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Chapter 721: Is It Fate?

"Not only you think so, we all did." Wenren Chuchu sighed. "But none of us could see that right when the fire was burning the top of Iron Peak, the entire world changed!

"An extreme coldness arrived. The fire which had covered hundreds of miles was put out right away. The world was frozen. Even the ground cracked because of the extreme coldness!"

"It is early autumn. Our men were all wearing light clothes. How were we supposed to defend from the invasion of the coldness? Their men, they were all wearing heavy clothes. They had been prepared for it. They knew the coldness in advance.

"Our men lost in every aspects, mentally and physically. Our soldiers couldn't even pick up their weapons. When they held their weapons, they couldn't drop them, because if they did, skins on their hands would be ripped off... Our enemies were fully prepared. They were doing perfect.

"When we just realized they were all dressed and prepared, they started the finally attack on us..."

Wenren Chuchu's face looked gloomy.

"It is fate... coldness..." Meng Chuanshu felt like she was telling a story on the books. He felt terrified after hearing the truth.

"How come? Heaven's will? Fate? Is it really?" His eyes were opened so big like they were about to pop out. "How is it possible? Extreme cold? In this season? Even in the coldest days in winter, there is no way it could be cold like that... Why?"

Wenren Chuchu closed her eyes. "There is no conclusion on this yet. None of us know what exactly was going on back then. It was like a dream. When we woke up, we had already lost it."

Meng Chuanshi was shocked. Apparently, he couldn't understand what really happened.

He murmured, "Is the Kingdom of Chen blessed by heavens? They were losing the battle in the south too. At the very important moment, a huge mountain actually fell down and blocked everything. It saved them!

"After that, when we attacked them at the same time in three sides, they were losing. We were so close to take them down, yet... twice... there it came, the rainstorm... and we lost the opportunity."

"This is the third time. We were so close to win the war eventually. It suddenly turned extremely cold... We lost it again..." Meng Chuanshi was shocked. He looked terrible.

"Around the Kingdom of Chen, there was a huge ice mountain that suddenly appeared."

"Before Master Bai left, he gave the King of the Kingdom of Chen a sword, the Holy Providence..."

"Feng Zhiling of Ling-Bao Hall is recognized as the qualified rival of Master Bai. He was the other legend in the world. He had shown the intent to support the Kingdom of Chen long ago."

His face turned pale. "Everything indicates... that the Kingdom of Chen was blessed by heavens. The world is tending to the Kingdom of Chen... Could it be..."

Wenren Chuchu's face looked bad. She said, "General Meng, I guess you should mind your words!"

Meng Chuanshi trembled and then kneeled down. "I have been worrying about the war. I didn't mean to say that. Please, I beg your forgiveness."

Wenren Chuchu was upset. She wouldn't bother punishing him. She just waved her hand to send him off.

No matter how tough she could be, she was shocked by what Meng Chuanshi said.

In the pasted several days, not only Meng Chuanshi had said such words. Who among the three hundred thousand surviving soldiers hadn't thought of it?

None!

"Is it really fate? Does the heaven truly want the Kingdom of Chen to win?"

She was lost.

She wouldn't have such a thought until this moment. That was reasonable. She was the heir of Misty Cloud Palace. She was more experienced and well-informed than most others. That was why she had different views than the soldiers. The huge mountain from the sky, the rainstorm, the ice mountain, and the day when the two great sects were wiped out, she knew that Feng Zhiling did none of them.

She knew Feng Zhiling and Ye Xiao was the same guy. That was why she was more sure that he wasn't capable enough to do those things!

If the strange scene didn't happen right in front of her eyes, she wouldn't believe this extreme cold qi was from Ye Xiao!

Who made that ice mountain outside Chen-Xing City? The answer was obvious!

If Ye Xiao could do these both, could he also make the mountain fall from the sky in the battle and create the rainstorm too? Was it Ye Xiao who destroyed both the great sects within one day?

It was strange how people's mind works. When one tiny part of one's theory turns out to be wrong, all the others will be unauthentic, no matter how one wished it was true.

[Was I wrong from the beginning?]

[He could do two of these miracles, then maybe he did all of them? These miracles all benefit the Kingdom of Chen after all!]

Well, in fact, except the mountain from the sky in the south and the ruins of the two great sects, Ye Xiao had connection to all those things! Well, he did some himself for sure!

Actually, even the mountain and the two great sects were related to him!

Now, even though Wenren Chuchu had been so sure that Ye Xiao wasn't as legendary as people said, she was moved. The idea about how Feng Zhiling was a legend and how the Kingdom of Chen was blessed by the heavens was deep in people's hearts!

With all the things that had happened, the Kingdom of Chen became a sign of something that overwhelmed the entire world! When people thought of the Kingdom of Chen, it reminded them a miracle! It reminded them of the fate!

That was the great victory of the Kingdom of Chen!

It was even more like a victory than a fight in the Iron Peak!

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Chapter 722: Trembling Land of Han-Yang!

Trembling Land of Han-Yang!

In fact, after the fight, people all thought that the Kingdom of Chen was blessed by heavens!

Everybody in either kingdom believed so.

Other than that, people also believe that Feng Monarch was a peerless legend!

Wenren Chuchu was tangled in her heart.

When she made that deal with Ye Xiao, she did not think it would end like this. In fact, she believed the Kingdom of Lan-Feng would win. At least, they wouldn't be defeated in such a way.

However, things were completely changed in only two days! Chaos filled her world!

She remembered Ye Xiao standing on the top of the wall while the fire was rolling up to him. She was shocked. [You... You planned all this? What a legend! This is such a legendary moment!]

[I thought it was puffery when everybody said you are a living legend. I could never see how you could defeat a million troops with your one hundred thousand men. I didn't believe you could actually win...]

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The war in Iron Peak had shocked the world!

News spread fast in the entire Land of Han-Yang like pestilence.

Countless carrier falcon flew out everywhere!

Capital of the Kingdom of Chen.

Chen-Xing City.

Zuo Wuji had been through some seriously tough days.

As long as he showed up, no matter where he was, people looked at him with hatred in the eyes.

Everybody wanted to boil him, roast him, or burn him viciously!

"You bastard! You can recommend so many people, yet you recommended that f*cking bodacious foppish prick!"

"My son is dead! How can you still be alive? Give me back my son!"

"You give me back my grandson!"

"So many people died! Why haven't you yet?"

"Your majesty, Zuo Wuji is utterly vile. He brings calamity to the kingdom and the people. I suggest we put him to death by dismembering his body..."

"Your majesty, Zuo Wuji's contempt of imperial power leads to the fact that recommended his friend. He must have received a bribe from Ye Xiao..."

