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Chapter 551: What about Your Clan?

How to comfort the king on this? How to exonerate his son?

Regardless of their own moral consciousness, to comfort the king and exonerate Second Prince was the dumbest thing to do!

What if somebody suspected that any of them were related to Second Prince's dirty business? That would be such a nasty trouble!

The king had been thinking for a while. At the end, he decided not to hide the truth!

The royal house didn't need the fig leaf anymore!

He could never hide it forever anyway. Besides, he couldn't bear the censure from his morality.

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Three days killings, the assassins had travelled around half of the Kingdom of Chen already.

They covertly and quickly acted. They would only spend half a day to travel to another place, while normal people would spend one full day on horse.

They started the killing right at the moment they arrived!

They didn't even need time to recover themselves!

Within five days and four nights without rest, they had killed over a hundred thousand men, including officials, royal relatives, noble born, and citizens. Most of the people in the local Voluptuous Flower Building were citizens, at least as recorded...

Such crazy massacre was almost against the nature's rules. The king couldn't say anything about it though. [Capture them? How? What reason do I have? How can I be so shameless to stop them?]

[My son did so many evil and unforgivable crimes and did I capture him?]

[Did I sentence him to any thing by now?]

[Now that somebody is doing the justice that I should have done long ago, how can I go stop them?]

[People born in the royalty shouldn't be so shameless!]

Besides, the royal court had been working on collecting information about the crime. They had put together all the papers from all the Voluptuous Flower Buildings in the kingdom...

The king compelled all officials in Penalty Ministry to analyze the information. They spent a full day to sort all things out.

The Minister of Penalty Ministry was gasping with a red face as he lowered his head. He couldn't say a word at all.

If the responsible person wasn't the king's son, the minister would have long shouted abuse to him and swore to fck his entire clan!

What kind of animal would do such a filthy thing!

"Wang, you haven't given me the result yet," the king spoke.

"Your majesty!" Minister Wang sounded tough, "In ten years, Voluptuous Flower Building has built eighty-five branches at appearance, thirty-three in secret, eleven in the Kingdom of Tian-Yu and nine in the Kingdom of Lan-Feng... That is one hundred and thirty-eight in total!"

"In ten years, on record... the number... of the women that were murdered... is one million and two hundred and seventy thousand!" Minister Wang's voice became keyed-up and thrilled. "One million and two hundred seventy thousand... young women! One million and two hundred and seventy thousand deaths!"

He shouted so loudly in the royal court.

There were tears on his face!

The king closed his eyes with sorrow and shame.

"That is as shown on record. There must be many girls who have been sent to some important figures in the court as gifts..." Minister Wang's eyes lit up. He glanced at the officials on the court and said, "I wonder how many..."

Officials were all sighing, except two of them. They were both trying to avoid eye contacts.

They didn't participate in the filthy business of Second Prince, but they accepted the girls from him. They still kept the girls... at home...

Minister Wang looked at them and said, "My dear friends, what do you two think about it?"

The two of them were terrified. They hurriedly kneeled down and kowtowed, begging, "Your majesty... Please... I was wrong... I deserve penalty..."

The king looked at them in disdain. He had praised these two officials many times for their hard work in their jobs before, but now he said to them, "Since you know you deserve it, fine. Somebody come and drag them out. Kill them both!"

"Wipe out their families and kill their clans!"

As the king gave such an order, the two officials suddenly broke down.

The guards in the court gathered over and grabbed them both, then they dragged them out like dragging two dead dogs. They begged and begged, feeling extreme desperation as they got nearer to the gate.

One of them suddenly shouted, "Kill my clan! Good! Can I ask you something, your majesty! I just accepted one woman and I have never harmed her ever! Am I that unforgivable? If you insist to wipe out my entire clan, what about you? Your son had done such a flagrant crime!"

"King obeys to law like all citizen! Second Prince did so many flagrant things. Should you wipe out his clan too? Should you dig out his ancestors' tombs? Your son committed such a crime, don't you, as his father, have any responsibility for it? Even if you kill all the officials here, can you cover the truth that such a crime was on your royal family?"

"Hahahaha... Wipe out my clan! Good! I know I am unforgivable! I will go to hell and wait till the moment you put the order to wipe out your own clan! I want to see how you wipe out your own clan yourself and convince the entire world!"

The two of them knew they were bound to die this day, so they decided to go straightforward on it. They feared nothing now.

They just said whatever they had in their mind!

In fact, they were right. They were not even part of Second Prince's men. What they did was just misprision. They accepted the girls from Second Prince, and it was just following the unspoken rule in the court. Besides, they liked the girls so much and had never harmed them. They didn't know where Second Prince got them either...

It was a special time and the king was lost in anger, that was why they got such a serious penalty. In fact, they should be just warned and suspended from duty for some time. Normally, they wouldn't get punished like this—execution and clan extermination should have been out of the question!

The hall was in silence all of a sudden.

The king's face was twisting.

In his eyes, there were depression, gloom, anger, guilt, remorse...

The angry shout of the two officials before death resounded in his ears like sharp needles stabbing deep into his heart!

[Are they right?]

[Aren't they right?]

[But... I... What should I do?]

The king was having complex emotions in his heart. Eventually, he sighed and said, "Bring them back. Suspension for half a year. Let's see how they behave after half a year."

His eyes looked so gloomy. "They're right. My son made such an unforgivable crime. I can't vent my anger to people with such an unreasonable excuse."

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Chapter 552: Rectification in the Kingdom

The two officials who had been dragged out the door were dragged back now. They were pleasantly surprised when they heard the king. They couldn't believe their ears.

It was the first time in all those years that the king took back what he decreed himself.

"You two... go back and treat the girls well." The king spoke in a deep voice, "You are right. This time, I... can not escape the guilt! When the case is thoroughly sorted out, I... will admit my fault to all people and exempt all tax for five years. I will make up for the families who suffered a loss. I will do the most... that I can do!"

Officials were all driven to tears. They all kneeled and said, "Long live the king!"

No matter what he does, he could never truly make up for those poor families, as they had suffered the pain of losing their beloved ones. He could never make up for those who had already died... However, the king confessed his fault after all.

That was enough.

There was no other way to deal with this after all...

"Minister Wang, please go on," the king spoke in a deep voice.

"The Voluptuous Flower Building has made a great wealth by exploiting those poor women. The number is... sixty-three billion! Silver!"

When Minister Wang said the number, he was shaking. He spoke in a deep voice, "By now, the money is still missing..."

Officials were all stunned!

[Oh my almighty heavens! So much money!]

The monster exploited the women and got so much money. It was not difficult to imagine what happened to those poor women...

"We should make a law about this! We should put this case in the record. Every person in the Kingdom of Chen should remember it!"

The king's voice reverberated.

