

Little Sweet 1581

Chapter 1581: I need to go undercover

“Yes, it’s me.” Ye Wanwan nodded.

“Sis Feng... what are you...”

After confirming Ye Wanwan’s identity, Seven Star became more shocked. *Why does she suddenly look like this?*

“You really can’t recognize me with this make-up on?” Ye Wanwan asked with a smile.

Seven Star shook his head. “Sis Feng, this is make-up? I thought it was the art of disguise.”

Ye Wanwan laughed. Some women’s superior make-up skills were no different from the art of disguise anyway.

“Sis Feng, you look like you changed heads,” Seven Star said after a moment of thought.

“This is called changing face.” Ye Wanwan glanced at Seven Star.

Seven Star: “...”

“Place the documents on the desk, then call First Elder and Third Elder here,” she instructed.

“Alright.” Seven Star nodded and did as she asked before leaving the office.

A moment later, First Elder and Third Elder entered Ye Wanwan’s office at the same time, both afraid they’d fall behind the other person.

“Pres—”

Third Elder was about to call but became stunned when he saw Ye Wanwan’s hideous make-up. He darkly shouted, “Who are you?! How dare you trespass into the Fearless Alliance’s territory?!”

“What’s the panic?” Ye Wanwan glanced at Third Elder. “Don’t you recognize me?”

“President?” Third Elder was flabbergasted upon hearing Ye Wanwan’s voice.

This woman is the President of our Fearless Alliance?!

Why did she switch heads?!

“I’m about to head to Scarlet Flames Academy. Accompany me there, but you can leave after dropping me off at Scarlet Flames Academy,” Ye Wanwan said.

First Elder and Third Elder were both higher-ups of the Fearless Alliance and rarely made public appearances nor did they have any interactions with the three great academies. They were unlike Seven Star and Big Dipper who were active members in the Independent State and easily recognized.

“President, why are you going to Scarlet Flames Academy?” First Elder looked at Ye Wanwan with incomprehension.

“To go undercover,” Ye Wanwan answered.

As the President of the Fearless Alliance, she naturally couldn't tell the elders that she was going to enroll in Scarlet Flames Academy as a student. How disgraceful would that be? However, if she said she was going undercover, it sounded alright.

First Elder and Third Elder met each other's eyes.

“I recently heard that someone issued a mission at Scarlet Flames Academy asking for my head, so I'm using my current appearance to enroll at Scarlet Flames Academy as a student for a semester. I'll locate the person who issued that mission and eliminate them and their family,” Ye Wanwan made up an excuse.

First Elder smiled. *No wonder... This was something our President Fearless would do.*

“I see.” Third Elder was pensive. Who was so suicidal and just had to offend their president...?

“Come over here, you two. I'll also do your make-up,” Ye Wanwan said to First Elder and Third Elder.

“President, we rarely appear publicly in the Independent State. The people from Scarlet Flames Academy probably won't recognize us, so we don't need any make-up...” First Elder said.

“Quiet. Sit here,” Ye Wanwan commanded with a frown.

It would be better to do their make-up for safety reasons. If they were recognized, how would she, President Fearless, get by in the Independent State in the future?

First Elder and Third Elder sighed helplessly. Since resistance was futile, they could only behave and allow Ye Wanwan to do whatever she pleased.

After a round of fumbling, Ye Wanwan nodded with satisfaction as she examined the two elders' make-up.

They looked like they had aged a decade or so.

After finishing the preparations, First Elder summoned an elite member of the Fearless Alliance. This member was in his 60s but looked spirited and vigorous and had superb martial art skills.

Chapter 1582: Can't say it out loud

“President, when the time comes, we won't enter the academy in case we're recognized. To avoid suspicion, he will lead you inside the academy, President,” First Elder explained.

“Alright.” Ye Wanwan said.

“G-greetings, Madam President!” The elderly man was bursting with excitement when he saw Ye Wanwan.

This ugly-looking woman standing in front of him was the boss of the Fearless Alliance, Bro Flattop...

“No need for politeness,” Ye Wanwan said with a smile.

“Thank you, President!” the elderly man nodded frantically.

Soon, the group of four left the Fearless Alliance and drove to Scarlet Flames Academy.