"Hmmm. Zuo Wuji said he could win the war! It turns out he has been hiding behind the wall!"

"Anybody can do that! How does that indicate him as a good commander?"

"He is nothing but a young and stupid young lord. How could he defeat Wenren Jianyin? Zuo Wuji, you are betraying our kingdom! You are making fun of the court!"

"We will never let this go..."

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Since Ye Xiao left the city, Zuo Wuji was sinking in such speeches. He was surrounded.

He was like a rat on the street, that everybody wanted him dead.

No. They not just wanted him dead, they wanted to kill him themselves, by any merciless and brutal ways... They had thought about all cruel execution methods!

If the king hadn't been protecting him all these days, he would have died for hundreds of times, in miserable ways!

Everyday, before good news came from the front line, Zuo Wuji would be living in hell.

After the court, he hid behind Prime Minister Zuo. Otherwise, he would have been missing for countless times...

The officials couldn't blame the king for their sons, so they chose Zuo Wuji to vent their grudge.

Zuo Wuji prayed everyday. [For fxck's sake, Xiao Xiao. Give us a victory already. Even gods feel sorry for what I am getting through...]

Maybe Ye Xiao heard him, or maybe gods did something for him, news about victory came all of a sudden.

It arrived when they were on court.

Zuo Wuji stayed in a side, trying to be ignored. He had been bullied so badly that he was just like a trembling duck, enduring hostility from everywhere. Everyday he tried to get away from the crowd...

"Report!"

Finally.

"Great victory from Iron Peak!"

Five simple words shut up all the officials' mouths thoroughly.

"Victory from Iron Peak?" The king was thrilled. "Go on!"

"Iron Peak... the Kingdom of Lan-Feng made an enormous fire attack... and the Kingdom of Chen is blessed. Extreme cold arrived and put out the fire... Ye Xiao, Commander Ye, led the army out for a big fight. Seven full days, they didn't rest a bit. As they kept chasing the losing enemies, they had reached Sky Nerve City by now... Eight thousand miles lands have been taken back. Other than that, we get more land that belonged to the enemy... At this time, our great army is settled around the city..."

- Boom! -

It was like a bomb exploding in everybody's heart in the court.

They kept whispering to each other.

None of them believed their ears!

The king was so excited that he suddenly stood up from the throne. He grabbed the report and read it again. At the end, he raised up his head and laughed out loud.

"Ye Xiao did not fail me! Luckily, I have ignored all your objections and assigned him as the commander! Now, look at what he has achieved! He swept our biggest enemy there! I am glad! God bless the Kingdom of Chen! God bless us indeed!"

The king was lost in joy.

He forgot to be careful on talking.

Zuo Wuji lowered his head and felt so good about it. [Finally, your majesty! You admit it! You are the one who wants Ye Xiao to be the commander...]

As expected, the crowd didn't burst in happiness and cheers. They just lazily repeated, 'Almighty your majesty!'... That was all.

The officials didn't look happy at all.

[So... the king wanted Ye Xiao to be the commander...]

[Zuo Wuji... is just a scapegoat?]

[Then... did the king give Ye Xiao a permission, or an order to kill our sons back then?]

[He must have done so. Otherwise, how would Ye Xiao act so bodacious?]

[How would he dare to offend us all at the same time?]

[But...]

However, as they had been attacking Zuo Wuji in recent days, the king knew it. The king felt like he was the one being attacked...

Nobody knew what to do now.

The north was in peace because Ye Nantian killed out all enemies there.

The west was taken back, as Ye Xiao defeated the enemy there. The Kingdom of Lan-Feng should behave for the coming few years before they could recover.

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Chapter 723: Peerless!

The south and the east were going well.

Su Dingguo held his ground against Zhan Qianshan in the east. As long as he didn't do any stupid mistakes, the east would surely be fine.

General Lan was protecting the south. The fallen mountain was a natural shield, and Yang Wanli, the vice-commander leading the army for the Kingdom of Tian-Yu, had no way to deal with him. It was also safe in the south!

In other words, the Kingdom of Chen was free from dangers!

The next moment, as the king thought, it should now be the time sweep out the discord inside the kingdom...

Will I be hit? All officials asked the same question.

[Maybe we did a bit too much on this?]

They started to feel terrified.

"Zuo Wuji recommended Ye Xiao to the court. He should be rewarded..."

The king was so happy. He immediately promoted Zuo Wuji three steps. Surely, Zuo Wuji was grateful.

"Commander Ye, Ye Xiao stepped out to protect our kingdom and saved us from collapsing. He saved us and our people. He takes the great credit! I will confer title of..." The king announced, "... I will give him a great award when he returns..."

"One more thing. I want you to have a discussion about it. What should we do to the lands we took back. Any GOOD candidate to go for the errand? Prime Minister Zuo, what do you think?"

The king looked at Prime Minister Zuo first to ask his opinion.

Zuo Wuji had been promoted several steps, but he was still in a low position. Apparently, he was not qualified enough to go rule an area. However, the king let Prime Minister Zuo recommend somebody, so as to let Zuo Wuji play a role in it.

Prime Minister was experienced and wise. Of course, he knew he should ask for a bright future for his grandson.

This was a great chance to raise his own people under the king's permission. What a fortune!

Prime Minister Zuo started to think carefully. The officials looked at Prime Minister Zuo and Zuo Wuji with jealousy.

[Little prick is going to soar in the sky...]

[What great luck!]

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In the east.

Zhan Qianshan's face turned dark when he got the report too. After a few seconds of silence, he slapped the report on the table and made a big sound. Then he sat back to the chair without saying anything after.

The generals gathered around to read the report and they were all shocked.

"Iron Peak, Wenren Jianyin suffers massive loss!"

The Kingdom of Lan-Feng had one and a half million people. Only less than three hundred thousand wounded soldiers survived.

Wenren Jianyin spat out blood and passed out. He hadn't woken up even when the report was sent.

The Kingdom of Chen had claimed their lands back. Moreover, their army was aiming for Sky Nerve City!

In other words, the Kingdom of Chen was safe!

What happened next was the movements of Ye Nantian's army. The Northern Army had divided into two groups. One marched towards the east, while the other to the west.

He sent people to support two sides at the same time!

The battles had been stable since the day the war started, yet both sides had support now. It was impossible that the Kingdom of Chen would lose!

The world had been settled!

Zhan Qianshan was lost in thoughts for a long time before he finally sighed in grief.

"It is done. Things had gone this far. Pass down my words. Retreat! Let's return to our motherland!" Zhan Qianshan made a long sigh. "Such a great opportunity to defeat the Kingdom of Chen. We have missed it. Is it true that god blessed the Kingdom of Chen?"

