

Oh My God 1611

### **Chapter 1611: The Money That's Gone**

Shen Yuanbao was speechless.

He had started with crystal mining.

To put it simply, he was a mine owner.

No mine owner dared to say that he received his mining rights by relying on his own charm, rich knowledge, or professional skills.

Oh, perhaps Lu Zhongqi of Sky Pillar Corporation was qualified to say so.

After all, he was the top prospector and crystal expert in Dragon City.

However, the corpses of his competitors and countless unspeakable secrets lay beneath every crystal ore vein that Shen Yuanbao had seized.

Despite that, it was impossible for him to exterminate all his competitors.

There were still numerous competitors licking their wounds in the dark, like hungry hyenas waiting for the old lion king to fall before pouncing on its young cubs' throats.

In fact, that was also one of the reasons why Shen Yuanbao had spared no expense to build The Grand View of the Universe.

It was not only a magnificent palace, but it was also a self-sufficient manor and an indestructible fortress.

Deep underground, there was even a small but high-quality mother lode of crystals. The facilities for mining and refining were all available.

The disciples of the Shen family could stay in The Grand View of the Universe for years and cultivate in seclusion to surpass their limits!

Meng Chao appeared to see through Shen Yuanbao's thoughts.

"Senior Shen, do you think that The Grand View of the Universe alone can protect your clansmen and blood descendants forever?"

Meng Chao scoffed. "It's true that The Grand View of the Universe is like a modern fortress, which can be attacked and defended.

"However, it is only destined to stand for a short period of time. It cannot defend for a lifetime.

"In history, the ancient fortresses have allowed many powerful families to even decide the fate of a dynasty. All of them are much more awe-inspiring than the nine great cultivation families.

"In the end? Did these powerful families persevere till today? Do the ancient fortresses, which they painstakingly built using all their money and food to squeeze people in, still exist?"

"In fact, forget the great clans. Would even the ruler of a powerful dynasty at its peak, who didn't command thousands of soldiers and horses, who didn't possess the wealth of the world, who didn't

cough lightly only for ten thousand heads to fall to the ground, who didn't conquer countless foreign tribes and expand his territory to the limits of his ability, who didn't have palaces that were a hundred times more luxurious and sturdier than The Grand View of the Universe as a barrier for themselves, who didn't want to rely on all of the above to rule for thousands of generations, last forever?

"Which emperor or dynasty can rule forever?"

"The old will be reformed, and the new will be established. There is no such thing as a thousand-year-old fortress, and there is no such thing as a thousand-year-old noble family.

"It's common for nobles and generals to die after a hundred years.

"Moreover, the nine great families of cultivation today cannot be compared with the noble families and emperors of the past.

"First of all, the nine noble cultivation families rose too quickly. Their foundations are too shallow. Their family members aren't flourishing. Most times, they rely on their in-laws and adopted in-laws to provide support. The in-laws and adopted in-laws are the ones who stray or betray the easiest. The incident between Shen Chengyi and Shen Chengxiu today is the best proof.

"To put it bluntly, the so-called nine noble cultivation families rely on the peerless martial strength of nine, at most a dozen or twenty Deity Realm fighters.

"The so-called nine great mega corporations are just abnormal products developed after the Deity Realm powerhouses used peerless force to monopolize a certain resource or a certain key field.

"However, many Deity Realm warriors are already old.

"Furthermore, when they were young, they were careless and reckless, leaving their body with many internal injuries. In fact, the entire cultivation system is unscientific.

"Don't misunderstand, Senior Shen. I'm not targeting you. I'm saying that the cultivation systems of all the Deity Realm warriors in Dragon City, including Battle God Lei Zongchao, are unscientific. At most, we can call it 'Deity Realm 1.0.'

"Besides, when one reaches your age, it will be very difficult to level up to Deity Realm 2.0 with a riddled body that is strong on the outside but weak on the inside.

"Let me ask you. When you people start to die one after another, you won't even have to wait until the end of your lives. As long as you show some signs of decline, what will happen to the nine noble families of cultivation and the nine mega corporations that are supported by unparalleled armed forces?"

"Even the Ancients knew that it was the foolish act of a child to carry gold and swagger around in public.

"Senior Shen, don't you realize that the enormous wealth and monopoly in the key fields that you've accumulated by relying on your unparalleled armed forces are 'gold,' and your descendants are 'children?' By pushing so many glittering resources into their hands, you are not helping them but harming them instead.

“More importantly, times have changed. We’re not in a decadent feudal era anymore but a post-industrial, information-based era where everyone is educated. Everyone has an independent personality and a fighting spirit.

“If the common people of ancient times had a choice to not kneel on the ground and kowtow to the armed forces of the wealthy families in heavy armor, they would not have done so.

“An ordinary citizen of the modern society would never kneel and kowtow even when he faces a Deity Realm warrior who can move mountains and overturn seas. He should never have to bow and kowtow!

“Perhaps, there is a great gap between the ordinary citizens and the Deity Realm warriors in terms of strength and wealth, but in terms of personality and human rights, they are equal.

“If Dragon City’s civilization continues to develop, and ordinary citizens still have to kneel and kowtow at the feet of Deity Realm warriors, just like the citizens from thousands of years ago, then what the hell are we fighting and developing for?”

His words made Shen Yuanbao’s facial muscles twitch, and sparks flew out of his teeth. However, he could not think of a rebuttal.

“Then, in your opinion, how can I protect my family and business?” Shen Yuanbao gnashed his teeth and asked.

“You’ll return all the money that’s gone!”

Meng Chao resolutely replied, “Just as I said, you’ll spread your wealth as far as possible and make friends with all the heroes and ordinary citizens. By building hospitals, schools, bridges, roads, and other measures to help the citizens in need, you’ll firmly tie the interests of the Shen family to the interests of Dragon City’s civilization. You’ll fork out real money and invite small, as well as medium-sized enterprises, and the superhumans from humble families to make and share the cake with the Shen family.

“That way, not only will you save your family and business, but your name and glorious deeds will also live on to the next millennium!”

### **Chapter 1612: External Objects and the Name Behind Them**

Shen Yuanbao was speechless. After a long time, he said unwillingly, “Now that Universe Corporation has an astronomical number of resources, how can I know that there won’t be a few Deity Realm warriors among my descendants?”

Meng Chao said, “Those from ordinary people to superhumans, from the Earth Realm to Heaven Realm, and even from the Four-star Heaven Realm to the peak of Heaven Realm might be able to use a huge amount of resources to barely build up.

“However, from the peak of Heaven Realm to the highest realm of transcendence and sainthood, one must have great perseverance and great opportunities to overcome all difficulties and dangers. I believe that you know this better than I do, Senior Shen.

“In fact, ‘the descendants of a Deity Realm warrior are also Deity Realm warriors.’ That was originally a small probability event that could only be encountered by chance. After reaching the peak, one would inevitably go downhill. How could there still be another peak after one peak, with endless descendants?”

“Einstein’s children are definitely not as smart as Einstein. We have not heard of any of Newton’s children who have stood out either. Those great men once created heaven and earth, but they would already be lucky to have a mediocre life and children who lived to middle age. It’s more likely that one person in the family would absorb the fortune of several generations. After that moment of glory, only chicken feathers would be left.

“That’s why the Ancients said, ‘it’s hard to start a business, but it’s even harder to keep a business’!

“A few Deity Realm warriors might really appear among your descendants, and their descendants might be Deity Realm warriors too. They might overcome their limits and cultivate until they surpass the Deity Realm. But so what? It’s too taxing to fly higher. In the end, they will only fall harder! It’s unlikely that the Shen family will be able to control the entire Dragon City civilization and the fate of several million people forever with their invincible and absolute earth-destroying force, right? As long as you can’t maintain that absolute force, there will be backlash and destruction!”

Shen Yuanbao closed his eyes and silently pondered over Meng Chao’s words.

He had to admit that this young man was more far more visionary than he thought.

“I suddenly envy Battle God Lei Zongchao.”

