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Chapter 791: Unworthy of Mentioning?

Anyway, when Xiao Mufei saw Zhan Yunfei and the other six people, he felt relieved and made a long breath out.

They were over a thousand miles away from the sect. Now that Zhan Yunfei was here, they would be safe.

Xiao Mufei was sure they would be back to the sect safely. Even if the sky fell, Zhan Yunfei could hold it up!

He had lost his soul beast when they were fighting Xiao Monarch, and he hasn't fully recovered yet. However, he was level eight of Dao Origin Stage. That was enough!

"What's wrong?" Zhan Yunfei walked closer in big strides. His eyes were sharp like hawks while staring at Xiao Mufei. "Mufei, did anything happen back in the Polar Ice River? Powerful enemy?"

The other six people all looked at him with astonishment and anger.

They couldn't believe Cold Moon Palace would suffer such a loss!

Three hundred and sixty disciples, over three hundred of them died.

That was a great loss!

"There was an accident." Xiao Mufei didn't have time to explain everything in that letter. It was a long story after all. He walked over to the seven men and said, "That Golden-scaled Dragon Fish is gone..."

"What?" The seven men frowned.

"Listen..." Xiao Mufei pointed at Ye Xiao and explained everything to Zhan Yunfei in a low voice. "... So, we have been through a lot to make it here... Every step could have taken our lives..."

"Hmm. Are you poisoned?" Zhan Yunfei frowned. He didn't look at Ye Xiao. He grabbed Xiao Mufei's arm and his spiritual energy ran into Xiao Mufei's Jing and Mai. He was shocked. "Nine Destinations Dark Poison [1]?"

He then operated his martial art in full power. A circle of moonlight shined above his head!

His spiritual power rushed into Xiao Mufei's Jing and Mai like angry tides. It washed over Xiao Mufei's body. Xiao Mufei suddenly spat out a mouthful of dark blood, then he felt rather relieved. He looked energetic again.

"Alright." Zhan Yunfei let go of Xiao Mufei's arm and smiled. "You are lucky that the poison has mostly been removed. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to help."

"Thank you, Master Zhan." Xiao Mufei bowed.

"No need. There is just a bit poison left in your body. You will be fine after a month of rest with your cultivation capability. What I did was just to help you a bit so that you can be better earlier!" Zhan Yunfei said.

Xiao Mufei bitterly smiled. "Master, it is more than just a bit of help. You saved me from despair. You must know that I have been exhausted in all aspects recently. It is getting more and more difficult to fight against that poison in my body. If you didn't do me such a great favor, I may need more than three years to fully recover!"

"You call me master. How can I just let you suffer? However... That poison, the Nine Destinies Dark, how did you remove most of it? I guess you must have gotten hit by a weapon with poison. This poison can absolutely kill everyone below Dao Origin Stage. You are a Dao Origin Stage cultivator, but you are still too weak to drive that poison out of your body. How did you do that..." Zhan Yunfei asked with his hands behind the back.

"Well... Because of Chongxiao..." Xiao Mufei explained it and then spoke in a low voice, "... Chongxiao ate the fish with luck. He is a dan-maker, an outstanding one. The sect he comes from has supreme dan beads. I should have died when I got hit by the poison, but..."

Finally, Zhan Yunfei looked around and gazed at Ye Xiao. He smiled and said, "Young man, your name is Chongxiao?"

He sounded gentle and nice, but he obviously talked in a high position.

Ye Xiao was prepared for this.

Zhan Yunfei was above tens of thousands of people in the sect. How could he not go about with his head high in the air when talking to a new disciple?

"Yes," Ye Xiao answered, neither humble nor pushy. He looked polite as a new disciple should do in a sect, also prideful as he was the most powerful person in the realm where he was from.

Zhan Yunfei smiled.

He looked at Ye Xiao from head to toe and asked, "Mufei, you told me that although he is weak, but he improves unbelievably fast. Strangely, I don't see how good he is. He is just like a normal man!"

Xiao Mufei smiled. "That is why I said he is such a talented man. He ate the inner core of the Golden-scaled Dragon Fish. It has the specialty of hiding its energy. Chongxiao was just like that fish. He naturally shields himself from being observed. People who have less than ten thousand years of cultivation will never be able to see through him."

"Oh?" Zhan Yunfei was interested. He murmured, "Golden-scaled Dragon Fish... Ten thousand years of cultivation... Dan-maker..."

Suddenly he took in a cold breath. He looked at Ye Xiao again, as if he was a rare and priceless treasure in the world that everybody wanted.

The next moment, he grabbed Ye Xiao's hand. A stream of powerful spiritual energy started to pour into Ye Xiao's Jing and Mai and ran around his body.

"Spirit Origin Stage. Level four... hiss..." Zhan Yunfei said, "He has just come to this world, yet he is already level four? How fast he improves... That's..."

He raised his head and looked at Xiao Mufei's eyes. Xiao Mufei looked strange.

Zhan Yunfei was enlightened. He shouldn't praise the young man like this. Ye Chongxiao was already too full of pride. He wouldn't want him to become arrogant. So he said, "Hmmm... Your cultivation level... That is much better than anybody else considering you are new to this world... However, for people in the Qing-Yun Realm, especially disciples in our sect, you are nothing. Unworthy of mentioning..."

Xiao Mufei coughed and looked down at the floor.

Ye Xiao was surprised.

He couldn't believe this man that he hated so much had such a funny personality. [I just ascended to this world. Why did you compare me to the cultivators in the Qing-Yun Realm? Compare me to the disciples in a great sect? Are you kidding?]

[Why don't you just compare me to Wu Fa and Xuan Bing? That would definitely make me worse, wouldn't it?]

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Chapter 792: Nine Exquisite Body!

Zhan Yunfei kept holding Ye Xiao's hand. He closed his eyes, as if he was trying to feel something. After a while, he shook his head and said, "Hmm. Strong blood, flexible Jing and Mai. Tough and firm. Stretchy. No hidden wounds... It's good. Dantian is full. Purple qi fills it. What you are cultivating must be an authentic martial art... That is very... well that is not bad..."

Zhan Yunfei half closed his eyes. His spiritual power ran over Ye Xiao's Jing and Mai fast. Everything about Ye Xiao's body was shown to him.

However, the power of the Boundless Space automatically hid the secret of the East-rising Purple Qi.