"It is the biggest disgrace of the Kingdom of Chen since my ancestor built this kingdom! It is the biggest shame! The one to blame is exactly my own son... I, as his father, can not absolve myself from the blame!"

"..."

"A monument of shame should be built in the royal house. Here I decree! Every king, prince, and princess in the Kingdom of Chen from now on should learn and remember this monument! We should read it loud every once a month! Whoever dares to commit such a crime again should be cut into pieces till death! No mercy!"

"Second Prince was unscrupulous and unforgivable. I decree that he is no longer a member of the royal family, no longer a prince. He is from now on a sinner in the history of the Kingdom of Chen. His body should be thrown to the wild. He is an animal..."

The king didn't finish the decree, however. He was gasping, and his face had turned red. His eyes showed that he was extremely furious at the moment.

Suddenly, after a gasp, he spat out blood.

- Puff! -

It all became red around the throne!

"Your majesty!"

Officials exclaimed.

"I am fine!" The king was gasping. He raised his head up and showed his gloomy eyes. "I am just angry about that animal son. I feel much better now as the blood is out..."

"Since I sat on this throne, I have been wishing peace and happiness for the kingdom and my people. I want my kingdom to be a land of joy. I never knew... that my son actually did such filthy things. I cannot imagine how many lives he ruined and how many places he destroyed. He should bear the anger from men and heavens. He is unforgivable. I am a king and a father. I have responsibility on this. I am also unforgivable. I decree, that it is my unforgivable fault. I shall warn all the kings to come after me that the kingdom is important, but the people living in it is the most important. The throne is the least. All the young generations and the generations to come in the future in my clan should never forget the words I am saying today. I want everybody to remember the pain that we suffered today! We should never forget it!"

"Whoever ignores this, may heavens show justice and abandon him!"

"Other than that, the assassins who have been killing around recently are holding justice for the heavens. They are sharing the burdens for the kingdom and saving people from misery..." The King sighed. "As long as they only target people who participated in the case of Voluptuous Flower Building... I remit them from punishment. Local governments should never stand on their way and stop them. Never ever fight against them!"

He announced two decrees. First decree, he admitted his own fault and tried to make up for the people. That was reasonable and understandable. However, the second decree was such a shock to the officials. He actually connived on the assassins' crime! That was something that had never happened in history.

Somebody was killing inside the kingdom. Over a hundred thousand had already been killed by then, and they were still killing more. The king actually announce a decree to allow them! These murderers were not guilty!

[What... What the hell?]

Nobody dared to stand out and make an objection to it. If they objected it, they were against the people. If they objected it, people might suspect that they were also related to Second Prince in that business. All in all, they decided to shut up!

The officials of the Ministry of Rites were troubled. They were the ones who wrote the decree on papers. The king's words were too frank, and they shouldn't write it down word by word as he said. Otherwise, the royal court would disappoint the world.

They had to change it in a way to express the king's intention.

"The entire kingdom should work together to strike the evil Voluptuous Flower Building! Make a conviction! Strict disposal! Dig out the truth! I will never allow any unscrupulous criminal to slip through the cracks!"

"From now on, in the Kingdom of Chen, all brothels..." The king suddenly stopped when he reached this point.

Officials looked up in a panic.

They looked at the king.

[He is not going to shut down all the brothels in the kingdom, is he?]

[Because your son did such a filthy thing so you are going to shut down all the brothels in the kingdom?]

[That will lead to a national disaster...]

Brothels were never elegant places in the world. However, they were essential leisure places... It concerned the profits of many influential figures... If brothels were all shut down, then rebellion would very likely roll over the entire kingdom... They would be all noble borns and rich figures!

At least... Some women would seem to be saved, but in fact they would have nowhere to go. They would starve to death...

Because of the wars, all kingdoms had low ratios of men to women. Less than twenty-five percent of the popularity were male... And women were physically weak...

"Brothels in the kingdom... should all be investigated. Whoever forces girls to prostitute or traffic in persons..." The king apparently had thought much about it too. He hesitated and said in a low voice, "Should be cut into pieces till death and suffer clan extermination!"

"Besides, no Discipline Supervisor is allowed in the Kingdom of Chen from now on! All Discipline Supervisors should die with dismembering! Catch them now and kill them right away! Minister Li, you and your Ministry of Penalty are in charge of this. If you miss any one of those pricks, I will take the lives of your family to make up!"

The king's decree was full of vigor and killing qi!

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Minister Li solemnly stepped forward. "If we missed any guilty man, I will be ashamed to face you again, your majesty!"

That meant he was making a pledge here. He was obviously fully obedient to the decree.

The king nodded, his eyes full of coldness. Apparently, he was determined to sweep out all the brothels in the world with his own hands!

What he did currently was just the first step!

Where there was prostitute, there was a whoremaster. However, when either of them was swept, the other would disappear very soon...

Evil in the world was mostly because of prostitution!

However, if the king wanted to do it in the world, he would have to do one thing first—rule the world!

Even if all brothels in Kingdom of Chen were banned, there would still be countless brothels in other kingdoms. That would only lead to the weakening of the Kingdom of Chen!

The king was raging in fury in the royal house.

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Ling-Bao Hall was empty at the moment. All assassins were sent out on missions. Half of them directly rushed to Kingdom of Lan-Feng and Kingdom of Tian-Yu.

They were on the missions to wipe out all Voluptuous Flower Building!

Surely, they were always ready for further commands...

Honestly, Second Prince was a genius in running the entertainment business. He was actually so horribly good at it. It must have been so hard to hide his true personality as a prince after opening over a hundred brothels all around the world.

If he devoted his capability and the brothels to serve the kingdom, he would be much more powerful in fighting for the throne. Brothels had the most information than any other places after all. There were always secrets to be revealed in the brothels. However, he had only used it for money. That was such a waste!

Even though Second Prince wanted to gather information for the kingdom, Hua Liushui might not be happy about it. What he wanted were only virgins. He didn't even like money that much. Information and all that stuff meant nothing to him at all!

What happened to them were their own faults. It was not destiny! It was purely their fault!

Ye Xiao had massacred a huge amount this time.

The qi of morbid hostility had been dissipated by the killing. Bing-Er had taken part in a few battles too.

She asked for it herself. Ye Xiao found that once Bing-Er was fighting, she was merciless. No matter how those men begged, the girl never turned soft at all.

Her attacks were always sharp and quick, extremely vicious!

After a few fights, she seemed ready to make another breakthrough in cultivation. She was nearly level five of the Earth Origin Stage now.

Ye Xiao was surprised and unhappy at the same time.

[She is improving so much faster than I am. If I am beyond human nature, what about her? Beyond heavens maybe...]

Boss Wan had gotten the reward warrants ready for days, but Feng Monarch suddenly went crazy, so the plan was delayed four days!

