

## **Myth Beyond 1771**

### Chapter 1771 The Crown (1)

Time stood still, and everything froze in place within the world of black and white.

Yun Lintian had no idea what was happening outside. Currently, he found himself standing inside a military camp. Several tents were scattered around the area, and soldiers in armor could be seen briskly walking back and forth. Clearly, they were in the midst of a campaign.

He carefully observed his surroundings and noticed a war flag with the word "Yun" etched onto it.

Yun Lintian often saw this kind of scene in movies like "Romance of the Three Kingdoms" and "Back to the Past."

He also discovered that no one could see him. They simply walked past him as if he were a ghost.

After gaining a rough understanding of the situation, Yun Linitian attempted to circulate his divine energy but was unsuccessful. He was no different from an ordinary person at this moment. More precisely, he was just a residual soul.

"Hurry up! We will leave in two hours." At that moment, a robust soldier shouted loudly, and the others started to organize the camp.

Yun Lintian looked at the sturdy soldier, who appeared to be a platoon leader, as he walked into the largest tent. Without hesitation, Yun Lintian quickly followed him.

Inside the tent, three people were gathered around a sand table, contemplating the map.

The platoon leader walked into the tent and silently stood to the side, careful not to disturb the three people.

When Yun Lintian entered the tent, he was immediately stunned by the scene. It was because the man wearing a general's mantle was none other than Yun Yi!

What on earth is happening here? Yun Lintian was confused.

At that moment, Yun Yi suddenly raised his head to look at the entrance. He frowned slightly, clearly sensing that someone had been watching him earlier.

Yun Lintian was taken aback by Yun Yi's actions, but he soon calmed down. Obviously, Yun Yi couldn't see him.

However, it was a bit strange that Yun Yi could sense his gaze.

Yun Yi didn't dwell on it and redirected his focus to the map.

"General, I believe we need to change the route." A young man on Yun Yi's right side pointed at the map and said. "There are two mountains on either side here. If I were them, I would definitely set up a trap here."

This person was a rising star in the army, Zhao Long.

On the side, an old man in his sixties stroked his long beard and said. "The Chu and Liang armies have enough manpower to set up traps in every direction we choose. If we want to break through, we must be willing to make significant sacrifices."

The old man, Zhu Ning, looked at Yun Yi and said. "I have no opinion. You can decide it yourself, general."

His eyes were serene, knowing fully well that he wouldn't be able to return home.

Yun Yi had a solemn expression on his face. The burden on his shoulders was too heavy.

The Yun army he led this time was the vanguard, and he had to break through the blockade of the Chu and Liang armies at all costs. Otherwise, the Yun Dynasty would have no way to survive.

In the past years, the Chu and Liang Kingdoms had surrounded the Yun Dynasty from all directions and continuously destroyed fertile lands.

When food production declined, people suffered from famine and were forced to be displaced. Many of them had no choice but to cross the border and seek refuge in other kingdoms in order to survive.

Coupled with the corruption of various governors and internal strife, the Yun Dynasty was now on the verge of collapse.

Zhao Long sighed and said. "The heavens want to punish our Yun Dynasty. This situation would never have happened if His Majesty were still alive."

The former Yun Emperor fell ill suddenly and passed away five years ago. The Crown Prince, Yun Xing, ascended to the throne, but he showed little concern for the country's welfare and indulged in pleasure every day.

Zhu Ning looked at Zhao Long and said. "Watch your mouth."

Zhao Long shrugged his shoulders. "Did I say anything wrong? In fact, I don't understand why His Majesty chose the eldest prince instead of the second prince. Our Yun Dynasty does not have a tradition of having the eldest son as the heir at all."

Zhu Ning immediately fell silent. Compared to Yun Xing, the second prince was like heaven. He was a genius through and through, whether in martial arts or management. It could be said that the prosperity of the Yun Dynasty in the past was greatly influenced by the second prince.

However, when the previous Yun Emperor passed away, Yun Xing began to assert his authority and openly suppress the second prince. Right now, the second prince was imprisoned in his own residence and could not leave without permission from Yun Xing.

Whether it was Yun Yi, Zhu Ning, or Zhao Long, everyone here supported the second prince. Because of this, they were sent to the front line with the most dangerous mission.

To put it simply, they were sent to die.

Yun Yi frowned deeply. "Stop talking about it. Let's make a decision."

He pointed at a large river called the Black River and said. "Zhao Long, take our elite troops and station them along this route, awaiting my command."

Zhao Long glanced at the map and furrowed his brow. "General..."

"Are you questioning my decision?" Yun Yi's face turned cold.

Zhao Long quickly straightened his back and responded loudly. "No, sir!"

"Good. Go." Yun Yi nodded and gestured for Zhao Long to leave.

Thud!

Zhao Long fell to his knees and kowtowed three times. "Zhao Long has everything today because of His Highness the Second Prince and the general. If there is a next life, I am willing to become your servant again... Take care!"

Zhao Long got up resolutely and left the tent.

Yun Lintian, who stood at the entrance, could see Zhao Long struggling to hold back tears but failing miserably. Zhao Long's face was already drenched in tears as he walked out.

Zhu Ning glanced at the platoon leader, and the latter quickly left.

He looked at Yun Yi and said gently. "You are too kind, general."

Obviously, Yun Yi wanted Zhao Long and the elite soldiers to survive by sending them to the river where they could escape at any moment...

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Upon hearing Zhu Ning's words, Yun Lintian hurriedly approached the table and examined the map. From the looks of it, there was a meager chance that Zhao Long's troops would encounter an enemy. It was clear that Yun Yi had planned an escape route for Zhao Long and the elite soldiers.

Yun Yi looked at Zhu Ning and bowed his head respectfully. "Please forgive me for my selfishness."

Zhu Ning hurriedly helped Yun Yi up and said. "What are you saying? I am nothing but an old man with one foot in the grave. Death means nothing to me. On the contrary, General, I feel sorry for you. You are still young."

Yun Yi took a deep breath and spoke solemnly. "I want to pave the way for the Second Prince. The Yun Dynasty may fall, but His Highness must survive."

Zhu Ning nodded solemnly. "Yes. As long as His Highness can survive this catastrophe, the Yun Dynasty will surely regain its glory."

Yun Lintian looked at the two loyal servants and wondered what kind of person the so-called second prince was to have captured their hearts and souls like this.

Yun Yi and Zhu Ning continued their discussion and finalized the plan.

Yun Lintian listened to them eagerly. Although he had never learned about the famous Sun Tzu's "Art of War," he could understand one or two things they discussed.

"Hmm?" Suddenly, Yun Lintian noticed something and walked out of the tent.

Yun Lintian immediately noticed an ordinary-looking soldier standing beside the tent in a blind spot, attempting to eavesdrop on the conversation.

Without a doubt, this person must be a spy.

Yun Lintian frowned and stepped forward, attempting to grab the man, but his hand went through him. He forgot that he was nothing more than a ghost here.

Yun Lintian's heart was filled with anxiety. Even though he had no idea who was behind this spy, it was not good to let him eavesdrop like this.