That was a peerless martial art in the universe. It wouldn't allow anybody else to explore it freely.

However, Zhan Yunfei felt something strange!

The next moment, he was shocked.

"Wait. This is not Natural Exquisite Body! No!" Zhan Yunfei's eyes shined with lights. He spoke with confidence. His pale face suddenly turned red of excitement. "Mufei, you are wrong."

"No? How come? That's impossible!" Xiao Mufei couldn't believe it. "I have checked so carefully. His body fits every description of Natural Exquisite Body..."

"Surely it does, because his body is Nine Exquisite Body." Zhan Yunfei made a long breath out. "Mufei, you have brought such a precious treasure to the sect this time. We did lose many disciples, but they died for great value. Nine Exquisite Body is much better than Natural Exquisite Body!"

"This young man has a perfect body, the only Nine Exquisite Body in a hundred thousand years." Zhan Yunfei's eyes were full of fever. He stared at Ye Xiao, as if he was going to swallow him alive.

"There was no record of such a body since one hundred thousand years ago..." Zhan Yunfei took in a long breath and seriously said, "This young man... may have the only Nine Exquisite Body in the history!"

"No wonder the other sects would take it so seriously to kill this man. Ten thousand years cultivation could be the reason for them to do this for sure. I just didn't know that this man has such a monster-like physical condition... Nine Exquisite Body... That is much more valuable than ten thousand years of cultivation!"

"One can spend time to get better cultivated. However, nobody can change their talent..." Zhan Yunfei nodded with great satisfaction. He let go of Ye Xiao's hand and said, "Ye Chongxiao, will you join Cold Moon Palace?"

Ye Xiao thought, [They seem nice and friendly to me so far, but if I say no to him now, they will smash me into a pile of meat!]

[No matter what, I should say yes for now.]

"I owe Elder Xiao a great favor. I am willing to join Cold Moon Palace humbly with sincerity," Ye Xiao answered peacefully. He was a bit confused though. [How come I have a Nine Exquisite Body now? How did Zhan Yunfei find out? Is this a joke?]

He then operated martial art to check his own Jing and Mai immediately.

What he found astonished himself too.

In his body, there was purple qi everywhere—in the dantian, in every corner of his Jing and Mai... He did have the legendary Nine Exquisite Body!

[What is happening? I have checked this body when I was reborn. It should be just a little above the average. It wasn't even talented. The East-rising Purple Qi has been improving my physical condition and gives me a Natural Spirit Body. It is good, but far weaker than Natural Exquisite Body and Nine Exquisite Body.]

[I might be wrong when I was first reborn, but I have checked my body again before ascending to this world. It should still be Natural Spirit Body. How come...]

Ye Xiao was shocked.

[Was it... the lightning trial that changed my body?] Ye Xiao remembered that the purple qi had been operating crazily when he was taking that trial. When the lightning hit him, his body became transparent...

[It must be that trial.] Ye Xiao spoke in mind.

East-rising Purple Qi gradually improved Ye Xiao's physical condition. The power of East-rising Purple Qi was the nature's law. The lightning trial was also the power of the nature's law.

Lightning trial and the purple qi were different things but had the same nature. They both worked on Ye Xiao when he was ascending. Unexpectedly, it changed the nature of his body...

That was the only possibility that Ye Xiao could think of. The others had been through the trial too, but their bodies didn't change a bit.

Ye Xiao felt relieved thinking about that.

He agreed to join Cold Moon Palace, excitedly and kindly, but then he was lost in thoughts about the change on his body. Zhan Yunfei seemed unhappy about that. He scolded, "Ye Chongxiao, you don't know the position of Cold Moon Palace in the martial world of Qing-Yun Realm. We are a super sect that has lasted for tens of thousand years. We are one of the great sects in this realm. We are outstanding!"

"There are over thirty billion people in the realm, but there are no more than twenty big sects! Cold Moon Palace is definitely one of the ten most powerful ones!"

Zhan Yunfei frowned. "You must know. You must understand. You have just ascended to this world. To join our sect is one of the greatest fortune you can ever have in your life! You are young and ignorant. You must not fail the blessing of heavens!"

Ye Xiao thought, [My heavens. It's like Cold Moon Palace is the No. 1 sect... You said it is one of the ten most powerful sects. That's all. Stop bragging, will you? I am in a negative position here, so I can't do anything to you. Otherwise, do you think I would play this stupid game with you now?]

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Chapter 793: The Girl Rongrong

Ye Xiao said, "I know. I understand. I am new to this world, yet I have already realized how broad the sky can be and how high the clouds can be. I will do my best in cultivation and cherish the opportunity."

One had to bow the head while staying under another's roof.

Zhan Yunfei heard the humble answer, so he was satisfied. He turned to Xiao Mufei and said, "Do not let people in other sects know about his physical condition. Tell the over twenty disciples of yours that if anybody dares to leak this out, they will be punished with death!"

"Yes, I will! I know this is important. I have never told anybody else about Chongxiao's body!" Xiao Mufei answered.

Zhan Yunfei nodded and said, "Well done. This young man must be the hope of our bright future. We will rise and become the most powerful sect in the realm soon!" He turned to Ye Xiao and said, "Ye Chongxiao, will you bow to me and be my disciple from now on?"

Ye Xiao was shocked.

[Your disciple?]

[What?]

[Bastard!]

[That can't be more blamed! How can you come up with such an idea?]

[We are deadly foes to each other in my previous life. You stabbed my thigh with your sword! I feel pain to think of it even now. Your stupid bird kept holding me, otherwise, you wouldn't have the chance to survive! Now you want to be my master? Enemy becomes master? A smile solves everything? How dare you!]

He was definitely unwilling, but... he had no other choice.

He didn't answer yet, but Xiao Mufei spoke in a low voice. "Master Zhan, that is... not quite appropriate..."

Zhan Yunfei rolled his eyes and said in a deep voice, "Why not?"

Xiao Mufei spoke in a low voice, "You must remember. A talented disciple like Chongxiao... The elders in the sect will definitely fight for him... Chongxiao is so talented. I think even the great elders, even the senior grand master... will want to be his master... If they know that you did this in advance..."

Zhan Yunfei made a weird sound.