“President, a student from Scarlet Flames Academy tried to assassinate Piece of Sh*t earlier, but I heard there’s no news of them anymore,” First Elder informed Ye Wanwan inside the car.

“Assassinate Piece of Sh*t?” Ye Wanwan wore a strange expression. Which student was so suicidal and accepted this kind of suicidal mission? They had no one to blame but themselves...

Since there was no news, Yi Shuihan probably took care of him. Yi Shuihan wasn’t easy prey, after all.

The three great academies were all mercenary academies and didn’t target any specific person or group. They would accept any mission that was suitable, and their students would be responsible for completing them. However, there were some super difficult missions that most people normally wouldn’t accept.

For example, obtaining a strand of hair from Lord Asura or obtaining a ring from Emperor Ji.

In the case of a mission like obtaining Yi Shuihan’s life, only idiots or suicidal people would accept it. Otherwise, no mercenary would accept that kind of mission.

Half a day later, Third Elder drove the car to the base of a mountain.

Scarlet Flames Academy, one of the three great mercenary academies, was located at the top of the mountain and prohibited the entry of cars. Any visitor had to enter the academy by foot.

As people said, when in Rome, do as the Romans do. They had no choice but to leave the car.

This journey wasn’t too peaceful just like Ji Xiuran said. There was an extremely large amount of students participating in the entry examination this year, and Ye Wanwan witnessed many intense fights that erupted for no reason.

However, their journey was still fairly peaceful and smooth.

“You two can leave.” Ye Wanwan flicked her hand at First Elder and Third Elder.

“President, we’ll escort you up the mountain...” Third Elder was all smiles.

“No need. Leave,” Ye Wanwan declined.

Third Elder: “...”

Did they suffer such geriatric-looking make-up and a long and intense journey just to chat with the President in the car and keep her from being bored...?

No way would the two elders realize that their president took them with her merely in fear of accidents happening during the journey, thus needing them as bodyguards. Since they safely arrived at the destination, it was naturally time for the two elders to leave.

And so, First Elder and Third Elder were forced to leave.

The elite member of the Fearless Alliance was kept back though.

The people participating in Scarlet Flames Academy's examination were typically composed of the younger generation of major factions and normally needed to have clansmen with them. Even normal people needed to bring family members with them. This was because Scarlet Flames Academy needed to figure out the family situations of enrolling students in case no family members came to pick up the corpses if students failed their missions and were killed.

"Elderly sir, what's your name?" Ye Wanwan asked with a soft chuckle as she looked at the elite member standing next to her servilely.

"President, you're overwhelming me. Please call me Little Liu," the elderly man answered with trepidation.

"...?An elderly man, who is obviously in his 60s, is calling himself Little Liu... I really... can't say it out loud!"

Chapter 1583: I'm going to die from laughter

"How about you pretend to be my grandfather, and I'll pretend to be your granddaughter...?" Ye Wanwan asked him with a smile.

"President, that'd be inappropriate! This subordinate wouldn't dare!" The elderly man frantically shook his head. Calling the President Fearless his granddaughter? Was that a joke?

"You should know about Scarlet Flames Academy. If you don't pretend to be my grandfather, how can I sneak in and go undercover as a student?"

"Um..." The elderly man visibly struggled for a moment before finally nodding. "Then... Alright. But you must pardon me for my disrespect, President."

"It's no offense, no offense. I'll give you an extra drumstick and add a merit to your file when we get back," Ye Wanwan said with a smile.

"Okay." The elderly man nodded lightly.

Soon, Ye Wanwan and the elderly man started hiking up the mountain.

On the way there, there were many young men and women from the major and minor clans in the Independent State appearing like a tide and rushing up the mountain.

"Elder Liu, is that you?"

A cheerful voice was heard from behind them.

The elderly man looked behind him.

"President Fearless, this is an elder from a patrician family located near the Fearless Alliance's territory," the elderly man, Elder Liu, quietly informed Ye Wanwan.

The new elder soon arrived in front of them with a young man and woman behind him.

"Elder Liu, this is...?" The elder looked at Ye Wanwan.

“My granddaughter,” Elder Liu answered aloofly.

“Oh, you actually have a granddaughter? Didn’t your son die many years ago...? I thought your Liu family bloodline was extinct... However, if she’s only your granddaughter, it’s the same as your line going extinct,” the elderly man said with an airy chuckle.