Shen Yuanbao sighed from the bottom of his heart. “Back then, he was invincible, but at the peak of his power, he refused all his posts, pushed away all his power, and chose to live a semi-retired life.

“At that time, I laughed at ‘Dragon City’s number one fighter.’ He only had brute strength, but he didn’t have any ambition. As the saying goes, ‘a man can’t be without authority for a day.’ He was simply not living up to his potential.

“Now that I think about it, although Lei Zongchao doesn’t have the wealth that I have accumulated, he doesn’t have to face the troubles that I have to face.”

“You’re wrong about that.”

Meng Chao said, “The number in Lei Zongchao’s bank account is definitely not as big as that of the Shen family and Universe Corporation. However, his wealth is hundreds of times more than yours, Senior Shen.

“Your wealth is just a string of numbers.

“Lei Zongchao’s wealth is the respect, admiration, trust, gratitude, and support of Dragon City’s millions of citizens.

“As they say, ‘when you save your money, you lose the people, but when you lose some money to save the people, both wealth and the people will be saved.’ Mankind itself is the greatest wealth. In this regard, how can you, or even all the people of the nine great cultivation families, compare to the mighty Battle God?”

“Although the nine mega corporations are still in their prime, I can guarantee that in three to five hundred years, if the Dragon City civilization still exists, the people of Dragon City will definitely remember Lei Zongchao’s name, but they may not remember that there were once nine mega corporations and a peerless expert named Shen Yuanbao.

“Even if they do know about Shen Yuanbao, what do you think your image will be in the history books? Will you be a great hero who sacrificed himself to protect Dragon City’s civilization, or a profiteer who manipulated the underground black market, a villain who bullied the market, or the head of a decadent feudal family?

“Senior Shen, you have become a peak superhuman after cultivating to your level. You should have some extraordinary pursuits. Are those external things really more important than your name?”

His words were like steel nails that were surrounded by electric arcs. They pierced Shen Yuanbao’s heart deeply.

He, or rather, all the Deity Realm warriors from the nine mega corporations, always had a knot in their hearts. It did not matter how high their statuses were, how great their strength was, or how deep their financial resources were.

That was their status in the hearts of the citizens of Dragon City. They could never come close or compare to Battle God Lei Zongchao.

It did not matter how big the nine mega corporations were, how many advertisements they placed in the various media outlets, how they could call the shots in the financial markets, how many staff members they placed in the Supernatural Tower and the Survival Committee, or even how many members they placed in parliament.

They could control almost everything, but they could not control word of mouth and people’s hearts.

In the past, Shen Yuanbao never thought this matter was that important.

Back then, he was still young and strong, with unlimited ambitions and desires. He still wanted to use his own strength to conquer the entire Other World.

He believed that as long as he conquered the Other World, he would definitely be able to leave an important mark in Dragon City’s history books.

What of “reputation and the people’s hearts”? What of Battle God Lei Zongchao’s pedantry and hypocrisy?

But now, Shen Yuanbao was old.

He was so old that he had lost interest in most material stimuli.

He was so old that he had to admit that it was impossible for him to conquer the Other World in his lifetime.

At this point, Battle God Lei Zongchao’s image appeared before Shen Yuanbao repeatedly.

Shen Yuanbao remembered that he had once attended a grand charity gala.

Lei Zongchao was there at that time.

Shen Yuanbao and most of the Deity Realm fighters had treated the charity gala as just another high-end social occasion.

After generously donating to a charity fund that helped war orphans in front of all the major media outlets, they had focused on business socializing and drinking.

Lei Zongchao looked down on the peerless fighters whose realms were on par with his. He was the only one who had gone to play with a few orphans of war after a few perfunctory words.

Shen Yuanbao had seen Lei Zongchao squatting on the ground and standing beside a few six- or seven-year-old orphans. He even secretly made faces to make the orphans laugh.

Seeing the orphans' pure and flawless smiles, Lei Zongchao was overjoyed as well.

At that point, Shen Yuanbao had still shaken his head in silence, thinking that Lei Zongchao was a typical example of "having no ambition".

Now that reflected on it, the Battle God lived a carefree and transparent life!

"If..."

Shen Yuanbao thought about it and sighed softly. He stared at Meng Chao and cautiously said, "If such a foundation is established, the Shen family and Universe Corporation will be able to obtain support from you and Superstar Company. There is no need to form an alliance publicly. We only need to work together in secret and exchange information. If we form a triangle, I will consider doing my best to promote and facilitate this matter.

"Do you have any other ideas besides the foundation?"

### **Chapter 1613: Matters of the State**

"There's one more thing."

Meng Chao said, "I think we should set up a brand new investigation agency to investigate crimes committed by superhumans."

That suggestion startled Shen Yuanbao slightly.

"Isn't there already an adjudicator court?"

Shen Yuanbao said, "The adjudicator court is an organization that specializes in dealing with the crimes of superhumans. In the past ten years, they have arrested and even killed many who have gone berserk and endangered the safety of ordinary people. Their approach and achievements are well known."

"I admit that the adjudicator court is indeed impartial when it comes to dealing with the mentally deranged and out-of-control superhumans."

Meng Chao said, "But I'm not referring to the violent crimes of superhumans. I'm referring to commercial crimes and civil violations.

“In fact, the people who are mentally deranged, out of control, and unscrupulous about using extraordinary powers to destroy cities are, after all, few. No matter how much damage they cause, we can quantify it.

“However, using extraordinary power to seek illegal commercial interests and infringe on the ordinary people’s legitimate rights, security, and sense of gain happen more frequently in secret. It affects them directly.

“In the past decades, Dragon City has been busy dealing with the invasion of zombies and monsters. Superhuman regulation has been limited to the level of ‘do not endanger the personal safety of ordinary people.’ There isn’t enough power to investigate many acts of infringement and unfair competition clearly. Besides, there’s also a lack of control and incentive in this area. Instead, the privilege of being superior to others is treated as a carrot dangling in front of the superhumans. It attracts the superhumans to train and fight desperately.

“Such a strategy isn’t wrong, but it’s said to only be a temporary measure at the moment of life and death.

“But now that the war has ended and Dragon City is about to enter an explosive golden period of development, temporary measures cannot go on forever.

“In particular, according to my suggestion just now, the nine mega corporations should set up a foundation and participate in the development of Dragon City’s infrastructure and colonization. There are too many loopholes that can be exploited, and the profits that can be reaped are simply too abundant. If I don’t be the ‘bad guy’ and set up an organization like the Superhuman Commercial Crime Bureau to make an example of the others and enforce discipline, I’m afraid that the so-called foundation will become a tool for the superhumans to seek personal profits again. The gap between the fat superhumans and the hungry ordinary people will grow increasingly large. In the end, it will turn into a gap that will tear our civilization apart!”

Shen Yuanbao instinctively rejected the proposal.

He did not think that Meng Chao could really set up such a Superhuman Commercial Crime Bureau and lock all the superhumans, especially the peerless fighters from the nine mega corporations, in cages. It would not work even if he included Lu Siya.

However, Meng Chao’s words made him consider his own family for some reason.

He thought of his own useless people.

The truth was, even though he had been living in the depths of Raging Waves Mountain Range to recuperate, he could still picture the infighting, public affairs, and personal affairs within Universe Corporation.

After all, he was the one who had done the rest of the dirty work in the past.

If one did not take matters in one’s own hands, the heavens would destroy the earth. Although Shen Yuanbao was an invincible warrior, how could he stop the people under him and reap benefits for himself?

'If I can set up such a Commercial Crime Bureau within Universe Corporation, it would be good to kill my prodigal sons' evil tendencies,' Shen Yuanbao thought to himself.

'However, such an organization has to be firmly under my control.

'Just an investigation bureau and an adjudicator court are troublesome enough. How can I set up another powerful organization and tie another shackle to myself?'

While Shen Yuanbao thought about all this, he did not reveal any emotion on his face. He asked with a blank face, "Is there anything else besides this?"