Xiao Mufei continued, "Besides... whoever wants to be our disciple must get through the destination trial first... If you take him in before he gets through the trial... what if your martial art doesn't fit his talent... If it ruins Chongxiao's great potential, it will violate your kindness. That wouldn't be a good thing for the sect!"

Zhan Yunfei looked strange on the face. He humphed and said with anger, "Who killed our disciples? Bodacious bastards!"

He knew he couldn't forcibly recruit Ye Xiao as his own disciple, so he awkwardly changed the topic immediately. He was definitely angry, so he had to find someone else to vent the anger out of his chest.

Xiao Mufei looked gloomy and spoke in a low voice, "I reckon... the other six great sects must all be blamed!"

"Urh..." Zhan Yunfei opened his eyes wide. He was in deep in thoughts immediately. He was quite capable, but he was far weaker than Xuan Bing. If he went to the six sects to take revenge, he would very likely be punched into a pile of meat...

After thinking for a while, he gritted his teeth. His hawk nose nearly dropped off. He spoke with a vile face, "We must not waste time here. Let's move as fast as we can. Make a report to the Prime Master!"

The other six men who followed Zhan Yunfei here were all Dao Origin Stage cultivators. They were just a bit weaker than Xiao Mufei. Apparently, Cold Moon Palace was truly pissed about losing over three hundred men out here.

Over three hundred Dream Origin Stage cultivators, that was such a great loss for Cold Moon Palace, even for every other great sects!

"Now, the seven great sects will all close their gates. We have to take revenge someday later!" Xiao Mufei was furious about it, but there was no other choice.

Once a great sect closed the gate, people inside couldn't get out and nobody could get in either. Whoever truly wanted to get in the sect had to deal with the great guardian array first. To fight against the great guardian array, nobody could claim an easy win, and most of them would die. How could they take revenge if they couldn't even get in the enemies' places?

They had to put off the plan to the future. What they should do now was to go back to the sect as soon as possible. Now that they had eight Dao Origin Stage cultivators, the rest one thousand miles should be easy.

Even the six other sects together wouldn't dare to fight against these eight at the same time recklessly. They actually had the capability to destroy these eight if they fought together, but it would be too risky. Cold Moon Palace would never let go of such a great loss. The other six sects wouldn't want to risk turning Cold Moon Palace into a destined enemy just to kill a new disciple!

They thought he might die someday because of cultivating improperly anyway...

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When the men walked to a forest, something happened. A young girl ran over staggering along and shouting, "Don't go that way..."

She might be weak and tired, or just lost her balance in the mind. She suddenly fell on the ground and blood went out from the wounds on her body.

"It's you!"

The surviving disciples all showed anger in the eyes. They held their weapons, as if they would go up there and tear the girl into pieces!

Xiao Mufei looked weird on the face.

"Who's that?" Zhan Yunfei looked cold and he sounded weird too.

He saw that girl's face at the first gaze. Even though he was calm like any other level eight Dao Origin Stage cultivators, his eyes blinked.

"That vile woman! She cheated Master Xiao earlier and poisoned him with that Nine Destination Dark!" a disciple shouted in anger. "Now she pretends to be piteous again! She must want to play the same trick again!"

"Humph! Does she believe we are all fools? How could we fall to her trap again!"

Ye Xiao frowned and looked at Xiao Mufei.

Others might not fall to her trap twice, but Xiao Mufei was different. Even though he was cheated once already, he might still go to the trap as he did the first time!

Xiao Mufei's face still looked weird. It seemed there was nothing in his sight. What he could see was only that girl.

Zhan Yunfei looked at Xiao Mufei for a while and said, "Mufei... What's your thought?"

Xiao Mufei was woken. He looked struggling and spoke in a bitter voice, "Master..."

Zhan Yunfei sighed and closed his eyes. He said, "Just go deal with it. Be careful."

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Chapter 794: Why Are You So Nice to Me?

Ye Xiao was just looking at them without saying a word.

However, from what Zhan Yunfei said, Ye Xiao realized that the former had seen that girl's face already. That's why he said that. In other words, he knew so well about Xiao Mufei's past. He had definitely met Xiao Mufei's daughter before...

That was why he let Xiao Mufei deal with it himself and told him to be careful...

It was kindness from an elders to the younger generation.

Xiao Mufei walked over to the girl, and Zhan Yunfei didn't follow him. He just half closed his rather piercing eyes while looking over to the girl. His hand was holding the handle of the sword. He would take necessary moves if anything went wrong.

Ye Xiao was sure that if that girl would attack Xiao Mufei again with the same method, Xiao Mufei might still fail to defend it! No matter what the girl was planning to do, no matter how fast she could be, no matter how Xiao Mufei would react to her attack, Zhan Yunfei could definitely save him!

He could stop everything.

He could even kill that girl!

For a level eight Dao Origin Stage cultivator, it was a piece of cake!

With Zhan Yunfei around, everybody was safe!

Zhan Yunfei cared for the disciples of his sect. He cared for Xiao Mufei. Ye Xiao learned it from observation.

Actually, he had been watching everything. He watched the disciples talking to each other and tried to know how firm their relationship was...

He was trying to measure the power of this great sect from Xiao Mufei, Zhan Yunfei and all other disciples.

Ye Xiao used to think that Cold Moon Palace must be a vicious and swashbuckling sect. However, now he realized it was wrong.

There was jealousy among the disciples, but never hatred.

For a great sect like that, it was unbelievable.

Even Zhan Yunfei, Ye Xiao's hateful enemy, was actually cute and trustworthy in the sect. It was obvious and true.

"What happened, girl?" Xiao Mufei went over and stayed down, looking at her worryingly. He reached his hand to grab the girl's wrist. He sighed. "How did you get so seriously hurt?"

He saw the girl staggering with bloody wounds on her body, but he didn't fully believe she was that badly wounded. Now he confirmed that the girl's injury was true. She bore lots of severe wounds, which revealed the bones under the skin. She was also damaged from the inside. If she didn't get treated properly soon, she might die!

Xiao Mufei didn't hesitate. He just poured the spiritual energy into her body to heal her.

The girl kept looking at him with bright eyes. She was shaking. After a while, she exhaled and spoke in a soft voice, "There... There are landmines over there... Don't go..."

Xiao Mufei's eyes lit up.

At this moment, he felt rather comforted, not because he got to know the enemy's evil plan, but because the girl didn't come to hurt him!

