

Madam's 1861

Chapter 1861 - 1861 The Ji family's Candidate for the Assessment This Year

At the same time, on the first floor of the Intercontinental Hotel, Ji Xiao was also working nearby.

He was originally surrounded by a group of people as he walked forward. However, he stopped in his tracks when he brushed past a girl who was playing with her phone with her head lowered.

"Mr. Ji, what's wrong?"

Someone asked as soon as Ji Xiao stopped. They carefully followed his gaze and saw people coming and going in the magnificent hotel lobby. They couldn't figure out what was going on, so they nodded and bowed as they asked him.

Ji Xiao did not answer immediately. Instead, he frowned and stared straight at the elevator with his sharp eyes.

The elevator door had just closed.

He did not have time to see if the person who had just walked past was someone he knew.

"President Ji, did you meet someone you know?" a subordinate asked upon seeing that he was staring at the elevator. "Should we follow them?"

Ji Xiao retracted his gaze. "No need. I just think that person looks a little familiar. However, that person can't be here. I must have misjudged."

The subordinate looked puzzled. He looked in the direction of the elevator, but it had already gone up and he could not see anything.

He didn't know who Ji Xiao was talking about.

Ji Xiao's expression was the same as usual. He took the lead and walked forward. "Let's go. Dr. Liao is still waiting for us."

He led the way.

The people around him immediately followed.

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There was a quiet cafeteria on the first floor of the Intercontinental Hotel. The environment here was elegant, and there was a private room. It was very suitable for discussing matters.

Someone immediately came to lead the way when Ji Xiao arrived at the cafeteria.

He was led to a private room, and he knocked on the door before entering.

"Mr. Ji, you're here."

"Mr. Ji."

A few people were already inside. As soon as Ji Xiao entered, they stopped chatting and greeted him.

Ji Xiao also got rid of his usual serious attitude and smiled warmly. He quickly walked forward and shook hands with a middle-aged man. "Dr. Liao, long time no see, long time no see."

The man he called Dr. Liao was in his early fifties. Not only did he look ordinary, but he was also bald. He had a pair of heavy glasses on the bridge of his nose and was wearing a white coat buttoned up to his collar. He looked small and sharp.

He also reached out to shake Ji Xiao's hand. Although he was not flattering him, it was obvious that he was very polite to Ji Xiao. "Mr. Ji, long time no see. I met Miss Ji at the research institute a few days ago, and she mentioned you. Mr. Ji is still as imposing as ever."

"Dr. Liao, you're too polite." Ji Xiao smiled and let go. He reached out his hand and said, "Please sit."

He took off his suit jacket and placed it on a chair beside him, then pulled it out and sat down. Then, he looked at the doctor sitting far away from him and went straight to the point. "Dr. Liao, you're from the First Research Institute. Isn't the assessment that is held every three years starting soon? Do you think the candidates we elected this year can enter the research institute?"

The Ji family nominated someone from the family this year. Like Ji Ziyin, he belonged to the side branch and was called Ji Hongfeng.

Ji Hongfeng was Ji Xiao's nephew.

If his nephew successfully entered the First Research Institute, it would also be a help to Ji Xiao.

Of course, he had to spare no effort to support Ji Hongfeng's entry into the First Research Institute.

The First Research Institute was not a place he could control.

The prerequisite was that Ji Hongfeng had to work hard himself.

Chapter 1862 - 1862 No One from the Nan Family Will Likely Participate This Year

Ji Xiao was most satisfied with this. Although Ji Hongfeng's talent in black gunpowder was not as good as Ji Ziyin's, he was hardworking and had a certain level of talent... Therefore, there was a high chance of him entering the First Research Institute this time.

Ji Xiao had specially invited Liao Quan, a doctor from the First Research Institute, to pave the way for his nephew's future.

He had already asked for his help.

The man in the white coat did not beat around the bush. "Young Master Ji is considered to be very talented among the candidates this year. He has a high chance of passing the assessment with his current strength."

Ji Hongfeng was also in the private room. He was calm upon hearing this. He just smiled and lowered his head to take a sip of water.