He tried to shout and make a fuss, but it was futile. Yun Lintian couldn't interfere with anything here. This made him upset.

After listening to everything, the spy quickly walked away and found a secluded spot to send a message.

Yun Lintian quickly followed and saw the spy sending a pigeon with a letter away.

"This is bad." Yun Lintian muttered to himself. Unfortunately, he was unable to do anything.

Seeing the spy returning to the camp, Yun Lintian sighed and followed him.

At this moment, Yun Yi and Zhu Ning had already begun organizing the troop.

Half an hour later, everyone was ready and left the camp under Yun Yi's leadership.

Yun Lintian quietly followed the army while observing the surroundings. He had confirmed one thing. There was no practitioner here. Everyone was an ordinary mortal.

The troop traveled for half a day and arrived at a mountain pass. Technically, it was extremely unwise to go through the passage because it was too easy to set up traps on both sides.

However, Yun Lintian knew that Yun Yi had no choice. It was his best option if he wanted to break through the enemy's blockade as quickly as possible.

Yun Yi secretly sent people to climb the mountains. To everyone's surprise, there was no trap here. No one could be seen in the mountains.

"Strange..." Zhu Ning stroked his beard while looking at the mountains on both sides.

Yun Yi frowned deeply. He couldn't understand why the enemy had let go of such an excellent opportunity to weaken his forces.

Yun Lintian touched his chin and pondered. If he were the enemy, he would undoubtedly attack Yun Yi in this location. The geological advantage here was too good to pass up.

Suddenly, the expressions of Yun Lintian and Yun Yi changed dramatically.

"Oh no, Zhao Long!" Yun Yi and Yun Lintian exclaimed in unison.

"Everyone, follow me!" Yun Yi roared and kicked his horse, galloping towards the Black River.

Zhu Ning immediately realized the problem. Without a doubt, the enemy must have known about Zhao Long's troops and chosen to attack them instead.

"Yah!" Zhu Ning kicked the horse and chased after Yun Yi.

Yun Lintian quickly ran alongside the army at the fastest speed.

An hour later, Yun Lintian finally arrived at the Black River. The first thing he saw was blood... a river of blood formed on the ground.

Yun Lintian passed through the soldiers and arrived at the front. His face immediately turned pale when he saw the scene.

At this moment, several severed heads were hanging on spears. All of them were obviously the elite soldiers Yun Lintian had seen previously... The most important thing was that Zhao Long was among them.

"Zhao Long!" Yun Yi jumped off the horse and rushed to Zhao Long's head.

"Arghhhh! It's me who hurt you!" Yun Yi hugged Zhao Long's head and screamed in sorrow. Two streams of tears fell down his cheeks. He blamed himself for everything.

The tragic scene greatly disturbed everyone's morale. Whether it was Zhu Ning or the soldiers behind him, their faces turned ghastly pale at this moment.

Yun Lintian clenched his fists in anger as he gazed at the heart-wrenching scene. This thing wouldn't have happened if he could talk to Yun Yi.

He turned around and searched for the spy among the troops. Unfortunately, this person must have escaped by now.

"What a pleasant cry you have."

All of a sudden, a cheerful voice resounded from behind, causing everyone to assume their battle stances.

Yun Yi raised his head and saw a middle-aged man in a general's cloak looking at him from a distance.

"Chu Qiang!" Yun Yi roared furiously. His eyes filled with a murderous intent.



"It's been a while, Yun Yi. How is it? Do you like this gift?" Chu Qiang laughed. "Seriously, this Zhao Long gave me a headache. He managed to kill one hundred people before dying."

Yun Yi pulled his cloak out and wrapped it around Zhao Long's head before walking back to his horse. He handed Zhao Long's head to Zhu Ning and jumped back onto his horse.

Clang!

Yun Yi grabbed his long, silver spear and pointed it at Chu Qiang. "Attack!"

As his voice fell, Yun Yi kicked the horse and rushed fearlessly towards Chu Qiang's troop, followed by Zhu Ning and the rest.

Chu Qiang curled his lips. "Idiot."

Swish! Swish! Swish!

In that instant, numerous arrows filled the sky, falling towards Yun Yi's troops...

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The hail of arrows couldn't hinder Yun Yi in the slightest. He skillfully spun his spear to block the incoming arrows and bravely continued to charge at Chu Qiang's troops.

Yun Yi's eyes burned with intense fury. Even if he had to die, he must take Chu Qiang's life today.

A hint of fear emerged in Chu Qiang's heart when seeing Yun Yi's fearless demeanor. Both of them had fought each other several times before, and Chu Qiang would flee for his life each time.

Chu Qiang braced himself and roared. "Kill them!"

"Hahhh!!" The soldiers behind Chu Qiang let out battle cries and charged toward their opponents.

Boom!

"Kill!" Yun Yi roared and impaled one of the approaching enemies.

Yun Yi swiftly killed one enemy after another while charging forward. It was as if he only had Chu Qiang in his sight.

Both sides quickly clashed, and a bloody battle officially started.

Yun Lintian looked at the scene with his blood boiling. He wished that he could join the battle.

Watching his people being killed one by one, Chu Qiang's hands couldn't stop shaking. Yun Yi, at the moment, was like a god of killing. Every time he swung his spear, a head would be seen flying.

"What are you waiting for!?" Chu Qiang couldn't contain himself any longer and shouted at the forest on his right side.

At that moment, another group of soldiers emerged from the forest and charged at Yun Yi's group from the flank. The leader was Liang Mu, a general of the Liang Kingdom.

Zhu Ning noticed this and shouted at Yun Yi. "Leave him to me."

Yun Yi looked deeply at Zhu Ning before shifting his attention to Chu Qiang. "Come!"

Suddenly, Yun Yi mounted the horse and leaped towards Chu Qiang, spear pointed directly at him. His crazy movement greatly shocked Chu Qiang.

Facing Yun Yi, who flew over like a loose arrow, Chu Qiang tried to meet him head-on with the halberd in his hand.

CLANG!

The two cold weapons collided, and the impact immediately knocked Chu Qiang off his horse.

"Argh!" Chu Qiang fell to the ground on his back. He felt his entire body was on the verge of falling apart. However, he had no time to take care of it, as Yun Yi had already rushed towards him.

Yun Yi charged towards Chu Qiang with murderous intent. The silver spear reflected the sunlight, causing Chu Qiang to close his eyes for a brief moment involuntarily.

At the same time, Chu Qiang instinctively swung his halberd forward.

Puff!

The spear mercilessly pierced through Chu Qiang's chest, while the halberd deeply cut Yun Yi's waist.

"Ugh!" Chu Qiang's eyes widened. He looked at Yun Yi in horror, unable to believe that Yun Yi didn't care about his own life at all.

Chu Qiang tried to exert his strength and cut Yun Yi in half, but Yun Yi had already pushed him away.

Bang!

Chu Qiang fell to the ground, and blood continued to gush out from his chest. He could feel his body slowly growing cold. Death was imminent for him.

Yun Yi walked over without caring about the severe wound on his waist. He stared into Chu Qiang's eyes and said coldly. "I will send you to hell to accompany Zhao Long. I'm sure he would love it."