"There is the last one, which is also the most important one."

Meng Chao said, "If the last one can't be realized, then all the suggestions we talked about before will be castles in the air. Dragon City will still be doomed. It'll be destined to burn in the flames of the apocalypse!"

"Oh?"

Shen Yuanbao's interest was piqued. He leaned forward slightly and asked, "The last one, what is it?"

"The last one is regarding military force."

Meng Chao said, "Since ancient times, any innovation would grind the gears of vested groups, and they would vehemently oppose it. Without the support of absolute military force, it would be impossible to push forward.

"Right now, most of Dragon City's combat ability lies in the hands of the peerless fighters and the Red Dragon Army.

"Throughout history, I have never seen a powerful civilization whose absolute force is divided into two, yet it's still invincible and has a long history.

"If we want the Dragon City civilization to avoid the apocalypse and even become the ruler of the Other World, the first thing we need to do is to establish a supreme combat command center above the corporate arms of the Red Dragon Army and the nine mega corporations. It'll be similar to the Ministry of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Without the authorization of the supreme combat command center, no organization, force, corporation, or even the peerless fighters themselves have the authority to fight against the outside world. If they go against orders, they will all be punished for the crime of treason!"

Shen Yuanbao suddenly stood up and stared at Meng Chao.

"What's the logic behind this?"

Shen Yuanbao said, "It wasn't easy for me to cultivate to the Deity Realm to roam the four seas and sweep across all corners of the world. I rejoice in enmity as I look down on the world.

"Don't tell me that I need the approval of others, or even ordinary people, to conquer the Other World?"



“Yes.”

Meng Chao nodded. “We mustn’t overlook the soldiers, the major events of the country, the places of life and death, as well as the way of life and death.

“A Deity Realm warrior’s combat ability is comparable to that of an army. His stealth, mobility, and endurance far exceed that of an ordinary army. The damage and impact that he can cause are too great.

“In your opinion, ‘traversing the four seas, sweeping across the eight desolate regions, enjoying gratitude and hatred, and looking down on the world’ is your business.

“However, in the eyes of the Other World natives that you ‘swept away,’ they don’t know who ‘Shen Yuanbao’ is. They only know you as an Earthling and a demon from a foreign land. They will only tie your actions to the entire Dragon City civilization.

“Once you, the Shen family, and Universe Corporation do anything that incurs the wrath of the heavens and the resentment of the people for your own selfish interests in the process of expansion, all the citizens of Dragon City will have to bear the consequences with you for nothing.

“You have taken all the advantages, but you want everyone to wipe your behinds for you. What kind of logic is that?”

#### **Chapter 1614: You Can’t Cook Hot Porridge in a Hurry**

“It was us, the peerless warriors, who protected Dragon City!” Shen Yuanbao said.

“In the near future, we will lead the Dragon City civilization and dominate the entire Other World. When that time comes, all the citizens of Dragon City will benefit!

“The Supreme Combat Command Center that you are going to set up will only tie up our hands and feet, as well as hinder, the civilization’s progress!”

“That’s the thing. Judging from the nine mega corporations’ rate of consumption, why should all the citizens of Dragon City believe you?”

“I don’t believe you,” Meng Chao said. “Even the cultivation resources on Monster Mountain Range can be sold for seven to eight times the price in the underground black market, and this is under the condition that the mega corporations aren’t divinely powerful.

“Who can guarantee that you’ll still be loyal to the Dragon City civilization and all its citizens once you’ve carved out most of the Other World’s resources and make yourselves stronger than the Dragon City civilization?”

“We are all Earthlings!” Shen Yuanbao said.

“Doesn’t our identity provide enough guarantee?”

“Even among Earthlings, there can be deception, oppression, slavery, and even slaughter,” said Meng Chao.

“Moreover, even if you sincerely believe that you are an Earthling, what about your children, your children’s children, and your children’s children’s children, Senior Shen?”

“Look at Dragon City today. The descendants of some of the high and mighty superhumans are well-dressed and well-fed, while the poor children are curled up within the poor streets and alleys. They can only eat synthetic food and do manual labor that the runic machines can’t handle for the time being. The rich and the poor have almost nothing in common. A hundred years from now, five hundred years from now, and a thousand years from now, would their descendants—if the poor children still have descendants at that point—really be able to join hands? Would they unite as one city and fight for the same civilization on the basis of their identity as Earthlings?”

“Perhaps, with superhumans becoming more and more powerful, their reproductive activity will be a hundred times more than that of ordinary people, and there will be a reproductive isolation!”

“Well, there’s no need for me to even say, ‘perhaps.’ There has already been a reproductive isolation among the different groups of people in Dragon City. Which one of your children and grandchildren would take a good look at a construction worker, or even have children with a construction worker?”

“There are many superhumans now, but when they see a construction worker who is drenched in sweat after a hard day’s work, their eyes are filled with disgust. They subconsciously pinch their noses and avoid him. How can this construction worker believe that the superhumans will always fight for him, and the descendants of these superhumans will always fight for his descendants?”

“To the construction worker, isn’t it normal for him to restrict the superhumans’ armed forces, build weapons that belong to the ordinary citizens, rely on his own hands, hold swords that he has forged, and defend the interests of his family?”

“To put it bluntly, ‘conquering the Other World’ has never been the natural goal or something that must be done after transmigrating.

“If conquering the Other World doesn’t bring benefits to the majority of Dragon City’s citizens, especially the ordinary citizens who don’t have extraordinary powers, and instead causes them to suffer a counterattack from the Other World’s natives, then, from the standpoint of 90% of Dragon City’s citizens, it’s better not to conquer the Other World!”

“Therefore, it’s in the majority’s interest to establish a combat command center that is above all the superhuman ones and allow it to control Dragon City’s highest military force, as well as coordinate all the affairs related to colonizing the Other World. It’s something that must be done. I will spare no effort to push this matter to the end!”

“I understand,” Shen Yuanbao said coldly.

“You are from the Red Dragon Army and Battle God Lei Zongchao’s most valued disciple. You are closely related to Battle God Palace.

“Once the Supreme Combat Command Center is established, it will definitely be filled with people from the Red Dragon Army and Battle God Palace. The corporate arms of the nine mega corporations will be gradually weakened and suppressed. Over time, the Red Dragon Army will become the most important force in Dragon City.”

“The Red Dragon Army is a regular army. A civilization’s regular army is the most important guarantee of its military power. Isn’t that common sense?”

Meng Chao said, "If it were the other way around, the regular army would have no morale and combat ability at all. They would have to rely on the corporate arms and the peerless fighters while they fly around like headless flies. How could such a civilization win in the end?"

"That sounds reasonable, but it's a pity you can't do it."

Shen Yuanbao sighed and said, "Meng Chao, I can see that your ambition is ten times greater than Lu Siya's."

"If Lu Siya is ambitious and desires to replace us and develop Superstar Company into the 'ultimate corporation' that is superior to the nine mega corporations, then you are simply... simply..."

He thought about it for a long time, but he still could not come up with a word to describe Meng Chao's ideal.

Naive? Childish?

Perhaps.

However, no one could conclude that an unrivalled fighter who had broken through to the Deity Realm before he was thirty was "naive" or "childish."

"You will destroy Dragon City."

Shen Yuanbao could only say, "Some of the 'suggestions' that you've put forward are to cut the flesh from the nine mega corporations, some are to drain the blood from the Deity Realm warriors, while others are simply to kill us."

"If your will is also the Azure Alliance's will, then there is no room for compromise between the nine mega corporations and the Azure Alliance. If you force the foundation, Commercial Crime Bureau, and Supreme Combat Command Center onto the people, it will only blow up the conflict between the rich and the poor, as well as the superhumans and the ordinary citizens. It will tear the entire Dragon City apart!"

"That's right. That's why I didn't look for Lu Siya and the Azure Alliance as soon as I returned to Dragon City."

Meng Chao sighed. "I know that I can't cook hot porridge in a hurry. I can't do it recklessly by relying on mere tyrannical force."