Liao Quan thought very highly of him, so he revealed more internal information to them. "The Independent Continent has three families who have recommendation spots for each assessment. The Nan family didn't use their spot in the past. It'll probably be the same this year. They won't choose anyone. This way, only the Ji and Xie families are left. The person chosen by the Xie family this year is Xie Yu. His strength in this aspect can't be underestimated. He himself has a certain amount of talent, but he's still young. There's a high chance he won't pass this time. Among the remaining people this year, according to my understanding, there's no one with outstanding strength, so Young Master Ji has a high chance of passing the assessment."

Of course, the First Research Institute could not only accept people from the three great families. The others naturally had the chance to participate in the assessment.

However, it was more difficult for them to participate in the assessment and the conditions were more stringent!

Even if they passed the harsh selection conditions, because of their background, they would definitely not be able to come into contact with as much knowledge and teaching resources as the people from the three families.

This way, everyone's starting point would not be the same. Naturally, it would be very difficult for the other people to surpass the three big families' people and obtain the only chance to enter the First Research Institute!

Of course, this was not absolute.

Over the years, no lack of people outside of the three big families was selected to enter the First Research Institute magic

However, the situation this year was different.

Liao Quan had asked around and found out that there were no particularly strong competitors among the participants this year. Other than Xie Yu, Ji Hongfeng was practically the most outstanding candidate among the participants this year.

Therefore, many people in the research institute were optimistic about him entering the institute in this year's assessment.

"We don't really have to consider the Nan family..." A genuine smile finally appeared in Ji Xiao's eyes as he happily took over the conversation and said to his nephew, "The Nan family hasn't participated in the First Research Institute's assessment for almost 20 years. This year should be like what Dr. Liao said, and no one will participate. Hongfeng, you have to work hard. Such a good opportunity is in front of you. You have to seize it. Otherwise, you have to wait for another three years before you have the chance to participate in the assessment again."

The Ji family had many branches, and Ji Hongfeng was not the only one who coveted the family's spot.

Everyone wanted it.

This year, it was only because Ji Hongfeng had a higher chance of entering the First Research Institute that the spot was given to him.

If Ji Hongfeng did not seize this opportunity, who knew who would represent the Ji family in the next three years!

This was also why he specially asked Ji Ziyin to invite Liao Quan.

Chapter 1863 - 1863 I'm Doing This on Miss Ji's Behalf

After all, the people from the First Research Institute were all arrogant. Even though he had a certain status in the Ji family, they might not give him face.

Only Ji Ziyin could ask them for help.

Then, Ji Xiao politely said to the middle-aged man, "Professor Liao, thank you for coming out today. I will definitely thank you for your help if Hongfeng passes the assessment."

Liao Quan did not take the benefits he hinted at seriously. He just smiled and said calmly, "Mr. Ji, you don't have to thank me. I only came for Miss Ji's sake. I didn't help much."

Then, his tone changed and he said tactfully, "Mr. Ji, if possible... please help me tell Miss Ji that I'm very interested in participating in the Level 2 experiment she's doing. I just don't know if I have the honor to participate in Old Master Gu's project."

Ji Ziyin's teacher at the First Research Institute was Gu Hengbo. Gu Hengbo's name was very famous in the Independent Continent and even the entire world.

He was the number one nuclear weapons expert.

Every faction in the world wanted to rope in this master-level figure, but Gu Hengbo himself was in the First Research Institute.

The First Research Institute was huge. No one dared to cross them and disturb this master.

However, because of Ji Ziyin's talent in black gunpowder, Gu Hengbo had taken a fancy to her and kept her close.

Ji Ziyin was also his youngest student.

Gu Hengbo also admired her.

Ji Ziyin was one of the few people who could speak up in front of him.

This was also the main reason why Liao Quan was willing to give Ji Xiao face and reveal the internal information of this year's assessment.

Although he was older than Ji Ziyin, he was just a small fry in the First Research Institute and could not come into contact with the core projects. magic

People always wanted to climb up the ladder.