"You..." Chu Qiang struggled to say something, but Yun Yi had already impaled his head with the silver spear.

"Ahhhh!" Yun Yi stomped one foot on Chu Qiang's chest and tightly grabbed the spear, forcefully pulling Chu Qiang's head from his body while roaring. The scene was absolutely brutal, reflecting the anger in his heart.

Puff!

Chu Qiang's head was finally torn apart from his body by Yun Yi's brute strength.

Chu Qiang's soldiers looked at the scene in terror. They had witnessed numerous brutal scenes in the past, but this particular one... they believed it would haunt them for the remainder of their lives.

Liang Mu pushed Zhu Ning away and glanced at Yun Yi. His face immediately fell. He didn't expect Chu Qiang to fall this quickly.

He glanced at his guard and said coldly. "Send a signal."

The guard quickly raised the red flag in the air.

Zhu Ning regained his balance, and his expression changed dramatically when he noticed this. His rich experiences allowed him to recognize that the red flag was a signal for a sharpshooter, and their target was undoubtedly Yun Yi.

Without hesitation, Zhu Ning kicked his horse and galloped towards Yun Yi.

Swish!

At this moment, a thick arrow shot out from a small hill nearby, hurtling towards Yun Yi.

"General!" Zhu Ning shouted loudly and jumped off his horse, launching himself towards Yun Yi.

Yun Yi turned around, and his expression changed dramatically. He reached out to grab Zhu Ning, but it was too late...

Puff!

The killing arrow mercilessly pierced Zhu Ning's heart, causing his body to collide with Yun Yi. They glided along the ground for a few meters before stopping.

"Old Ning!" Yun Yi's face turned pale. He quickly rolled Zhu Ning over and attempted to apply pressure to the wound.

Zhu Ning's vision blurred. He looked at Yun Yi and said, struggling to speak. "General... You must... survive."

As he finished his sentence, his eyes slowly closed.

"No! Old Ning!" Yun Yi cried out anxiously, but Zhu Ning couldn't answer him anymore...

Liang Mu frowned slightly. Although he failed to kill Yun Yi, the outcome was acceptable.

"Kill them!" Liang Mu shouted and began to slaughter Yun Yi's soldiers.

With a significant disparity in numbers and morale, the battle quickly became one-sided.

Yun Yi pulled the arrow out of Zhu Ning's body and said. "Wait for me, Old Ning. I will soon accompany you on the road."

Yun Yi slowly got up from the ground and walked towards his spear. He looked expressionlessly at his people getting killed one after another.

However, Yun Lintian knew that Yun Yi's desire to kill was now beyond comprehension.

With a spear in one hand and an arrow in the other, Yun Yi let out a battle cry and bravely charged at the sea of enemies.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Each time he swung his spear, a body would fall. Yun Yi had now transformed into a killing machine. Even when the enemy cut him, he didn't seem to feel any pain at all.

A sense of terror emerged in Liang Mu's heart as he saw Yun Yi slowly make his way towards him...

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"Hurry up! Kill him!" Liang Mu shouted as he retreated. He wasn't brave enough to fight Yun Yi head-on in this state.

"General!" The remaining soldiers from Yun Yi's troops gathered around him, trying to clear a path for him.

Yun Yi looked at them and said. "Fought well, everyone."

The soldiers smiled brightly and said. "We will go first. Long Live His Highness the Second Prince!"

The soldiers ushered their last light and started pushing the enemies back.

Yun Yi fixed his eyes on Liang Mu, and he started running. His speed was incredibly fast as he darted through the enemies.

Liang Mu turned to look at Yun Yi, and his face turned pale. He urged his horse to run faster, but suddenly, the horse stopped.

The impact of the sudden stop immediately threw Liang Mu off the horse. He fell to the ground with a thud.

"Damn it!" Liang Mu angrily cursed at the horse. He quickly got up from the ground and saw Yun Yi charging towards him.

"Shit!" Liang Mu cursed once more and firmly grasped his spear.

"Die!" Yun Yi roared and thrust his spear forward.

Bang!

It was because Yun Yi had suffered too many injuries, and his strength had declined significantly. When the two of them clashed, Yun Yi was forced to retreat.

Liang Mu discovered this, and his confidence soared through the roof. "Hahaha! I thought you were strong... Go to hell!

Liang Mu launched a series of attacks against Yun Yi, which forced Yun Yi to adopt a defensive position.

Liang Mu's eyes grew brighter as he saw Yun Yi continuing to retreat. He felt that victory was within his grasp now.

Bang!

Yun Yi failed to block Liang Mu's fierce attack, causing the silver spear in his hand to be knocked out of his grasp. He lost his balance and fell to the ground.

"Yun Yi, oh, Yun Yi. You finally have this day, huh?" Liang Mu revealed an evil smile as he approached Yun Yi. "If you had been smarter and shown your loyalty to the current Yun Emperor, you wouldn't have fallen to this point."

Yun Yi's expression changed dramatically. "What do you mean?"

"What do I mean?" Liang Mu curled his lips. Perhaps he knew that Yun Yi would definitely die today. Liang Mu didn't hide anything at all. "How do you think we know your location so well?"

Yun Yi's mind spun rapidly. He knew it was almost impossible for a spy to infiltrate his army due to the strict system... Unless... someone from within his ranks decided to expose it.

"It seems you have figured it out." Liang Mu chuckled. "The person who informed us about your whereabouts and plans is none other than your emperor. He wants to kill you."

"How could...?" Yun Yi couldn't believe it. Even though he knew that Yun Xing wanted to kill him, it should be impossible for Yun Xing to collude with the enemy.

"Ah... How sad." Liang Mu shook his head, pretending to be sad. "All of you here are loyal to the Yun Dynasty, but you have no idea that everything happening today results from your Yun Emperor's plan. From the beginning, he has been colluding with our Liang and Chu Kingdoms."

"Right. The death of the previous Yun Emperor is not a coincidence either."

Yun Yi's face turned pale. His soldiers were not exceptions. They couldn't believe that the country had betrayed them. Their faith began to crumble deep down.

"Why...?" Yun Yi uttered. He couldn't see any benefits in this matter at all.

"Who makes your second prince powerful?" Liang Mu smiled. "We have agreed to intermarriage and share benefits among the three countries. However, your second prince is too powerful. He has been interrupting our plans repeatedly."



Yun Yi immediately understood everything upon hearing this.

Basically, Yun Xing took a fancy to the princesses of the Liang and Chu Kingdoms and came up with this plan. It perfectly aligned with his lustful personality.

The second prince naturally couldn't bear to witness the downfall of the Yun Dynasty. He began to exert his strength and disrupt Yun Xing's plans one after another. His actions certainly angered Yun Xing.

At this moment, Yun Yi realized he had made a grave mistake by leaving the second prince's side. Without Yun Yi, Zhao Long, and Zhu Ning, the second prince was left without any protection.

Yun Lintian approached Yun Yi and listened to their conversation. Although he couldn't comprehend the entire story, he was able to grasp a few key points.

"Haha... Hahaha!" Yun Yi suddenly burst into laughter as if he had gone mad. "I made a mistake again and again... it was me who killed everyone!"

