

Oh My God 1651

Chapter 1651: A Price That Can't Be Refused

In the face of the Deity Realm warriors' burning gazes, Lu Zhongqi appeared worried and anxious. He sat there for a long time before he spoke in a tone of someone reminiscing the past. "I have dozens of grandsons and granddaughters. Siya is the most special one among them. She's also my favorite.

"To this day, I still can't forget when she used to sit on my lap obediently and study the ores with me as a child. She would wear a dress and have her up in braids.

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"The studies of crystals and prospecting are too boring for a child. Most of the Lu family's third generation lack the time to concentrate. They would rather train in the more intense and interesting spirit arts than inherit my mantle.

"Only Siya stayed by my side the longest and allowed me to teach her by hand.

"At that time, I never expected the little girl with eyes full of brilliance and a unique talent for crystals, would... would become what she is today.

"But no matter what she's become, she's still my granddaughter and a member of the Lu family at the end of the day. Her blood is the same as ours.

"Now, are you trying to say that she's a monster in human skin?

"What am I, who taught her with my own hands? What is the Lu family that raised such a monster? A family of monsters?"

Lu Zhongqi had always been known for his magnanimity.

He never refused to share his insights about crystals and spirit energy with his peers in the superhuman circle.

However, when he opened his eyes wide and they shone with a brilliance that was more dazzling than the exploding crystals, even the proud Yun Feidian could not help but take half a step back and swallow his saliva with difficulty.

"President Lu, I'm afraid that you've misunderstood what I meant."

Yun Feidian hurriedly bowed. "The real Ms. Lu Siya is certainly not a 'monster in human skin' but a heroine who should be respected by thousands of people because she fought for Dragon City until the very end.

"In the past, she was not only Dragon City's best new prospector, but she also made great contributions to the Abnormal Beast Research Department with her professional skills. She was an unknown hero who was active on Dragon City's secret battlefront. She protected the happiness and peace of countless families with her life.

“With that said, it’s precisely because she was too outstanding that she was targeted by the evil monster mastermind. The monster virus was injected into her body, and it completely corroded her brain.

“From that moment on, the real Ms. Lu Siya had sacrificed herself for our great civilization.

“The person who’s appearing in front of the world right now is not Lu Siya at all. She’s not your biological granddaughter. It’s just a demon with Lu Siya’s body.

“President Lu, even if it’s just to stop Ms. Lu Siya’s body from being controlled by the monster to do all kinds of evil things that she would never have wanted, we should take down the demon as swift as lightning.

“Once the matter is completely settled, we should restore Ms. Lu Siya’s reputation and grant her supreme glory. Then, we should give her a glorious burial and let her story spread throughout Dragon City!”

The Deity Realm warriors looked at each other and nodded.

Indeed, no matter how rebellious Lu Siya was, she was still a member of the nine great cultivation families.

The dignity of the nine great cultivation families still needed to be protected.

Yun Feidian felt that the matter could be handled with dignity without leaking any information.

Even so, Lu Zhongqi remained unmoved.

The president of Dragon City’s Crystal Association was like a wooden sculpture that had turned into a withered tree, digging his roots deep into the ground.

Even though Lei Tianming and the other senior members coughed dryly a few times and stepped forward to help, Lu Zhongqi did not relent.

Yun Feidian rolled his eyes and thought of the key point.

“This matter has been blown up so much that the Azure Alliance is stirring up trouble. Of course, that’s one thing, but Universe Corporation hasn’t handled it properly either. They even want to trouble the nine mega corporations and drag the eight of us down with them. That’s also a very important factor.

“Don’t tell me that Universe Corporation wants us to clean up their huge mess for free?” Yun Feidian said coldly.

“In my opinion, judging from Universe Corporation’s current situation, it’s not suitable for them to occupy such a large share in Dragon City’s crystal stone mining and smelting field anymore!

“It doesn’t matter if Shen Yuanbao is willing or not. The Shen family has to give up at least half of their pie no matter what!”

His words made the eyes of many Deity Realm warriors flicker.

That’s right. Universe Corporation had deliberately made a big deal out of it. They wanted to drag the rest down with them. How could things end so easily?!

Moreover, if Shen Yuanbao had truly been attacked and he was seriously injured or even dying, Universe Corporation, whose strength had declined to the point that it did not even have a Deity Realm expert, would not have the right to occupy so many crystal ore veins!

It was priceless.