Of course, he also wanted to work harder.

Ji Xiao understood his words and smiled. He picked up the teacup in front of him and took a sip, then immediately said in a knowing tone, "Doctor, don't worry. I'll mention what you said to Ziyin."

Slightly relieved, Liao Quan nodded and smiled. "Thank you, Mr. Ji."

This was the first time Ji Xiao had been praised by someone from the First Research Institute. He was in a very good mood and said a few polite words.

The waiter came in very quickly. The few people in the private room started to order and changed to more relaxing topics.

The atmosphere in the private room was harmonious.

As they chatted, they seemed to have decided on the candidates for the assessment of the first research institute in the independent continent this year.

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Room 3306, Intercontinental Hotel.

The girl put down her things and went to the bathroom to take a cold shower. Ten minutes later, she wiped the water droplets from her hair and slowly came out.

Wearing a hotel bathrobe, she walked to the living room, pulled out a chair from the sofa, and sat down.

Drying her hair with one hand, she took out the laptop from her shoulder bag with the other and placed it on the coffee table.

Her eyes were clear and her expression was a little lazy as she turned on the computer.

Her cell phone suddenly rang, and a message came in.

Qiao Nian put the towel aside and reached for her phone.

Chapter 1864 - 1864 Black Mandala

On the cell phone was a number that she had not contacted for a long time, Qiao Nian only wrote one word: "Zhou".

A rare look of surprise appeared on her face when she saw the message's sender. She raised her eyebrows and clicked on the message.

[Zhou: Are you on the Independent Continent?] magic

Qiao Nian leaned back in her chair and looked at the message. She did not reply for a long time.

Not long after, that person sent another message.

[Zhou: Guan Yan said so. She said that you're in the Independent Continent.]

[Zhou: Where are you? I'm done with my work, so I can come to look for you.]

That person then sent a location.

Qiao Nian clicked on it and saw that the person was only one street away from her.

Soon, another message was sent.

[Zhou: Big baby, don't tell me you don't want to see me?]

Qiao Nian's fingers tapped on the screen, and her eyelid twitched when she saw the shameless "big baby". She resisted the urge to blacklist the other party and then replied expressionlessly.

Then, Qiao Nian threw her phone aside and got up to change.

Five minutes later.

She took her cell phone and room card, put on her baseball cap, and left the hotel room.

The Intercontinental Hotel was one of the more luxurious hotels in the Independent Continent.

A lot of people lived here.

Qiao Nian got out of the elevator and walked straight to a nearby cafe without looking around.

This was the business center of the Independent Continent. The cafe was located opposite the road outside the Intercontinental Hotel, in a relatively quiet place.

“Welcome.”

She pushed the door open and entered. Immediately, a uniformed waiter walked up and asked, “Hello, Customer. Do you have an appointment? Will you only drink coffee today or are you also going to eat?”

“I’m looking for a friend.”

The waiter couldn’t help but look at her. However, the girl was wearing a baseball cap. He could only see an exquisite and fair outline. She seemed to be a rather young girl.

Stunned for a moment, he came back to his senses and immediately turned to the side to make way.

“Thank you.”

Qiao Nian thanked him and walked in.

There were many people in the cafe, and many seats were occupied. There were both men and women. Some seemed to be here for afternoon tea, while others brought their computers to discuss matters.

Everyone had their own things to do and rarely paid attention to who came in and who left.

She walked all the way in and soon saw the person who called her out from a window seat in the corner.

The woman was wearing a light gray windbreaker that outlined her slender and tall figure. Her chestnut-colored hair was wavy, and her makeup was exquisite. Her red lips were even more captivating. She looked very much like a vixen.

Two cups of coffee were in front of her, and she was propping herself up on her elbows as if she was waiting for someone.

Her peach blossom eyes lit up upon seeing Qiao Nian. She immediately pushed one of the coffee cups toward her and smiled. "I ordered it for you. A cup of Blue Mountain without sugar."

Qiao Nian sat down opposite her and placed her phone on the table. She held her coffee cup with one hand and asked casually, "Why did you call me out?"