[She is here to warn me! She is here to save me!]

Suddenly, Xiao Mufei felt like he was beloved by his own daughter. His eyes were moistened by tears.

"Landmines... Explosive." Xiao Mufei smiled blandly. "How do you know that? Besides, what happened to you? I warned you. You should go far away from the martial world. Do not get involved."

Xiao Mufei didn't really care about the landmines. He only cared for the girl about her wounds.

He felt like... if his daughter got bullied outside... a father had to care of her. He had to take care of the troubles for his daughter.

The girl was trembling as she leaned over to Xiao Mufei. Tears dropped down from her eyes. She was sobbing, "Can I ask you something... Why are you so nice to me? I tried to kill you. That poison should be incurable. You..."

Xiao Mufei went stiff. He stayed silent for a while and said, "I... had a daughter once... You look just like her... You have the same faces..."

The girl opened her eyes wide while staring at Xiao Mufei.

Xiao Mufei made a long sigh and turned his face over but didn't stop pouring the energy into the girl's body. He was healing the girl with full effort.

"I came here... because I failed the mission last time... I was sent over to lit the landmines. These landmines can only be lit in a short distance. There are thousands of them over there. If I lit the landmine, I won't be able to survive... So I fled..."

The girl spoke weakly, "I don't want to die... I want to live... I want a happy and leisure life..."

Xiao Mufei took a deep breath and said, "Your associates started to hunt you down?"

The girl smiled bitterly, "Yes... I didn't know I would meet you again... I just want to get away. I didn't particularly come here to warn you... But I saw you. I know I have to tell you that. You are the only person in the world who truly cares for me... even though you know you are my target..."

Xiao Mufei closed his eyes. He looked struggling. "I know. I understand. Nobody wants to die."

The girl looked ashamed and guilty. "Sorry. I..."

A shadow flashed over. Zhan Yunfei had suddenly showed up beside them already. He spoke blandly, "She is not dying."

Xiao Mufei said, "I know. But she is still too weak. There are too many wounds on her. She is damaged from inside too..."

Zhan Yunfei looked weird on the face. He stood with his hands behind the back and asked blandly, "Lady, I am grateful that you told us about the landmines. I have to know where you are from and whom you learn your martial art from? Besides... I need to know everything about the organization behind you."

He sounded arrogant and proud. It seemed irresistible.

He sounded as if he would definitely get the answer as long as he asked for it. He believed the girl would tell him everything.

Ye Xiao frowned.

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Chapter 795: Ye Xiao Took a Step Forward!

Zhan Yunfei was such an arrogant and nasty person, but what he asked was truly important. He had to know about his enemy and to make sure the girl wouldn't be a threat. That was the only way to keep the girl safe around them. Otherwise, even though Xiao Mufei would show mercy to her because of her face, Zhan Yunfei and the others would never allow her to live!

The girl panicked. She hesitated for a while and said, "I don't know much about the organization... I grew up in a secret base... There were a few girls who looked familiar to me earlier... They were weeded out afterwards..."

Zhan Yunfei asked, "Is it a place that specializes in raising assassins?"

"Yes." The girl's voice was weak.

Zhan Yunfei was interested. He thought for a while and said, "You said there were a few girls who got weeded out?"

The girl said, "Yes..."

Zhan Yunfei looked to the sky and stayed silent for a while. He said, "That means... You don't know which sect the secret base belongs to? This is your first mission?"

"Yes..." The girl was impressed.

[This man looked scary. He is so clever. I don't know how did he know that, but what he said is true...]

Zhan Yunfei, the clever man, had his face turn dark.

He frowned, trying to figure out something. He stopped talking.

Xiao Mufei was troubled. He didn't know what to say as he just kept pouring energy into the girl's body.

Ye Xiao suddenly spoke, "What's the size of that secret base?"

The girl looked at him strangely and said, "Very big. I don't know how to describe it."

Ye Xiao said, "How big? Can it hold ten thousand men?"

"Much bigger than that" The girl said, "The valley I stayed can at least hold thirty thousand people... As I know, there are about three and four other valleys around us..."

"Hmm. So that place is big enough to hold at least a hundred thousand people..." Ye Xiao nodded. He had a conclusion. He asked, "Those people who were taken to the place with you, were they all kids?"

"Yes."

"I guess every kid looks like to somebody else?" Ye Xiao asked. It was a strange question.

The girl answered without hesitation, "Yes. I still remember, there were always kids who looked alike that showed up together."

"After some training, when they grow up, those weaker ones will be weeded out. You will never see them again. Am I right?" Ye Xiao asked.

"Yes."

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Ye Xiao asked quicker, and the girl answered quicker without hesitation.

Since Ye Xiao started to ask the questions one by one, Zhan Yunfei kept showing a dark face, lost in thoughts. As Ye Xiao asked more, Zhan Yunfei's face looked darker.

He didn't like it when Ye Xiao first interrupted and asked the questions, but then he was impressed as Ye Xiao asked more. He praised Ye Xiao afterwards. As more questions were answered, more things were learned.

[What a brilliant mind. How can he think so clearly.]

[My questions come from the doubts in my heart. Ye Chongxiao asked something I truly wanted to know. I didn't even realize how important the answers could be.]

[He basically piled up all small facts so as to reveal the truth behind everything!]

[How terribly wise!]

"If I am right, those men who taught you martial art and skills, you don't remember them now. When they showed up, they would wear a mask or disguise their faces, right? It is impossible for you to see their real faces, right?" Ye Xiao asked.

"Yes. How do you know that?" The girl was surprised. [How did he know all this? Was it really just a conjecture?]

"Before you, did anybody else come out for missions?" Ye Xiao asked.

"Yes."

"Many of them?" Ye Xiao asked.

"Quite a lot. Especially in the recent two years. There are lots of missions," the girl said.

"Hmm. Do you know anybody among them? Are you close to any of them?"

"Yes."

"Did they return to the place? Was anybody you know ever assigned multiple times?" Ye Xiao stared at her.

"No. Nobody has ever taken a second mission. None of them came back," the girl answered slowly this time. She seemed sad.

"Before you came out, do you know about anything about your target?"

"Not at all. A leader will tell us what to do right before the move."

"If I ask you to go back to that place, do you know the way back?" Ye Xiao asked.

Zhan Yunfei and Xiao Mufei were both shocked.

That was the key!