Even a small piece of it was enough for the eight mega corporations to increase their performance and continue to expand.

After some thought, more of the people present began to understand what Yun Feidian meant.

The mining and smelting fields in Dragon City were part of a situation where the two forces were competing.

Once Universe Corporation was severely injured, Sky Pillar Corporation would certainly reap the benefits and become a unique mining overlord in Dragon City.

Yun Feidian wanted to use it to gain Lu Zhongqi's support and offset the possible negative impact on the Lu family from the fact that Lu Siya was actually a monster in human skin.

It was not a low price.

Nevertheless, after weighing the pros and cons repeatedly in their hearts, they all felt that the price was worth it and necessary.

In any case, the nine major families had to come to a consensus first to completely deal with Lu Siya, as well as the Azure Alliance, and calm down the ruffraff.

As for the mining and smelting of crystals, would the mighty Sky Pillar Corporation become unstoppable and eventually surpass the eight mega corporations?

Well, based on Lu Zhongqi's personality and the abilities he had shown in the past, there was no such possibility.

Hehe, Sky Pillar Corporation would only keep those crystal veins temporarily.

Once the matter was completely settled, the eight mega corporations aside from Sky Pillar Corporation could still join hands to force Lu Zhongqi, the good man, to spit out everything he had consumed!

Oh right, at that time, Shen Yuanbao, who had suffered a great loss, would definitely not let the chance go.

Then, everyone would turn to support Shen Yuanbao and let him fight Lu Zhongqi until both sides suffered heavy losses.

It would be best if both Universe Corporation and Sky Pillar Corporation were finished. Strategic materials such as crystal ore veins would be jointly controlled and shared by various mega corporations. That was the way to ensure the long-term peace and stability of Dragon City's civilization!

Chapter 1652: Secret Arrest

“Old Lu, things have developed to such a stage. It’s no longer just about the interests of one family. It’s about the survival of the nine noble cultivation families. It’s a problem that we must face together.”

Lei Tianming coughed dryly and struck while the iron was hot. “I can understand your feelings for your biological granddaughter, and I also admire Lu Siya’s spirit of sacrificing everything for Dragon City.

“However, Yun Feidian is right. The real Lu Siya is dead!

“That thing with Lu Siya’s skin in front of the world right now is indeed not your biological granddaughter but a cunning monster. You can’t let your emotions get the best of you. You need to prioritize the bigger picture.”

“That’s right, President Lu. We promise that we’ll keep the impact of this incident to a minimum and not damage the reputation of the real Lu Siya and the entire Lu family.”

The other Deity Realm warriors also chimed in. “If the Lu family and Sky Pillar Corporation are truly hurt, don’t worry. We’ll definitely compensate you more than we can afford. We won’t let you suffer any losses!”

“We have to decide without hesitation!”

Some of them glared at each other. “This monster is pretending to be Lu Siya and causing trouble. It’s not only making things difficult for us, but it has also greatly damaged the Lu family’s reputation. If we don’t eliminate it as soon as possible, Sky Pillar Corporation will experience its biggest blow. It’s time to make up our minds!”

At that moment, Lu Siya’s figure appeared on the big screen at the end of the meeting room.

She seemed worn out from a long journey. She jumped out of the waste hauler and stood before the surging crowd, acting as the tide driver.

“Look! Lu Siya has appeared!”

Yun Feidian’s eyes shone as he rubbed his fists. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Lu Siya will certainly lead the crowd into Universe Corporation’s headquarters. So, no matter how much damage they cause inside, we can say that Lu Siya instigated and commanded them. It’s the most appropriate reason to capture her and bring her to justice!

“President Lu, the fate of Dragon City and the nine noble families of cultivation are in your hands. Please make your decision!”

Everyone’s determination was comparable to raging flames and lightning, striking the withered tree that was Lu Zhongqi.

Lu Zhongqi’s every strand of white hair and every wrinkle shivered.

Even though he was an ultimate expert who had reached his limits, he could not resist the invisible pressure from so many Deity Realm warriors.

“Siya!” Lu Zhongqi shouted hoarsely.

It was unclear whether he was reminiscing about his granddaughter, who had “her brain eroded by a monster and died a long time ago,” or begging for the forgiveness of his granddaughter, who was still alive and kicking.

He had been illuminated by the crystals for decades. His eyes, which were still as bright as that of a young man and incompatible with his old face, dimmed and turned turbid in an instant.