Liang Mu sneered. "Heh. This is your ending."

He lifted his spear and thrust it towards Yun Yi's chest.

Yun Lintian's expression changed dramatically. He reached out to block the spear, but it was futile. The spear passed through his hand and stabbed into Yun Yi's chest.

Puff!

Blood spurted into the air, but Yun Yi didn't stop laughing. He continued to gaze at the sky like a madman.

Liang Mu frowned slightly. He pulled the spear out and aimed it at Yun Yi's neck.

"Damn it!" Yun Lintian was so angry that he couldn't do anything. However, out of instinct, he still sent out a kick towards Liang Mu.

Bang!

A powerful force suddenly struck Liang Mu and sent him flying backward.

Yun Lintian was stunned. He looked at his leg in confusion... Did he just kick him?

Yun Yi abruptly stopped laughing. He tightly grabbed the arrow and swiftly jumped to his feet before lunging at Liang Mu like a hungry wolf.

Liang Mu didn't recover from the kick. His brain was incapable of comprehending the previous assault.

"Die!" At that moment, Yun Yi landed on top of Liang Mu and inserted the arrow into his neck.

"Ugh..." Liang Mu's eyes widened in shock. Until his death, he still couldn't figure out what had hit him earlier.

Thud!

Yun Yi weakly fell back to the ground. Blood continued to pour out of his chest, draining his vitality.

Yun Lintian approached Yun Yi and placed his hand on his chest. However, he couldn't touch Yun Yi at all.

"Thank you." Yun Yi spoke while looking at Yun Lintian. "I don't know who you are... but please... tell His Highness the Second Prince that Yun Yi will pay for his sins in the next life."

Yun Lintian was stunned... Yun Yi could see him?

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"Hang on." Yun Lintian regained his senses and attempted to utilize his power, but it was in vain.

Yun Yi took a deep look at Yun Lintian and said. "I don't know why... you look familiar to me... Please tell His Highness... Cough!"

As he spoke halfway through, Yun Yi coughed up a mouthful of blood, and his breath visibly weakened.

Yun Lintian anxiously tried to grab Yun Yi. Unfortunately, he couldn't do anything here, no matter how hard he tried.

Yun Yi smiled and slowly closed his eyes. His entire body stopped moving, announcing his departure.

"Damn it!" Yun Lintian cursed himself for being useless.

He didn't understand why he had appeared in this place and why he had to watch all of this.

Yun Lintian knelt beside Yun Yi's lifeless body for an unknown period. At that moment, a group of people arrived at the scene, jolting him out of his trance.

Yun Lintian raised his head and saw a group of soldiers from the Chu and Liang Kingdoms. Among them was a man dressed in a brocade robe, which made it unlikely for him to be a soldier.

"Everything went well, Eunuch Gao." A middle-aged man, who appeared to be a general, spoke.

The man in the brocade robe, Eunuch Gao, walked over to Yun Yi and smiled. "If you want to blame someone, you should blame yourself for choosing the wrong master, General Yun."

Yun Lintian frowned deeply. He felt disgusted by looking at this person. Without a doubt, he was Yun Xing's lackey.

"Cut off his head and bring it back to the palace." Eunuch Gao waved his hand at a nearby soldier.

"How dare you!?" Yun Lintian was immediately furious.

Eunuch Gao and everyone were startled for a second. They quickly raised their guard and looked around vigilantly.

"Who are you!? Show yourself!" Eunuch Gao shouted loudly as he quickly retreated.

Yun Lintian jumped up and rushed towards Eunuch Gao. He slammed his fist at the latter but missed the target.

"F\*ck!" Yun Lintian cursed angrily. He wished that he could kill all of these people here.

The general signaled his troops to spread out, searching for the voice's owner. However, they couldn't find anything in the end.

Seeing this, Eunuch Gao swallowed nervously and said. "Just bring his body back. No need to cut off his head."

Yun Lintian could only watch as these people took away the remains of Yun Yi, Zhu Ning, and Zhao Long.

Suddenly, time seemed to stand still. Before Yun Lintian could react, the scenery around him changed immediately.

At this moment, Yun Lintian found himself standing inside a small courtyard. There was a pavilion and a fish pond in a garden behind the yard.

What surprised Yun Lintian the most was the sight of a young man sitting inside the pavilion. This person's appearance was incredibly handsome. And while he appeared frail, his body emanated an extraordinary aura that seemed out of place in the mortal realm.

"Not good, Prince! Something bad happened!" An urgent female voice suddenly resounded, capturing Yun Lintian's attention.

When Yun Lintian turned around, his expression froze immediately. It was because a woman who hurried over had a striking resemblance to Long Qingxuan, except that she appeared several years younger.

The young man placed his teacup on the table and gazed at the woman. "Calm down, Xuan'er."

The woman, Qing Xuan, slowed down and entered the pavilion. Her face was filled with anxiety and sorrow as she spoke. "Big Brother Yun Yi and the others..."

She couldn't finish her sentence as she broke into tears halfway.

The young man fell silent immediately.

Yun Lintian immediately recognized the young man's identity. This must be the second prince.

The second prince refilled his cup and raised it, gazing at the sky. "Farewell, brothers."

He drank the cup empty and placed it on the table.

"Prince, you and the princess should leave now." Qing Xuan wiped away the tears and said solemnly. "I'll buy some time for both of you."

The second prince looked at her and shook his head. "I'm not leaving."

"But..." Qing Xuan became anxious.

"I have promised my Royal Father and Royal Mother to protect the Yun Dynasty. I will never run away, even if it costs my life." The second prince said calmly.

Qing Xuan bit her lip and lowered her head. Tears flowed once more. She knew it was only a matter of time before something happened to her prince.

Now, no one could protect the second prince any longer. With Yun Xing's pettiness, it was impossible for him to let him go.

"You have to take away the princess. Leave this country and head north. I have prepared everything there. Both of you can live comfortably for the rest of your lives there." The second prince continued speaking.

"No! I won't leave." Qing Xuan said stubbornly.

"Yes. We won't leave." At this moment, a beautiful woman entered the garden.

Yun Lintian looked at her and was taken aback by her breathtaking beauty. Out of all the women he had seen so far, this person was definitely the best.

"Xi'er..." The second prince looked at the beautiful woman with guilt.

"I, Yao Xi, am not the type of person who leaves my husband behind and runs away alone." The beautiful woman said.

"Yao Xi?" Yun Lintian was stunned. "Yun Yi... Xuan'er... Yao Xi... Are they...?"

Yun Lintian looked at the three people with a frown. Although he had never seen Goddess Yao Xi before, he wouldn't be surprised if she had the same appearance as the princess in front of him.

"Then... who is this second prince?" Yun Lintian took a close look at the second prince.

Yao Xi sat down beside the second prince and said. "I have already sent my family away."

"You..." The second prince sighed helplessly. "You shouldn't stay here."

"Husband..." Before Yao Xi could say anything, a group of people suddenly walked into the courtyard.

The person in the front was none other than Eunuch Gao.

"His Highness the Second Prince. Please receive the edict." Eunuch Gao shouted loudly.