"At least you still have some sense," Shen Yuanbao said.

"In that case, how do you plan to slowly cook this pot of hot porridge and realize your own ideas?"

"If the nine mega corporations are really united and their interests are tied together to an impenetrable extent, it will be useless no matter what I do."

Meng Chao's eyes were bright as he said, "But what if there is a life-and-death competition between the nine mega corporations? What if the companies and the families have their own ideas, plans, and interests?"

“Hence, I plan to sneak into the nine mega corporations and look for an opportunity. It would be best if I could rope in one or two mega corporations to support my proposal.

“As long as one of the mega corporations joins hands with me, things will develop in a good direction.”

### **Chapter 1615: Another Benefit**

Shen Yuanbao sneered, “Is there be such a stupid mega corporation that enjoys putting layers of shackles on itself?”

“There will be,” Meng Chao said confidently.

“If the nine mega corporations all have two to three Deity Realm warriors and there are several peak Heaven Realm warriors who are lining up to break through to the Deity Realm, their main businesses are developing well, and most of the shares of the corporation are controlled by the same family, then this family is miraculously united. As the saying goes, ‘when brothers are united, their strength will cut through gold.’

“If that’s the case, then I really don’t have much confidence in persuading such mega corporations to transform.

“However, let’s say, a mega corporation only has one seriously-injured Deity Realm warrior overseeing it who has fallen from his peak, he could die at any time. The talent echelon of this mega corporation is obviously insufficient. There are very few fighters below the Deity Realm who are at the peak of the Heaven Realm. Although the majority of the corporation’s shares are controlled by the same family, the members of the family are all cunning and scheming against each other. In addition, its main business involves the most sensitive strategic resource field. It has long become the target of public criticism and is surrounded by wolves.

“If light of the situation, what’s the reason for this mega corporation not to find new allies, new ways out, and a new business model?”

Shen Yuanbao’s face darkened.

His wound was hurting again.

He swallowed the blood that was gushing into his throat, leaving only a cold, bloody taste in his mouth.

“Oh, right, there’s also the Blood Alliance.”

Meng Chao patted his head and said, “There are also sinister and cunning members of the Blood Alliance who are hiding in this mega corporation. Once the Deity Realm warrior falls, they will immediately take over the corporation and control it.

“When that happens, this corporation will be completely reduced to a tool for the Blood Alliance to stir up trouble. In the end, it will still be unable to escape the fate of decline or even destruction!”

Shen Yuanbao gritted his teeth. Sparks flew between his teeth, almost igniting the blood in his mouth.

“One more thing. If the nine mega corporations and the Azure Alliance really can’t reach an agreement and start an all-out war, the Azure Alliance won’t be able to split their forces into nine and attack the nine mega corporations at the same time.”

Meng Chao continued. “‘It’s better to break one finger than to hurt ten fingers.’ The most practical strategy is to gather all of their strength and attack the weakest of the nine mega corporations. As long as we destroy one of them first and break the myth of the mega corporations’ invincibility, there will naturally be more people on the Azure Alliance’s side.

“Senior Shen, which of the nine mega corporations seems to be the weakest, most chaotic, and easiest to deal with at this critical moment?

“You might as well think about it again. When this ‘weakest, most chaotic, and easiest to deal with’ mega corporation is attacked by the Azure Alliance from all fronts, will the other eight mega corporation be sincere and spare no effort to save this unlucky guy?

“Or will they treat this unlucky guy as cannon fodder and push him out to fight a war of attrition with the Azure Alliance? When both the unlucky guy and the Azure Alliance suffer heavy losses, will they sit back and reap the benefits?”

Shen Yuanbao took a deep breath.

The temperature in the infirmary was between twenty-five to twenty-seven degrees, which was the most comfortable temperature for the human body.

Despite that, the old Deity Realm warrior still could not stop the cold sweat from seeping out of his forehead.

Meng Chao smiled and calmly dangled a carrot in front of him. “Besides, there are also great benefits to working with me aside from avoiding the disadvantages!”

Shen Yuanbao could no longer hold back and sneered. “Oh, there are actually benefits?”

“Of course there are benefits.”

Meng Chao pointed to the north and said, “North of Monster Mountain Range, in the middle and lower reaches of the Raging Tiger River is a golden land of treasure, which the locals call ‘Picturesque Orchid Lake.’ It’s vast and lush with a large population. It contains natural treasures and infinite business opportunities.

“Although it hasn’t undergone a scientific census, a rough calculation shows that the local population is at least over a hundred million, or even two to three times the population of Dragon City.

“Moreover, the locals have not been baptized by modern civilization or impacted by large-scale industrial production. In other words, it is a clear blue ocean market that needs to be developed urgently. Small commodities with extremely low costs can be found everywhere in Dragon City. It’s possible to sell them at a high price there, or in exchange for a lot of resources, or to buy a few strong mercenaries.

“I believe that, as the tentacles of the Dragon City civilization gradually extended beyond Monster Mountain Range, they also captured some local natives known as the ‘rat people.’ Through the rat

people's mouths, they partly understood the richness and mystery of the land. The nine mega corporations have long been interested in Picturesque Orchid Lake.

"What I want to say is that the rat people don't comprehend the panorama and the enormous value of the local market in their civilization, the Turan Civilization.

"On the other hand, the locals who call themselves the 'Turan' are not to be trifled with. Although they don't have Dragon City's advanced technology and steel torrent on the surface, they are equipped with a special armor. It is more advanced than Dragon City's power armor to a certain extent.

"Let me put it this way. You can imagine the Turan people as humanoid monsters with a basic civilization and a considerable level of intelligence.

"Do you think that you can open such a market with just your military power?

"Even if you can, what price will you have to pay?"

Shen Yuanbao thought about it quickly and understood what Meng Chao meant.

"You can open up this market without bloodshed?" he asked.

"That's right."

Meng Chao threw out his trump card. "I have a way to distribute Universe Corporation's products unimpeded in Picturesque Orchid Lake."

Shen Yuanbao fell silent.

"You don't believe me?"

Meng Chao laughed, "Alright, even if you don't believe that I have a way to distribute Universe Corporation's products unimpeded in Picturesque Orchid Lake, do you believe that I have a way to prevent Universe Corporation's products, or any mega corporation's products, from being sold in that land?

"I have my ways. Turn the products of any mega corporation into the sacrifices for the devil? The excrement of toads? The bait for a curse?

"I have a way to make the products of any mega corporation stuck in the mud when they develop their market in Picturesque Orchid Lake. Their operating costs will rise by at least 100%."

Shen Yuanbao believed that.

One year ago, when Meng Chao left Dragon City, he had at most been a Heaven Realm fighter in the Five-star Spirit Gaze Realm and the Six-star Spirit Armor Realm.

In just one year, he had returned to Dragon City as a Deity Realm fighter.

Moreover, even Shen Yuanbao could not tell how advanced he was.

That meant he was definitely not a "beginner Deity Realm fighter."

Normally, no matter how fast one's cultivation speed was, it would be impossible for one to advance rapidly like that.

Meng Chao must have had some fortuitous encounter in Picturesque Orchid Lake, befriended the local powerhouses, and obtained the ability to call the wind and summon the rain in the middle and lower reaches of the Raging Tiger River!

### **Chapter 1616: New Suspect**

Shen Yuanbao did not believe that Meng Chao could utilize his identity as an Earthling to dominate the territories of the Other World's natives.

However, he definitely believed that Meng Chao could do anything he wanted with his invincible strength as a Deity Realm warrior!

There were a total of nine mega corporations. Why would Universe Corporation jump to the side opposing Meng Chao to protect the nine mega corporations' common interests? There would only be big enmity between him and Meng Chao. From then on, would he not be the first to stand out?

On the other hand, if the other eight mega corporations continued to be extremely stubborn and refuse to give Meng Chao any face, Universe Corporation could secretly release some goodwill toward Meng Chao. Even if they did not stand on Meng Chao's side openly, they could still communicate with each other in secret and reach a tacit understanding.