Lu Zhongqi closed his eyes and waved his hand weakly. He sighed and said, “I’m old. I can’t keep up with the changes of the times, let alone cope with the future. The situation is even more complicated.

“After this matter is over, I will resign from all my positions in Sky Pillar Corporation, as well as the position of the President of Dragon City’s Crystal Association. I’ll go to Dragon City University and the alliance of the five universities. I’ll take more students with me and live a peaceful life during my last days.”

Yun Feidian silently approved his proposal.

Yun Feidian was overjoyed.

“In that case, as a junior, I will do my best to serve you all!”

Yun Feidian straightened his back and stared at Lu Siya like an arrow. “Lu Siya’s strength is not to be underestimated. It won’t be easy to control the restless crowd. It won’t be possible to rely on the armed forces of Thundercloud Technology alone.

“What I mean is Universe Corporation will be pushed aside for now. Everyone from the other eight mega corporations will have to send out their people. The elite troops of the major families will form an elite mixed tactical team. When Universe Corporation’s headquarters is in chaos later, they will sneak in and accurately lock onto their target.

“It would be best if we can quietly take Lu Siya away. By the time the Azure Alliance’s riffraff reacts, we would have obtained enough evidence to prove that she’s a monster in human skin. At the very least, she has been corrupted and bewitched by the monster, forming a complete and strict chain of evidence. Then, no one will be able to say anything.

“If the secret capture fails and is discovered by the enemy, we must not hesitate at all. We must not let the benevolence of a woman ruin Dragon City’s future. No matter the price, we have to get Lu Siya, even if she’s a corpse!

“As long as we can obtain Lu Siya’s corpse, we have a hundred ways to prove that this corpse is actually a monster!”

The murderous intent in his words made even an experienced man like Lei Tianming look at him several times.

However, in such an emergency, they had no choice but to defend the common interests of the nine noble families of cultivation and the nine mega corporations.

“Agreed.”

“Yes.”

“In the name of ‘catching the monster remnants,’ we understand that there will be some collateral damage.”

“In the past, when humans and monsters fought in the downtown area, a few buildings would be inevitably destroyed and the collateral damage would amount to thousands. We can’t just let the monsters lurk and wreak havoc in the downtown area just because they are too brutal and we’re too afraid to act rashly, can we?”

“The Monster War isn’t over. For the long-term interests of the Dragon City civilization, it’s acceptable and worthwhile to make a small sacrifice at this moment!”

Many Deity Realm warriors agreed with Yun Feidian’s secret plan.

“Alright. Now, it’s time to organize specific personnel and the details of the operation!”

Yun Feidian cleared his throat and was about to speak when he suddenly noticed the faces of many Deity Realm warriors changed. They had strange expressions.

Yun Feidian was slightly stunned. While he was confused, he heard Lu Siya’s voice on the big screen behind him.

“Friends, citizens, please calm down and stop moving forward!

“I can understand how angry everyone is, but no matter what, we shouldn’t be consumed by anger. I believe that The Bright Light tragedy is a huge conspiracy, but Universe Corporation is definitely not the real culprit behind this conspiracy. Please calm down and don’t let the real culprit lead you by the nose. Don’t do anything that will make you feel bitter and resentful!”

Yun Feidian was dumbfounded.

His face, which had been full of confidence, was smeared like mud.

“How... How is this possible?”

He was as confused as Meng Chao. “Lu Siya is... is trying to stop the situation from escalating? W-Whose side is she on? What is she trying to do?” he asked in disbelief.

Chapter 1653: Foresight

All the Deity Realm warriors looked at Yun Feidian expressionlessly.

Yun Feidian had been so confident earlier, but he was extremely embarrassed now.

He gritted his teeth and pondered for a moment. Then, he suddenly realized something and punched his fist hard. “Lu Siya foresaw my prediction. She knows that we can’t take it anymore. Once she leads the crowd into Universe Corporation’s headquarters, we’ll take the most resolute action against her.

“That’s why she’s deliberately pretending to be in control of the situation. She’s trying to paralyze the public and shake our resolve!

“Everybody, from this, we can see that Lu Siya is more cunning than we thought. If we don’t capture her right now and turn her into a monster, it’s likely that she’ll become our most terrifying enemy in the blink of an eye.

“We all understand the logic.”

Lei Tianming had just agreed with Yun Feidian’s opinion, and he was ready to send Soaring Dragon Construction’s elite soldiers to carry out the mission of capturing Lu Siya together with Thundercloud Technology’s corporate armed forces.