Qing Xuan's expression changed dramatically. "Prince, princess. You should run now."

The second prince ignored her and walked towards Eunuch Gao, with Yao Xie following closely.

Eunuch Gao looked at the two with a smile and opened a golden scroll. "His Majesty has ordered His Highness the Second Prince and the Second Princess to attend the meeting tomorrow morning."

"Understood." The second prince and Yao Xi replied in unison...

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Eunuch Gao looked at the second prince and Yao Xi contemptuously before turning around and leaving. In his eyes, both of them would become nothing sooner or later.

"Hateful." Qing Xuan said angrily when she saw Eunuch Gao's haughty demeanor.

The second prince gently grabbed Yao Xi's hands and spoke softly. "I'm sorry. This should have nothing to do with you."

Yao Xi shook her head and smiled. "What are you saying, husband? I am your wife. Your problem is my problem. We will go through this together."

The second prince pulled Yao Xi into his embrace and hugged her tightly.

Meanwhile, Qing Xuan quickly lowered her head. A hint of envy could be seen in her eyes. She, too, wanted to receive a hug from her prince.

Yao Xi leaned against her husband's chest, wearing a peaceful smile. She was well aware that this day would eventually come. Yun Xing had been coveting her beauty for a long time now. If it weren't for her cleverness, she would have fallen into his clutches by now.

The second prince was also aware of this fact. He knew full well that his brother wanted to get his wife. This was the reason he wanted to send Yao Xi away.

Yun Lintian looked at the scene and sighed. As much as he wanted to help them, he was powerless here.

Yun Lintian walked towards the entrance without further thought and suddenly collided with something. There seemed to be an invisible barrier preventing him from leaving this place.

Yun Lintian shook his head and walked back to the courtyard.

"Let's have dinner together." The second prince suddenly spoke.

Qing Xuan raised her head and said. "I'll prepare it now."

With that, she quickly ran to the kitchen.

Yun Lintian watched as everything unfolded before him. After dinner, the second prince and his wife entered their chamber. They embraced each other, falling asleep like nothing would happen the next day.

Since he had nothing to do, Yun Lintian sat in the pavilion until morning.



At this moment, the second prince and Yao Xi had already dressed up and were preparing to go to the main hall.

"Prince, princess..." Qing Xuan looked at the two with sorrow.

Yao Xi smiled and gently touched Qing Xuan's head. "Thank you for taking care of us."

"What are you saying, princess? This is my duty." Qing Xuan hurriedly said. Her eyes were now red, and tears slowly flowed out.

The second prince suddenly bowed to Qing Xuan. "I'm sorry, Xuan'er. I know you have good feelings for me, but I am not worthy of you. I always hope that you will meet someone who cherishes your love."

Qing Xuan cried hard and said. "No. It was I who was not worthy of you, Prince. Actually, I have always wished to be a princess with the same status as yours so that I can be worthy of you.

Perhaps they knew it was their last time seeing each other again. The three of them began to pour out everything from their hearts.

Seeing this scene, Yun Lintian sighed and turned to gaze at the sky. He had been thinking all night about why he had ended up here, but he still couldn't figure it out.

At this moment, the second prince, Yao Xi, and Qing Xuan had no regrets in their hearts. They looked at each other one last time before they headed out.

Yun Lintian silently followed them. His gaze fell on the second prince's brocade robe. There seemed to be an object hidden inside.

Soon, they arrived at the main hall.

"I'll be waiting here, Prince, Princess." Qing Xuan stopped at the entrance.

The second prince and Yao Xi exchanged a deep look before entering the main hall.

Inside the hall, several people lined up on both sides. There was a man wearing a crown on his head, sitting on a throne. This person was Yun Xing, the current Yun Emperor.

"We pay our respects to Your Majesty." The second prince and Yao Xi bowed their heads.

"No need to be polite, second brother and sister-in-law." Yun Xing waved his hand graciously. His eyes were fixed on Yao Xi's celestial beauty. If it weren't for the current situation, he would have pounced on her by now.

"Thank you, Your Majesty." The second prince responded.

"Let's start." He glanced at Eunuch Gao, and the latter quickly stepped forward.

"The first thing we are going to discuss today is the situation on the border." Eunuch Gao spoke.

"We received the news today. Under General Yun's leadership, our army was completely defeated by the enemy. All ten thousand soldiers have been killed."

"From our investigation, General Yun changed his plan midway, which ultimately led to a disaster. According to the laws of the Yun Dynasty, his crime was deemed unforgivable, and the punishment was to execute his entire family for nine generations. Are there any objections?"

Eunuch Gao didn't forget to glance at the second prince. To his disappointment, the second prince's expression remained calm.

Yun Xing pretended to frown and said. "Isn't it too much, Eunuch Gao? General Yun has made many contributions to our dynasty. Although he has committed an unforgivable crime, his family should be exempt from punishment."

"Thank you for your benevolence, Your Majesty." Eunuch Gao quickly bowed his head, followed by the ministers below.

"What do you think, second brother?" Yun Xing asked.

The second prince bowed politely and said. "His Majesty is benevolent."

Yun Xing frowned slightly when he saw this. The second prince's reaction was beyond his expectations.

"Alright," Yun Xing nodded. "However, General Yun's crime cannot be excused. We will punish him according to the laws."

Eunuch Gao waved his hand and said. "Bring General Yun's body here."

At this moment, four soldiers carried a wooden coffin into the hall.

Bang!

The soldiers placed the coffin on the ground and lifted the lid. Immediately, a putrid stench filled the hall, causing everyone to cover their noses.

Inside the coffin laid the lifeless body of Yun Yi. His entire body was beaten almost beyond recognition.

When Yun Lintian saw this, his eyes filled with a murderous intent. Obviously, someone deliberately beat Yun Yi's body.

The second prince's hands trembled slightly when he saw this. His heart burned with anger and could erupt at any moment.

Yao Xi quickly grabbed his hand, calming him down.

Yun Xing covered his nose and said. "Let's execute him quickly."

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As Yun Xing's voice fell, a nearby soldier stepped forward and prepared to behead Yun Yi's lifeless body.

"Isn't this too much?" Yao Xi suddenly spoke. She couldn't bear it anymore. "General Yun is already dead. There is no point in doing this."

Eunuch Gao glanced at her and said. "What are you saying, Second Princess? We must set an example to demonstrate that no one can violate the laws. Not even a dead person."

Yao Xi wanted to argue, but the second prince stopped her.

"Eunuch Gao is right." The second prince spoke. "He needs to be punished. Otherwise, no one will respect the laws."

Both Eunuch Gao and Yun Xing looked at the second prince with a hint of confusion. The second prince's reaction exceeded their expectations once again.

The second prince looked at the soldier and said calmly. "Do it."

Although his voice was calm, the soldier felt like a mountain was falling upon him. His hands trembled uncontrollably as he instinctively lowered his head to look at Yun Yi.

In fact, every soldier in the Yun Dynasty admired Yun Yi from the bottom of their hearts. However, admiration alone could not make them go against Yun Xing. After all, who didn't cherish their life?