"We are never going to have another opportunity like this ever. Once the Kingdom of Chen is stable inside, they will expand their territory. That will be the day we start to moan..."

He sighed. "The world is going to be in the hands of the Kingdom of Chen. As long as I am there, we may still keep our kingdom under good protection, even if Ye Nantian comes to attack. But after I die, I am afraid..."

That night, they prepared for retreat.

Zhan Qianshan stood on the top of a mountain while staring at Su Dingguo's camp. He stayed there the whole night.

The night was dark.

Nobody saw the tears on his face. Tears fell down with grief and helplessness...

He had fought for his entire life dreaming for the victory, yet it was impossible now.

Nobody could understand better than him that after this fight, the Kingdom of Chen would be the invincible force in the world! Its wealth was peerless!

That was a huge amount of money Feng Monarch gave to the Kingdom of Chen. The Kingdom of Chen had been in war in four sides but still didn't use a dime of the treasury.

Till the end of the war, the Kingdom of Chen hadn't used up the money from Feng Monarch.

Two other kingdoms had been at war for a year, but now they failed. Their strength was declined for sure.

What did it mean to them? It was obvious.

One thing was sure—the Kingdom of Chen would start to conquer the entire world after the war in Iron Peak!

It was done!

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Ye Xiao didn't continue the madness of attacking Sky Nerve City.

Not that he couldn't take it down, he just didn't want to do it. For him, he had done enough by defeating Wenren Jianyin.

The grassland folks were all dead. The Kingdom of Lan-Feng and the Kingdom of Tian-Yu got nothing for such a tough war. Instead, their strength even declined. The Kingdom of Chen only needed to stay peaceful inside, then the world will be under its control sooner or later!

Ye Nantian could finally prepare to leave this world. He didn't need to stay for the promise he made now.

Besides... Ye Xiao found that the soul power was more than he needed in the air. In fact, when they were on the way chasing after Wenren Jianyin's army, he had stopped collecting soul power.

Brother Egg had absorbed enough!

He didn't need to slaughter more for it!

The was why when his men had rested for some time, he showed up and did something that shocked everybody in both sides.

He gave the order to beat the war drum.

Then his men gathered in formation in front of the city.

They started to shout at the city.

"I ask for a meeting with Princess Chuchu of the Kingdom of Lan-Feng, please!" Ye Xiao shouted. That was surprising.

The general didn't dare to show up at all. He just kept the doors shut. The last thing he wanted was to face the attack from the Kingdom of Chen at the moment. When he heard Ye Xiao, he went to Wenren Chuchu at once.

Wenren Chuchu was surprised. [Commander Ye wants to see me? What does he want?]

So she stepped on the top of the wall.

"Commander Ye, you asked for a meeting. May I ask what for?" She looked cold and distant while standing there. However, her eyes were filled with complicated emotions when she looked at Ye Xiao.

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Chapter 724: For You!

Ye Xiao looked extremely handsome in his white clothes.

He smiled and said, "We are old friends. It has been a long time since we met last time. I kind of miss you. Can I have a conversation with you?"

Wenren Chuchu casually spoke, "Ye Xiao, you and your men from the Kingdom of Chen are in the higher position in the war. However, I don't think you have lots of soldiers. I still have about three hundred thousand men, and that doesn't include the soldiers in this city before we came. Our men are not what you saw one day ago. Once we fight for the second time, do you think you really can win? I will give you a suggestion. Just keep what you have earned now and leave soon! If you push a tiger to a dead end, the tiger is not going to back off anymore, even if there will be damage on both sides! Besides, you and me, we are in opposite sides. What is it that we need to talk about?"

Ye Xiao thought for a while and said, "Princess, are you trying to tell me to retreat?"

Wenren Chuchu humphed. "Commander Ye, you are smarter than this. It is your decision to make though. I have no right to make the decision for you!"

Ye Xiao stared at her. He wanted to show a face like he was obsessed to her, but after preparing for a long time, he failed.

After a while, he laughed and spoke in a deep voice, "Since Princess wants me to retreat, I will! For the sake of the relationship between you and me!

"Mountains and rivers are around the world. Princess, we will meet again!"

The next moment, Commander Ye, while riding on his horse, turned around and shouted to his army, "Soldiers! Retreat!"

Such an unexpected, unbelievable and inconceivable order shocked everybody.

People in either side, the Kingdom of Lan-Feng or the Kingdom of Chen, were surprised, including Wenren Chuchu.

Eyeballs of the men both under and on the top of the wall almost dropped to the floor!

[What the hell is wrong with this guy?]

[Crazy?]

[Stupid?]

[Mad?]

[Insane?]

[That mustn't be good!]

[Come on. Your kingdom was invaded and had half of its territory occupied.]

[Now you finally fought it back and seized the absolute advantage. Things are going great on your side. Nothing could threaten you anymore!]

[With everything perfect on your side... you actually backed off because the princess of your enemy threatened you with some stupid suggestions? Nobody would believe what she said. It was simply a joke.]

[And you actually retreat...]

[Holy heavens and hell!]

[Unbelievable.]

Wenren Chuchu was stunned. She asked, "Are you really going to retreat?"

Ye Xiao asked in confusion, "What? Is this supposed to be fake?" He smiled and said, "You have been so thoughtful and caring for me, I should leave for you!"

Wenren Chuchu took a deep breath and smiled. "Thanks, Brother Ye."

Ye Xiao finally successfully showed the obsessed face he tried so hard to make. He stared at her but couldn't feel anything. He rubbed his nose and then left two words. "Take care!"

He didn't feel anything special like he imagined he would... but for the others, he was... showing a deeply soulful expression in his eyes!

That was true love!

To make her laugh, to see her face, to... Commander Ye gave up the chance to conquer the city. He retreated even when he could easily seize a great victory!

All he did, he did it for the pretty girl!

How soulful!

Commander Ye prepared to leave.

Several generals got over to him. "Commander! We are leaving? Commander... Please... This isn't a good time to joke..."

Ye Xiao shouted like thunder strike, "I have promised the Princess. Do you want me to be a dishonorable man? Does my word ever mean anything to you?"

He was acting arrogant and unreasonable at the moment. He was indeed the head of the three lords in town. Now, the generals knew it!

The next moment, he shouted again, "Generals! Retreat! This is an order! We leave right now! Whoever disobey my order, die!"

- Boooooommm... -

The army was moving backward for real.

Meng Chuanshi couldn't believe what he saw or what he heard at all...

[What? Is this really happening?]

[It is like a child's play, isn't it?]

He turned around and looked at Wenren Chuchu. He was adoring to her immediately. He spoke with sobs, "Princess... Thank you... You... You suffered too much..."