However, his attitude changed a-hundred-and-eighty degrees. “The problem is, Lu Siya’s disguise is too perfect. She’s not giving us an excuse to capture her.

“If she truly led people to attack Universe Corporation’s headquarters and caused the casualties of innocent people as you said, then we would be doing it for a good reason. We would be wiping out the monster remnants for Dragon City. Even if the crossfire caused collateral damage, we could still explain it to the public later.

“But now, Lu Siya is obviously standing up to calm the situation. So many pairs of eyes have seen her putting moderate the situation rationally, and so many pairs of ears have heard the oath she made. How can we arrest her in broad daylight in front of so many people?

“Besides, the riot hasn’t escalated yet. The crowd is still maintaining basic order. Are you sure that we can take Lu Siya away from so many citizens of Dragon City by force?

“She doesn’t even need to resist. As long as she puts on an extremely weak appearance, she’ll successfully provoke the fury of millions of people.

“By then, thousands of captured photos taken from different angles and thousands of videos with sound and light will be flying everywhere on social media, telling everyone how pure, innocent, and pitiful Lu Siya is, and how cruel, unreasonable, and brutal we are. As a result, the nine mega corporations will end up with nothing!

“Let’s take a step back and say that even if we can successfully take Lu Siya away and produce evidence of her being a monster, do you think that anyone would believe the evidence that we produced under such circumstances?

“To put it bluntly, even if Lu Siya is really a monster, no one will believe our accusations and evidence under such circumstances. Our arrest will instead endorse her innocence and even raise her prestige.

“Feidian, think about it yourself. Are you sure about what happened?”

Capturing Lu Siya would be great for Lei Tianming.

However, it was also a wonderful pleasure to watch Yun Feidian become flustered.

The veins on both sides of Yun Feidian’s temples were exploding, and his eyes were bloodshot as he shouted at the top of his voice, “Now is not the time to worry about the public’s influence! No matter what, we have to beat Lu Siya into revealing her monstrous form. Everyone, the opportunity is fleeting. We cannot hesitate anymore!”

“This is not just a matter of the public’s influence.”

Another neurotic powerhouse, whose eyes were as sharp as lightning and face was as thin as a knife, coldly said, “There are more Deity Realm experts in Dragon City than just the few of us here. Aside from the nine mega corporations, the Red Dragon Army, the Supernatural Tower, the Research Department, Dragon City University, and the alliance of the five universities all have Deity Realm experts.

“Those Deity Realm experts might not specialize in combat. They do not have a particularly close alliance with each other, and they do not interfere with the nine mega corporations. There are also no intense conflicts between them.

“If Lu Siya really risks our world by leading people to attack Universe Corporation’s headquarters, then we’ll arrest her in the name of protecting the sacred assets of the nine mega corporations. Those Deity Realm experts will have nothing to say.

“When we find evidence that Lu Siya is a monster, other Deity Realm experts will not openly oppose us.

“However, if we act brazenly and arrest Lu Siya, who is trying to control the situation as a rational moderator, I believe that all the Deity Realm experts, except for those under the nine mega corporations, will stand against us.

“It’s one thing to have conflicts with ordinary people, but it’s another thing to have a public break with the other Deity Realm experts. Even if their overall strength is slightly weaker than that of the nine mega corporations, we still can’t defeat and suppress them easily.

“This is a serious matter. Let’s discuss it again!”

“That’s right. We can only wait and see.”

Lei Tianming said, “Feidian, don’t be anxious. As you said, Lu Siya is an ambitious person who can stir up trouble. She can hold off her plans for a while, but she can’t go on like this for a lifetime. She’ll find another way to launch a savage attack on the nine mega corporations. When she gives herself away the next time, we’ll take immediate action and capture her. We’ll announce that she’s a monster and all of Lu Siya’s followers are ‘not citizens.’ What do you think?”

Yun Feidian gritted his teeth so hard that they made cracking sounds. Sparks were almost spurting out from the gaps between his teeth.

He looked around and found that the powerhouses who had dared to fight in the past, who had personally founded the nine major families, the nine mega corporations, and even the Survival Committee, had all become old men who were hesitant. He could not help but feel angry, but he was helpless. After holding back for a long time, he finally could not take it anymore. He smashed his fist into the heavy table made of Diamond Wood, shattering a large piece of it.