"I'm sorry, General Yun. I have to do it for my family." The soldier muttered under his breath. He gritted his teeth and drew his sword before swiftly decapitating Yun Yi.

The second prince calmly stared at Yun Yi's body, but Yao Xi could feel his hands trembling.

Meanwhile, Yun Lintian watched coldly as everything unfolded. He couldn't understand why the second prince did nothing to protect Yun Yi's honor.

Seeing that the second prince still had no apparent reaction, Yun Xing glanced at Eunuch Gao, and the latter waved his hand. "Hang his body at the city gate. Anyone who attempts to take him down will be executed immediately."

"You!" Yao Xi was furious upon hearing this.

"Do you have any suggestions, Second Brother?" Yun Xing asked, looking at the second prince.

The second prince nodded and stepped forward. "I do have something to announce."

His words immediately startled all the ministers in the hall. They thought the second prince had already given up, as he had not reacted the entire time.

Yun Xing raised his eyebrow slightly. "Oh? What is it?"

The second prince pulled something out of his sleeve. It was a golden scroll.

When everyone saw this, their expressions changed dramatically. A golden scroll could only represent an emperor's edict. Since Yun Xing wasn't the one who issued it, this edict must have come from the previous emperor.

A cold glint flashed through Yun Xing's eyes upon seeing this, but he didn't say anything.

The second prince opened the scroll and said loudly. "This is the final edict from the former Yun Emperor. Yun Xing, the crown prince, and all the ministers of the first rank, please kneel down to receive the edict."

All the ministers glanced at each other in shock. They quickly turned to look at Yun Xing and hesitated about whether they should receive the edict.

Yun Lintian looked at the scene and shook his head in disappointment. He thought that the second prince would be smarter. What was the point of showing the edict now, even though it was real?

Yun Xing looked at the edict in the second prince's hand and laughed. "Royal Father's last edict? I have never heard about it before? Why don't you show me, Second Brother?"

The second prince didn't care and read the contents. "I wrote this edict knowing that someone has been plotting my death behind the scenes. Through my investigation, I discovered that the crown prince, Yun Xing, has colluded with the Liang and Chu Kingdoms for a long time."

Woah—

Many uninformed ministers gasped in shock upon hearing this.

"What nonsense are you talking about, Second Brother?" Yun Xing frowned in dissatisfaction.

Eunuch Gao quickly spoke to the soldiers. "What are you waiting for? Stop the Second Prince immediately."

The soldiers hesitated, and none of them dared to move forward.

The second prince continued speaking. "Unfortunately, I realized it too late, and my body has already been poisoned. There is no cure for it. After my death, Yun Xing and his accomplices will definitely forge my edict and seize the throne. Hence, I have to leave this edict behind."

"To my loyal servants and ministers, I command all of you to assist the Second Prince, Yun Tian, in his journey to the throne. All of you have seen his performances over the years. The Yun Dynasty will be prosperous under his rule."

"To my eldest son, Yun Xing. I appointed you the crown prince because your late mother had pleaded with me. I never have any intention of letting you succeed on my throne. Just remember that even if you have successfully seized the throne, your name and soul will never be allowed to enter the ancestral records of our Yun Dynasty."

Thud!

Many loyal ministers immediately knelt down and bowed their heads. "We obeyed the late emperor!"

Yun Xing's expression darkened. "Are you trying to rebel?"

Eunuch Gao signaled Yun Xing's elite guards positioned behind the throne, and they swiftly emerged, encircling the second prince and Yao Xi. They also drew their weapons.

"The Second Prince has malicious intentions by forging the late emperor's edict. He will be demoted to a commoner and be beheaded on the spot." Eunuch Gao shouted loudly.

"How dare you, Eunuch Gao!?" One of the loyal ministers shouted.

Puff!

Immediately, the minister's head was chopped off the moment he spoke. Blood spurted into the air, causing everyone to tremble.

Eunuch Gao glanced at the ministers who were kneeling and spoke. "They are the accomplices of the Second Prince. They will be executed immediately."

"No!" The ministers screamed in fear as the guards swiftly rushed out and executed all of them.

Blood splashed all over the place, forming a large pool of blood on the ground.

Seeing this scene, Yun Xing smiled and glanced at the second prince. "Thank you, Second Brother. I have long wanted to clean up these idiots. You just gave me a convenient reason."

The second prince's expression was as calm as ever. The deaths of the people around him didn't seem to affect him in the slightest.

Meanwhile, Yun Lintian stared at the second prince in a daze. It was because he heard the name of the second prince... Yun Tian!

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In fact, Yun Lintian had long guessed the second prince's real name after seeing Yun Yi, Qing Xuan, and Yao Xi. These people obviously had a relationship with the Beyond Heaven King.

However, the revelation could still shock him. It made Yun Lintian realize that he was currently looking at the Beyond Heaven King's "past life."

Yun Lintian had a similar "dream" before. The first time was when he acquired the Moon. At that moment, he dreamed back to when he was on Earth and reliving the tragedy again.

The second time was when he obtained the Tree of Life. At that time, he had become an evil sovereign who bathed the world in blood in order to seek vengeance for his mother.

Despite Hongyue telling him that it wasn't a coincidence that everyone around him appeared in front of him again, Yun Lintian didn't honestly believe it. It was mainly because he felt that his "past lives" were too unbelievable and had nothing aligned with his present self.

Perhaps it was because Yun Lintian had collected all of the crown's relics that this phenomenon was triggered.

Yun Lintian took a deep breath and continued to observe everything.

Yun Xing frowned slightly when he saw Yun Tian showing no reaction. He glanced at Yao Xi and said coldly. "Capture her."



He wanted to see if Yun Tian could still remain indifferent.

The guards stepped forward, but Yao Xi suddenly took out a knife and aimed it at her neck.

"I'll kill myself immediately if you come any closer." Yao Xi said solemnly.

The guards quickly stopped and looked at Yun Xing for instructions.

Yun Xing's expression turned gloomy. He naturally didn't want Yao Xi to die. Such a beauty, he had to play with her first.

He took a deep look at Yun Tian and asked. "Do you think you can turn around just because of the edict? Are you aware that I have already grasped everything in my hands?"

"Of course not." Yun Tian finally spoke. "I am fully aware that today is my last day."

"Why are you struggling, then?" Yun Xing asked further.

A smile appeared on Yun Tian's face as he replied. "I have promised our royal father to take care of the Yun Dynasty. However, I am not competent enough to achieve it. At least, I want everyone to know that you are not the rightful Emperor."

"What do you mean?" Yun Xing asked coldly.

"Before coming here, the contents of the final edict have been published to the masses. You will hear it soon." Yun Tian responded calmly.

"Bastard!" Yun Xing was immediately furious.

Eunuch Gao spoke quickly. "Please calm down, Your Majesty. It's just a petty scheme. We can stop it with a little effort."

Yun Xing gradually calmed down, but he still felt upset in his heart. He thought he controlled everything and believed Yun Tian would have no chance. Who would have thought that Yun Tian made such an arrangement right under his nose?

A cold glint flashed in Yun Xing's eyes as he spoke. "Let's see how long you can remain calm... Drag his maid over."