"I don't." The girl panicked. "When I went to that valley, I was eight... I have never come out since then until now. Even before this mission, I was blocked in some acupuncture points and fed with drugs. I was unconscious. When I woke up, I was already outside, in a strange place. This mission was the first time I have ever connected to the outside world since I was eight. I don't know how to go back to the place. I don't know the location."

"Hmm. How do you communicate with each other?" Ye Xiao asked, "Secret signal? Marks? Special signs? Something like that. Do you have anything to show them your identity?"

"No, nothing." The girl said, "They can find me. I got a space ring full of good stuff earlier, thanks to you guys. It should be enough for me to have a happy afterlife. I did want to leave, but they found me the next morning and told me to continue the mission. If I don't, they will kill me!"

"I see. What is your name? I mean... Your real name?" Ye Xiao asked.

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Chapter 796: Be My Daughter!

"I don't remember... I don't remember anything... I don't know my name..." The girl looked so sad. "The only thing I can remember is that I was begging on the street. After that, I was in the valley. They said my name was Rongrong... I don't know what is my real name..."

The girl sobbed with tears.

"You lived there for so many years. Do you have a title that distinguishes you from other girls? A title that only represents you!" Ye Xiao asked another important question.

The girl looked confused and then she said, "Yes, I do. I have a number. It is... Seventy-nine thousand five hundred ninety-six!"

Seventy-nine thousand five hundred ninety-six!

That number shocked Zhan Yunfei! His pupils shrank!

It was too huge a number!

Ye Xiao conjectured a flurry image of the entire organization, yet he was still shocked by the number.

"Then, among those people that you know in that place, is there anybody that looks alike to him?" Ye Xiao pointed at Zhan Yunfei.

Zhan Yunfei was speechless. Then he interrupted, "I don't have kids!"

The girl looked at Zhan Yunfei and shook her head slowly. "No, there isn't."

Ye Xiao answered with 'hmm' and said, "I am done. Elder, do you have any other questions?"

He looked at Zhan Yunfei.

Zhan Yunfei wanted to say something but only sighed. He said, "You have asked over twenty important questions that I didn't think of. That's enough..."

He sounded sad.

He looked at Ye Xiao and unwillingly spoke a few words, "The younger generation will surpass the older indeed!"

Then he took a big step ahead to the girl and asked arrogantly, "Girl, do you have any other place to go?"

"No. They will find me no matter where I go..." The girl feared Zhan Yunfei from the bottom of her heart.

[This man is like an ice sculpture in human shape. He is full of cold murderous qi that keeps people away.]

"Do you have any relatives?" Zhan Yunfei asked fiercely.

"No..."

"Are you afraid?" Zhan Yunfei continued.

"I..." The girl was trembling.

"Are you scared?" Zhan Yunfei said.

"I..." Her teeth were trembling.

"I can arrange somewhere for you to stay. You can live a peaceful life. Nobody will find you. How about that?" Zhan Yunfei smiled.

For the girl, it was like a smile on a demon's face.

That hawk nose scared her so much...

What he said should be such a beautiful song to her, but in her ears, it was horrible like the whisper of devils!

Ye Xiao didn't understand. [Does he know how to smile? It is fine that you don't know how to smile, or your smile is ugly, terrible, terrifying, but you smile like that... It is wrong to scare people!]

"I... Where... Where can I go..." Her teeth kept trembling. She couldn't even say a complete sentence. Her face was pale because she was injured. It was getting worse because she was scared by Zhan Yunfei.

"You came to kill him. He nearly died because of you..." Zhan Yunfei pointed at Xiao Mufei and said, "You owe him. He had been living a vagabond life since he was a kid. Luckily, he had a wife. But she was killed a few years after they got married, leaving a five years old daughter. His daughter was killed when she was eighteen."

"Ah?" The girl was shocked. She looked at Xiao Mufei with regret and sympathy in the eyes. She didn't know that this man had been through such a miserable life, and she nearly killed him with poison.

"Now that you have nowhere else to go, like you said earlier, they will find you no matter where you go. Maybe they will kill you immediately when they find you."

Zhan Yunfei said confidently, "I guess you know why he is so nice to you now. Heavens bless you with a face that looks like his daughter. That is destiny that brings you two together. From now on, you just stay with him, be his daughter. Your name remains Rongrong. A lonely old man and a solitary daughter. It is perfect."

"Ah?" The girl raised her head while looking at Zhan Yunfei. She was shocked.

Zhan Yunfei spoke in a terrifying voice, "What? You don't want to?"

It should be such a good idea for both Xiao Mufei and the girl. However, Zhan Yunfei made it sound like forcing a young girl to prostitute herself.

The girl slowly turned her head to look at Xiao Mufei. She was a bit shy and worried. There was a complex expression on her face. She seemed longing for something... [Am I... Am I going to have a home? A father?]

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Xiao Mufei couldn't believe what was happening though. He wasn't quite sure about what he wanted yet. He was excited. He wanted to say something but just coughed.

His cough was shaking. Finally, he asked, "Well... Girl, do you... want to be my daughter? Do you want me to be your father?"

The girl was shaking. Tears filled her eyes. She felt extremely happy from the bottom of her heart. She spoke in a shaking voice, "Do... Do you truly forgive me... Do you..."

With tears in Xiao Mufei's eyes, he smiled in a clumsy way. He nodded heavily.

The girl struggled and got up, and then she kneeled in front of Xiao Mufei. She kowtowed to him sincerely and solemnly. It looked sacred and serious. Her body was shaking, but she tried not to. Tears dropped down from her eyes. "Father!"

Xiao Mufei laughed loudly with tears on his face. He held Rongrong up and said, "Good girl... Come on, get up... You and me... We stay with each other in Qing-Yun Realm from now on!"

"Your family name is Xiao. Your full name is Xiao Rongrong... Rongrong..." Xiao Mufei's voice was shaking. "My good kid..."

"Father..." The girl felt the sincere concern from Xiao Mufei. She couldn't help holding him in the arms and crying out with tears.

[From now on, I have a family.]

[I have a home.]

[I have a father.]

[It feels so good.]

[This is the first time to call somebody father. I have dream about my parents countless times in my life. I spoke the words 'father' and 'mother' so many times in the night...]

[There was never response.]

[Now there is.]

[This is family. This is father! I can feel it!]