Commander Ye left when he could step ahead for the final victory. He had a weird conversation with the princess. In Meng Chuanshi's thought, he believed the princess must have suffered some 'unbearable loss' to make this happen.

What was the 'loss'?

What did she do to make Ye Xiao retreat when he absolutely didn't need to?

Even if this Commander Ye was an affectionate man, he had to be moved by what the princess did!

What did she do exactly... all men in the kingdom, in the world—natural men—could have a good guess on this!

Women might even make the story a much more drastic one. Nobody knew what they would make up for it...

No matter what, the fact was that Commander Ye and his men left after being threatened by Princess Chuchu with some nonsense!

Wenren Chuchu was speechless while looking at the army leaving the city...

After a while, she finally realized what would happen to her. Her face turned dark, darker than the bottom of a burning wok!

Ye Xiao had planned to retreat, yet he did this so as to humiliate Wenren Chuchu!

She didn't want to say anything anymore.

Meng Chuanshi kept making sighs. "Commander Ye seems to be a good man. I heard that there are some men who love pretty girls more than their kingdom, but I have never seen any. Now I have. There truly is such a wonderful man in the world..."

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Chapter 725: Peerless Affectionate Guy?

Meng Chuanshi shook his head and sighed. "Commander Ye had put down everything else for the princess... Had he never thought that he might get beheaded by the furious king in the Kingdom of Chen? No! He thought about it! He surely did! How could he not? However, even after he had thought about it, he still did this for you... Princess, his love to you..."

General Meng kept sighing for it until he felt an overwhelming murderous qi towards him.

He looked up and saw the princess staring back at him with cold and vicious eyes...

He quivered. That astonished him.

"Shut up!" Wenren Chuchu gritted with her teeth. Her pretty eyes were full of cold and furious lights.

General Meng was terrified. He hurriedly apologized, "Actually... You don't need to worry, Princess. Commander Ye has done such a contribution to his kingdom. Their king is not going to kill him. That would be damaging his own force after all..."

He actually thought Wenren Chuchu was worrying about Commander Ye's safety...

He felt sorry for her. [He is going to be fine... But... it is never going to end up well between them. After all, they are in two different kingdoms... What a shame... Such wonderful love story...]

Wenren Chuchu showed a cold face and left.

Meng Chenshi was such a fool...

Wenren Chuchu really didn't want to humiliate him.

Otherwise, he would be cursed to death...

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Wenren Chuchu wanted to be moved by this though. In fact, she wanted Meng Chuanshi's words to be true!

If Ye Xiao really loved her so badly and was willing to give up everything for her, even retreating for her in face of victory, she would feel so happy about it. Instead, she was so mad at him at the moment.

The problem was that... he didn't do it for her really.

He was playing. He just wanted an excuse to retreat!

And he seized the opportunity to humiliate her.

She wanted to throw up!

She knew exactly what he was thinking.

Love? Retreat for her?

B*llshit! Completely b*llshit!

Ye Xiao didn't want to get involved in this fight since the beginning. He just didn't want to waste more time here. His army was exhausted too... All he wanted was an excuse to retreat...

That was why he used Wenren Chuchu. She was being stubborn and said something to threaten him although she knew it wouldn't work. However, he used it and retreated...

Even if she didn't say those words, he would find a way to tell everybody the reason he made up for the retreat... It would end with the same result...

After all, all he wanted was an excuse!

He just seized the opportunity to make himself look like a good man, also dragging Wenren Chuchu down to the mud!

Everybody believed that he retreated for her. That was not the truth, and she knew it!

However, nobody would believe her!

She was furious about it.

When she left the top of the wall, she felt the weirdness in all the soldiers' eyes.

It was so weird that... she couldn't describe it.

She only felt her cheek was burning red. The anger in her chest was rising up. If her anger was to transform into real fire, it would be even bigger than the fire Wenren Jianyin set in Iron Peak. Even Cosmic Hades couldn't put it out!

The only thing she was sure about was that she had become a legend for her kingdom too!

She would be marked in the history forever!

However, she also lost her chasteness...

Ye Xiao completely ruined it!

"Ye Xiao!" When she finally returned to her room, she burst in anger. "You bastard! You! This will not end!"

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Ye Xiao was in front of the army, heading back to the capital fast.

The soldiers were all following him in silence. The army was cold and scary somehow.

Nobody knew why they had to retreat, but they would still follow the order of their Commander Ye!

Even if Commander Ye truly retreated for the beauty, they would love to do this for their commander!

They would do anything for their commander! They were happy to retreat just because their commander liked that girl!

The victory they took had given Ye Xiao great prestige among this army!

"I mean, kid, you are a freak..." Song Jue shook his head. "I... I truly can't understand this... You don't want to go on the fight, fine. Why do you have to take that as an excuse?"

He, of course, was the only person except Wenren Chuchu and Ye Xiao who knew about the truth!

Ye Xiao humphed. "Uncle Song, don't you think this ended better this way?"

Song Jue was surprised.

It wasn't just about Ye Xiao retreating from the war. It was giving back the small towns that they had conquered back to the Kingdom of Lan-Feng. They didn't stop until they reached the first barrier of the Kingdom of Chen, Valley Pass. In Valley Pass, they started to recruit the local people to repair the fortifications.

Commander Ye made the situation return to the time before this war started.

It was a favor he gave to that beautiful princess in others' eyes.

However, for the Kingdom of Chen, those were too much to give.

Commander Ye gave up the lands and the great victory for a beauty. What a great romance story. He was indeed an amorous lord!

Commander, oh, commander!

He didn't even fear death for the smile of the beauty!

Before the war, Valley Pass was a territory of the Kingdom of Chen. Outside Valley Pass, it was land of nobody, or it might be indicated as the land of both kingdoms. To the west, it was the Kingdom of Lan-Feng.

What Ye Xiao did was to return everything back to the point before the war started, like nothing happened before this.

Bridge was bridge, road was road.

However, the loss of the world this war caused was enormous.

Manpower, money, resources... a lot had been wasted. The Kingdom of Chen was fine, because it won the war and it had the support from Feng Monarch. The other two kingdoms was retrograded ten years.

The north grassland was the worst. Grassland folk was extinct. In hundreds of years, even thousands of years, the Grassland Tribes wouldn't rise again!

For Ye Xiao, none of these mattered. After all was said and done, he just disappeared. Nobody knew where he had gone.

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Chapter 726: A Great Disturbance!

"Do everything it requires to repair the fortification! Make sure it is firmly done!"

That was the last order Commander Ye gave before he left.

To defend, not to attack.

"You guys, take good use of the last few days. Improve yourself. There is not much time before the day comes." That was what Ye Xiao said to Ning Biluo, Zhao Pingtian, and Liu Changjun before he left.