Elder Liu’s expression shifted, but he didn’t want to say anything, not wanting to cause unnecessary complications.

“Elder Liu, look at how thin and fragile your granddaughter is. Why did you let her come to Scarlet Flames Academy to enroll? I reckon she’ll die in a mission eventually, so you should take her home now,” the elderly man continued with a smile.

“That’s none of your business,” Elder Liu said coldly.

“Haha, I was just being kind. Forget it if you’re ungrateful. Say, your martial arts are mediocre, so your granddaughter’s martial arts must also be very average. Scarlet Flames Academy is one of the three great mercenary academies in the Independent State, so their entry requirements are very strict. I don’t think your granddaughter can even pass the first round of examinations. Even if she passes, she won’t turn out to be much in the future, so why don’t you have her follow your path and enter the Fearless Alliance? After she becomes a member of the Fearless Alliance, it wouldn’t be a problem for her to just scrape together a living until she dies.” The elderly man guffawed.

After the young man and woman behind the elderly man glanced at Ye Wanwan, contempt filled their faces, and they both shook their heads while chuckling.

This girl was incredibly ugly. What could she use to get into Scarlet Flames? Was she going to use her face to scare the examiners to death?

“Thank you for your concern,” Elder Liu said placidly.

“Haha, Elder Liu, don’t be so distant. Look at my grandson and granddaughter,” the elderly man introduced with a smile.

“Eh, not bad.” Elder Liu was expressionless.

“Why aren’t you greeting Elder Liu?” The elderly man looked at his grandchildren.

“Hello, Elder Liu,” the young man and woman greeted him simultaneously with a smile.

Elder Liu nodded in response.

“Alright, Elder Liu, enough small talk for now.” The elderly man started leading his grandchildren up the mountain.

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“I’m going to die from laughter! How could someone with looks like her show herself in public without any shame? What an eyesore!” A young woman snorted behind the elderly man.

“There are seriously all kinds of peculiarities in this world. What kind of place does she think Scarlet Flames Academy is? How can some random nobody have the guts to come and enroll? And she even

wants to become a student at Scarlet Flames Academy...? How preposterous.” The young man also sneered.

Chapter 1584: Self carry a hatred-attracting halo

The two people didn't speak loudly, but Ye Wanwan and Elder Liu could hear them clearly from behind them.

Elder Liu turned to Ye Wanwan with a frown. “Presumptuous, they're seriously too insolent... How dare they treat you like this?!”

Ye Wanwan merely smiled without a care.

Right now, she didn't come to enroll in Scarlet Flames Academy as the president of the Fearless Alliance. She was just a normal person, so she didn't need to worry about those people's words.

“Let's go,” Ye Wanwan suggested quietly.

“Alright.” Elder Liu nodded. Since the President herself didn't say anything, he naturally wouldn't comment further.

The flood of young men and women coming to Scarlet Flames Academy to enroll continued to gush into the mountain in increasing amounts.

Scarlet Flames Academy had very strict student recruitment standards. Amongst these thousands of youths who came to enroll, only a handful would end up being chosen by the academy.

The status and reputation of mercenaries were extremely high in the Independent State, but the type of mercenary academy they graduated from was still important.

The Independent State had countless mercenary academies, but only the three great academies, e.g. Scarlet Flames, had the most worth.

Ye Wanwan was rather curious about the mercenary system, but her main objective for coming to Scarlet Flames Academy this time was to approach its headmaster and hope the headmaster could help her. Aside from seeing if she could recover her memory, Ye Wanwan had no other wishes.

About an hour and a half later, Ye Wanwan and Elder Liu reached the top of the mountain.

The peak was home to Scarlet Flames Academy's headquarters. As far as the eye could see, vast and imposing were the only descriptions its visitors could conjure up.

However, ahead of them, Scarlet Flames Academy's grand, towering gates were tightly shut.

There were dozens of elders and higher-ups of patrician families with their groups behind them waiting in front of the gates.

Ye Wanwan and Elder Liu soon joined the crowd.

Amongst the crowd, Ye Wanwan and Elder Liu appeared a bit peculiar.

Ye Wanwan's ugly, heavy make-up was especially eye-catching.

"Heh. Does anyone and everyone seriously dare to come to Scarlet Flames Academy nowadays?"