Once the middle and lower reaches of the Raging Tiger River were developed, would Universe Corporation not gain additional benefits and be one step ahead as well?

Going back to the benefits, they would be able to offset the disadvantages brought about by the establishment of a foundation, a commercial crime bureau, and a supreme combat command center.

Everyone could slowly make calculations and discuss the issue. They could ask for sky-high prices and pay the money back on the spot!

Thinking about it, Shen Yuanbao coughed lightly. "I roughly understand what you mean, my young friend, Meng. However, the matter of my assassination has yet to be investigated clearly. The demons and monsters of the Blood Alliance are likely still lurking within the Shen family and Universe Corporation. Even if I give clear orders, these guys might still refuse to comply," he said calmly.

"Therefore, why don't we investigate the assassination case first and identify the members of the Blood Alliance who are hiding in Universe Corporation? We can follow the clues and catch all the members of the Blood Alliance in one fell swoop. Then, we can discuss it slowly."

"What I understand is that as long as I help you to eliminate the Blood Alliance members, who are hiding within the Shen family and Universe Corporation, and consolidate the Shen family's control over Universe Corporation, you are willing to make some concessions on the series of changes I just mentioned, Senior Shen?" Meng Chao asked.

Shen Yuanbao laughed.

“You and I are both smart people. You should know that I’ve been prepared to make concessions ever since I brought you to The Grand View of the Universe and exposed the Shen family’s most thorny problems to you.”

Shen Yuanbao sighed and said, “The situation is stronger than the people. If it were just me, I would rather fight until the last drop of my blood than take out the business that I have worked so hard for my whole life just for a deal and compromise.

“However, I can’t help but consider the future of my disappointing descendants.

“You’re right. In the end, the future is still a Deity Realm warrior 2.0 like you. With your support, the Shen family might not be able to prosper. However, if they become your enemy, the Shen family will definitely fall apart in three to five years without me.

“Therefore, on the premise of ‘protecting the Shen family,’ I’m willing to discuss anything.”

“Alright, let’s go back to our original topic.

“Based on your observations earlier, who do you think is the most suspicious among your children and the most likely to be the mastermind behind the shocking assassination?” Meng Chao asked bluntly.

“Not a single one.”

Shen Yuanbao shook his head slowly, his expression became increasingly dejected. “I never thought that any of my children would have the courage to commit patricide and seize power.

“I don’t care if you laugh at me. I really hope that such a ruthless hero would appear amongst my children.

“Only a ruthless hero, who doesn’t even allow his own family to stand in his way, can lead the Shen family and Universe Corporation in surviving this cruel world where the strong prey on the weak.

“However, I know my children well. They are all flowers that grew up in a greenhouse. They have been living comfortably for half of their lives under the halo of being the children of a Deity Realm warrior. They have no sense of hunger that can stimulate their vitality to the maximum, and they lack the ambition to conquer everything. On top of that, they don’t have the patience and perseverance to put their ambitions into action.

“No matter how strong they are on paper, it will be difficult for them to become the coldest and most dangerous hunters in the wilderness, where there are no rules.

“The farce earlier just confirms my judgment—they are a bunch of mediocre idiots. At most, they can become qualified guard dogs. They’re not capable of replacing me.”

Of course, Meng Chao could not agree or disagree with Shen Yuanbao’s praise and criticism of his descendants.

After a moment of pondering, he could only ask, “Then, apart from your descendants, who do you think is the most suspicious in the Shen family or Universe Corporation?”

“Apart from my descendants, there’s only Shen Yuanbiao,” Shen Yuanbao said coldly.



“Your younger brother?” Meng Chao asked.

“That’s right, my youngest brother. After he transmigrated to the Other World, I raised him,” Shen Yuanbao enunciated each word clearly.

“Why?”

Meng Chao contemplated for a moment. “Shen Yuanbiao didn’t appear just now. What makes you think that he might be the mastermind of the assassination?”

“I asked him to hold a press conference to take charge of the overall situation. For the time being, I don’t want the outside world to know about the assassination. Thanks to this d\*mn assassination attempt, the Shen family’s internal affairs are in a mess.”

Shen Yuanbao said, “There is, of course, a reason why Shen Yuanbiao is the most suspicious.

“First of all, he has sufficient motive.

“You know, I have always left Universe Corporation’s affairs to my foster children to manage, but they’re ultimately outsiders who are not related to me by blood. There are many things that I can’t completely trust them with.

“Therefore, once my biological children gradually mature, I’ll try to let them participate in the management of the enterprise. It would be best if they could take back their power bit by bit without bloodshed.

“However, before my blood descendants matured, I left the monitoring and restricting of my foster children to Shen Yuanbiao.

“Even today, Shen Yuanbiao is still the second most important person in Universe Corporation. He’s similar to a loyal butler. He stands between the foster children and the blood descendants, coordinating the relationship between the two parties. His stance is very delicate.

“If I am truly assassinated, my son will naturally be the first in line to inherit everything. However, if the foster children and the blood descendants fall out and start fighting, it won’t be impossible for Shen Yuanbiao to win.”

Meng Chao nodded slowly.

He had seen the number two figure of Universe Corporation a few times in the past when he was in business.

His impression of Shen Yuanbiao was different from his big brother, Shen Yuanbao. He was a down-to-earth, low-key, and square-looking person. He did not have a lot of presence, but he seemed trustworthy.

Perhaps because he had lived in his big brother’s shadow for a long time, he did not have too many opinions. However, he always did everything properly according to Shen Yuanbao’s arrangement.

Such a “loyal butler” could perfectly act as the mastermind behind the scenes!

**Chapter 1617: More and More Clues**

“Secondly, Shen Yuanbiao is mainly responsible for a series of projects related to crystal mining and smelting in Universe Corporation, which is the company’s core business. The person in charge of all crystal mines must first report to him and be under his management. Then, he will report to me, especially whenever I’m seriously injured and hiding in seclusion in the depths of Raging Waves Mountain Range.”

Shen Yuanbao said, “My youngest brother has always been low-key to hide his true colors, but I know that he’s a very meticulous person. Aside from possessing terrifying martial arts that have reached the peak of perfection, he has also used his spare time to obtain many high-level professional certificates. He’s a certified accountant, a certified auditor, and so on. Recently, he has been studying law on his own, mainly economic law, in order to obtain a certificate to be a practicing lawyer.

“You mentioned that there was a mole in the Red Creek Project for a long time. Shen Yulin, the person in charge of the project, was corrupted by the Blood Alliance. In the end, his own people pretended to be natives from the Other World and blew up the crystal warehouse. The commotion was so big, and it involved so much that I didn’t believe Shen Yuanbiao had no idea about anything.

“But after the incident, he ran to me and wept bitterly. He said that he had been kept in the dark the whole time. So, he didn’t know what to do at all. He could only beg me, the big brother, to come out and take charge of the overall situation and turn the tide.

“At that time, I had a vague feeling that something was wrong.

“However, I had been seriously injured in the final battle with the monster mastermind. Even today, there’s still blood in my head that has yet to be washed away by spirit energy. My computational ability has been greatly reduced. Many things did not add up at that time, and I had to react after the event.

“Now that I think about it, the way Shen Yuanbiao acted really wasn’t right!”

Meng Chao nodded thoughtfully.

He could not help but ask, “Senior Shen, are you sure that the Red Creek Project’s explosion was not a self-directed trick on Universe Corporation’s part?”

“It was not a self-directed trick of mine at least,” Shen Yuanbao said coldly.

“That is not my style.”

“Oh?”

Meng Chao curiously asked, “Then, if you were to direct it, what kind of style would you use for the trick, Senior Shen?”

“If I ever have a reason to get the Deity Realm fighters and the mega corporation’s armed forces to throw the Supernatural Tower and Survival Committee off, as well as launch a military operation outside Monster Mountain Range alone, I would find a team of people to masquerade as natives from the Other World.”