She had once formed an organization called the Black Mandala during her middle school years.

It was also during that period that she made a few like-minded friends.

Guan Yan was a member she had brought into Black Mandala.

Black Mandala also had other members.

Not many people, just a few.

The woman in front of her was one of them. They were usually scattered around the world and did not have many chances to gather.

However, their relationship had always been good.

They could be considered friends.

Chapter 1865 - 1865 Until She Was Slapped in the Face by a Genius

“Tsk, do I have to have a reason to look for you?” The woman elegantly picked up the coffee cup for a sip and then placed it back on the table.

She suddenly stared at the girl’s face from left to right, wishing she could see a flower.

Qiao Nian let her, completely indifferent.

Zhou Zhou felt lonely and retracted her gaze. After a long time, her expression became serious and she asked seriously, “Sun, why did you come to the Independent Continent? I heard from Guan Yan that you’re investigating the Wolf’s Head Association? What’s wrong with them?”

“It’s nothing. It’s just a small matter.” Qiao Nian leaned back in her chair and reached for her cup, then took a sip of coffee.

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It was too bitter.

She was also very stuffy.

She only took a small sip before putting the cup down with a frown. She then looked up at Zhou Zhou and said, “...I came over for something.”

“What is it?” Zhou Zhou asked curiously.

Qiao Nian pushed the coffee cup away and looked up. Her eyes met hers as she said unhurriedly, "I'm here to participate in an assessment."

"Assessment? What assessment?"

Not many things in the Independent Continent could be called an assessment. She reacted extremely quickly and slammed the table as she stood up. "F*ck, you're talking about the assessment of the First Research Institute?! You want to participate in their assessment..."

People were already looking in their direction before she could finish speaking.

Qiao Nian's head hurt, and she told her to lower her voice.

Zhou Zhou finally realized that she was too loud. She shut her mouth and sat down again. Her peach blossom eyes stared at the girl's face without blinking.

Her expression was also changing.

After a long time.

She seemed to have digested this explosive news and calmed down a little. "Why do you suddenly want to participate in the First Research Institute's assessment?"

Qiao Nian smiled but didn't say anything.

Zhou Zhou immediately raised her hand and stopped the girl from speaking. "Forget it. Don't answer me. Just pretend that I didn't ask this question."

Zhou Zhou muttered a few more curses, then composed herself and looked at the girl again. This time, she was much more serious than before. "You've finally figured out that you want to enter the First Research Institute! I told you before that it would be a waste if you didn't come to the First Research

Institute of the Independent Continent with your talent in weapon manufacturing. In the end, you weren't interested at all. I had no choice but to give you two professional books to read..." magic

She was from the First Research Institute, and her status was not low. She could be considered a leader among the younger generation.

At that time, she was only 30 years old and was already the person in charge of a Level 3 experiment at the First Research Institute.

Great success was accompanied by an endless sense of emptiness.

Perhaps researchers would always feel a strong sense of detachment towards the end, as if they were detached from ordinary people.

After achieving a huge result, they would also feel incompatible with this world because of their innate superiority in intelligence.

It was at that time that Zhou Zhou started playing on the black web. She opened an alternate account and later joined Black Mandala by a freak combination of events.

Then, she got to know Qiao Nian.

Zhou Zhou thought of the past as she looked at the girl sitting opposite her. It had been two to three years since that incident. Every time she thought of it now, she still felt like she had been slapped in the face...

She thought that her IQ was higher than others.

Until she met a true genius.

She was crushed by the genius in terms of intelligence.

Chapter 1866 - 1866 Sister Nian: I'll Do as I See Fit

Only then did she understand that the universe was vast and humans were small. There was always someone better.

After that incident, she curbed her arrogance and settled down. She set off again and plunged into the laboratory.

Unexpectedly, three years later, the person who had rejected her invitation suddenly became interested in entering the First Research Institute. Other than being excited, Zhou Zhou was very happy.

She had high hopes for Qiao Nian.

She had also seen how terrifying her talent in this aspect was.

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If Qiao Nian entered the First Research Institute, she would definitely break the record!