If the assassins in the martial world weren't afraid of Feng Monarch's fierceness, they would have already made many troubles.

Within a few days, the Boundless Saint had asked personally twice about the warrants. He only left when he was told the exact time.

On the fifth day, reward warrants of Ling-Bao Hall finally came to the martial world!

The news shocked the entire Land of Han-Yang! The whole world was thrilled!

After Voluptuous Flower Building was wiped out, Ling-Bao Hall's warrants spread to the world!

The price reached five hundred billion!

The made most of the assassins feel dizzy when they heard about the number!

Money could drive a ghost to grind the mill, but such an amount of money could even make the mill grind the ghosts!

Money didn't mean everything, however, what could possibly go wrong with such an amount of money?

That was crazy!

The title on the warrants was: "Five Hundred Billion Silver; A tooth for a tooth, an eye for an eye!"

There was a list with lots of names on it!

From the royal houses of the two kingdoms in the world to the noble born houses who had given money for Feng Monarch's death!

There were seven thousand and eight hundred men in total!

It was not a small number concerning they were people. However, compared to the popularity of the two kingdoms and the price it offered on the reward warrants, it was a tiny number!

Every name had a specific price.

The lowest price among these names was five million silver! The highest was three hundred million!

Ling-Bao Hall had gone mad. People in martial world all agreed to this.

However, everybody knew that Ling-Bao Hall would never break their words! Wan Zhenghao had lived in this world for centuries. He would never ruin the reputation of Ling-Bao Hall for just that amount of money!

The martial world was boiling for it!

Assassins, well known or not, all got on with it!

Some of them were young and weak, and some of them were superior masters who had been hiding for many years!

Each amount was enough for anybody to retire!

They all needed to do it quick. Ling-Bao Hall didn't prescribe a limit to the cultivation levels. Whoever killed the men on the list would receive the corresponding reward. There were some influential figures on the list who were difficult to kill, but some of them were easy like pieces of cakes. Everybody wanted to get the money as it was such an easy job!

"Let's make a fortune!"

"Wow! How generous... I just need to kill one among the people on the list, and I can retire from this rubbish business and never put my life in risk anymore..."

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Chapter 554: City of Peace

"That is true. I want to earn more..."

"I will kill as many as I can. There are plenty of easy targets on the list anyway. Those are so easy..."

"Those are mine! Who dares to snatch, I will kill him!"

"B*llshit! They are mine! You are stronger than me. Why don't you go pick someone with a higher bounty..."

"I will go too. The fastest gets the bounty! Strong or weak, easy or tough..."

"I just saw it... What the hell. That is a bunch of gold mountains falling down from the sky... I can't believe it..."

"Relax, Ling-Bao Hall is a huge business. They won't back down on such a small amount!"

"I agree."

"That's right. Feng Monarch can make supreme dan. Even if they spend all their savings for this, as long as he wants to make money, he will make it back instantly. Money really doesn't matter in his perspective..."

"What a dream to me. Well, as long as I can solve some of the names, I will be a dream to others!"

"That's right... Whoever has that wealth should better have great capability... I just want to chop the head off the man who's worth three hundred million. That will be damn enough for me. That is not so greedy, right..."

"What... That is not greedy for you?"

"The entire martial world wants that guy's head. Do you really think it will turn to you? Who do you think you are? Ning Biluo or Zhao Pingtian?"

"Humph..."

Assassins from Boundless Lake had retreated from the capital before Ling-Bao Hall put on the warrants. They had rented the best horses on the way to the other two big kingdoms!

When the warrants were out, these men would get on the way immediately to the two kingdoms. They wouldn't rest. They just wanted to complete the tasks as soon as possible.

When Boundless Saint got the warrants, he immediately rode on the horse and left. While he was riding the horse, he kept giving out orders to his men.

"Send a hawk to deliver the messages to the golden table assassins inside the two kingdoms. Tell them to kill the easy ones first. Now!"

"Kill as many as we can in the shortest time!"

"There will be no other opportunity like this in the future!"

"The six of us shall separate into two groups. One to the Kingdom of Tian-Yu, while the other to Kingdom of Lan-Feng!"

"Hurry!"

"Five hundred fcking billion! It is impossible to get it all, but... two hundred billion is not that difficult for us. That is enough for us to do so many things already..." Boundless Saint kept talking.

The six superior assassins moved so fast on their horses. He had set the plan. They didn't slow down even a bit. When they were about to reach a mountain, they shouted and then divided into two groups!

Each of them led three horses. Six of them had eighteen horses. They were like two sharp swords moving towards the west and the east.

They disappeared in the dust soon after.

Five hundred billion!

It motivated all assassins in the world. They were all thrilled.

Chen-Xing City had been full of people in the past few days, yet within a single day, ten percent of the houses became empty! Assassins ran off the city to their targets like crazy.

First of all, Chen-Xing City was too dangerous for them. There were fights, murders, and searching armies everyday. They might get revealed someday and die in the military's hands...

They just couldn't feel safe here.

Second... The bounty was huge... They could never kill Feng Monarch of Ling-Bao Hall for sure. They even felt scared only thinking about him. They had come a long way, but all for nothing. However, they were still alive. That was lucky enough for them now...

However, they had spent a lot in this failed mission. They had to make it up... The reward warrant was their opportunity...

It was such a great opportunity.

[I am too weak to kill Feng Monarch of Ling-Bao Hall. Fine. Am I capable enough to kill those foppish stupid noble trash in the two kingdoms?]

[Even though I may not be able to kill the ones with the highest prices, can't I kill the cheapest ones?]

The bounty this time was not quite the same with the one on Feng Monarch. Feng Monarch was horribly capable, and his capability suited the price that was put on his head. However, the price of the heads of those men in the two kingdoms were unreasonably high. None of those men were good in cultivation!

That was such an easy money to get for these assassins. They just couldn't hold the eagerness to kill them.

All assassins left Chen-Xing City at once when they heard the reward. Chen-Xing City was now... absolutely safe! Absolutely no troubles! Absolutely no assassins! Absolutely in peace!

For the entire year to come, not even one assassin showed up in Chen-Xing City! That created a history!

Surely, some of the assassins killed their targets and returned to Chen-Xing City for the bounty. Wan Zhenghao didn't want that to happen, so he announced that the bounty could be cashed in any branch of Ling-Bao Hall in the Land of Han-Yang. They didn't need to return to Chen-Xing City anymore. That was supported by all assassins. Ling-Bao Hall gave too much for the bounty, and that brought risks for the assassins who returned for the money. Since Wan Zhenghao announced the new service, it lowered the danger for the assassins. That was a story that should be told later after all!

All in all, Chen-Xing City was in a historically peaceful time.

First, lots of people died in the huge disturbance. Second, Feng Monarch's assassins swept the Voluptuous Flower Buildings and which caused the deaths of more people. Now, nearly half a million assassins left the city within one day...