[Happiness!]

Xiao Mufei was weeping. He spoke slowly, "You might live in danger for your entire life. From now on, I won't let you get hurt!"

"I will never... let anybody hurt you!"

It was a vow!

He spoke it even in a fierce way!

It felt like he was making a vow to his departed daughter too!

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Chapter 797: The Other Side of Zhan Yunfei's Personality!

A big smile showed up on Zhan Yunfei's face. "Now you have kowtowed to your father. What gift should a father give to his daughter?"

He thought he was making a soft and warm smile, but it actually scared many of the others. It was such a terrible smile!

Xiao Mufei reached in the pocket trying to find something. He said, "Sure. I should give my girl something..."

He couldn't help sobbing with tears.

Ye Xiao kept looking at what was happening. He noticed that Zhan Yunfei showed a bit jealousy in his eyes... just for seconds...

Zhan Yunfei, a master to Xiao Mufei. He knew how miserable Xiao Mufei's life was.

It was such a good opportunity to bring something good to Xiao Mufei's life. He decisively decided to do this for him...

It solved a big problem for Xiao Mufei after all.

As he saw Xiao Mufei and his daughter hug each other, he knew he should feel happy for him, but he felt a bit sad and jealous too... However, he held the emotion deep in his heart and started to laugh loud.

Looking at Xiao Mufei and his daughter, Zhan Yun pretended to be disgusted and said, "Oh come on... Ye Chongxiao, you and I, we should have some secret talk over there. Let's have a good talk. I am going to tell you something about this realm. You will be eye opened!"

Zhan Yunfei walked away and Ye Xiao followed.

A few days earlier, Ye Xiao was full of hatred against Zhan Yunfei. He swore to heavens many times that he would kill Zhan Yunfei with one strike at the first sight of him!

However, he didn't feel angry at all, facing Zhan Yunfei's arrogance.

Maybe Ye Xiao clearly felt that Zhan Yunfei was pretending to be a fastidious prick. Zhan Yunfei was actually solitary, lonely and pathetic.

Even though he stood up straight and always played tough.

For Ye Xiao, Zhan Yunfei was like an awkward old piteous old man walking away from the crowd.

He didn't look like a bright huge sword like he tried to be before.

Ye Xiao felt something.

He was lost.

As Ye Xiao remembered in his previous life, Zhan Yunfei should be vicious, cruel, cold-blooded and evil. He would do anything just to reach his goal.

He was fierce like a lonely wolf in the grassland, also like a cunning fox.

All in all, there was nothing good in his personality!

However, Zhan Yunfei was trying to hide something of his personality. He could feel that under this man's cold heart, there was warmth.

He could be vicious and cruel to the enemy, but also be extremely caring for his own people. He would do something special and awkward for his sect's disciple.

That was what he did for Xiao Mufei.

Ye Xiao had a complex feeling about this. Suddenly, he relived the feeling when he was fighting against Zhan Yunfei in the previous life...

Zhan Yunfei used other's body to defend the attacks. When that poor guy died, he suddenly jumped out from behind that dead body and stabbed his sword deep into Ye Xiao's thigh...

Blood splashed!

Ye Xiao could still vividly feel the pain on his thigh. It was from the deep bottom of his memory.

Zhan Yunfei used his living ally's body to protect himself and damage the enemy... It was a right thing to do for the victory, but it was also vicious and cold-blooded.

Zhan Yunfei got seriously hurt by Ye Xiao after that sword stabbing. His soul beast kept holding Ye Xiao to buy him time to escape. Before he got away, in his eyes, there was full of hatred. He truly didn't want his beast to die!

Zhan Yunfei noticed Ye Chongxiao was lost in thoughts.

He stopped moving to look at Ye Xiao. He was confused. He couldn't believe this young man who had just arrived to this realm actually lost in thoughts at such circumstance.

He thought Ye Chongxiao should be so thrilled and wondering as he was about to teach this young man something important in this world. How come the young man was actually lost in his own thoughts?

"What are you thinking?" Zhan Yunfei sounded cold and arrogant, like he was talking to Ye Xiao from a high position that Ye Xiao couldn't reach.

Ye Xiao had seen through Zhan Yunfei's personality. The way he talked, acted, his attitude... They were all Zhan Yunfei's disguise.

Whoever was congenial to Zhan Yunfei would become his friend very easily and quickly. He was a good man deep in the heart, who would always care for his friends.

In another word, regardless of what he had done in Ye Xiao's previous life, no matter he was good or evil, he was definitely a trustworthy friend!

Ye Xiao spoke in a low voice, "I am thinking about what just happened."

Zhan Yunfei said, "Oh?"

Ye Xiao smiled, "Elder Xiao has been solitary for his whole life. Luckily, he has you who truly cares for him. You know everything about his life. You did that for him. You forgave the girl and used this opportunity to fix Xiao's life. You did a great job. It's awesome. I can't help recalling it in my head. You surely just wanted to do that for Xiao. It is just so well done."

Zhan Yunfei was stunned. He said, "Hmm. So that's what you've been thinking. I thought you were thinking about something else..."

He then was lost in thoughts. Apparently he was touched by what Ye Xiao just said.

After a while, he sighed and said, "Isn't it beautiful to fix one's broken life... Heh heh... There are countless regrets in people's lives... If only everything could be fixed..."

He stared at a forest and didn't say anything.

The setting sun shined upon the trees, making golden glows. The tree leaves seemed to be transparent.

He stared at the leaves and eventually made a long and deep sigh, as if he was exhaling the sorrow of his entire life. He said, "If I can fix it... Let alone being some stupid Dao Origin Stage cultivator... I wouldn't even want to be god if I could... Ah..."

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Chapter 798: Gain And Loss!

Ye Xiao was moved. This moment reminded him of Jun Yinglian. He made a few deep sighs too and spoke with sadness, "That's true... Everybody wants a life without pain and regret... However, life doesn't go as we want... As long as we are living, we have to move on. There will be lots of pain and troubles. There will be something we don't want happening in our lives. There will be full of regrets. When we turn over and look back to the past, finally, we realize how much we have already missed..."

"Even when we finally wake up and realize it, there is no way to get back what we have lost, no matter how regretful we are..."

"We have so many reasons and lots of sighs. The most ironic thing is... when we are right in the middle of a beautiful life we long for, we never cherish it, until it fades away... Life is full of choices, gains and losses..."