“Have you signed up? Which laboratory do you plan to enter?” Zhou Zhou hurriedly asked, looking like she couldn’t wait to choose for her.

Qiao Nian supported her chin with her fair hand and looked at her with her bright eyes. Then, she said lazily, “Not yet. If it’s a laboratory, I should go to the nuclear test room.”

Ji Qing used to be a member of the nuclear test room. There was a high chance that she would go there if she entered the First Research Institute.

Zhou Zhou had originally wanted to pull her into her laboratory. Upon hearing this, although she was a little disappointed, she was not very surprised. “It’s indeed a waste not to go to the nuclear test room with your talent.”

Qiao Nian wasn't interested in nuclear testing or black gunpowder. She just needed to give it a try, so she only hummed faintly.

"It's not easy to enter the nuclear test room. You have to pass the test first before you have a chance to enter the nuclear test room. Not many people have been able to pass in the past few years."

Zhou Zhou didn't know why she wanted to enter the First Research Institute, but she knew that Qiao Nian wanted to enter the institute. Thus, she kindly told her about the assessment, some of the process and general knowledge.

Qiao Nian also checked the information and roughly understood the assessment process.

Zhou Zhou told her everything, and she listened carefully again.

Zhou Zhou saw that the girl was listening attentively and did not seem to be there to play. She explained in detail and told her everything she knew about the assessment.

Toward the end, she briefly explained the situation in the nuclear test room.

"The three big families are always competing for a place in the nuclear test room. In the past, the Nan family had the most people in the nuclear test room. It was almost entirely controlled by them. Later on, they gradually faded out of the disputes in the Independent Continent. Their people did not participate in the assessment of the First Research Institute anymore. They were gradually replaced by the Ji and Xie families. Among them, the Ji family has the most people..."

Zhou Zhou elegantly picked up the coffee cup and took a sip. Then, she raised her eyes and added, "There is also someone from the Ji family participating in the assessment this year. I think his name is Ji Hongfeng." magic

Qiao Nian seemed to be interested. "Oh?"

"I've heard of this person's name before. He's one of the more talented people in the Ji family's younger generation. He's considered another person the Ji family has focused on nurturing after Ji Ziyin. Ji Ziyin is also paving the way for him to enter the institute."

After saying that, she suddenly thought that Qiao Nian might not know who Ji Ziyin was. She hesitated to tell her about her background.

However, she saw that the girl's expression did not change when she heard Ji Ziyin's name. It was as if she had long known who she was.

She silently swallowed her words and continued, "In short, this Ji Hongfeng will be aggressive this time. The Ji family will definitely do their best to push him into the First Research Institute. Many people in the First Research Institute also think highly of him..."

"I'll do as I see fit." Qiao Nian was very calm. She did not take it to heart at all.

Chapter 1867 - 1867 Lucky to Meet Sister Nian Again

Seeing her like this, Zhou Zhou's brows relaxed and she smiled. "It's good that you're not afraid. I'll send you the mock questions for this year's assessment later, as well as the questions and answers for the previous years' assessments. Take a look at them together. You'll have a higher chance of passing the assessment."

She didn't ask Qiao Nian how she planned to sign up.

Since Qiao Nian had already come to the Independent Continent, she wasn't worried that she wouldn't be able to register.

However, the Ji family had always been domineering. This year, Ji Ziyin really wanted to squeeze another relative in. If Qiao Nian did not have a reliable backer, it would not be so simple this time...

Zhou Zhou decided to ask the people from the institute later to see if they could solve this problem for Qiao Nian.

The two of them hadn't seen each other for a long time, so they chatted a little more.

Then, Zhou Zhou found a place nearby to treat Qiao Nian to a meal.

After dinner.

Qiao Nian bade her farewell and returned to the hotel.

There, she bumped into Ji Xiao and the others who were also coming out after having dinner with Liao Quan.

The moment Ji Xiao brushed past the girl, he stopped and looked blankly at the person who did not even look at him and walked straight to the elevator.

"It's her?"