At that moment, the guard pulled Qing Xuan over and pointed his sword at her neck.

Yun Tian turned around to look at her and said gently. "Thank you for accompanying me."

Qing Xuan smiled brightly and said. "It should have been me who said this. Thank you for everything, Prince. If there is a next life, let me serve you again."

Yun Tian shook his head and said. "If there is a next life, I wish for you to become the most noble princess everyone in the world has to look up to you."

"We will meet again." Yao Xi said with a smile.

Tears welled up in Qing Xuan's eyes as she spoke. "Xuan'er will leave first, Prince, Princess."

As she finished her sentence, blood slowly trickled out of the corner of her mouth, and her complexion gradually grew pale. Her breathing became weaker.

Qing Xuan continued to gaze at Yun Tian as if she wanted to etch his image into her soul, ensuring she would remember him in her next life.

Soon, her head slowly drooped down, and her life came to an end.

Yun Lintian looked at Qing Xuan and muttered to himself. "You have indeed become the most noble princess."

Yun Xing's expression turned unsightly when he saw this scene. He planned to use Qing Xuan to play with Yun Tian's mind. Who would have thought that she would take her own life by poisoning herself?

"Trash!" He cursed at the guard.

Yun Tian turned to Yun Xing and took out an object wrapped in brocade. "There is one more thing."

Yun Xing and the others subconsciously looked at the object in Yun Tian's hand.

Yun Tian unwrapped the brocade. Immediately, a majestic crown adorned with eight exquisite jewels appeared before everyone's eyes.

Yun Lintian was stunned when he saw this. He couldn't be more familiar with this crown. It was none other than the Beyond Heaven King's Crown!

Yun Tian slowly lifted the crown and placed it on his head. "I call heaven and earth to be my witnesses. Today, I, Yun Tian, shall become the Emperor of the Yun Dynasty."

Rumble—

Suddenly, the entire palace shook violently, followed by a dull sound.

"What's going on?" Eunuch Gao hurriedly shouted.

"There is a situation!" At this moment, a soldier rushed into the hall and spoke. "The palace is on fire! Please evacuate immediately!"

Instantly, everyone panicked and ran out of the main hall.

"You... You... Have you gone insane!?" Yun Xing looked at Yun Tian angrily. Without a doubt, it was Yun Tian who did this.

At that moment, black smoke slowly filled the hall, accompanied by a wave of intense heat.

Yun Xing was shocked. He couldn't understand how Yun Tian had made all of this.

Eunuch Gao quickly said. "Please leave immediately, Your Majesty. We can rebuild the palace in the future."

"Y-Yes..." Yun Xing regained his composure. "Kill them!"

Before the guards could move, Yun Tian turned to look at them and said. "Is he worthy of your sacrifice? You should know that you will never see the sun tomorrow after killing me."

The guards faltered immediately. Yes. The crime of killing a prince was inevitable, even though they carried it out under Yun Xing's orders. Without a doubt, they would be killed eventually.

"Go. Save your life." Yao Xi spoke softly.

The guards glanced at each other and then left immediately...

"Trash!"

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Yun Xing cursed furiously. These guards actually dared to disobey him. If he had the opportunity later, he would definitely kill them.

"Let's leave, Your Majesty." Eunuch Gao urged Yun Xing and reached out to grab him.

At that moment, Yun Tian retrieved several brownish liquid vials and hurled them towards Yun Xing and Eunuch Gao. They were caught off guard and couldn't react in time.

The vials immediately hit them and broke, drenching their bodies in the liquid.

The expressions of Yun Xing and Eunuch Gao changed drastically because they recognized the liquid. It was none other than oil!

As long as there was a spark of fire, they would undoubtedly burn to death.

"You!" Yun Xing couldn't believe that Yun Tian had prepared this.

Yun Tian looked at him coldly and said. "I have failed to save the country. The only thing I can do right now is eliminate a plague like you."

"I am the emperor. How dare you try to kill me!?" Yun Xing had gone mad. He had never experienced hardships since he was young and couldn't handle this situation.

Meanwhile, Eunuch Gao's mind spun rapidly as he tried to find a way out. However, before he could think of anything, the fire had already reached the main hall, which frightened him.

Without hesitation, Eunuch Gao swiftly removed his clothes and tried hard to remove the remaining oil from his body.

"Take off your clothes, Your Majesty! We don't have time now." Eunuch Gao urged.

"F\*ck off!" Yun Xing angrily pushed Eunuch Gao away.

Because he was in a state of madness, Yun Xing couldn't control his strength well. Coupled with the oil on the ground, Eunuch Gao lost his balance and fell towards the back door, where the fire had erupted.

"Arghhh!" Instantly, Eunuch Gao was caught on fire. His entire body was engulfed in flames, causing him to scream in agony.

Yun Xing was jolted awake by the scream. He turned to look at Eunuch Gao, who had transformed into a human torch in shock.

"No! Don't come here!" Yun Xing's face turned pale. He fell to the ground and quickly crawled away from Eunuch Gao.

Thud!

Eunuch Gao couldn't withstand the searing pain any longer and collapsed to the ground, unmoving.

Yun Tian ignored Yun Xing. He walked towards Qing Xuan and lifted her lifeless body. He didn't forget to pull Yun Yi's coffin over before heading towards the throne.

Yun Lintian placed the crown on his head and slowly sat down on the throne with Qing Xuan in his arms and Yao Xi by his side. Yun Yi's coffin was placed on the ground in front of him.

He calmly looked at Yun Xing without saying anything. The intense flames behind him didn't faze him at all.

Yun Xing raised his head to look at his younger brother seated on the throne. With a glance, he felt like a servant, while Yun Tian appeared to be the true emperor.

"Yun Xing. Do you know your guilt?" Yun Tian asked calmly.

"I..." Yun Xing choked. As much as he wanted to be angry, he didn't know what to say in this situation.

"As an emperor, you have completely failed to live up to the expectations of all the citizens of the Yun Dynasty. Not only did you collude with the enemy, but you also sold out your own country. Your crime is unforgivable." Yun Tian said calmly, but his voice was icy.

Yun Xing pleaded hurriedly. "I can make you the emperor, but you must help me escape first!"

Yao Xi looked at Yun Xing and shook her head in disappointment. "We have lost to such a weak opponent. It's really uncomfortable."

Yun Xing's face turned red with embarrassment upon hearing this. He mustered his strength and tried again. "I was wrong. I will accept any punishment, but please, take me away from this place first. You don't want to die here too, do you?"

Yun Tian smiled and said. "I had no intention of leaving from the start."

Yun Xing was stunned and shouted angrily. "Have you gone insane!? Don't you want to become the emperor!?"

"I am now the emperor." Yun Tian responded. "However, my crime of letting the country down is unforgivable, and I will pay for it with my own life."

"Lunatic! You are a lunatic!" Yun Xing shouted in horror. He struggled to get up and searched for an exit route. Unfortunately, every entrance was now engulfed in intense flames.

"F\*ck! I don't want to die here!" Yun Xing cursed repeatedly. He was in a complete panic this time.