Chen-Xing City had always been busy, yet now it became a bit desolate...

Nearly two million people died in or left the city within a few days!

Chen-Xing City was the capital of the Kingdom of Chen. The popularity was less than fifty million!

The men who died or left were the most vibrant ones.

For the coming period of time, Chen-Xing City was in a perfect public security situation. No one picked up or pocketed anything lost on the road, and people didn't need to lock the doors at night. It was absolutely a city of peace!

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Chapter 555: Speechless

Ye Xiao was being questioned by Song Jue these days!

"How did you get such big progress!"

"You cured me! You..."

"Where did you get so many assassins? Did you do anything stupid?"

"What is going on?"

"Say it! Tell me!..."

Ye Xiao was so troubled being questioned by his Uncle Steward.

He had told Song Jue too much when he was affected by anger. Now, he didn't what to deal with Song Jue's inquests. That was embarrassing.

"Well urh... Before... that... That is urh..."

"It is because... something..."

"I was just... that... ya..."

Song Jue was speechless. [What? What are you talking about?]

Ye Xiao fled away stealthily...

"You wait and see, kid! You will be back in my hands again!" Song Jue was angry.

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The next few days were such happy time for Ye Xiao. He just stayed with Bing-Er, having little talks and practicing martial arts, hand in hand, kissing on the face, touching... Ahem...

During the days, after Wan Zhenghao put on the warrants, he was ready to pay the assassins. At the same time, he was preparing for the next auction.

Feng Monarch said to him that the next auction, they were going to get back half of the money they were spending on the bounty!

In other words, they were going to earn at least two hundred and fifty million in the next auction!

Boss Wan was thrilled and motivated by it! He had spent too much after all!

Besides, Feng Monarch told him that after the next auction, he would have the Weight Losing Dan he wanted!

Boss Wan cried his eyes out when he heard that.

[Finally!]

In fact, Ye Xiao had Weight Losing Dan already, in supreme level...

Brother Egg absorbed everything including the medical materials in the Wood Space, treasures from the last auction, materials from Master Bai, and medicines from Lord Ling. It gathered everything together and made a variety of supreme dan beads. There were all kinds of dan beads in the Space right now.

There was Heaven Seizing Supreme Dan and also Weight Losing Dan.

However, it was not a peaceful time. Boss Wan needed a fat body... If he suddenly became fit shaped, people wouldn't believe he was the Boss Wan of Ling-Bao Hall!

'That is Boss Wan?'

'Impossible!'

'No way that is him!'

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That would be a trouble for Ling-Bao Hall after all. Even little troubles should be avoided at this time...

During the past few days, Ye Xiao not only cared about things in Ling-Bao Hall, but also paid special attention to the frontline in the battle.

Several weird things happened that changed the result of the war during the year.

They were weird, because nobody did those things.

It was the heaven's will!

Well, different people had different views on that. For ordinary people, those were absolutely things that only gods could do. Otherwise, it would be too unimaginable!

The first weird thing was the most unimaginable. The battle was on fever and Kingdom of Chen was losing it. Suddenly, a mountain fell down and blocked the way the enemy marched on. The two kingdoms were totally freaking out for that...

The second weird thing was more acceptable. It was a rainstorm that saved the army of the Kingdom of Chen in a losing fight on the east and the west both...

That also freaked the enemies out.

On the Kingdom of Chen's side, Ye Nantian, the great general wasn't happy about that rainstorm either.

The rainstorm ruined his chance to completely wipe out the Grassland Wolf, which he had been planning for a long time.

The third thing was also unexpected and unreasonable.

Prince Hua-Yang, Su Dingguo, had retreated from the south battle and marched to the east battle. The general of the enemy in the east Zhan Qianshan knew that if Su Dingguo arrived, it would become a tough war.

He had to destroy the Kingdom of Chen's army before Su Dingguo arrived!

So even if Su Dingguo arrived, he would have no army to command anymore!

Zhan Qianshan kept attacking from day to night. They never rest. Through continuous attacks, many people died...

The east troop of the Kingdom of Chen knew that Prince Hua-Yang was arriving, however, under the crazy attacks of the War God Zhan Qianshan, they were giving up on it... When they were so close to be defeated...

- Splash... -

Another rainstorm!

It was a rainstorm that covered the entire Land of Han-Yang!

It turned Zhan Qianshan's barracks into an ocean. The army was divided to dozens of groups that stayed up in different mountains, like dozens of islands.

How to win such a battle?

Normal soldiers could drown to death if they were careless, not to mention crossing the water to kill people a hundred miles away...

Zhan Qianshan was shocked by the two rainstorms. He spat out blood and then lied on the bed with illness!

What a coincidence.

One rainstorm after another, the gods were helping the Kingdom of Chen...

Was the Kingdom of Chen blessed by the heavens?

"Heavens..." War God Zhan Qianshan, who had never believed that was gods and ghosts shouted to the sky. He looked so bad.

That was such a prank from heavens on him!

His old opponent, Prince Hua-Yang Su Dingguo, had been marching day and night, but when they were three hundred miles away from the battle, they couldn't move any further. They needed rest. Even if they forcibly went to the battle, they couldn't provide any help. In other words, they had to rest or else they could only see the enemy win!

However, the rainstorm changed everything!

When the rainstorm was over and the flood was gone, Zhan Qianshan could still attack but Prince Hua-Yang would be waiting for him. After a few days rest, Prince Hua-Yang's people were all in good status. Zhan Qianshan would have to face Prince Hua-Yang and his Iron Troops!

That was totally a different army.

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Chapter 556: Debtor Drops In!

The west battle and the north battle were in the same situation.

However, it wasn't a good thing for the Kingdom of Chen in the north though.

When the rainstorm fell on the land, Ye Nantian looked at the sky with a bitter smile.

Several generals beside him were all helpless. They had been planning so well on this. Such a great opportunity to wipe out the Grassland Wolf, yet the rainstorm ruined everything...

They had been following General Ye for many years, and they had never heard any dirty words from his mouth. However, at this day, they clearly heard a subtle voice from him.

"Motherfucker!"

The generals looked at each other. They were gloomy, but what he just said made them so want to laugh out loud.

After all, Ye Nantian must be really upset since he had said such a word.

Nobody dared to really laugh though!

It would absolutely lead to a miserable ending if any of them dared to laugh at this particular moment!

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In the several days, Wan of the Clouds visited Ling-Bao Hall once, looking for Feng Monarch. Feng Monarch, on the other hand, was staying with the little girl at home. He was not in the Ling-Bao Hall. The next day, Xiu of the Heavens went for him, but he wasn't there either.

The third day, Lord Ling, Ling Wuxie went himself...

Feng Monarch was right there at last.