Liao Quan and Ji Hongfeng were still at his side. Neither of them had left. magic

Seeing Ji Xiao's huge reaction, the two of them looked in the direction of the elevator.

A few people were waiting for the elevator. One of them was wearing a baseball cap and was especially eye-catching.

She was very arrogant and eye-catching.

With that person standing there, people couldn't take their eyes off her and couldn't help but notice her.

It seemed to be a girl.

She shouldn't be too old.

The girl was wearing a baseball cap and a scarf. They could only see a vague outline, but they could not calculate her exact age.

Ji Hongfeng had a strange feeling in his heart. He couldn't describe this feeling. Coincidentally, at this moment, the elevator door opened and the girl went in without looking back.

He turned to ask Ji Xiao, "Uncle, who were you talking about just now?"

His intuition told him that his uncle was talking about the person he had just noticed.

Ji Xiao was still in shock at seeing Qiao Nian there, so he didn't answer him. Instead, he frowned and hurriedly said to the two of them, "I have something on at the last minute. I'll leave first. Dr. Liao, take your time."

After saying that, he didn't forget to pat Ji Hongfeng's shoulder and remind him earnestly, "Remember to send Dr. Liao back to the research institute."

"I know." Ji Hongfeng nodded.

Ji Xiao patiently said a few more words to Dr. Liao before hurriedly leaving the hotel.

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In her room.

Qiao Nian had just put down her things and turned on the laptop that she had placed on the coffee table before leaving.

She walked to the side and picked up the mineral water bottle on the table. She unscrewed the cap and took a sip. Then, she casually screwed the cap back on and returned to the sofa.

She had just sat down when Zhou Zhou sent her a message.

[Are you at the hotel yet?]

Qiao Nian took a photo of the glass window and sent it to her.

Then, she casually threw her phone on the coffee table and stopped looking at it. Instead, she picked up her laptop and searched for the First Research Institute.

Their internal web page quickly popped up on the screen. However, she did not have the authority to search for anything that involved core secrets.

Qiao Nian leaned against the sofa as she looked down at the First Research Institute's internal webpage.

Chapter 1868 - 1868 Ji Ziyin's Defeat

At this moment.

Qiao Nian's phone screen lit up again.

This time, it was not a short message.

Instead, it was a call.

Her fingertips paused for a moment. She released the mouse and grabbed her cell phone from the table. Lowering her eyes to take a look, upon seeing who was calling, a trace of surprise flashed across her exquisite face, but she still picked it up. "Hello."

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Ji Xiao sped all the way to Ji Ziyin's residence.

Ji Ziyin was not a direct descendant of the Ji family. Even if Ji Lingfeng valued her highly, according to the family's rules, she could not stay in the main manor.

Hence, Ji Ziyin had a place to stay outside.

She lived in a high-end residence in the center of the Independent Continent all year round. The residence was completely closed off and the security was very strict.

It was also equipped with an iris system.

Other than the people who lived here, it was difficult for outsiders to enter.

Of course, those who could live here were not of low status.

As the most highly regarded member of the Ji family's younger generation, Ji Ziyin naturally had the right to stay here.

Ji Xiao had recorded his verification information at her place before, so he went straight to her residence without any obstruction.

He pressed the doorbell, and soon, the door opened.

"Mr. Ji."

Ji Xiao nodded and walked in. Then, he asked the servant, "Where's Ziyin?"

The servant moved aside and looked down, not daring to speak nonsense. She stammered and replied, "Miss is in the bedroom. The doctor is also inside."

Ji Xiao stopped in his tracks and turned around in shock. His eyes were sharp. "Doctor? What doctor? Why is a doctor here? Is she sick?"

"No, Miss..." The servant did not know what to say as she led him to Ji Ziyin's room. "You'll know once you take a look, Mr. Ji."

In the room.

The doctor had already reached the last step when Ji Xiao came in.

He was carefully bandaging Ji Ziyin, who was lying on the sofa.

"Hiss."

Her back was filled with burning pain. Even though Ji Ziyin could endure it, she couldn't help but gasp in pain.