"We kept getting things, but also losing those we had. You get this, so you lose that... When you lose what you had, you are still enjoying the happiness of getting the new. You won't realize that something extraordinarily beautiful in your life has vanished until it is too late."

"When you finally realize it and want to fix it, you can't, even if you sacrifice your life. At this moment, you find that what you have gotten is merely nothing... compared to what you have lost."

Ye Xiao looked at the leaves Zhan Yunfei was staring at too. He said, "Superior cultivators in the martial world, or solitary cultivators, or ordinary people... We are all the same."

"Ordinary people toil so hard to continue living. They are always busy to make a living. When they are young, they get married and fight for money and fame... However, when they finally get what they are chasing, looking back to the people besides them, their wives had become ugly old women... Some already died..."

"Only when that moment comes do they realize the wealth, fame and achievements they gain, can never buy them their youth, and their beloved ones. They can't even buy one day with their beloved ones..."

"They frown when they are just living the most beautiful lives they can ever have in their lives, because they are worrying about the money, fame and their position in the world..."

"Maybe the leaves are the luckiest creature in the world." Ye Xiao looked at the leaves, which were shining with golden glow because of the setting sun. He said, "From a baby tree to a big tree, from light green to dark green, till it become withered and fall to the ground turning into dirt... they barely feel anything. They have no emotions. They face wind, snow and rain... They never feel pain..."

"Ah..."

Ye Xiao made a long sigh to end the talk.

He was still lost in thoughts.

Zhan Yunfei had been listening to him quietly since Ye Xiao started to talk. He was surprised. The more Ye Xiao talked, the more the expression on Zhan Yunfei's face changed.

Approval, sadness, regret, lost, despair...

Ye Xiao's words seemed to reflect Zhan Yunfei's life. Zhan Yunfei was moved, as if he relived his life. At the moment, there was only grief on his face. He might cry out with tears at any second!

After a while, Zhan Yunfei said, "You are not a leaf. How do you know the leaf has no feelings?"

"How do you know whether it feels scared when the storm rolls on it from the day it grew upon the earth?"

"When a leaf was just a bud, it had no veins, or maybe it had veins but we couldn't see it. However, the bitter experience in its life makes it grow stronger and stronger, bringing more and more veins in it. It strongly connects to the tree, so as to protect itself from the storms..."

"Even a leaf has lots of toughness in its life."

Zhan Yunfei calmed down a bit after speaking about this. He smiled. "However, you are right. In the martial world, sometimes a person's life has less value than a leaf."

"At least this leaf has two people caring about it right now. If it knows this, it must feel honored. However, in the martial world, when one is killed... others will only feel relieved... even gloating!"

"What a dead man could leave to the world is just a lesson. That is all..."

Zhan Yunfei made a long sigh. He took a deep breath, as if he exhaling all the depression in his chest away.

It didn't only exhale out the negative emotions in his heart, but actually made a whirlwind like a long dragon blowing to the forest. The leaves on the trees were all falling off.

There was no leaf on the trees anymore.

Including the leaf he had been looking at earlier.

Life was unpredictable. Life was changing. Because of this conversation, all those leaves were blown off the trees and fell to the ground. Nothing survived!

The next moment, Zhan Yunfei turned around to look at Ye Xiao. He spoke seriously, "I never thought a young man like you could have such a deep understanding of life. Have you been through too much in the realm you were born?"

Ye Xiao smiled bitterly. "Like I said, people know many things, but they will still regret and sigh. It doesn't matter how old or how young I am. What matters is... how much did I come through in my life.

"Some people understand many things just in minutes!

"Some people are living so happily even though they are hundreds years old. They are still pure and young in their hearts. Because they haven't encountered any suffering yet...

"I... I may look young, but I am from a lower realm after all. I have been through a lot to ascend to this realm." Ye Xiao spoke blandly, "I am weak in cultivation indeed. Maybe I am just like an ant in this realm, however, I was once like a king in the realm I come from. I was once on top of the entire world looking down upon everything else. I was invincible."

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Chapter 799: What Do You See?

"To get such an achievement in my age, how many fights, how many deaths, how many things should one get through... Nobody else can feel what I feel. Only those who lived in it understand it."

Zhan Yunfei stayed silent for a while and then said, "You are right. I forgot that you are not a native here. You are from the lower realm.

"That's right. You are young, yet you have ascended from the lower realm to Qing-Yun Realm. You must be talented, firm and persistent. You must have been through lots of troubles that nobody could imagine..."

"That's why you can think of those questions to ask that girl." Zhan Yunfei rolled his eyes. His eyes glowed in sharp lights. He said, "Well, Ye Chongxiao, what conclusion do you have after she answered all your questions?"

Ye Xiao thought for a while carefully in the heart. He said, "Elder Zhan, the answers to my questions earlier only scared me."

"Oh?"

"This is so horrible. I don't even have the courage to dig deeper!"

"Really? How so?" Zhan Yunfei looked solemn.

"Think about it. That girl said that there were a few girls who looked just like her... They were weeded out... We know what that means. In other words, it shows us that she is the one that looks like Xiao Mufei's daughter the most. She is the best.

"What they want from the girl is the death of Xiao Mufei. Nothing else, nothing more!

"There are lots of people they have that are just like this girl. Think about her number. Seventy-nine thousand five hundred ninety-six. There are at least nearly a hundred thousand assassins like her!"

"Each assassin had one particular target! All those assassins are designed to kill a particular person."

"They raise the kids since they were little. They might look like somebody's wife, daughter, son or closest disciple... They could be anybody."

"I reckon they all have the same mission in their lives. They must replace the ones they look like. It would be less effective if their simulated objects are alive after all. They might get strongly resisted if they tried to show up as somebody else."

"As long as they have a good assassin to replace somebody in the world, the real person must be missing... Only when they are gone can the assassins show up to get on the mission."

What Ye Xiao said seemed reasonable, but it was unclear and confusing.

The simulated object, the assassin, the target, this person, that person...

However, Zhan Yunfei was carefully listening. He actually understood it. He nodded and praised, "Impressive. Please go on."

"Take this assassination against Elder Xiao as an example. Everybody held great suspicion on the wrecked carriage, dying old man and weeping girl, except Elder Xiao. It was obviously a trap. However, Elder Xiao didn't care. He stepped in it anyway. Everyone else felt it unbelievable. Elder Xiao is such an experienced man. How could he not see the trick behind all that!