Shen Yuanbao paused for a moment before he continued. "Then, I would have them attack Sky Pillar Corporation's crystal mine."

Meng Chao nodded. "Alright. That is indeed your style, Senior Shen. I also feel that if the Shen family really is the mastermind behind the scenes, attacking Universe Corporation's crystal mine is the safer choice."

"Whether it's a fire pit or a pot of sh\*t, we have to stay as far away from our family as possible. Why should we take the initiative to blame ourselves?"

"Unless the mastermind's loyalty doesn't belong to the Shen family anymore but to the Blood Alliance."

Shen Yuanbao added, "Thirdly, as an existence with a superior status within the family and the company, Shen Yuanbiao's relationship with the 'foster children faction' and the 'blood descendants faction' has been great. It's also because he doesn't have any children himself. It's said that he made a mistake in his cultivation when he was young and suffered from spirit energy deviation. His spirit energy overflowed and broke through his dantian<sup>1</sup>, hurting his spirit cords.

"Without an heir, there's no threat. Everyone doesn't feel that they have any conflict of interest with Shen Yuanbiao. They all want to rope him over to their side so that he'll be able to take everything from both sides.

"For example, Shen Yuhe has been branded as a blood descendant since birth. The foster children are wary of him. It's impossible for them to let him come into contact with the core project in their hands.

"It's absolutely impossible for Shen Yuhe to get close to the Blood Flower virus laboratory that is firmly controlled by the foster children. Therefore, it's impossible for him to rope in the laboratory's host and obtain the biochemical weapons in there.

"By the same logic, it's not that easy for the foster children to discover top-secret information related to me.

"For example, information related to my treatment, the day I leave the hospital, and the route I take to return to The Grand View of the Universe—there are many details that they don't need to know.

"Only Shen Yuanbiao can collect and integrate information from many sources and formulate a 'perfect assassination plan' that is specifically targeted at me."

Meng Chao nodded.

Shen Yuanbiao was appearing more and more suspicious.

"Most importantly, Shen Yuanbiao claims to be at the peak of the Heaven Realm, but I've always sensed that it's not that simple," Shen Yuanbao said.

"When he first awakened his extraordinary strength, his cultivation improved by leaps and bounds. He broke through the Heaven Realm easily and became a first-class fighter who could take charge of his own affairs.

"However, he has been stuck at the peak of the Heaven Realm for almost ten years.

“The structure near the water is always first to receive moonlight. I don’t know how many cultivation resources I’ve thrown at him over the last ten years, but he consumes the crystals that have piled up like mountains at a crazy rate. Like mud cows entering the sea, they disappear without a trace.”

Meng Chao frowned and said, “It’s not possible to break through to the Deity Realm just by relying on astronomical resources.”

“Of course, I understand that,” Shen Yuanbao said.

“However, Shen Yuanbiao is different from my disappointing children. He is neither a flower in a greenhouse nor an armchair strategist. Instead, he is a valiant general who has fought side by side with me countless times amongst mountains of corpses, seas of blood, and the bloody mouths of monsters. His body is covered with crisscrossing scars that are no less than mine.

“I have a feeling that something is off with his realm. He should have broken through to the Deity Realm when he was on the brink of death countless times in the past.”

“In other words...”

Meng Chao thought for a moment and said, “Senior Shen, you suspect that your brother is hiding his strength?”

“That’s right.”

Shen Yuanbao nodded and said, “Although there is no evidence, I just have a strong feeling that he’s hiding his true strength.”

“Of course, it’s hard to find evidence for such a thing,” Meng Chao said.

“Nevertheless, the intuition of a Deity Realm fighter is amazing. If you feel that there’s something wrong with his realm, there’s an 80% to 90% chance that there’s something wrong with it.

“There’s a motive, the conditions for committing the crime, and the ability to clean up the mess to commit the perfect crime. From the looks of it, Shen Yuanbiao does seem suspicious.

“Oh, right!”

Meng Chao suddenly stopped talking and fell into deep thought.

Shen Yuanbao asked, “What are you thinking about?”

“I’m thinking about what you said just now. You mentioned that Shen Yuanbiao had been obsessed with training when he was young, and he ended up hurting his spermatic cord. Hence, he doesn’t have any offspring.”

Meng Chao said, “Now you’re saying that you feel that his strength is not as low as the peak of the Heaven Realm. It’s likely that he has already stepped into the Deity Realm.

“But I feel that these two things are contradictory.

“If spirit energy deviation is really that serious, it’s impossible for him to step into the Deity Realm.

“On the other hand, if Shen Yuanbiao has actually achieved Deity Realm, that means he solved his spirit energy deviation problem long ago. The broken spirit cords have likely been reconnected. He has long had the ability to... leave behind an heir.”

### **Chapter 1618: Cleaning House**

Meng Chao’s words made Shen Yuanbao’s eyes widen, and they froze for a long time.

Then, he slowly exhaled a mouthful of turbid air. It was as if he had aged ten years.

“I remembered when Ah Biao was still very young, about three or four years old.”

Shen Yuanbao muttered to himself, “At that time, although I was already a big boy and had the ability to use my fists to create a world, the world was really tough.

“People were all like maggots, crouching in the depths of the broken walls, trying to dig for scraps to eat.

“No matter how good I was at fighting, it was not every day that I could have a good meal.

“One time, I was hired by someone to fight with the Furious Bears Gang. I killed three brave men who were even tougher than a Demonic Halberd Pig, and I broke almost eight of my bones. I also sustained more than ten slashes on my face and body. There were hardly any unharmed parts left.

“That time, the commission I received was five cans of beef that had just been produced on Earth before I transmigrated.

“Back then, canned beef was a rare thing. Many people never knew the smell of canned beef before they transmigrated. There were even people who were willing to sell everything they had—their martial arts, their kidneys, their wives, and even their souls—for a can of fragrant canned beef.

“I brought the canned beef back to my family for them to eat. Everyone was so hungry that they pounced on me like wolves when they got a whiff of its aroma. They wanted nothing more than to eat the iron sheet around it.

“Ah Biao was the only one who didn’t eat it. Instead, he cried and hugged me carefully. He trembled as he touched the wounds on my body and asked if I was in pain.

“Later, I snatched half a can of beef from the others before they could finish it, and I left it for Ah Biao to enjoy alone.

“I never thought that the little guy would refuse to eat it. He secretly hid it and said that he would wait for my birthday and give it to me as a birthday present.

“That silly kid didn’t know that once a can of beef was opened, it couldn’t be kept for more than a few days. Before my birthday, the meat had already turned rancid.

“Heh, even so, it’s still the most delicious canned beef I’ve ever eaten.

“Even though I’ve eaten countless types of canned meat after that and even though I’ve cut off meat with still beating nerves, the freshest Hell Beast and Apocalyptic Beast meat have never tasted as special.

“From that day onwards, I swore that Ah Biao and I would conquer the world together!

“I wanted to end this bloody era. I wanted to climb up at all costs and build a huge foundation. Then, I wanted to collect all the canned beef in the city so that my brothers could eat as much as they wanted!”

Meng Chao said, “It looks like your relationship with your brothers is really deep, Senior Shen!”

“That’s right. We can have many children, even though they are our own flesh and blood. Moreover, with Deity Realm cell activity and our astronomical resources, we can always have more children.”

Shen Yuanbao sighed emotionally. “However, when it comes to Ah Biao and the others, our bond is stronger than anything else. Moreover, he’s the most obedient and the most sensible. He knows how to feel sorry for his big brother. How can our feelings not be deep?”

Meng Chao could not quite understand Shen Yuanbao’s logic.

“So, you’re hoping that Shen Yuanbao isn’t the mastermind behind the scenes, Senior Shen?” he probed.

Shen Yuanbao thought about it for a long time before he slowly shook his head.

“If Shen Yuanbao is the president of the new Blood Alliance and he’s the high and mighty mastermind who’s controlling everything, then it’s fine,” Shen Yuanbao said

“At the very least, after he kills me and takes over everything in the Shen family and Universe Corporation, he’ll be able to make the foundation that I’ve established even stronger!