Ye Xiao didn't even bring the assassins of Ling-Bao Hall with him!

Even Song Jue had no idea where he had gone.

Commander Ye suddenly retreated when he was winning it, like making a joke. That stirred up a great disturbance. The world was shocked!

The world was just shocked by how Commander Ye led his much smaller army to win the battle against Wenren Jianyin's million troops—that was such a legend—but not long after, the world was shocked again by how Commander Ye gave up the opportunity to seize a bigger victory for the beauty he loved.

People in the Land of Han-Yang finally had something to talk about for a long time.

"Awesome! That guy is brilliant!"

"That's right! Ye Xiao! For the beauty, he abandons the kingdom..."

"He actually abandoned his own life for her..."

"That's true..."

"That is treason. I don't really understand what he was thinking..."

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However, in women's thoughts, it was a much better story.

"If there is any man who... who can do such a thing for me... I... I will give up everything else for him!"

Nearly all women in the Land of Han-Yang dreamed about it. They were so jealous about Wenren Chuchu.

"I really want to see how beautiful that Princess Chuchu is. How did she make Commander Ye do that for her..."

"Commander Ye is... truly a spoony..."

"I want to see this legendary man so badly..."

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Unlike the civilians... officials in the capital finally had a reason to attack Ye Xiao. Apparently, they thought it was a good chance to avenge their dead sons.

They jumped up and down, raging up with anger.

"Your majesty, Ye Xiao committed treason! He betrayed the kingdom!"

"Ye Xiao gave up the battle! He should be punished!"

"Ye Xiao is in love with the enemy! He gave up on his kingdom for her! He deserves to die!"

"Ye Xiao must have been bribed by the Kingdom of Lan-Feng! He obviously is working for the Kingdom of Lan-Feng! We must execute him as soon as possible before it is too late!"

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Reasonable or not, they didn't care. They just kept handing in reports trying to get Ye Xiao killed. They just added as many accusations as they could, no matter how dumb it was, to impeach Ye Xiao!

It was a mess on court. The officials were accusing Ye Xiao at the same time.

Hundreds of officials kneeled on the floor and declared not to get up until the king sentenced Ye Xiao to death!

Somebody even cried with tears and moaned.

The king looked at the officials with a gloomy face. Nobody knew what he was thinking at the moment...

Zuo Wuji finally stepped out. It was the first time he spoke on his own initiative on the court.

"B*llshit! You guys keep making up different reasons, no matter how unreasonable they are, just to have Commander Ye sentenced! You fail the people, and you fail all soldiers who had been fighting in the front line!"

The first word he said had already pissed off the officials.

"Zuo Wuji, you and Ye Xiao, you are jackals of the same lair!" A few officials stared at Zuo Wuji furiously. "We knew you would stand up for him! You traitors! You deserve to die!"

Zuo Wuji didn't panic. He loudly shouted, "Your majesty, I have more words to say, please."

"Go ahead," the king answered.

Zuo Wuji looked both aggrieved and angry. "When our kingdom is in great danger, Commander Ye accepted the assignment and led one hundred thousand men to Iron Peak without pausing. There were only eighty thousand wounded men left in Iron Peak back then. Most optimistically evaluated, he had no more than one hundred and eighty thousand men to command! What about the Kingdom of Lan-Feng? One and a half million men!

"He led only one hundred and eighty thousand men to fight against one and a half million enemies! What a horrible situation! Who dares to lead such a fight? Commander Ye did! He devoted himself for the kingdom. What brought us the victory is his wisdom and courage! He pushed the enemies out of our territory! We all knew it was his own credit! He did it for the kingdom! I don't think I need to remind you all of that!

"Commander Ye put his life in risk so as to protect the kingdom!

"And what are you trying to say here is that he betrayed the king? He betrayed the kingdom? Pah! The moment when he put his own life in risk and marched out for that fight, we were already in a deadly failure! If he wants the kingdom to collapse, why would he risk himself to fight the war?

"And you accused him for giving up in the battle? Pah! You know who have given up on the kingdom a long time ago? Your stupid f*cking sons! A bunch of cowards! Let me remind you how they finally joined the last army when nobody else were available!

"They were f*cking cowards, so they didn't dare to follow Commander Ye's orders! They didn't want to die! They deserved to die!

"Listen to yourselves. All those that you made up on Commander Ye, aren't they absurd? Ridiculous! Pah! He betrayed the kingdom? He was bribed? Do you think he is as f*cking stupid as you, old f*ckers?

"Why wouldn't he betray us when he marched for the battle? Why wouldn't he surrender when he faced the great army of the Kingdom of Lan-Feng in Iron Peak? Why would he betray us when he had beaten the sh*t out of the Kingdom of Lan-Feng? Are you really that stupid or your heads are all filled with f*cking grasses? Can't you just think about it? Even though you want to make up something to set him up, please make some good ones!

"There is one thing that seems a little reasonable among all your f*cking ridiculous accusations. He gave up the opportunity to damage the enemy. Is it really his fault? The Kingdom of Lan-Feng lost in the war. They are in a sh*tty situation now. What about our men? Commander Ye led them to victory, but we paid a great deal to win that battle!

"One hundred and eighty thousand men fought against over one million! We won that battle in an incredible way! It was a f*cking miracle! How many of our men do you think survived that fight? Tell me, were they available for another attack?

"Let's say there were fifty thousand men who still lived. That should be a great luck! Fifty thousand men alive, including wounded ones.

"Our king has fought in battles before. Your majesty, you know how much loss we should have been suffered after that fight.

"Commander Ye kept chasing the enemy for seven full days. He conquered the lands we lost before and took down several towns of the Kingdom of Lan-Feng too! He led our men to the Sky Nerve City at the end. Seven days! They didn't rest at all. How many men do you think we had that could still start a fight?"

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Chapter 727: Counterattack of Wuji!

"Under that situation, even though we won that fight and we were overwhelming, if you want Commander Ye to continue the invasion and expand the territory, to conquer the Sky Nerve City forcibly... then you are asking a hell more than you should. That is pushing our hero to death frankly!

"The Princess of Lan-Feng, Wenren Chuchu, wasn't being honest when she tried to threaten our men, but it doesn't mean what she said was unreasonable. The Kingdom of Lan-Feng didn't dare to go on fighting. That's for sure. But if they had to go on fighting, it is a different story."

Zuo Wuji continued, "What happened is that Commander Ye has led the army deep into the enemy's territory after he won the battle in Iron Peak. Seven full days, he didn't stop or rest. When he retreated, he retreated with an excuse so as to shock the enemy! To put it in a simpler way, Commander Ye's army had no strength to go on another fight anymore!