"In fact, Elder Xiao knew it was a trap for the first sight. I was right on Elder Xiao's side. At first, he was calm and steady. What he thought was to send somebody to kill the stupid assassins. However...

"The name Rongrong... It broke Elder Xiao's heart. It touched the softest part of his heart. Even though he knew it was a trap, the girl was an assassin and she had nothing to do with his daughter, just had the same name and a similar face, he still fell into it. The girl looked just like his daughter. That was all he cares!

"What happened after that was simple. Elder Xiao got hit. I had something that could luckily deal with that Nine Destination Dark. Otherwise, Elder Xiao should be dead. It was a perfect assassination to kill Elder Xiao.

"After he was hit, he still asked others to let that girl leave. He even gave that girl so many things so that she could live a peaceful life in the future. He was kind. However, it showed a terrifying truth about that assassination organization. No matter how powerful their target was, they would succeed!

"That was why they would spend so much resources and time to raise these assassins. They use the soft parts of people's hearts, they use the people's deep emotions to kill them! It is such an unsolvable, dangerous, and deadly assassination! It uses the weakness of humanity!"

"There is actually such an assassination organization in the world. It is horrible. They are patient and rich. What they do is unbelievable but efficient. They must have some evil plan!"

"The other thing about this organization I care about is the massive scale of it!"

"They have over a hundred thousand assassins!"

"How many people they need to train and raise so many assassins?" Ye Xiao said, "That is unbelievably large!"

"The assassins they are training are all designed to kill particular people. Those people must be famous figures in the realm. It is not an easy thing to investigate the background of all the famous figures in the world. It is easy to draw the targeted people's attention. Those men were all strong figures. They were normally hundreds of times more cautious than normal people. What we are talking here is an intelligence network based on a hundred thousand people!"

"There must be a huge intelligence force behind this organization. It must be bigger, stronger and better! This intelligence network must be covering the entire martial world, even the entire realm!"

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Chapter 800: Terrifying!

Zhan Yunfei took a deep breath. He nodded to agree at what Ye Xiao just said.

"Why don't we make a further conjecture. Did somebody kill Elder Xiao's daughter on purpose? Did these people kill his daughter?"

"If we go along this conclusion... Well... These people... This giant organization... In order to make a perfect chance for their assassins to show up, they need more people to kill those simulated objects in advance. They create tragedy... so as to create a weak point in those strong figures heart.

"That is the only way they can make their assassins play a perfect role in the assassination.

"That means they have a totally hidden assassination group."

"On the other side, they need more people to cooperate with the assassins they are training. That old man is an example. In fact, he triggered the entire assassination. If he didn't call the girl 'Rongrong' loudly, Elder Xiao might not notice her. They might both get killed by the others before they had the chance to get close to Elder Xiao. This old man also played an important role. He was also a good cultivator!"

Zhan Yunfei nodded. He looked terrible.

"So, there are over a hundred thousand simulating assassins, a strong assassination group, and a great intelligence network. All these made a perfect assassination success!"

"To raise and train the one hundred thousand people, they must have a huge amount of manpower, a huge place to live, lots of food to eat, countless materials to improve their martial arts. That is an enormous expense... There must be over two hundred thousand people in those valleys.

"Besides, there must be over two hundred thousand people working in the intelligence network. Otherwise, it couldn't cover it so widely.

"The hidden assassination group must have over a hundred thousand people.

"So, what we are talking about is a mysterious force that may have over a million people!"

"It is a great expense to keep everything running every day." Ye Xiao said, "So they must have a way to make money and get resources."

"I am new to this world, but I know something about this world. In Qing-Yun Realm, a normal person needs only gold and silver to exchange goods in the market. It is not so difficult to get gold and silver. However... to get materials for cultivation, one must have spiritual stones.

"So, this huge organization must have a great business in the world, that can earn enough money for their daily expense.

"They need a way to get the materials. Channels of resources are always held by some special forces. These forces may not be very powerful, but they are good at obtaining resources.

"These are not enough for such a big organization though. Such organization must have enormous ambition.

"If they accidentally mess with some super powerful cultivator, one particular powerful cultivator can wipe them out at once. That is why they must have a marvelous martial power as their protection."

"In this world, I guess not many sects can do such a great thing." Ye Xiao said, "One person, two great halls, three palaces and seven sects. One of these people."

"There are no other people who can build up and maintain such a great organization and ambition!"

"To put it frankly, the other sects are not qualified!"

Ye Xiao took a long breath. "According to what we know now, I am sure they have already made many tragic cases. They must have killed many people, who were families, friends, disciples, associates of some influential figures..."

As Ye Xiao spoke to this point, Zhan Yunfei's face twitched painfully, as if he was grabbed tightly on the heart. He looked painful and terrible.

"Moreover, they are targeting the elites of the sects. That means what they want is never just money. They kill for some great purpose... I can think of one great purpose. To conquer the entire Qing-Yun Realm!"

Ye Xiao finally made a conclusion.

"They have controlled roughly seventy percent of the influential figures' weak points in the heart. At least seventy percent. No matter how vicious and brutal those men are, they are still too weak to kill their own children...

"That is the key to that organization's success!

"Once they set up traps like they did to Elder Xiao over the entire realm, Qing-Yun Realm will definitely fall into chaos and blood!"

"At that moment, lots of the cultivators who should be difficult to defeat will fall for different reasons...

"After these figures fall, somebody will take their place to become the controlling league of the realm..."
Ye Xiao said, "Like Cold Moon Palace, if all the Dao Origin Stage cultivators in our sect die one day... what next? Those who survive, what will they think of it? Everybody lives in fear. People may get killed by their most beloved ones. Who can they trust?"

Zhan Yunfei gritted his teeth and said, "If that happens one day, some vile people will swallow everything we built! We will fall into perdition!"

"Yes. I guess that is what they want." Ye Xiao took a long breath out. "That's why I said when I heard her answers, I only felt scared.

"This is the most vicious, ambitious, terrible, scary, cruel, and cold-blooded plan I have ever heard in my life!"

Ye Xiao spoke word by word, "Everything is well planned. One after another, step by step. This is the most vicious plan in the history! The most terrifying!"

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