A beautiful woman glanced at Ye Wanwan and snorted.

Ye Wanwan furrowed her brows. Was her ugliness that fresh and unconventional? Or was she carrying a hatred-attracting halo and everybody was compelled to ridicule her? If she had known earlier, she would've just transformed into a man...

"Scarlet Flames Academy isn't a place someone like you can enter. Roll back to wherever you came from, and don't sully Scarlet Flames Academy's doors," the beautiful woman coldly said to Ye Wanwan.

"Insolence!" Elder Liu grew furious immediately. "Girl, do you know this is..."

Ye Wanwan lightly shook her head at Elder Liu before he could finish speaking.

Her identity as the president of the Fearless Alliance absolutely couldn't be divulged unless it was a last resort.

Otherwise, if Scarlet Flames Academy discovered she was the president of the Fearless Alliance, it would be useless even if she had recommendation letters from Yi Shuihan or the President of the Martial Arts Union, let alone Ji Xiuran.

The three great mercenary academies often used the Fearless Alliance as a negative example in lessons for their students. They had completely demonized Bai Feng as though she was the queen of devils in the Independent State and attached extremely nefarious and evil labels to her.

"What? Know what about this little delinquent?" The beautiful woman glanced at Elder Liu and snorted.

Before the woman could finish speaking, a man in a black suit standing behind the woman coldly interjected, "Don't argue with other people."

Chapter 1585: Turned away outside the door

"Young Master, what right does someone like her have to enter the mercenary academy? When you become a student here in the future, how could you be classmates with someone like her?" the woman quietly protested.

The man expressionlessly glanced at the woman. "So you think just anyone can pass Scarlet Flames Academy's severe examination?"

"Of course not... Even you weren't accepted by Scarlet Flames Academy last year, Young Master!" the woman hastily replied.

"Haha, even Young Master Wang was rejected by Scarlet Flames Academy last year, so how could a delinquent like her get in? What kind of place is Scarlet Flames Academy? One of the holy sites of mercenaries! Thousands of people come here to undergo the examination each year, but how many are actually chosen?" a rotund man inputted with a snicker.

The beautiful woman immediately looked at Ye Wanwan with disgust. "No status, no background, but a delinquent like you delusionally wants to enter Scarlet Flames Academy? What a joke! However, coming to Scarlet Flames Academy to have your eyes opened should be enough for you to brag about for the rest of your life."

Ye Wanwan shook her head inwardly. Was this woman an idiot? Why was she acting like a rabid dog?

For someone like her, Ye Wanwan couldn't even muster a tinge of desire to respond to her, let alone argue with her.

"Strange, why are Scarlet Flames Academy's gates closed?"

At this moment, more young men and women arrived at the peak and were shocked by the sight of the closed Scarlet Flames Academy.

"A lot of people who came to take the exam entered already, so why did we get barred outside...?"

"Did we miss the timeslot?"

Some people looked anxious.

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"President, wait here a moment. I'll go and ask," Elder Liu respectfully said to Ye Wanwan.

"Sure." Ye Wanwan nodded.

Elder Liu swiftly walked toward the academy.

"Registration for this year has concluded already. Come back next year," a plainly-dressed middle-aged man aloofly said as he walked out from the academy when he saw Elder Liu looking around in front of the gates.

"It's done?"

Everyone was taken back.

"That's right." The middle-aged man said, "Scarlet Flames Academy's recruitment has a time limit every year, and you've missed the timeslot already. If you want to register, come back next year."

"How could that be?!"

The beautiful woman from earlier marched forward. "Our young master is the eldest young master of the Wang family! You must allow our young master to enter!"

The middle-aged man from Scarlet Flames Academy glanced at the woman detachedly. "Are you joking with me?"

"Don't be rude!"

The man, the aforementioned eldest young master, hastily walked forward and admonished the beautiful woman.

Young Master Wang turned to the middle-aged man. "I've come two years in a row already. Could you show some leniency and give me an opportunity to enter and register...?"

"Come back next year!" The middle-aged man's face chilled a tad. Did this man and woman fail to understand human speech?

"This..." The man frowned deeply but didn't dare to say anything else.

"Young Master, forget it! Since Scarlet Flames Academy is so unreasonable, let's go to another mercenary academy. It's not like they're the only academy! It's their loss for rejecting you, Young Master!" the woman coldly shouted.