“I’m afraid that Shen Yuanbao isn’t the mastermind behind the scenes, and he’s only a chess piece of the real mastermind.

“No matter how awe-inspiring he looks on the surface, in the end, a chess piece that runs amok on the chessboard won’t be able to escape the fate of losing control.

“If that’s the case, I... won’t let Shen Yuanbao die at the hands of others!”

Meng Chao understood.

“Are we going to focus our investigation on Shen Yuanbao next?”

“Yes. Shen Yuanbao is a cautious person, and he has full authority over the daily operations of Universe Corporation. It’s difficult for ordinary investigators to get close to him,” Shen Yuanbao said.

“However, now that you are acting as my ‘personal doctor,’ logically speaking, he should take the initiative to approach you and ask you about my situation every now and then.

“I believe so since you are able to go at it alone, Brother Meng. In the middle and lower reaches of the Raging Tiger River, the natives of the Other World, who are completely different from the people on Earth, are doing very well.

“I don’t need to tell you how to discover clues behind Shen Yuanbiao’s back.”

Meng Chao’s thoughts flashed by, and he instantly understood.

“So, the moment you faced the assassination attempt, you already the most suspicious of Shen Yuanbiao,” Meng Chao said.

“Otherwise, you wouldn’t have suggested it so early and asked me to masquerade as your personal doctor.”

Shen Yuanbao grinned.

“I don’t know whether it’s my luck or misfortune to meet you, Brother Meng,” Shen Yuanbao said.

“However, my greatest advantage is that I’m never afraid of taking a gamble! Back when I was empty-handed and had nothing, or now, when I have a big business and a lot of resources, that part of me remains the same.

“Hmph! It doesn’t matter if it’s the Blood Alliance or the other demons and monsters. Those who want to scheme against me must be prepared to be dragged to the gambling table and lose their lives!”

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When Meng Chao left the infirmary, he found that Shen Yuanbao’s sons from the ‘adopted children faction’ and ‘blood descendants faction,’ were all waiting for him outside.

Seeing that Meng Chao had come out and closed the door to the infirmary, they all swarmed forward with respectful expressions. They were too afraid to even breathe loudly.

Even if they had some doubts, they did not dare show it. Instead, they treated Meng Chao as an extension of the old man’s will.

These people from the upper class used to be highly anticipated on various high-end business occasions in the past. Seeing how everyone’s attention was focused on him, Meng Chao remained expressionless.

“Senior Shen is furious with all of you. He doesn’t want to see anyone for the time being.”

Meng Chao said, “He asks that you think carefully about what you have done in the past and what you can do for the Shen family, Universe Corporation, and even Dragon City in the future.

“I hope that you can understand that the Shen family and Universe Corporation are in a precarious situation at the moment. It’s critical that we work together to get through the next stage.

“If anyone continues to ignore the overall situation without recognizing the big picture at this important time and only knows how to play their own little tricks and cause a mess, then be careful. Senior Shen will make an example of him and use him as a sacrifice!”

Meng Chao glared at them as he exuded Shen Yuanbao’s aura.

**Chapter 1619: Shen Yuanbiao**

Many of the Shen family disciples had secretly been trying to look into Meng Chao's background.

There were also those who had thought about roping in this mysterious "private doctor."

Some had even thought about whether they could force the old man's private doctor to lean toward their side as a last resort.

However, none of them expected Meng Chao to release such a fierce aura. It was as if the old man himself had broken out of the door and stood in front of them.

Many of the Shen family disciples turned pale with fright, and they became even more respectful and fearful of Meng Chao.

Before Meng Chao could disperse the many Shen family disciples, another uninvited guest arrived at The Grand View of the Universe.

It was Shen Yuanbiao, the suspected mastermind of the assassination and member of the Blood Alliance. He was the one whom Meng Chao and Shen Yuanbao had just been talking about.

While most of the Shen family disciples had gathered at The Grand View of the Universe and were concerned about the old man's injuries, Shen Yuanbiao had remained at Universe Corporation's headquarters. He had been dealing with the various reporters, the Azure Alliance, and the other eight mega corporations.

That was Shen Yuanbao's idea.

On one hand, he was suspicious of his younger brother. He did not want Shen Yuanbiao to know how serious his injuries were.

On the other hand, the situation outside was incredibly chaotic. He needed an important, qualified figure to take charge of the situation.

Furthermore, Shen Yuanbiao was well-known and able to control situations within the Shen family.

If he had been present, the foster children and blood descendants might not have been able to quarrel. Then, Shen Yuanbao would have lost a great opportunity to see the cracks in the Shen family.

Finally, letting Shen Yuanbiao take charge of the overall situation outside also represented Shen Yuanbao's full trust in him.

If he used that trust to do something that would harm the family and business but benefit the Blood Alliance, then he might be exposed.

Meng Chao did not expect Shen Yuanbiao to insist on seeing Shen Yuanbao.

He claimed that something big had happened and that he needed his brother to make the decision himself.

It was Meng Chao's first time seeing Shen Yuanbiao after entering the Deity Realm.

It was also Shen Yuanbiao's first time meeting Meng Chao, the "private doctor."

They only exchanged glances for half a second before they both looked away at the same time.



In that half a second, Shen Yuanbiao realized that Meng Chao was definitely not a mere personal doctor.

Meng Chao also realized that Shen Yuanbao was right. His younger brother did not seem like an ordinary Heaven Realm fighter.

That was because the spirit magnet in his body was stirring.

It was as if he had sensed an incomparably delicious... dish.

After his own recovery and Meng Chao's treatment, as well as soaking in the gene reagent mixed with Apocalyptic Beast blood, Shen Yuanbao's injuries temporarily stabilized.

Since Shen Yuanbiao wanted to see him, he was not going to be afraid. Now, he would confront his younger brother, whom he loved and hated, without the smell of gunpowder and blood.

However, the news that Shen Yuanbiao brought was a little out of Shen Yuanbao and Meng Chao's expectations.

"The news has been leaked!"

Shen Yuanbiao's facial features were similar to Shen Yuanbao's, but his face was slightly more square. That made his countenance appear "calmer" than "more domineering," giving people the feeling that he was dependable.

However, at that moment, Shen Yuanbiao, who was known for his calmness and reliability, had flames in his eyes. His forehead was covered in glistening sweat, and his expression was horrid.

He showed Shen Yuanbao and Meng Chao the news that had just spread all over the Internet.

It was news of Shen Yuanbao's assassination attempt and serious injuries.

Meng Chao glanced at it a few times.

He discovered that not only was the time and location of the news quite accurate but there were even reporters who had sneaked into Raging Waves Mountain Range and taken dozens of photos of the assassination from different angles. It was a mess.

The wrath of the gods was no small matter. All the corpses, including the biological weapons created in the Blood Flower laboratory, had been immediately cleaned up.

However, many trees within several hundred meters of the scene of Shen Yuanbao's assassination had been uprooted. Numerous flowers and trees had also burned fiercely, turning into black charcoal.

Those traces could not be cleaned up at a moment's notice.

Anyone with a sharp eye could tell that a soul-stirring battle had just taken place in the area.

"How did you handle it?"

Shen Yuanbao glared at Shen Yuanbiao.

“Brother, the assassination attempt happened on a public road, not in Universe Corporation’s industrial park. That area isn’t our private property. If we block the reporters from entering, it will only make us look guilty like we’re trying to cover something up,” Shen Yuanbiao said awkwardly.

“Besides, technology has been growing more and more advanced lately. They have installed advanced lenses made of crystals and adopted cameras based on new imaging technology. Even a person’s hair can be captured clearly from more than ten kilometers away.

“Look, there are a lot of aerial photos here. They were all taken by reporters flying above the place where you were attacked in an armored airship.

“We can’t seal off the entire airspace, can we That would cause too big of a commotion!”

Shen Yuanbiao was right.

In the end, a piece of paper could not contain the fire.