After realizing he could not survive, his eyes turned red as he picked up a sword and rushed towards Yun Tian.

However, it seemed heaven wanted to punish him, Yun Xing suddenly slipped and fell to the ground just before he could reach the throne. What was even more tragic was that he accidentally fell on the sword.

Puff!

The sword pierced through his abdomen and came out through his back. Blood immediately gushed out.

"Ahhhhh!" Yun Xing screamed in agony. "Help me! Somebody, help me! Hurry up!"

Yun Tian and Yao Xi stared at Yun Xing calmly without saying anything. It was as if they were looking at a pitiful worm.

Yun Xing writhed on the ground. His face contorted in pain, rendering him unable to think of anything.

A few moments later, Yun Xing gradually grew weaker until he succumbed to the excessive loss of blood. His eyes were still wide open as if he couldn't believe that he would die just like that.

The flames quickly engulfed the hall, consuming everything in its path.

"Are you scared?" Yun Tian held Yao Xi close to him and whispered.

"With my husband here, I'm not scared of anything." Yao Xi looked at her lover with boundless tenderness. "Do you think we will meet again?"

"Absolutely." Yun Tian replied firmly. "Let me take good care of you in our next life."

"See you on the other side, my beloved husband." Yao Xi said softly and kissed Yun Tian on the lips.

The surrounding flames grew intense and soon engulfed everything within the hall.

Yun Lintian looked silently at the scene, his vision filled with the raging flames. There were many questions in his mind, but he could understand Yun Tian's decision.



"What a deep love." He let out a sigh and closed his eyes...

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Yun Lintian didn't know whether it was a curse of the Yun surname. Both Yun Tian and he had tragic love stories.

Time passed, and the flames gradually subsided. What Yun Lintian saw in front of him was a ruined structure. The majestic palace had become a thing of the past.

Suddenly, the scenery around Yun Lintian changed rapidly. Everything was fast-forwarding like those time-lapse videos.

Yun Lintian saw a group of people appear, and the Yun Dynasty was wholly annexed by the Liang and Chu Kingdoms.

A moment later, the Chu and Liang Kingdoms engaged in a battle to gain a better benefit. Ultimately, a third party appeared and seized the opportunity to defeat the two countries.

The former Yun Dynasty had now wholly changed hands. Yun Lintian saw a prosperous city around him, and people seemed to be living in peace.

In a short while, the new country experienced a severe drought. The prosperous city soon fell into a devastating state. People were starving to death, and countless refugees could be seen gnawing on tree bark in order to survive.

A new city soon emerged, and people began to thrive once more. However, they soon encountered another disaster and were again reduced to ruins.

Yun Lintian had no idea how many times he had witnessed the rise and fall of civilizations. It taught him a lesson that everything has its ups and downs. No matter who you are, you will eventually fall from your altar one day.

Nothing remains forever...

The world around Yun Lintian changed rapidly to the point where he couldn't keep up anymore. He estimated it should have been at least a hundred thousand years by now.

Suddenly, the scenery became still. What appeared in front of Yun Lintian was an ancient ruin deep within the forest.

Yun Lintian looked around and didn't see much except for some dilapidated buildings. He also had no idea whether it was the same location as the Yun Dynasty's palace.

"It's really here, Senior Brother Yun!"

At that moment, a young female voice resounded behind, capturing Yun Lintian's attention.

When he turned around, a young girl who appeared to be fifteen years old quickly emerged from the shade of the trees. There was also a young man following her.

Yun Lintian was stunned because the young man's appearance was identical to Yun Tian, whom he had seen previously.

However, what attracted Yun Lintian the most was their temperaments. Without a doubt, they were practitioners!

Yun Lintian couldn't understand how the world had transformed into a cultivation world.

"I didn't expect it to be true." The young girl spoke as she gazed at the ruins before her.

The young man, Yun Tian, was also surprised. "So, the record you found didn't lie to us. This place must be the site of an ancient dynasty."

He looked at the young girl and asked. "You are the one who discovered it. You can decide whether to tell our master, Junior Sister Cai."

The young girl snorted in dissatisfaction. "What are you talking about, Senior Brother Yun? I, Cai Xieren, am not a person who seeks recognition. Since we discovered it together, we should share the credit equally."

"Cai Xieren?" Yun Lintian was stunned. Undoubtedly, she must be the Rainbow God Emperor, Cai Xieren.

Yun Tian wanted to say something, but Cai Xieren stopped him. "Don't say it again. Otherwise, I will be angry."

"Alright." Yun Tian sighed helplessly.

Cai Xieren smiled with satisfaction. She carefully scanned her surroundings with her spiritual sense, and her expression changed slightly.

She pointed at Yun Lintian and spoke. "There seems to be something over there."

Yun Lintian was taken aback... Did she see me?

Cai Xieren quickly approached Yun Lintian. Before he knew it, Cai Xieren had already walked past him.

Yun Lintian was a bit disappointed. It turned out she didn't see him.

He turned around to look at Cai Xieren, and his expression changed slightly. Because the position she was standing in right now was precisely where the throne was located.

Yun Tian walked over and crouched down, examining the ground. "Indeed. There must be something here."

Cai Xieren was excited. "Let's dig it out."

Yun Tian had no objections. The two of them quickly utilized their profound energy to excavate the ground.

A moment later, their expressions changed as if they had discovered something extraordinary.

Yun Tian used his hand to dig into the ground and carefully pulled out an object covered in dirt. It seemed to be an ornament resembling a crown.

Yun Lintian was surprised. Certainly, it was the Beyond Heaven King's Crown that Prince Yun Tian wore at the time of his death.

"A crown?" Cai Xieren attentively looked at the object in Yun Tian's hands.

Yun Tian didn't say anything. At this moment, two streams of tears had already drenched his cheeks.

"What's wrong, Senior Brother Yun? Why are you crying?" Cai Xieren was shocked.

Yun Tian shook his head and said with a frown. "I don't know. I felt very sad for no reason."

"Throw it away quickly." Cai Xieren hurriedly said. She believed that there was something wrong with the crown.

Yun Tian said softly. "It's fine... Can I keep it? I feel like I have a connection with it."

Cai Xieren frowned deeply. "I think we should let our master look at it first. Perhaps it is a cursed artifact."

"Yes." Yun Tian had no objections.

The two of them then spread out and searched for other items. However, they couldn't find much except for some scraps that belonged to an unknown civilization.

Yun Lintian looked at the scene in confusion. Logically, the crown should have turned into nothingness by now. How could it remain unchanged after countless years?

Unfortunately, Yun Lintian forgot to trace the crown's origin during the era of Prince Yun Tian. Otherwise, it would be much better if he knew how it was forged.

Yun Tian and Cai Xieren tidied everything up and sealed the ruins, preparing to leave.

Yun Lintian naturally followed them out.

A few days later, they arrived at a towering mountain. Yun Lintian followed Yun Tian and Cai Xieren into the hills and soon came across a small gate with a sign that read "Cloud Mountain Sect" hanging on it.

Yun Tian and Cai Xieren quickly entered the sect and made their way to a small hut nestled in a bamboo forest.

"Master, we are back."