"Don't talk nonsense." The man glanced at the woman.

Many young men and women, who were turned away outside the door because they were late, immediately turned to look at Young Master Wang and his maidservant.

Chapter 1586: Emperor Ji's recommendation letter

This Young Master Wang's maidservant was rather brassy, willing to talk back to someone from Scarlet Flames Academy...

Elder Liu hastily went up and smiled at the middle-aged man. "Can you be a little flexible? My pres—my granddaughter traveled from afar and suffered a difficult journey to come up here..."

"You missed the time, so you have to wait until next year," the middle-aged man said.

"But my granddaughter is super strong! Scarlet Flames Academy would obtain a treasure if you accepted her!" Elder Liu ardently pressed.

What a joke! She's the president of the Fearless Alliance! Scarlet Flames Academy really won't accept someone like her? Just because she didn't make it in time?

When Elder Liu said that, a lot of the people around them broke into laughter.

"Heh, this elderly man is rather confident. Where did he get his courage...? Even Young Master Wang was rejected because he missed the time, let alone someone without status or background like her."

"Haha, elderly man, do you really know what kind of place Scarlet Flames Academy is...? It's a holy site for mercenaries. A place where you need to kill people or get killed; it's not a school for learning normal subjects! Did you bring your granddaughter to the wrong place, elderly man?"

"I think both this old man and his granddaughter are ignorant. They most likely thought Scarlet Flames Academy was a normal school..."

"Old geezer, mercenary academies are where you issue assassinations or dangerous missions. Get it straight first! Even someone on Young Master Wang's level could only consider themselves unlucky for missing the time, let alone your granddaughter."

The beautiful woman contemptuously glanced at Ye Wanwan and Elder Liu. "Take a look at yourself first! Even our young master can't enter, yet you want to enter?! You're trash at the bottom of the food chain!"

Ye Wanwan didn't even look at the woman and walked straight toward the middle-aged man from Scarlet Flames Academy.

"Hello," Ye Wanwan softly greeted.

"No matter what you say, it's futile," the middle-aged man returned impatiently.

"It's okay." Ye Wanwan took out Ji Xiuran's recommendation letter and handed it to him.

The middle-aged man furrowed his brows. "What? You want to bribe me?"

"Well, it's not quite a bribe. How about you take a look first? Maybe you'll let me enter after you see it," Ye Wanwan replied with a smile.

She didn't know whether Ji Xiuran's recommendation letter would prove useful, but she was just making a Hail Mary effort. The best scenario would be being allowed entry. If she wasn't, she would just have to return home.

Soon, the middle-aged man opened the recommendation letter.

A few breaths later, his expression abruptly changed.

"This is..."

Shock surfaced in his eyes.

This was a recommendation letter from Emperor Ji! Emperor Ji's personal seal was sitting at the bottom, so there couldn't be any mistake about it!

This horrendously ugly woman in front of him was actually personally recommended by Emperor Ji... Furthermore, based on the letter's contents, Emperor Ji attached great importance to her...

There were many instructors, even higher-ups, in Scarlet Flames Academy who had an immensely close relationship with Emperor Ji in the profit chain. Since Emperor Ji personally recommended her... it would be difficult to not do her this favor...

"Hahaha, a misunderstanding, a misunderstanding!" The middle-aged man clapped Ye Wanwan on her left shoulder. "Miss, come, come, come. You and your grandpa can follow me inside."

The sneer on every spectator's face froze, and disbelief rushed out.

"Thank you. This won't affect Scarlet Flames Academy's rules, right?" Ye Wanwan asked as she nodded.

Chapter 1587: An existence you can't afford to offend

"No! How could it affect Scarlet Flames Academy's rules! Rules are dead, but people are alive," the middle-aged man said.

Elder Liu beamed. *Bro Flattop is truly worthy of being our president! What Scarlet Flames Academy? They still have to give her face!*

Under everyone's stunned gazes, the middle-aged man personally opened the gates for Ye Wanwan and allowed Ye Wanwan and Elder Liu inside.

"Why... why is she allowed to enter?!"

The beautiful woman screamed angrily at the middle-aged man as she watched Ye Wanwan enter the academy.

"What? Do you have an objection?" the middle-aged man coldly asked.