Shen Yuanbao was wondering whether or not his brother had personally leaked the matter.

Was this his way of showing the outside world Shen Yuanbao’s weakness and forcing Shen Yuanbao to abdicate and give up his position?

Thinking about it carefully, the possibility was not high.

That was because Shen Yuanbao and Universe Corporation were too tightly bound.

If this giant pillar fell, Universe Corporation would not fall apart, but at least it would suffer a great loss.

They needed to inject powerful good news in time, such as reaching a strategic agreement with Meng Chao, the leader of the new generation of Deity Realm powerhouses. Then, through Meng Chao’s hands, they could bring in more partners and business opportunities from beyond Monster Mountain Range.

If they refused, it would be impossible for Universe Corporation to recover its current size and valuation within three to five years. It would even face the risk of falling apart.

It was probably not in Shen Yuanbiao’s interest to get hold of such a weakened and unstable Universe Corporation.

Moreover, after this matter was made public, it might attract attention and investigation from all sides.

Not only was Shen Yuanbao the head of the Shen family, but he was also one of the few Deity Realm warriors of the older generation in Dragon City. He was Dragon City’s superhero and a human-shaped nuclear weapon.

Could the assassination attempt on him be resolved by relying on the Shen family’s internal investigation?

Now that the matter was exposed, the Supernatural Tower, the Survival Committee, the adjudicator court, the Research Department, and even the Red Dragon Army might intervene.

If Shen Yuanbiao was truly the mastermind behind the assassination attempt, why would he seek trouble and his own death?

Most importantly, Shen Yuanbao and Shen Yuanbiao had fought side by side for so many years. They knew each other's character well.

Shen Yuanbiao should know that aside from death, no other power could pull Shen Yuanbao down from his throne of power in Universe Corporation, let alone force him to abdicate voluntarily.

### **Chapter 1620: Fighters With Flaws**

Shen Yuanbiao did not seem to realize that Shen Yuanbao had already listed him as the biggest suspect.

With a sad face, the "chief butler" of Universe Corporation, who was devoted to his duties, told Shen Yuanbiao that the assassination attempt on him had caused a huge uproar in the entire city.

Now, the outside world had many different opinions, and the rumors were becoming increasingly mysterious.

The most ridiculous rumor claimed that Shen Yuanbao had been assassinated on the spot. In order to stabilize the overall situation, Universe Corporation had deliberately blocked all news of it and found a substitute to cover it up. The successors of the Shen family who knew the truth were divided into two camps and engaged in a fierce battle.

Affected by the rumor, the shares of Universe Corporation and related companies experienced a huge shock in the financial market.

Many suppliers urgently contacted Shen Yuanbiao in an effort to figure out the truth.

The ongoing cooperation between them had also been cast into a large shadow.

Shen Yuanbao, an old Deity Realm warrior, had originally collected a large amount of accounts receivable, and he had been unafraid of not getting the funds back. Now, there was a big question mark on whether the other parties would pay on time.

However, these normal business problems were not the most serious issues.

The most terrible thing was thanks to the assassination attempt, the Azure Alliance could now see which was the weakest link among the nine mega corporations.

The alliance was gathering its firepower and firing at the weakest link, trying to take a little hit first before they blew through everything.

Articles like "Looking back on Shen Yuanbao's life where good and evil, black and white are indistinguishable" were published with astonishing efficiency. They instantly were moved to the top of all major social media and were even directly pushed to the subscribers' inboxes.

These seemingly fair articles, of course, did not cover up the contributions that Shen Yuanbao had made to Dragon City, which included building the Supernatural Tower, establishing the Survival Committee, killing the Apocalyptic Beasts, fighting a battle to the death with the monster mastermind, and so on.

After all, these contributions were obvious and familiar to everyone. There was no way to hide them.

However, after they casually mentioned his contributions, most of the content was about how Shen Yuanbao had dug his first bucket of gold, as well as what the Universe group had done during their

transformation into Universe Corporation. They spent a lot of time and effort on how Universe Group had monopolized a large number of crystal ore veins.

The peerless heroes had survived the bloody era where order and law were nonexistent, and the strong preyed on the weak. Naturally, they were not the kind men and women who ate vegetarian food and prayed to Buddha.

Aside from Battle God Lei Zongchao, no matter how dignified and sanctimonious the Deity Realm warriors were today, back when they fought to the death in the mountains of corpses and the sea of blood, and when they made their first bucket of gold, there were always some “opportunities” and “secrets” that were kept from outsiders.

That was especially the case for Shen Yuanbao.

This was their original sin.

It was also the unspoken rule in the circle of superhumans.

It was also a well-known secret in the entire Dragon City.

In the past, ordinary citizens had to rely on peerless fighters to help them combat the monsters.

Everyone tacitly sunk this secret to the bottom of the sea.

Now, the monsters had been eliminated, and Dragon City had become stable. Besides, more and more low-level and mid-level superhumans had emerged among the ordinary citizens. At least in the eyes of the ordinary citizens, they could replace part of the peerless fighters from the nine great cultivation families.

At this time, people looked back at the bloody years decades ago when order collapsed and viewed the peerless fighters’ original sin differently.

“Shen Yuanbao is the embodiment of the unbearable bloody era. It is a combination of good and evil, black and white, order and chaos, protection and plunder, construction and destruction.

“From the perspective of future generations, it’s difficult for us to make an absolutely fair evaluation of him. We can only say that heroes are created based on the times. He’s a very special hero who transmigrated to this treacherous new world, thus he was created by Dragon City’s special environment.

“And Shen Yuanbao’s fall represents not only the end of that chaotic, bloody, and barbaric special era, but also the beginning of a more beautiful brand-new era that respects order and equality.

“A warrior with shortcomings is still a warrior after all. We should pay the old hero, Shen Yuanbao, the highest respect. We should also overcome Shen Yuanbao’s shortcomings and walk on a fairer, brighter, and just road to tomorrow!”

The article seemed to be quite polite.

However, there was a lot of evidence attached to the article. Evidence of Shen Yuanbao’s various illegal operations in order to expand and strengthen Universe Corporation did not seem to be so polite.

The worst part was most of it was true.

Due to Shen Yuanbao's contributions, people did not directly point the blame at him.

However, people were not so polite to the entire Shen family and Universe Corporation.

"Senior Shen Yuanbao is a very pure warrior. He's obsessed with cultivation and killing enemies. He has no time to deal with the affairs of gangs, families, and companies. Many times, he leaves all kinds of affairs to his subordinates. It's inevitable for him to be deceived by his subordinates!"

"Grandpa Shen measured others the same way he did himself. He always thought that everyone was like him, willing to sacrifice their lives and everything for Dragon City. However, many people around him were monsters in human skin. They did not care about Dragon City, only their own interests

"In order to protect Senior Shen Yuanbao's reputation, we need to thoroughly investigate Universe Corporation's actions in the past decades and give Senior Shen a clean corporation!"

Guided by someone with good intentions, the current public opinion in the outside world gradually became like that.

When Shen Yuanbiao spoke about it, his expression became particularly ugly.

It proved one thing: he definitely did not leak news of Shen Yuanbao's assassination attempt.

Since he was "the person beside Senior Shen Yuanbao," all the family and business affairs had to go through him.

If Shen Yuanbao was really a "pure martial artist," would he not have to take the blame?

"There must be a mole. It might be the two traitors, Shen Chengyi and Shen Chengxiu!"

Shen Yuanbiao's eyes were red as he gritted his teeth. "If I see them, I'll eat those two traitors alive!"

"It's not Chengyi and Chengxiu."

Shen Yuanbao shook his head slowly and spoke expressionlessly, "A lot of the evidence here goes back decades ago. They were still wet behind the ears back then. They didn't have the qualifications to come into contact with such things."

"Then..."

Shen Yuanbiao was stunned for a moment, and he muttered, "Then who secretly spread these d\*mn rumors and evidence? Could Lu Siya of the Azure Alliance be so powerful?"