Looking at the wood shavings all over the ground, Yun Feidian sighed. His face was filled with an expression of cunning discontentment.

His expression also aroused the dissatisfaction of his many seniors. They all snorted coldly. They felt that Yun Feidian and Lu Siya were two sides of the same coin. They were both ambitious people who were

unwilling to be under others for a long time. However, the former just happened to be on their side for the time being.

Speaking of which, was Lu Siya not on their side more than a year ago?

As they thought about it, the seniors made up their minds. They could not let Yun Feidian control the elite forces of the nine mega corporations so easily.

Even if they wanted to secretly capture Lu Siya, they would have to think twice and consider the long-term effects.

That was the general picture that Shen Yuanbao's insider captured.

Meng Chao finally understood why Lu Siya switched from a radical to a moderate and rational person.

Chapter 1654: Lucky Hit

Meng Chao suddenly found it absurd.

Yun Feidian was the representative of the nine great families, and they were trying to frame an innocent citizen as a "monster in human skin."

They did not seem hesitant about fabricating all kinds of evidence to implicate more innocent people. They labeled them as "monster remnants" and "non-citizens."

Little did he know that this "innocent" was truly a monster in human skin!

Yun Feidian had made some mistakes and hit the nail on the head.

Exposing Lu Siya's mask and stopping her conspiracy were certainly some of the things that Meng Chao had to do when he returned to Dragon City.

But now, Meng Chao was uncertain. Even if Yun Feidian and the others were 100% pure humans, how much better could he be than Lu Siya, who was a wild banshee?

How many chances would there be for a Dragon City that was ruled by Yun Feidian or Lu Siya to stop the apocalypse?

"That little girl, Lu Siya, is amazing."

Even Shen Yuanbao, who was extremely experienced in conning, was sitting in the medical cabin and giving Meng Chao's former close comrade a thumbs up. "If Lu Siya had been even a little confused by her ambition and lust for power, she would have fallen into Yun Feidian's hands and been revealed as a monster, doomed to eternal damnation.

"However, Lu Siya was able to control her ambition perfectly, which in turn prevented the crowd's impulsive actions. In the meantime, she won herself more fame and the goodwill of thousands of citizens. With overwhelming public opinion on her side, she created an impenetrable amulet. At least, before the truth was out, anyone who dared to touch her would become the enemy of Dragon City's citizens.

“One could almost consider Yun Feidian as Lu Siya’s uncle. However, he’s not as good at concealing his ambitions as his niece!”

Meng Chao nodded.

“If Lu Siya falls into Yun Feidian’s hands, does the latter really have a way to prove that she’s a monster?”

Meng Chao was even more concerned about that.

“It is certainly difficult to create a flawless chain of evidence. With that said, it is indeed possible to create a chain of evidence that is flawless on the surface and difficult to verify with current technology.”

Shen Yuanbao said, “With our victory in the Monster War, we inherited a lot from the monster civilization, including, but not limited to, the corpses of Apocalyptic Beasts, living Hell Beasts, as well as the heavenly materials and earthly treasures found in the nests of many Apocalyptic Beasts.

“Right now, we live so extravagantly that we can use nanotechnology to cut the corpses of Apocalyptic Beasts into molecular-level slices, record the data into a supercomputer, re-model, and reassemble them into virtual Apocalyptic Beasts.

“The research on monster cells and monster genes has also made great progress.

“We’ve even discovered that the factors promoting the expansion of monster cells and the activation of various innate skills, as well as the factors promoting human beings to awaken extraordinary strength, are indistinctly similar.

“As far as I know, many forces are conducting experiments in secret. They’re trying to combine monster cells with human cells using gene modulation technology or trying to implant monster limbs and monster nerves into severely disabled people who are crippled or paralyzed. That way, they can replace traditional artificial limbs and give severely disabled people brand-new vitality, or even a stronger combat ability.

“Even Deity Realm warriors can’t resist the temptation of acquiring the Crystalline Nine-headed Dragon’s innate skill while maintaining their original strength.

“Especially us old men. We spent more than half of our lives fighting for Dragon City, and we fought three hundred rounds with the monster civilization’s mastermind in the ultimate lair. Who isn’t covered in wounds and riddled with holes? Our cultivation has plummeted, and we don’t have long to live.

“The internal injuries that have been stacking up in our bodies for decades are no longer treatable by conventional means.