"If they fought forcibly, we might lose it again! Just think about it, you bastards. Why would he give up if he had confidence to defeat the enemy one more time after a long way of chasing?

"He has the guts to fight against one million men with only one hundred and eighty thousand soldiers. Would he give up the chance to take more lands and build more credits for himself? Isn't it an obvious truth in front of us?

"If Commander Ye gives up the opportunity to contribute more, then he should have a reason to give up. His army was in a terrible situation! It looked strong, but in fact, it was weak!

"We should thank Wenren Chuchu. What she said gave our men a reason to retreat! That put a wonderful end to our great victory in this war!"

Zuo Wuji gave an impassioned speech to indicate the undeniable truth. Some officials even nodded to agree. Even the king admired it.

The king had fought in wars, so he knew Zuo Wuji was telling the truth.

"Long story short, what was between that princess and Commander Ye is just an excuse to retreat." Zuo Wuji sneered. "I strongly give some of you kind advices, that you should better stop sticking on this topic now. Our king is a wise man. You are only going to get yourselves humiliated!"

One of the senior officials humphed and said, "Lord Zuo, your opinion is unreasonably generalized. If Commander Ye's army was unable to fight anyone, why would he not report it? The report from the battle only flaunts about his great contribution. Isn't that deceit?"

"Commander Ye didn't dare to report." Zuo Wuji humphed coldly. He looked at that senior official with sharp eyes. "No matter how good he is, he is only a human being. He is not a god. He can't be invincible. Since the day he became the commander of his army, he kept fighting a hopeless fight with limited men. The only supply he had was what he took when the army left the city. When the king urged you guys to give him more supply, some of you stopped it! Let me ask you something. Who committed deceit now?

"So many men here want Commander Ye to die, even though we all know he has been fighting for the kingdom! You want him to show his back to people like you? How could he? How could he tell the truth

that his army was exhausted to guys like you? How could he know whether there are rats from the Kingdom of Lan-Feng among you?

"What if there is a rat here? Let's say there is no rat from the enemy's side. Look at you? How badly do you want him to die? If you have the opportunity to leak the message to the enemy and let our hero die in the battle, do you really want him believe that you won't do it? Would he put his men's lives in risk? That's deceit to the king? That is your excuse?"

Zuo Wuji truly had a sharp tongue. He talked in a rude way, but nobody dared to stop him!

On the throne, the king was showing a gloomy face.

"If you can give him enough supplies, maybe he could take that city down and conquer half of the Kingdom of Lan-Feng, because he is such a great commander! What he has achieved by now has already shocked the entire world! That is a historical victory he made! However, he is helpless! He had to stop marching forward! He had to retreat while it was such a great opportunity to get deeper into the enemy's land! Remember this! It is not Commander Ye's fault! It is yours!"

Zuo Wuji shouted loudly with fury, "You motherf*ckers betrayed our hero and betrayed our kingdom for your own interests!

"Your f*cking useless sons hid in the city till the last day, staying in the royal guards because of what you arranged! Because they didn't want to sacrifice in the battle, they disobeyed the order from their commander! They deserved to be slaughtered! You have a grudge on Commander Ye, so you did every dirty thing you can to try get him killed in the battle, even the soldiers with him!

"For all the days he has been fighting there, have you ever sent one man to help them? No! No matter how the king urged you to help, you just kept holding it! You gave Commander Ye nothing! Not even a small bag of rice! Am I right?

"What about the salary for the soldiers? Have you paid them? Don't tell me the b*llshit about how we are in a tough time. It is difficult to supply them food, fine. What about money? The last thing we are short for is money! Did you ever pay them a dime? No! Not at all, you bunch of pricks!

"You did every dirty thing you can to put our hero to death, even though he has been fighting for our kingdom, even though he is the last hope we have! How could he report the truth? Even if he didn't fear death himself, what about the soldiers who had been fighting in the front line?"

Zuo Wuji's eyes were red, and his voice became hoarse. With that hoarse voice, his speech was so thrilling and impassioned. The court was in silence. Nobody dared to deny it.

Finally, one senior official started to talk. "The kingdom has been at war for several years. We have been fighting in four sides, and it consumed a lot of our resources. Our treasury is running to the bottom. We don't have more food for them. We have lots of money, that's true, but there is no food to buy. Even though we wanted to send them food, we have nothing to give them... How can you accuse us for it?"

"Impudence!"

It wasn't Zuo Wuji this time, but instead it was the king himself. He finally couldn't endure it anymore. He slapped hard on the table and stood up. He pointed at that official and shouted, "Cheng Ziqi, that is f*cking b*llshit you said there!"

The officials were all terrified.

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Chapter 728: Purge!

What Zuo Wuji said was already vulgar to speak in the court, yet the king actually shouted out dirty words himself.

Apparently, he was extremely furious.

"B*llshit! When the war began, our treasury was short indeed, but Feng Monarch of Ling-Bao Hall has devoted dozens of billion money! We have purchased tons of food, medicines and other materials. We have been winning in the south and fighting equal in the other sides. We never over consumed anything in this war. Why the hell do you think our treasury is empty? Our treasury is full!"

"We just don't have enough soldiers. Otherwise, we could have built another army and fought another war with the money we have!" The king gasped and showed his fierce eyes. "You bunch of sh*ts just stay up high in your positions enjoying your f*cking stupid lives, so how dare you try to frame our hero! The kingdom gives you the authority, yet you did things like that! How dare you still talk with big mouth in front of me?"

"Do you think I am truly that stupid?"

The king shouted so loud. Even his eyes turned red because of anger.

It was silent!

Hundreds of officials were shaking!

Only Zuo Wuji was standing straight up as he loudly spoke, "Your majesty, I have a report!"

The king swayed his sleeve and said, "Go ahead!"

"I, here, officially impeach Cheng Ziqi, Kong Yujin, Zhao Zifang..."

As he spoke, Prime Minister Zuo was surprised and shocked. He was panicking as he stared at his grandson.

Zuo Wuji gave two hundred and seventy names in a row!

One hundred and thirty of them were standing right on the court!

[What the hell is he doing? Out of his mind?]

[Impeachment doesn't work like this! How could he impeach so many people at a time!]

"... They abused their power to seek personal gain. They arranged their nephews and sons to get on the higher position, then suppressed the merited men... When the kingdom was in danger, these men kept their own kins in the back and acted arrogant and domineering back in the capital... Why would Commander Ye punish so many men before he left? That is one reason. Those were all the nephews and sons of these useless officials!

"Our kingdom has been in war for so many years. This year, we fought in four sides at the same time. Most of the men in our kingdom have gone to the battle and fought for their kingdoms. These men's younger generations all hid behind the shield of the royal guards. They knew the royal guards would stay beside the king to the last minute!