"Of course I do! Why did you allow trash like her to enter but not my young master?" The woman scoffed.

The middle-aged man glanced at the woman. "Heh, Miss, I reckon even your young master can't compare to a toe on that miss, let alone you."

Can't compare to a toe of that woman? He's joking, right?!

"Young Master, this guard must've accepted a bribe from that bottom-tier trash!" the woman indignantly complained to Young Master Wang.

Everyone looked pensive upon hearing that, almost believing her. That'd be the only way this would make sense, right... Otherwise, why was that woman allowed to enter?

"Insolence!" A chilly glint flashed in the middle-aged man's eyes, and he took out his work ID card from his pocket.

When everyone saw the ID card, shock overcame their faces.

"D*mn... an instructor from Scarlet Flames Academy..."

"An instructor from Scarlet Flames Academy would accept bribes...? What kind of joke is that?! Who is capable of bribing an instructor?!"

"My god! Just who is that ugly woman? She looks mediocre and ordinary..."

"Could the Scarlet Flames instructor really be right? Even Young Master Wang can't compare to a toe on that woman...? That's too absurd, right...?"

"Heh, anyone with a mind can see that woman's identity must be special in order to force an instructor from Scarlet Flames Academy to allow her inside to register even if he had to break his own rules... Where did Young Master Wang's maidservant get the courage to provoke her? She seriously wouldn't even know how she died."

"D*mn... That servant girl's words were so horrible earlier, but she didn't even look at her. Thinking about it now, that woman wasn't afraid of the Wang family, right? She completely ignored them! The difference in their levels was probably too dramatic, so that woman couldn't be bothered to pay attention to them!"

The beautiful woman's face was so dark that ink could drip from it as she maliciously exclaimed, "She's just bottom-tier trash! What status could she possibly have?!"

The instructor of Scarlet Flames Academy looked at the woman. "Miss, you have to have some manners and education even as a maidservant. Your head is full of air. Don't let your ignorance harm you and Young Master Wang. I reckon you nearly caused the Wang family's destruction today. Your entire Wang family is less than a dog's fart in the eyes of that woman you keep calling ugly. You should thank the heavens that she treated you like air!"

Then the instructor snorted and opened the gates again before languidly entering. With a bang, the gates were closed again.

"How... how is that possible?!" The woman was akin to a deflated balloon.

"Tut tut tut... that ugly woman must be some fearsome bigshot... I've only seen a dog growl at a lion, but I've never seen a lion growl at a dog... That saying is perfect for this..."

Chapter 1588: Scarlet Flames Academy

"Hahaha, Young Master Wang, this maidservant must've served you quite well, huh, since you brought her to this kind of place? However, you need to assess the situation first. Your Wang family will encounter a tragic fate if you offend someone you can't afford to offend."

"Young Master..."

The woman turned to Young Master Wang, wanting to say something, but was greeted by a ruthless backhand from him.

Young Master Wang's expression was dark. Just who in the world was that woman just now? Could she really bring catastrophe to the Wang family...?

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Ye Wanwan and Elder Liu entered Scarlet Flames Academy.

There were some differences between the academy and universities in China. The atmosphere was more intense.

A thousand or so young men and women who came to register were standing in the courtyard.

Ye Wanwan followed the instructor into the crowd.

These thousand or so people were separated into 10 groups that contained about 100 people. Each group headed toward different directions.

Due to arriving with an instructor from Scarlet Flames, Ye Wanwan was placed into the first group.

Soon, while following the lead of a Scarlet Flames instructor, Ye Wanwan and her group arrived at a large plaza.

Most of the people in the first group were the children of prestigious patrician families in the Independent State and knew each other to a certain extent.

“Look...!” someone shouted, causing everyone to reflexively look behind them.

A tall and slender young woman with good looks was slowly walking toward them.

“Meng Ke... the pearl of the Meng family’s patriarch!”

“The Meng family... D*mn, that’s some background! I heard Meng Ke was a martial arts genius and successfully finished a mission that was comparable to an A-level mission before becoming a mercenary!”

Meng Ke joined the group and nodded slightly at the Scarlet Flames instructor.

Ye Wanwan surveyed her surroundings. It had to be said that Scarlet Flames Academy lived up to its name. Many of the people registering came from reputable backgrounds and were supposedly very talented too.