Lord Ling felt relieved. "Look! Good personality leads to good luck! Truth is that I am so much better person than the two girls! At least they are way beneath my league!"

Wan of the Clouds and Xiu of the Heavens were both speechless...

[What the hell does this have to do with personality?]

[He wasn't here when we came and he is here when you are here now... So what...]

[Just as simple as that!]

[Do you have to brag on this too?]

[Is he really Master's good friend? I just can't imagine how Master gets along with this guy!]

"Well Lord Ling, you... What happened to you?" When Ye Xiao saw Ling Wuxie, he was shocked.

Lord Ling was bearing a swollen face, two dark eyes, limping, and his two arms seemed pointed at the wrong direction...

He just looked like he had been beaten up hard!

He looked pretty seriously injured...

Ye Xiao was shocked by what he saw really.

The truth was that, Ye Xiao understood somebody would want to beat Ling Wuxie up. He was so annoying after all. The question was...

In the Land of Han-Yang, who could beat Ling Wuxie up like that? If there was really someone that powerful... that person must be strong enough to sweep out the entire Land of Han-Yang!

Ling Wuxie was seriously injured, yet the world was still fine.

There was no earthquake, no tsunami, no landslide, no drained sea... That was abnormal!

Ling Wuxie was troubled. He didn't know how to answer Ye Xiao.

He stopped bragging.

He sighed. He knew that there would be a reverse divine punishment striking on him once he went on reaching for Heaven's Secrets. He didn't know it would be so serious though. He was now unable to freely move, and his face was swollen with colorful wounds. He was not sure if he could fully recover even when he was back to Human Realm Upon Heavens!

The divine punishment was not easy to remove!

"Long story." Ling Wuxie sighed.

"Who did this?" Ye Xiao was curious. "How come I don't know any man in this world who can do this to you..."

Ling Wuxie was speechless and embarrassed. "Stop guessing around. I was not beaten by anybody..."

Ye Xiao looked enlightened. "Oh... So you beat up yourself so hard? No wonder... I never know you have such a hobby though. Hard to tell... Strange person, weird thing. Unique and special. What a surprise!"

The two ladies burst into laughter, holding their bellies. They realized how good Feng Monarch was at making jokes... Ling Wuxie must be so crazy to beat up himself like this.

A masochist?

"Let me just be frank. I was stricken by lightning..." Ling Wuxie said the truth embarrassedly.

He didn't want to, because... there were many people who were able to beat him up like this though.

However, to be stricken by lightning...

He had been bragging in front of Feng Monarch that he didn't fear lightnings. He had said that he saw people fighting against lightnings everyday... He said that lightning was nothing to him at all...

And now he had been stricken by lightning and ended up with such a stupid look!

What could he say more?

Feng Monarch apparently forgot about how Ling Wuxie bragged a few days earlier. He nodded and showed a calmer expression. He said, "That's alright. People who have done bad things a lot usually suffer such things. Brother Ling, don't be upset. In my opinion, this is just a normal thing. Very normal. Nothing special."

He then sighed, "So people shouldn't do bad things really. Heavens are always watching. People says that the gods have left justice behind. Nonsense. They should have a look at you, Brother Ling. Look how you got stricken by lightnings!"

Ling Wuxie was speechless. He opened his mouth and tried to say something, but he couldn't find a word to say. He just stared at Ye Xiao directly.

[Why... What... How can you be so sure that I got stricken because I did bad things?]

[Isn't it... too opinionated?]

[I ended up like this because I risked my life to help my friend... That's how...]

[We should be friends now, why do you talk like that to your friend?]

[That was so embarrassing!]

"It was the lightning of Heaven's Secret..." Lord Ling tried to explain.

"Hmmm. Lightning of heavens chicken. Alright. Chicken from the sky. They strike lightning? That opened my eyes today..." Ye Xiao said.

Ling Wuxie lowered his head and decided to shut up.

Wan-Er and Xiu-Er laughed so hard.

Feng Monarch was doing this intentionally. That was obvious.

However, they felt good to see Ling Wuxie got embarrassed after all...

"Brother Feng... My appearance... That is my personal problem. Let's not discuss it further. It really is not important." Ling Wuxie tried to spirit up. He decided to cut the useless chatter and went straight to business. "In fact, I am here today to ask... that... What about the Heaven Seizing Supreme Dan? Do we have any progress now?"

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Chapter 557: Tantalization!

After the question, Ling, Wan and Xiu were all staring at Ye Xiao with fever in their eyes, like there was a flower on his face.

That was such an important question after all.

"Ah!" Ye Xiao sighed before he talked. He looked gloomy.

"What is it?" The three of them all felt intense.

[Why did he sigh? Anything went wrong? Is it bad?]

"Progress..." Ye Xiao looked troubled.

"Damn it! How is it?" Ling Wuxie asked.

[Damn it! Please don't tell me there has been nothing in progress! It is not the same now! We have limited time here. Only half a year. We were in a hurry before, but we still had time. Now, everyday counts! You need to make fifty Heaven Seizing Dan beads in half a year. There is really not much time left...]

"It is so difficult to make those dan beads." Ye Xiao sighed. "I followed everything my master taught me. I have studied so hard on those books and scrolls, and I am confident that all dan beads are in my heart. I am..."

He kept going on with tens of thousand words. This and that, here and there, bla bla bla... Ling Wuxie was blank. Wan-Er and Xiu-Er were speechless.

They listened to him speak for an hour, yet there was nothing about the Heaven Seizing Supreme Dan.

The only thing they got from the long speech was that it was so difficult to make those dan beads!

Besides, Feng Monarch was still speaking. Apparently, he was so into it. He didn't want to stop at all.

"The dan..." Ling Wuxie tried to interrupt.

"Can you please be patient? Do you know that the last thing we should do is to hurry while we want to make dan beads? I am getting to it very soon! Patience please!" Ye Xiao stared at him angrily. Apparently, he was annoyed about being interrupted.

Ling Wuxie didn't know what to say.

He tried to endure it, but he couldn't help thinking, [God damn it, you bastard! I don't make dan beads! Normal people do hurry when things are in a hurry!]

[Are you fooling me by your dan making skills? Wait and see you asshole! When you finish those dan beads... Hmm. Damn it. I will still not do anything on him. He is the only dan master in tens of thousands of years. Maybe we will need him again in the future... I will have to bear it! Damn it!]

"The one thousand portions of material Master Bai gave me were excellent. I like that. Good quality. After three hundred times of testing, I finally figured out the relationships among those materials. After another three hundred times, I learned all the conflicting influences between one and another material. After the last three hundred times, I know how to merge the medical materials in a proper way..."

Ye Xiao said.

Ling Wuxie, Wan-Er and Xiu-Er all showed pale faces. They looked quite annoyed. It was obvious.