“If we find another way and introduce the monster’s power, we might be able to cure our wounds. Who wouldn’t be tempted?”

“I understand.”

Meng Chao said, “That’s why Universe Corporation has secretly built the Blood Flower laboratory. You want to utilize the power of the Blood Flower and the monster to help you break through your human limits and become an existence beyond the Deity Realm!”

Shen Yuanbao did not deny it. "Universe Corporation is just following the general trend." He smiled.

"In fact, because Universe Corporation is mainly engaged in the exploration, mining, and smelting of crystals, we do not have a deep technological reserve in gene modulation and monster research. Our Blood Flower laboratory is only the second level of existence among the secret R & D projects promoted by many mega corporations.

"Among the nine mega corporations, quite a few of them started their business from the fields of genetic medicine, monster harvesting, and spirit energy exploration. Their research in this field is much deeper than that of Universe Corporation.

"Take Yun Feidian's Thundercloud Technology for example. Although it started with chip research and high-tech investments, it soon got involved in the research of monster neural networks.

"To be specific, the brain and the central nerves of a monster are removed from its body and loaded into a rune machine. Through the autonomous learning mechanism of artificial intelligence, the rune machine is made smarter.

"The brains and central nerves of monsters were implanted into Thundercloud Technology's four automated weapons, Qiong Qi, Ba Xia, Gui Che, and Ying Long. They were able to think on their own, communicate with their own kind, upgrade continuously, and deduce the best plan to complete missions.

"Their users don't need to enter specific instructions. As long as they enter vague targets, such as 'suppress a certain area, seize a certain stronghold, and eliminate all enemies in the area,' the four self-propelled smart weapons would be tireless, fearless of death, and trying repeatedly until their target is achieved or all of them are destroyed!

"From this, we can see that Thundercloud Technology's research on monsters is far more advanced than that of Universe Corporation.

"Since even we can build the Blood Flower laboratory, there's no reason that Thundercloud Technology can't build higher-level research facilities of the same type, is there?"

"Yun Feidian is not boasting shamelessly. If Lu Siya really falls into his hands and rolls around in such research facilities, I believe that he has a hundred ways to prove that Lu Siya is a monster."

Meng Chao's eyes gradually sharpened.

Even if Lu Siya was a monster...

He did not want her to fall into Yun Feidian's hands. No, he did not want her to fall into anyone else's hands.

Chapter 1655: Alerting the Enemy

"Fortunately, Yun Feidian was stopped," Meng Chao said.

"He has only been stopped temporarily," Shen Yuanbao corrected him.

“You don’t understand these old guys. It’s not that they really don’t agree with Yun Feidian’s plan. They’re just worried that the ordinary people will strongly oppose it, causing them to suffer unnecessary losses and allowing the Deity Realm experts of the ‘non-nine major schools’ to reap the benefits.

“Furthermore, they can’t wait for Yun Feidian to not listen to orders and take matters into his own hands. They’ll use extreme methods to deal with Lu Siya and both of them will suffer heavy losses. They’ll be able to trail behind and take advantage of the situation.

“For Yun Feidian, this is also the only way for him to realize his personal ambitions and let Thundercloud Technology overtake the others. It’s the only way for him to take the lead among the nine mega corporations.

“The opportunity is fleeting. Even though he knows that the risk is extremely high, he’ll still take it for sure.

“And once Yun Feidian really makes a move on Lu Siya, the nine mega corporations and Azure Alliance will have the most intense collision. When that time comes, no matter who wins, the nine mega corporations will pay a terrible price.

“To make up for their losses, Universe Corporation will become the most delicious pie in the eyes of the other eight companies. Just look at the example from earlier. To tempt Lu Zhongqi into sacrificing his own granddaughter, weren’t they prepared to carve up Universe Corporation’s entire market?

“Now that the situation has developed to this point, I have no other choice but to cooperate with you to protect Universe Corporation!”

“It’s great that you’re able to understand the situation, Senior Shen.”

Meng Chao nodded. “Whether it’s for the Shen family, Universe Corporation, or Dragon City, you and I must join hands to stop the radicals of the nine mega corporations, such as Yun Feidian, from dragging Dragon City into the abyss of destruction for their personal ambitions!”

“In that case, we must find the real murderer who tried to assassinate me and caused the explosion of The Bright Light before Yun Feidian does anything to Lu Siya.”

Shen Yuanbao’s eyes were as sharp as lightning. “If I’m not wrong, the real murderer is not only related to the Blood Alliance but also to the real monster remnant, the tenth Supernatural Entity!”