“Haha, Elder Liu, you seriously didn’t give up and really brought your granddaughter here?”

Before Ye Wanwan could think anymore, the elder who ridiculed Elder Liu earlier sauntered toward them with his two grandchildren behind him.

Elder Liu impatiently glanced at the elder, disinclined to waste his words. He didn’t know what this old man was flaunting about.

Elder Liu secretly snorted. If this old man knew his “granddaughter” was the president of the Fearless Alliance, would he still act so cocky?

Quite a number of young men had surrounded Meng Ke already, acting like perfect flower guardians.

“Silence,” the Scarlet Flames instructor said as he walked to the front. “There are many seats in the plaza; find a place to sit.”

Everyone, including Meng Ke, located a seat and sat down.

Soon, they all received an exam.

This was the most basic exam. If they failed the exam, they would be evicted from Scarlet Flames Academy immediately.

Ye Wanwan was bewildered as she stared at the contents of the exam.

In the eyes of mercenaries, every faction was ranked, including the ancient clans, four great clans, the Fearless Alliance, etc.

Aside from accurately labeling each faction’s rank, there was also a lot of details about mercenary missions.

“I don’t understand anything...” Ye Wanwan involuntarily facepalmed. She didn’t do her homework...

“You don’t need to take it. Follow me.”

The Scarlet Flames Academy instructor walked to Ye Wanwan's side and took Ye Wanwan and Elder Liu out of the plaza.

Chapter 1589: Mixed-gender living

A moment later, Ye Wanwan and Elder Liu arrived at the registration spot for Scarlet Flames Academy.

"What's your name?" an elderly man asked Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan thought for a moment and replied, "Ye Wanwan..."

"And you?" The elderly man turned to Elder Liu.

"Liu Decheng," Elder Liu answered with a smile.

"She's your granddaughter?" The elderly man was surprised.

"Yes, yes, yes, she's my granddaughter." Elder Liu nodded.

"Your name is Liu Decheng and her name is Ye Wanwan, but she's your granddaughter?" The elderly man frowned.

"Eh... this child's father died when she was young, and her mother remarried, so her surname changed to Ye like her mother's..." Elder Liu lied without blinking an eye.

"Alright." The elderly man had no choice but to accept this explanation.

"Ye Wanwan, since you were personally recommended by Emperor Ji, you don't need to participate in the examination. You will be a new student of Scarlet Flames Academy and a D-ranked mercenary. This is your uniform and mercenary ID." The elderly man handed the items to Ye Wanwan.

"Thank you." Ye Wanwan smiled. It had to be said that Ji Xiuran's reputation was rather useful.

"Have the instructor lead you to your dorm room. Also, we've registered your family now, so your grandfather can leave," the elderly man instructed.

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After sending Elder Liu off, Ye Wanwan followed the Scarlet Flames instructor to her dorm room.

"Haha, Ye Wanwan, what's your relationship with Emperor Ji?" the Scarlet Flames instructor asked on their way there.

"We're friends," Ye Wanwan answered.

"En... If you have time, help me do some referrals. I have a few good trades on my hand that Emperor Ji might be interested in. You know how us low-ranked instructors have a low income," the instructor said with a chuckle.

"En, I'll definitely refer you when I have a chance next time, instructor."

As they conversed, they passed by the mansion quarters.

“Aren’t these living conditions too good...?” Ye Wanwan was surprised. Did all Scarlet Flames Academy’s students live in mansions?

“That’s right. We’re one of the three great mercenary academies, after all,” the instructor replied.

“Um, which mansion do I live in then?” Ye Wanwan was inexplicably expectant.

“Your... your ranking isn’t high enough yet. These are all for mercenary students at A rank or above,” the instructor said with a smile.

“...”? *I got happy for nothing.*

Soon, the instructor led Ye Wanwan to the dormitory quarters.

They entered a shabby room with a simple and crude interior and 10-20 beds.

“Pick whichever bed you want...” the instructor said.

“Us new students live here?” Ye Wanwan was shocked. She freaking wanted to live in the mansion quarters! Even if her rank wasn’t high enough, couldn’t she at least have a single room?!

“Not new students. It’s the D-rank mercenaries who all live in this type of dormitory. Your dormitory is quite decent already; at least you have an electric fan.”