[Bloody hell... And nine hundred portions were finished just like that?]

[Become trash?]

[There are one thousand in total! Can you please not waste it like that?]

"After that, I should naturally start to try making the dan beads. As expected, the first stove failed. The second failed too. The third..." Ye Xiao went on and on counting numbers.

Ling Wuxie was having a headache now. "Please just tell us when you succeeded!"

Ye Xiao humphed. "It is always suffering to talk to people like you. If Master Bai was here, he wouldn't say that for sure. How obvious is the difference between one and another!? Don't you know how hard it is to make supreme dan beads? Do you know, that to make dan beads, I need to firstly... secondly... thirdly... fourthly... bla bla bla bla..."

"Okay... Okay... I was wrong... My fault... I was wrong... I apologize..." Ling Wuxie raised his hands up and lowered his head, tears almost flowing out from his eyes.

[I shouldn't have said that at all. I directly started a machine gun of words in his mouth. And I have to bear his lessons.]

[Why did you have to compare me to Bai Chen? I am laical and he is not? What do you mean difference between one and another! Can't you just say I am so much worse than Bai Chen!]

[For fxck's sake, what have I done to suffer this!]

[Why am I such a good friend to Bai Chen and why did I mess with this prick for him?]

[My god. Please just strike me with a lightning and kill me!]

"The one thousand portions of medical materials... At the end..." Wan-Er felt difficult to speak too. She wanted to say something but didn't dare to.

Ye Xiao sighed and acted like there had never been good news!

The three of them felt bad about it, and they looked at each other.

[So all ruined. We got nothing out from it.]

[Oh. That is reasonable anyway. Heaven Seizing Dan is never something easy to produce.]

[If it is, how come there has only been one bead in the history!]

"That's alright. We will find more materials. Feng Monarch, please do not lose the will. You have been in the dan-making procedure already. That is a great progress already..." Wan-Er tried to comfort Feng Monarch in a soft voice.

"The materials are all wasted..." Ye Xiao sighed and spoke in a gloomy voice.

[They certainly are.]

The three of them sighed too.

"What a shame. Till the last stove, the last portion of materials, and..." Ye Xiao took a long sigh.

"Oh..." The three of them sighed at the same time. The last portion was wasted...

"And I only made two beads... I have been overestimating myself. I thought this dan was easy. That is my fault." Feng Monarch looked gloomy and regretful.

"That is alright. Just take it easy. It is fine. Really. I believe there will be one day... Urh... Wait... What did you say? What was it?" Ling Wuxie wanted to comfort Feng Monarch, then he suddenly realized something! He stopped and was shocked!

[What did the guy say earlier?]

Ling Wuxie looked aside and saw Wan-Er and Xiu-Er raise their heads. They were looking at Feng Monarch.

"What did I say? Well... Gosh. I overestimated myself. I thought this dan was easy. It is my fault!" Feng Monarch seemed even gloomier and more regretful.

"No, no, no... Before that! Two beads? Of what?" Wan and Xiu asked hurriedly.

They were more eager for the dan than Ling Wuxie for sure!

"Heaven Seizing Dan. I only made two!" Feng Monarch casually answered, "What a shame. I really feel ashamed for the number..."

"You made... made two?"

Ling Wuxie finally sobered up. He turned around and looked at Ye Xiao like he was having a good dream.

[What the hell! Did I hear it wrong?]

[No way. The three of us heard it wrong at the same time? No!]

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Chapter 558: Nothing Serious!

"One thousand portions... And I only made two out of it..." Ye Xiao looked ashamed and said, "What a waste. I overestimated myself. I thought I was a genius dan-maker... Now my reputation is ruined..."

"That..." Ling Wuxie's lips were trembling. He jumped up and flourished his arms and legs, "Bloody hell! Feng Monarch, you are awesome! You are brilliant... You are fxcking great... Hahahaha... Awesome... I can't wait to see how you become even more fxcking great!"

Ling Wuxie was extremely surprised with joy.

Wan-Er and Xiu-Er were also enjoying it.

Heaven Seizing Dan! In the history, the conqueror of the universe gathered top ranged dan masters in the universe to make it! Within a hundreds stoves, only one succeeded!

And only one dan bead succeeded in that stove!

They actually didn't expect Feng Monarch to make it out of the one thousand portions. They thought it should only be enough for practice. They didn't thought he could actually make it...

However... unexpectedly, he... actually made it!

He made two in total!

That was a marvelous and beautiful myth!

Even Ling Wuxie started to talk nonsense now.

As long as he could make the dan beads, wasting one thousand portions of materials meant nothing. Even ten thousand portions were just nothing. Materials didn't matter at all!

Ye Xiao looked at the three of them. They were so thrilled. He now understood that he wouldn't need to worry much about the materials at all. Even if he used ten portions of materials and produced nothing, these guys would never blame him.

In fact, they were already grateful and cheered to know that he made it with only one thousand portions...

Ye Xiao thought, [These are really super figures from the Human Realm Upon Heavens? They are more like ignorant clodhoppers to me! I actually could have made more! There were too many different materials in the Space back then, so I only got two beads!]

[If I set the materials right, I would have shown you hundreds! I want to see how it would scare the shxt out of you clodhoppers!]

[Upper realms! Super figures! Pah!]

In the world, in fact, in the firmament, there was never anybody who dared to say that Ling Wuxie, Wan-Er and Xiu-Er were ignorant clodhoppers...

Well there was one now, Feng Monarch.

In fact, he had ridden on Master Bai and punched him so hard. It seemed not so unreasonable that he criticized these guys!

If Ling Wuxie knew what Ye Xiao was thinking right now, he would run into a wall to kill himself!

At least, he would shout out something like 'I am a well-informed and experienced cultivator... I have seen everything! I am not a clodhopper!' He would definitely shout it out.

"Feng Monarch, look... Can I... Can I have a look at the two dan beads... that you made? Nothing! I just want to... broaden my vision a bit! That's all!"

Xiu of the Heavens cautiously asked.

Xiu of the Heavens knew clear about Feng Monarch's bad temper. A bad word could enrage him instantly. However, she had to ask for it, since it concerned her master's future. Feng Monarch said that he had two dan beads, but no one saw them. She preferred to trust what she saw than what she heard!

"Why not? Sure! You don't need to ask really. I will show it to you myself. The Heaven Seizing Supreme Dan is truly marvelous. That is some outstanding feature!" Ye Xiao reached out his hand and it sounded twice. - Pah! Pah! -

Two dan beads were slapped on the table.

The two supreme dan beads were jumping on the table and rolling around.

Every movement of the dan beads would bring a mass of dan cloud to rise up in the air. They just rolled a bit and the table was already covered by the cloud.

It was shining with golden lights. All of a sudden, there seemed to be a dragon roar and phoenix crow in the cloud...

