaret looked back at Maria.

Their gaze spans centuries, and their nearly identical destinies,

Instilled a sense of mutual appreciation in both.

Maria was the first to break the silence.

She looked at Margaret and smiled, saying,

"I have long heard of Madam Wade."

"It is truly a great honor to meet you today!"

Margaret said humbly but respectfully,

"Senior Lin, you are too polite."

"In fact, I have heard of you a long time ago and have always admired you."

"However, even Victoria couldn't find you."

"So I didn't dare to hope to meet you one day."

Maria smiled and said, "Even in the Warriors Den, very few people know about my identity and background."

"It seems that Madam Wade has done a good job of infiltrating the Warriors Den over the years."

Margaret smiled slightly and said,

"In fact, infiltration work is very difficult to advance."

"In the core layer, the three elders and the four earls are doubly bound by their cultivation and antidotes."

"I can't penetrate their level,"

"And I have never dared to try, for fear that one careless move will lead to a complete failure."

"However, over the years,"

"I have found several righteous people from the Wu family who are determined to break away from Victoria's control."

"And they have been of some help."

Maria raised her eyebrows in surprise and asked with interest,

"Mrs. Wade is truly courageous!"

"She actually chose to find a breakthrough directly from the Wu family!"

"This unconventional idea is truly admirable!"

Margaret said modestly, "Actually, I am starting from the perspective of human nature and have discerned a truth from many years of history,"

"Which is: when people are individuals, there are purely good and evil."

"But as people form groups and the number of groups increases,"

"It is difficult to guarantee that this group is purely good or purely evil."

"In other words, I believe that as long as the base of the group is large enough,"

"Even the best group will have bad apples."

"Even the worst group will have righteous people."

"Just like the fascist camp in World War II had many demons and killed countless people,"

"But among them, there were also those who turned from darkness to light;"

"During apartheid in the United States, there were so many white people who discriminated against people of color,"

"Yet there were also white people who became true friends with people of color."

"This proves that no matter how powerful the influence and control of the environment is,"

"It is impossible to completely control everyone's thinking and worldview."

"Probabilistic theory says that probability is the norm and underlying color of this world."

"Therefore, I feel that the Wu family has flourished for four hundred years under Victoria's protection."

"They have so many descendants that they could have established five military governorships like the ancient feudal system."

"With such a large scale, even if the vast majority of people are Victoria's loyal lackeys,"

"There must be a few who are dissatisfied with Victoria and the Wu family's actions."

"If I can find these people, I will be infiltrating the enemy."

Maria's eyes widened as she exclaimed,

"Mrs. Wade's thinking is truly extraordinary."

"It's truly enlightening!"