Ye Wanwan had no choice but to randomly choose a bed and place her luggage on it.

“Wait... Why are there men’s shoes here?!” Ye Wanwan shouted.

“Oh, that’s normal. Bunkhouses are all mixed-gender living,” the instructor answered matter-of-factly.

“Mixed-gender living... Isn’t this too unsafe and inconvenient...?” Ye Wanwan frowned deeply.

The instructor examined Ye Wanwan for a moment before chuckling. “Actually... You’re rather safe... What I mean is that all mercenary academies are like this. Absolutely no accidents will happen. Your missions in the future will be more arduous; this is nothing. You should get used to it.”

Chapter 1590: S-rank mission

Ye Wanwan swore to the lamp that she’d immediately, this instant, become a high-ranking mercenary and live in big mansions and villas!

“Wanwan, this is only temporary. You were personally recommended by Emperor Ji, so I believe it’s only a matter of time before you become a high-ranking mercenary with your strength. At that time, you can live in a mansion, and high-level mercenaries like S-rank are also assigned a steward, servants, and training partner, along with a mansion...” the instructor said enigmatically.

“...”? *I’m going to become an S-rank mercenary!!!*

“How do I become a high-ranked mercenary?”

“By finishing mercenary missions! Scarlet Flames Academy has a mission posting spot that issues missions from SS-rank to D-rank, and the higher the rank of the mission you finish and the more missions you finish, the faster you raise your rank,” the instructor explained.

The instructor didn’t wait for her to respond and continued, “You should familiarize yourself with your surroundings first. I’ll take my leave now. You can come find me in the instructors’ office if you have any questions.”

Then the instructor left.

Ye Wanwan didn’t linger either and exited the room.

Ye Wanwan saw a lot of young men and women with different colored uniforms as she walked through campus.

Ye Wanwan was a D-rank mercenary, so she was wearing a gray student uniform. S-rank mercenaries wore gold, A-ranks wore black, B-ranks wore white, C-ranks wore yellow, while D-ranks like Ye Wanwan wore gray.

Ye Wanwan couldn’t help but sigh at the distinct hierarchy inside mercenary academies. It was like a pyramid, and you had to use your strength to trade for anything you wanted to obtain. It was the most primitive rule and practice.

However, Ye Wanwan still hadn’t seen a single student wearing a gold uniform and only saw one A-rank mercenary.

Soon, she arrived at the mission issuance area.

There was a sea of people composed of mostly yellow-uniformed C-rank mercenaries and D-rank mercenaries with only a few mercenaries higher than C rank.

No one sent any odd looks at Ye Wanwan’s ugly appearance.

“Junior Sister, are you new here?”

While Ye Wanwan felt a bit lost, a gentle-sounding youth asked her with a smile.

The youth wore a yellow uniform, which meant he was a C-rank mercenary.

“Yeah,” Ye Wanwan replied.

“Alright, Junior Sister, I’m Han Yun. Let me introduce this place to you. We’re at the missions area, where there are mercenary missions from SS-rank to D-rank. D-rank missions are fairly simple while missions above D-rank have a risk of losing your life if you fail. I suggest you start with a D-rank mission to get used to things, Junior Sister,” the youth, Han Yun, said.

“Thank you. I understand.” Ye Wanwan smiled gratefully at Han Yun.

Then she turned to examine the mission board.

SS-rank mission: Destroy the Fearless Alliance and obtain 10,000 mercenary honor points.

S+-rank mission: Escort a token (High risk of being abducted by Asura and initiating a battle) and obtain 7000 mercenary honor points.

A-rank mission: Head to China and destroy the defected mercenary group. Obtain 5000 mercenary honor points.

S-rank mission: Obtain a personal ring belonging to Emperor Ji and obtain 10,000 mercenary honor points.

S-rank mission: Obtain a strand of hair from Lord Asura and obtain 10,000 mercenary honor points.

Ye Wanwan was dazed by the missions posted on the bulletin board and felt a little dizzy.

What the heck were the missions requiring you to obtain Emperor Ji's ring and Lord Asura's hair about...? How could they be S-rank missions and cause you to lose your life? Would they believe she could obtain those any time she wanted...?

Ye Wanwan was extremely curious about who issued a mission as strange as obtaining a strand of Lord Asura's hair and why it still wasn't revoked yet.