At the same time, a smell of mystery, obscureness and ancientness spread away from the dan beads...

Suddenly, the entire place was filled with the strange but elegant smell.

It was not so dense, but whoever smelled it would feel completely eased and relaxed in the heart, even the soul!

Heaven Seizing Supreme Dan!

That was... the real marvelous divine dan!

Wan-Er, Xiu-Er and Ling Wuxie stared at the dan beads rolling on the table. They were stunned!

After a while, Xiu-Er firstly sobered up and exclaimed. She reached her hand so fast to grab the two dan beads. She nearly cried out. She just kept checking the dan beads to see if they were damaged.

Wan-Er and Ling Wuxie didn't think it strange at all. They both looked to Feng Monarch with hostility in their eyes.

"That... that is Heaven Seizing Supreme Dan!" Wan-Er shouted furiously, "How could you... How could you treat them like that? What a wreck! You said it is marvelous yourself! How could you treat it so badly like that... You..."

Wan-Er was so angry that she couldn't say anything more.

[You talked like you cherished them that much. Actually, you didn't even take a jade bottle to carry them. And you just slapped them on the table! You... You think these are marbles?]

"Brother Feng, you... Brother Feng, why did you..." Ling Wuxie rubbed his hands as his face contorted.

"What are you talking about?" Ye Xiao frowned. He didn't get it. "What is it? Those are only two dan beads! What does it take to even throw them away! Why so serious?"

The two ladies and Ling Wuxie were stunned. They stood there, having nothing to say.

[What did he just say?]

[What does it take to even throw them away?]

[Why so serious?]

[How could he... say that?]

[Oh my heavens! Look how casual you are acting... Do you know what disturbance it will bring if it goes to Human Realm Upon Heavens?]

[World destruction... bloodshed in streams... would not be worse enough to describe it!]

[All those super master figures in that world have children!]

[Many super figures have stupid useless children!]

[Those men have so many children. There are surely genius among them, but also a lot of dumbasses!]

[Heaven Seizing Supreme Dan is the perfect way to turn a moron into a super genius!]

[That is the most important and attractive thing for those real super master figures!]

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Chapter 559: You Clodhoppers!

Such incredible dan, which only existed in the myth, even people from Human Realm Upon Heavens could hardly be lucky to see it... was actually held by a man of such a low realm who was just weak like an ant... And he just throws it casually, saying that it wasn't worth much!

[What the hell?]

[Why? What is the situation!]

The three of them were all shocked. They couldn't think it through!

They felt like this Feng Monarch was the one from Human Realm Upon Heavens, while they were local clodhoppers in this place!

They were just like ignorant and uneducated fools.

The scorn of Feng Monarch was so obvious and he didn't even want to cover it!

Ling Wuxie twisted his mouth. "Brother Feng... These are Heaven Seizing Supreme Dan beads..."

"Sure they are! I know." Feng Monarch rolled his eyes and said, "I am not a fool. I made them myself. Do you think I have no idea what they are?"

That meant, 'How can you ask me such a stupid question? I truly have doubts on your intelligence.'

Ling Wuxie felt dizzy.

[Damn it. That was whistling jigs to a milestone.]

"Well, they are Heaven Seizing Supreme Dan beads. So what? Before I made them, it is a mythical dan that I have never seen. However, I succeeded. These are just some dan beads to me, nothing more!" Feng Monarch humphed. "My god. It really is hard to communicate with you, the laical ones! Supreme Dan is something difficult to see for you. For me, it is just normal. When I catch somebody and want to torture him but not let him die, I always use Supreme Dan. I usually feed the guy when he is dying and then keep torturing him when he is back from death... I will always do over a dozen times till I feel satisfied."

"That is normal..." Feng Monarch looked at them. He couldn't understand it. "Do you really have to treat it like some precious treasure? Really?"

Ling Wuxie just wanted to kill himself.

He lowered his head with a dark face. He was upset and ashamed.

He actually got scorned by a weak native clodhopper in this low realm!

[But he is right. I am acting like I am ignorant. That is the truth now. How do I deny it?]

[... For fxck's sake. Why would I meet such a freak!]

[He uses Supreme Dan on an inquest... Over a dozen times till he gets bored...]

[My god. I feel like I have fxcked a dog.] Ling Wuxie exclaimed in his heart.

Wan-Er and Xiu-Er didn't say anything.

They were showing a dark face while holding the dan beads. They took out two extremely exquisite small bottles and put the two dan beads into them.

They didn't talk to Feng Monarch at all.

They didn't know what to say.

What could they say anyway?

They had had enough for being shocked already!

What could they say! Feng Monarch spoke with the attitude of 'you are clodhoppers and you are ignorant stupid country men'! That was right on their faces.

The two ladies felt humiliated. At least, they were much less brassy than Lord Ling. He could totally handle it.

"Beautiful bottles." Feng Monarch praised, "That must be worth a fortune!"

[What? What did he say? The bottles are beautiful? Worth a fortune?]

[The ancient story of somebody getting the casket and returning the pearl [1] is hilarious. Feng Monarch is a vivid example right here now. He actually acted so stupid when we are most embarrassed! This is such a blessed chance to fight back!]

"Clodhopper! Country man!" the three of them shouted at the same time.

Finally, they got a chance to vent the anger!

[Haha! Now it is our turn!]

[Fortune goes round and round, and now it is on my side!]

Ling Wuxie shouted the loudest.

[Seriously, no matter how beautiful the bottles are, they are just bottles! They are never more precious than what they carry inside!]

[You actually said such an ignorant and foolish thing! You are the real clodhopper! It is such a good chance to vent the anger in my chest!]

Ye Xiao was embarrassed.

[Retribution does come fast. Only a few seconds, and it is their turn to scorn on me.]

"I really don't want to judge, but... Feng Monarch." Xiu of the Heavens felt so bad for the dan beads.

"You are so capable to make dan beads. That is right. But you should at least prepare some bottles for them. How could you... Gosh..."

She really didn't know what else to say.

She had no words for this ignorant man.

"Some bottles?" The next words that came out of Feng Monarch's mouth turned sharp, "Lady Xiu-Er, it is always easier to talk. Do you know how much a bottle cost? Do you know how much it takes to make a bottle? Do you know I am totally short for money? I even need to borrow money for food! You want me to prepare bottles for you? Fifty dan beads, I will need to offer twenty-five bottles! Those whose belly is full never know the bitterness of misfortune... Easier said than done!"

The three of them were all speechless!

[This man's thought is truly rambling, unintelligible, nonsense and... conscienceless!]

[You are the boss of the richest man in the world! It is hard to imagine how much money you can get! Nobody is richer than you! How could you cry being poor here!]

[That is totally a big lie out of your dishonest mouth!]

[I don't know how to disdain you more really!]