"Some of them used to be serving the Western Army... Some served the Southern Army...

"They are selfish, they disregard law and discipline, and they suppress the capable men in the court. They are nothing but greedy cowards. Those who died under Commander Ye's command deserved it! These men standing here have never truly thought about how to save the kingdom from the invasion, yet they have been working so well together trying to put Commander Ye to death, even though they knew it was going to put the kingdom into a collapsing end too!

"They held the salary that should be paid to the soldiers. They held the food and the manpower that could be sent to the battle to support Commander Ye. Commander Ye fought without food and men from us! We could have destroyed the enemy once and for all, yet because of these people, we lost the opportunity... These men, they are all traitors! They are vicious! They disregard the royal authority and they don't care about the lives of our people...

"These conspirators and traitors are contaminating our kingdom! Please, your majesty, hold justice!"

Zuo Wuji knelt on the floor and raised the report in his hands.

Silence. Everything was engulfed by silence.

Everybody was staring at the report in Zuo Wuji's hands. They couldn't even breath.

[Is this guy going to wipe out every official in the court here?]

[Come on! We are not that hostile to each other!]

[We hate Ye Xiao. We did say something vile about you, but it was all because of him! We didn't do anything to you for real, did we? What are you doing here? You want to boil us all up? You want us all dead?]

The king was showing a dark face. He sent the eunuch to take over the report from Zuo Wuji.

"I reckon!" Zuo Wuji loudly spoke, "Now that the enemies are gone, but we still have enemies inside ourselves! To purge our system and bring peace to the world, we should clean out all filthy parts of us from inside. We should bring peace inside us first before we can march out and conquer the rest of the world!

"This is the day that we build the foundation and start to establish the new rule of the world!

"What could we do if we don't purge ourselves first!

"We have to get rid of the rats and worms! We must assure the merited men a fair system!"

His voice was sharp and vibrating.

All officials felt their legs shaking, especially those whose names were put on that list by Zuo Wuji. They felt a bomb was exploding in their heads. They couldn't even stand straight up. Some of them just fell down to the floor.

It was depressing in the court; some officials even felt it hard to breathe.

The king's face was turning darker. He was thinking about it carefully.

His fingers were knocking the arm of the chair as he murmured, "Enemies outside are gone... Enemies are gone... Enemies inside? They are!"

He was sitting there without moving a bit. However, everybody felt that murderous qi spreading from the king! It filled the entire hall of the court!

The king apparently decided to kill.

"Your majesty! Please, Zuo Wuji's words are untrustworthy!" Over a hundred officials kneeled down at the same time, with tears on their faces. "Your majesty, our wise king! Please, you have to hold justice for us. We are not..."

"Shut the f*ck up!" The king's eyes flashed with a cold light.

"Come! Take the officials who were listed in the report. Throw them into prison!"

"Prime Minister Zuo!"

"Yes, your majesty!"

"Grand Tutor!"

"Yes, your majesty!"

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The king called five names and five old officials stepped out. "You five, take the case! Investigate on every one of them carefully."

"Yes, your majesty!"

"Zuo Wuji!"

"Yes, your majesty!"

"From now on, you are Vice-Minister of Penalty. You take charge in this case! Do you best!"

"Yes, your majesty!"

A great purge took place inside the Kingdom of Chen like a sudden thunder! It all happened out of expectation!

Before Zuo Wuji made that report, nobody, not even the king or his grandfather, knew that things would end up like this!

The officials had been trying to frame Ye Xiao. That was just one small reason.

They would attack Ye Xiao no matter what happened in the battle. It was somehow understandable.

However, it was not the main reason why the purge would happen.

What made the king furious was the other things Zuo Wuji indicated in the report.

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Chapter 729: Fury for the Loss of Opportunity!

'... If you can give him enough supplies, maybe he could take that city down and conquer half of the Kingdom of Lan-Feng, because he is such a great commander! What he has achieved by now has already shocked the entire world! That is a historical victory he made! However, he is helpless! He had to stop marching forward! He had to retreat while it was such a great opportunity to get deeper into the enemy's land! ...'

'... They held the salary that should be paid to the soldiers. They held the food and the manpower that could be sent to the battle to support Commander Ye. Commander Ye fought without food and men from us! We could have destroyed the enemy once and for all, yet because of these people, we lost the opportunity...'

That was such an unforgivable crime for the king, as he always wanted to conquer the world!

That was unbearable!

There was an opportunity for the Kingdom of Chen to completely destroy an enemy and begin to conquer the world step by step, but now they lost it.

The king was burning with the flame of anger at the moment!

What Zuo Wuji said was definitely true.

Ye Xiao led less than two hundred thousand men and defeated one and a half million with a great victory. He had even taken over half of the territories on both sides!

If he could have two hundred thousand more men to use, half of the Kingdom of Lan-Feng should have been taken over by the Kingdom of Chen!

The Kingdom of Lan-Feng would be completely destroyed.

The Kingdom of Chen had no more soldiers. That was true. However, the last one hundred thousand men Ye Xiao led to the battle had been serving the army for many years. They could still recruit men from the citizens, but the reason they didn't do it was that there was no time for that.

After Ye Xiao arrived in Iron Peak, they had more time for recruitment. They could have provided him two hundred thousand more men. It might be difficult, but it could be done nonetheless. The homeland was falling. There would always be citizens who would serve their kingdom in such a time!

However, after so many days, nobody had even tried to do this. None at all.

The king knew that he wouldn't have another opportunity to destroy his enemies anymore!

Ye Nantian had destroyed the enemy in the north.

There was only one reason why he did such a crazy thing. Ye Nantian was leaving!

Once Ye Nantian left, Ye Xiao and Song Jue would leave too!

The Great General Ye and the new Commander Ye were both going to leave the Kingdom of Chen!

That meant the Kingdom of Chen would be weakened a great deal!

Without Ye Nantian and Ye Xiao, there was only one person in the Kingdom of Chen that could possibly defeat Wenren Jianyin and Zhan Qianshan... Su Dingguo!

General Lan was good, but not as good as these figures!

It would be difficult for the Kingdom of Chen to even protect the kingdom if the two other kingdoms made a joint attack again. To conquer the world would become a foolish dream for the king.

If the Kingdom of Chen provided enough materials and men for Ye Xiao, he might have already vanished the Kingdom of Lan-Feng.

That would be a start of another Great War. Ye Nantian would have to stay till the end of the war...

However, because those officials hated Ye Xiao, Ye Xiao didn't get the men and food he should have gotten...

The war had come to the end.

No! The war was ended!

Ye Xiao had no more men, no more money, no more materials, nothing!