The doctor felt pain just by looking at her back and could only comfort her softly. "Miss Ji, bear with it a little longer. It'll be over soon."

Ji Ziyin's face was pale, and her bright eyes were filled with forbearance. She lay there and bit her lips, but she did not say anything else. magic

Ji Xiao arrived at this moment. When he saw the scene in front of him, he could not interrupt the doctor from bandaging Ji Ziyin.

Thus, he found a corner and stood at the side to wait.

Half an hour passed.

The doctor finally finished applying medicine to Ji Ziyin's back wound and temporarily bandaged it with white gauze. He then carefully reminded her of some things to take note of. Then, the doctor tidied up his things, picked up the medical kit, said goodbye to Ji Xiao, and left first...

Ji Xiao had been waiting for the doctor to leave.

Only now did he walk over and ask the person on the sofa who had barely sat up, "Ziyin, what's going on? Why are you so seriously injured?"

Ji Ziyin put on her coat. Her face was haggard, and her breathing was slightly unstable. "Nan Tianyi brought the assassin from the Wolf's Head Association to the family to explain things. The Patriarch ordered me to go to the Punishment Hall to receive 50 lashes."

Chapter 1869 - 1869 Don't Bother About Qiao Nian, The First Research Institute Is More Important

Ji Xiao was shocked. "How can that be? The Patriarch..."

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"Heh, that person insisted that I instructed him to do it. The elders in the family were all there, and the Patriarch couldn't possibly protect me." Ji Ziyin lowered her eyes as ruthlessness flashed past them. She spoke slowly and casually, but only she knew that Ji Lingfeng's attitude towards her had become cold.

A little annoyed, she looked up before Ji Xiao could ask further. "Second Uncle, why are you here?"

Ji Xiao originally wanted to ask her further, but he soon forgot about it and thought of his motive for coming. "Qiao Nian."

Ji Ziyin pulled up her clothes and supported herself to pick up the medicine on the table, preparing to take one.

Suddenly, she heard a familiar name.

Ji Ziyin's beautiful face stiffened and she immediately looked at him.

Ji Xiao did not leave her hanging. "I bumped into her when I was eating with Dr. Liao at the Intercontinental Hotel. She did not have anyone with her. She seems to be staying there."

"You must have seen it wrongly." Ji Ziyin did not believe that someone who should be in Beijing would come to the Independent Continent in the blink of an eye.

The Independent Continent was not a tourist attraction. It was not a place where anyone could come and go as they pleased.

However, Ji Xiao was very certain. "I saw her very clearly! It's difficult for me to mistake her! She's someone you would remember even if you've only seen her once. I came to look for you because of this."

Ji Ziyin was speechless.

Ji Xiao walked opposite her and found a seat for himself. After sitting down, he looked at her in confusion. "Ziyin, do you know why she came to the Independent Continent?"

Ji Ziyin was speechless for a moment.

How could she know why Qiao Nian had come to the Independent Continent? She had never even received any news beforehand!

Ji Ziyin was a person of action.

She had never done anything unnecessary.

She immediately called He Congming.

He answered the call, but the meaning between the lines seemed to be that he didn't know that Qiao Nian had come to the Independent Continent at all. He even asked her, "How could an outsider like Qiao Nian go to the Independent Continent at will?"

Ji Ziyin could not get anything out of him and could only hang up.

She and Ji Xiao stared at each other after not having found any useful information.

At this moment, Ji Ziyin's phone rang.

Ji Xiao only heard her calm "Hello" before her tone changed.

"An additional registration spot? Who? The Nan family?! How is that possible? They haven't participated in the assessment for almost 20 years. Why did they join this time? Hmm... Dr. Liao, do you know who the other party is?" Ji Ziyin's expression was ugly. After a long time, she said, "I understand."

She came back to reality after answering the call.

Before Ji Xiao could ask her, Ji Ziyin said with a dark expression, "Just now, news from the First Research Institute is that the Nan family also signed up for this year's assessment. For the time being, no one has found out who they signed up."