"You are taking it too far, Feng Monarch. Everybody knows you are the real rich man in the world. Nobody can surpass you in wealth in Land of Han-Yang. Being too humble makes one hypocritical!" Wan-Er smiled and said it out! She couldn't stand it anymore.

"Heavens! Where is my money then! I am truly out of money now..."

He strictly stuck on the word money. He groaned, "I don't know if you are pretending or not. People spent a huge fortune to put on a bounty on my head... How can I endure that humiliation? I have to get back to them, right? I must do it! What is the best way to do it? A tooth for a tooth! An eye for an eye! That is why we posted a reward warrant too! We want the lives of those who wanted me die ..."

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[1] Getting the Casket and Returning the Pearl

A man from the state of Chu wanted to sell a precious pearl in the state of Zheng. He made a casket for the pearl out of the wood from a magnolia tree, which he fumigated with spices. He studded the casket with pearls and jade, ornamented it with red gems and decorated it with kingfisher feathers. A man of the state of Zheng bought the casket and gave him back the pearl.

Too luxuriant decoration usually supersedes what really counts. This man from Chu certainly knew how to sell a casket but he was no good at selling his pearl. And the man of Zheng didn't know which is really valuable.

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Chapter 560: I Am Deadly Poor!

"It costs money to put on that warrants! Everything takes money! Good service means lots of money! We are selling everything we can to get enough money for that bounty! We are getting through miserably poor days for that... I really have no money now. I don't mind if you will tease me or not. I actually have borrowed a lot too... We all only have one meal a day to save money. Only one! Gruel only! Everyday! Not even with side dishes..." Feng Monarch talked and talked with plaintiveness, although even he didn't believe what came out of his mouth.

However, it sounded reasonable!

"Urh? Really?" House of the Chaotic Storms had given up on all their previous plans, so they weren't that interested in what happened outside the bamboo forest. They had been staying in there for a long time and didn't know what exactly was going on.

They knew nothing about the reward warrant of Ling-Bao Hall.

"Urh. I see." Xiu of the Heavens nodded and said, "May I ask you something though. You have been getting through real poor days to save money. And you have borrowed money too. How much money did you exactly get anyway?"

"Ahem... Well... In total..." Feng Monarch blinked, "Well... Something like... Five hundred billion..."

- Puff! -

Wan-Er was drinking tea and she spat it out right after she heard it. All was spat out on Feng Monarch's face. She was choking, "Ahem... Cough, cough, cough..."

Xiu-Er and Ling Wuxie were speechless. They stared at this shameless Monarch without saying a word!

[God damn you... What the hell... You actually made five hundred billion out of it...]

The three of them all felt like there were ten thousand alpacas running over in their hearts.

[How does such a shameless person live in this beautiful world...]

[None of us can defeat him in shamelessness competition!]

"Fxcck!" Ling Wuxie couldn't hold it anymore. He finally said the word that he didn't dare to say!

Loud and clear!

He couldn't stand it anymore...

"You are really fxccking good at saving money, aren't you!" Ling Wuxie rolled up his eyes. He felt short in breath.

Xiu-Er looked at Feng Zhiling and sneered, "Wow. Ling-Bao Hall is going through such a tough time. Feng Monarch, the most famous person in the universe, is actually going through poor days. You said you have borrowed some money. Do you want some help from House of the Chaotic Storms too?"

That was sarcasm. Everybody knew that.

Five hundred billion! How could he be short in money?

However, unexpectedly, right after Xiu-Er said the question, Feng Monarch just got on to her with gratefulness.

He grabbed Xiu-Er's hand and shook it. "Thank you! Thank you so so much... Lady Xiu-Er, you are a generous and kind lady. Please support me! I am so poor. I truly don't have money! They say one can do nothing without money. That is so true..."

As he spoke, he sighed. "I have never thought that I would end up in such a mess like this... Gosh. Lady Xiu-Er, you are so nice. I always believe there are more nice people than evil... Oh right! How can I forget! You and Master Bai are leaving. I guess you won't return to this countryside anymore, right? House of the Chaotic Storms will surely be dismissed. Money is going to be meaningless to you too... Right... That's right. Why not just give it all to me? I won't mind. You know. When I have no money to use, I lose confidence. Without confidence, I can't make good dan! You are smart people. You know it, don't you?"

"Ahhaha... Finally, somebody showed up and solved my problem... You are my savior, Lady Xiu-Er. When will the money get to me? House of the Chaotic Storms is a powerful organization. You surely can give me thousands of billions, right? Unlike Ling-Bao Hall, we can't even take out five hundred billion. We need to sell everything and starve ourselves for it."

"Oh right. You said because I don't have bottles to protect the dan beads, I ruined them. The next time you come by, please remember to bring me more of this kind of bottle. Look. Confidence is back to me immediately..."

Xiu-Er's hand was held tight in Feng Monarch's hands. She was shocked!

Not only her.

Ling Wuxie and Wan-Er were both shocked too...

Ling Wuxie, even Wan-Er shouted out in the mind, [What the fxck!]

That was a loud and resounding shout in their hearts!

There were no other words that could express their true feelings this moment!

[How shameless does he need to be to say such words?]

[As the wealthiest person in the world, he could actually play such a scene so shamelessly. That is... embarrassing!]

Xiu of the Heavens never thought that her casual words would bring such a trouble. Now her hand was held, and she couldn't do anything. She was stunned.

[Who told you our money will be meaningless?]

[We are an organization that can stir a disturbance in the world and collapse a kingdom easily. Do you know how much it will take us on dismissal wages? We are leaving. That's right. We should at least leave

some money for the people who have been working for us, don't you think? Besides... Even if we truly won't need a bit of the money anymore...]

[Why should we give it to you?]

[Thousands of billion? You think we are the same stupid like you? Wasting money like that? A bounty?]

Xiu-Er was stunned. She said, "Feng Monarch, you... you are joking, right?"

Feng Monarch was surprised. "What? Why would I joke on such a brutal thing about myself? That is money! Money that is enough to murder a few generations! I am serious. Look at my eyes. Can you see anything not serious in them?"

What a joke. Wan Zhenghao was drained now. How could Feng Monarch let go of such a generous contributor?

Xiu-Er frowned and looked at Wan-Er. Her eyes were speaking, 'What should I do?'

Wan-Er rolled up her eyes pretending she did not see her.

[Such trouble, I should just behave myself and let you handle it yourself.]

[What if I am going to say something wrong and Feng Monarch seized the chance to make more requests...]

[Even if he wouldn't ask for more, what if he grabs my hand too? I don't think it is wise to mess with this guy right now. I have to be more careful than you, sister!]

"Feng Monarch, look... We don't actually have lots of money. Thousands of billion is way beyond our capability..." Xiu-Er tried to get her hand out as she spoke.

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