The commander had nothing to continue the fight!

The king thought about the great opportunity that had already been lost... He felt like being stabbed again and again in the heart by an iron dagger. He felt extremely painful in the heart.

He even wanted to swallow those stupid officials to death!

[My great opportunity!]

[The only chance I have to make my dream come true!]

[For the last time, Ye Nantian and his son fought for me...]

The war is going to end, and the Kingdom of Chen won.

It was easy to seize it right now, as the world had returned to peace.

However, it was impossible to start another tough war...

It took ages to build the grudge and start a war!

The king felt pain in his livers because of anger.

The five old men walked out the hall of court, sighing.

"Prime Minister Zuo, your grandson... impressed me." An old man shook his head and said, "That is horrible... the viciousness in him. The report is going to sweep out the entire court."

Another old man didn't seem to agree. "Lord Sun, that is not exactly true. Don't they deserve to die?"

"Surely they do! Why not!" Lord Sun answered, "However, to kill them at the same time... that is... hasty."

"But how to make the king furious like this if he makes the report in another day?" The other old man said, "The kid was being hasty, but it was a perfect moment to report that. Opportunity leaves and never returns."

"That's right. Timing. That is what matters." Prime Minister Zuo sighed. "But Wuji has done it in quite a haste."

The other old man looked at him and said with jealousy, "Come on, old man. Look at you. You have everything to gloat. Why act like you are worrying... Heavens. I have so many sons and grandsons. None of them is as good as Wuji."

Prime Minister Zuo rubbed his beard and smiled.

The other old man sighed. "What a pity! Wuji is cursed. He can't have kids... Otherwise..."

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Chapter 730: Grab A Grandson!

"What are you talking about?" Prime Minister Zuo didn't look happy. He looked at that old man and said, "That was long ago. Let me tell you. My Wuji is cured. Feng Monarch of Ling-Bao Hall treats him well and has cured the unspoken disease for him."

As he spoke, he laughed happily. "Just so you know, there is one more thing. Wuji's wife is pregnant. My great grandson is coming soon!"

"What?" The other four old men were all surprised. "Come on, Old Zuo. Are you serious?"

Prime Minister Zuo was so happy, so he swore, "If I lied, I will become an old tortoise!"

"Ahem... Prime Minister... Old Zuo." One of the old men got close to him and said, "We two are old friends. I... Ahem... You remember I have a granddaughter, don't you? She is so pretty. You should look at her pretty eyes. What do you think we make our relation even closer now?"

The other old man got over and said, "Old Zuo... Old Zuo... You have to be careful when it is about the future of your grandson, right? You should be very careful on getting a wife for Wuji. Look. A man with a good wife has a bright life. My third granddaughter... You know her. She is gorgeous. She is so gentle and polite. She can cook! She knows many things actually... I think she is perfect for your family..."

The first old man sneered. "Come on. Stop bragging. Your third granddaughter? She has been riding a huge horse bullying people in the capital. Everybody knows her! Gentle and polite... How could you lie like this? Don't you feel ashamed? As you get older, you become more disingenuous... Old Zuo, you have seen my oldest granddaughter! She is the perfect choice for Wu Ji! What do you say?"

Another old man shouted, "Old Zuo! My granddaughter is the most beautiful girl in the kingdom..."

"B*llshit!"

"You b*llshit!"

"Your granddaughter is way below my granddaughter..."

"Bastard! Your granddaughter is nothing..."

The four old men gritted their teeth while staring at each other as if they were in a battlefield. They were going to start the fight despite of the friendship!

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Prime Minister laughed so hard that he couldn't even close his mouth. [It is always said that a hundred families fight for one good woman. My good grandson. Four families are fighting for him.] After a while, he spoke to the four old men who had been fighting, "I can't choose all of your granddaughters. I have to be careful. It is Wuji's life after all. I need to think more... Look. You are all so sincere. What about this. You send your granddaughters to my house and let my grandson choose. Then we will make the judgement ourselves and have the best one..."

"F*ck off!" the four old men shouted at the same time.

[Who the hell do you think you are? You want a draft in our granddaughters...]

However, after all the days in the court, these old men all knew Zuo Wuji had great potential.

[Prime Minister's grandson must be great. He is going to be an important figure sooner or later. Look at him. He is already standing stably in the court! Most importantly, his grandfather didn't do anything to help, except just introduced him to the king. That is all.]

[He earned it himself.]

[He stays firm because he is capable!]

[One more thing... Zuo Wuji knows well about the king's thoughts!]

[Observation is the most important thing to be in the court.]

[He actually did so well in it! Who knows how high he will get up to in the future?]

In fact, the old men knew that the king was trying to foster Zuo Wuji! As long as Zuo Wuji didn't do anything stupid, he would become the most powerful official in the kingdom in the future!

He understood the king!

That was the most valuable thing he had!

Who didn't want to be connected to such a man?

The old men all knew clearly about it. They were all old and none of their own kids were well developed. As long as they retired, their clans would collapse for sure.

However, if Zuo Wuji was their son-in-law, or grandson-in-law, they would have the strongest hope!

Everybody wanted such a grandson-in-law!

The five old men didn't get on the work the king assigned them to. Instead, they were talking about having a grandson-in-law.

While they were in a fight, Zuo Wuji was walking over. He was confused. "Senior lords... The king has just assigned us to an enormous job. What should we do? Could you give me some suggestions?"

The old men were satisfied. [Look at him! How sensible! I know I didn't see him wrong. I like you, kid!]

"Well, the king said you are in charge now, right?" An old man said, "We will just follow your lead."

Zuo Wuji smiled bitterly. "The king did say so, but he is a wise king. He knows I am too young for this. He wants me to learn from you guys. I can see that."

As he said this, even Prime Minister Zuo was satisfied with it. He nodded to praise his grandson.

The other four men were even pleased, so they looked at Zuo Wuji with fever in their eyes.

[Listen to him! What a fantastic saying!]

[No matter in what situation, he talks well. He does have a bright future. I am sure, Zuo Wuji is going to be the most powerful man other than the king in the future! I can see it!]

"Kid, I am talking to your grandson about how close we are when you were just a child. We promised to let you and my granddaughter get marry. Now that you are grown up... I guess we should talk about this seriously..." Lord Sun rubbed his beard and gently spoke.

"Get marry?" Zuo Wuji was stunned.

Of course he was. Since he was a child, he knew his "thing" didn't work. Now that the old man said he was supposed to marry his granddaughter... where did that come from?

"Old bastard! You are a damned liar!" The other three old men cursed, "It is me who made that promise with Prime Minister Zuo!"

The four old men started to fight again. They were all experienced men with endless schemes! None of them were easy to outwit!

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