In recent years, the Nan family had become even more unwilling to participate in the disputes of the Independent Continent. They were like invisible people and did not have much presence.

However, the Nan family was one of the three big families in the Independent Continent, after all. After so many years, they were finally participating in the First Research Institute's assessment again... No matter who the Nan family sent, this news was enough to make people afraid!

Ji Xiao was also very surprised. "Hasn't the Nan family never participated in these things?"

"Who knows what they're thinking this time." Ji Ziyin lowered her eyes, covering the darkness in them. "Second Uncle, put Qiao Nian's matter aside for the time being. The First Research Institute's assessment is more important."

Chapter 1870 - 1870 Want Sun to Check That Person's Information

"It's not convenient for me to do this. Get someone to find out who the Nan family elected today and tell Ji Hongfeng to prepare early." Ji Ziyin's eyes grew slightly cold. "We can only win a hundred battles if we know ourselves and the enemy!"

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"I understand." Ji Xiao knew the priorities of the matter. The spot in the First Research Institute was very important to them. It concerned many of their subsequent plans. Nothing could go wrong!

He nodded and his expression softened. He was clearly relieved.

Ji Ziyin took a deep breath. She felt even worse and a little depressed. She clenched her fists tightly and was frustrated. Her voice gradually deepened. "Looks like the assessment will be interesting this time..."

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The news that the Nan family was participating in the First Research Institute's assessment again after 20 years seemed to have grown wings. Almost all the major forces in the Independent Continent received this explosive news.

All the forces in the Independent Continent were investigating who they had chosen this year.

However, the First Research Institute still had not announced the name list. It was almost impossible for the major factions to attack the research institute.

But they couldn't give up investigating.

Therefore, although the Independent Continent looked calm on the surface, undercurrents were actually surging in private.

This undercurrent not only affected the Independent Continent but also the illegal district.

Recently, the number of orders sent to the Hacker Alliance and the Red Alliance had soared.

They were all commissioned to investigate the assessment list.

The Hacker Alliance had accepted an order, but they did not find anything. After they returned the money, they did not accept similar orders.

The others placed their hopes on the Red Alliance, which was even more impressive than the Hacker Alliance.

Especially the King of Hackers of the Red Alliance, Sun.

If Sun was willing to investigate, he would definitely have a chance to find out about that person.? com

The orders from the major factions of the Independent Continent were getting higher and higher day by day. In less than half a month, the price had already climbed to ten digits.

In the hacker world, this was already the ceiling price!

However, no matter how high the price was, Sun had no intention of accepting the order.

In addition, Sun's whereabouts were unpredictable and unfathomable.

Outsiders could not contact her, so they could only continuously increase the price in an attempt to move this uncrowned king of the hacker world.

After two hours of acupuncture, Xie Tingyun was drenched in sweat. Her hair was stuck to her face, and her gentle eyes were filled with warmth. Although she was a little tired, Xie Tingyun still smiled and thanked the girl. "Miss Qiao, thank you."

Qiao Nian put the acupuncture bag into her shoulder bag and only said politely, "It's fine. Rest well."

Qiao Nian zipped up her bag, looked up, and said calmly to her, "I'll be busy next week. I'll stop your acupuncture treatment for the time being. However, I've prescribed medicine for you. You just have to take it on time."

The First Research Institute's assessment was about to begin. She was not a conceited person. She had to make the necessary preparations.

Qiao Nian reminded her of a few things to pay attention to, picked up her shoulder bag, and prepared to leave.

Seeing that she was about to leave, Xie Tingyun subconsciously called out to her, "Miss Qiao!"

"Huh?" The girl was good-natured. She stopped again, and a pair of expressive eyes seemed to ask her what was wrong.

Xie Tingyun looked at the girl's beautiful eyes and seemed to have thought of something. Her heart softened and she said softly, "I heard that you're going to take the First Research Institute's assessment. Is that right?"

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. If someone else asked her, she might not have had the good temper to answer.

However, looking at Xie Tingyun on the bed, her usually arrogant eyes converged, and her attitude was very good. “Yes, I just signed up.”