Meng Chao frowned slightly.

Judging from the available evidence, his conclusion was the same as Shen Yuanbao’s.

The problem was, he had information that nobody, including Shen Yuanbao, knew.

It was likely that Lu Siya herself was the tenth Supernatural Entity!

However, it was impossible for Lu Siya to have caused the explosion of The Bright Light.

If Lu Siya were truly the culprit, there would be no need for her to appear at the entrance of Universe Corporation’s headquarters to stop the chaos from escalating.

She could have hidden in the dark and sent out her own minions to blend in with the crowd to fan the flames. Similarly, she could have made the crowd even angrier and more violent, completely blowing up the situation.

As long as she hid well enough, Yun Feidian would not know where she was even if he wanted to capture her. How could he do it?

There had to be something else going on.

Time was of the essence for Meng Chao.

“There isn’t much time left for us.”

Shen Yuanbao coughed lightly. “There must be a mole in the Shen family, a mole from the Blood Alliance. Cough, cough, cough. But, the mole is very calm. He won’t surface while I’m alive.

“Tell me, aside from dying, what else can I do to bait the mole?”

“Are you going to fake your death, Senior Shen?”

Meng Chao muttered, “Will the mole believe it?”

“It doesn’t matter whether the mole believes it or not. What matters is the other members of the Shen family... Cough, cough, cough, cough... believe it... Cough, cough, cough, cough, cough... don’t believe it!”

The way Shen Yuanbao coughed sounded like his chest was about to tear apart.

His face alternated between red and pale.

He fumbled around and took out a disposable syringe that looked like a pen from the side of the medical cabin.

He injected a tube of green gene reagent into his blood vessels and expelled streams of foul-smelling toxins from the thirty-six thousand pores on his body. Only then did his face become slightly more normal.

Shen Yuanbao then told Meng Chao his plan.

After Meng Chao heard it, he frowned a little and said, “It sounds like this is the only feasible plan right now. The problem is, Senior Shen, don’t you think that doing this is too risky for your children? The entire Shen family might end up in internal strife and fall apart.”

“I have no choice. I don’t have much time left. I can only gamble. Otherwise, the Shen family will undoubtedly fall apart when I actually die.”

Shen Yuanbao panted as he said, “These unfilial descendants have stayed in the greenhouse for too long. They have lost their keen sense of smell, their courage to fight, and most importantly, their feeling of hunger.

“If I can help them regain some of their beastly nature after they pass this test, perhaps the Shen family will be able to hold on for at least a few more decades or a hundred years after I leave.

“Hehe, if they really can’t help themselves, then the Shen family that I personally built will be buried with me. It’s better than letting it be completely ruined by those unworthy descendants. Even my name, ‘Shen Yuanbao,’ would be ridiculed by others!”

“...I understand,” Meng Chao said.

“Well then, please begin your journey to the afterlife, Senior Shen. Don’t worry. I’ll definitely fish out the mole!”

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Shen Yufeng only hesitated outside her father’s ward for a second.

Yet, ten thousand thoughts had already flashed through her mind.

Ever since her father reprimanded her mercilessly at the family meeting a few days ago, berating her for not doing a good job in the education and supervision of the Shen family’s descendants, she had almost lost all hope of inheriting the Shen family and Universe Corporation.

Shen Yufeng, who was completely disheartened, could only constantly remind herself to stay away from the whirlpool of power and never think about inheriting the rights. Once the old man’s soul returned to Earth, she would think of another way. She would get her share of the old man’s inheritance and go far away to establish her own family. It was not necessarily impossible for her to break through to a new world.

However, when her father summoned her again, her heart, which had already calmed down, began to beat wildly again. She could not help but dwell on it.

“Why is the old man looking for me now?”

“Could it be that he hasn’t given up on me and still thinks highly of me as the new leader of the Shen Family?”

“And the old man’s thunderous anger in the meeting hall the other day was just a smoke bomb he released?”

“Or perhaps, he was using that situation to test my temperament?”

“It makes sense. During the meeting that day, the old man rebuked almost all the heirs. Many of them were disheartened, and they gave up on themselves. The old man obviously saw their reactions.

“Only I remained calm in the face of honor and shame.

“That’s likely how I passed the old man’s test!”

As she thought about it, Shen Yufeng’s brows rose in joy.

However, when the door opened slightly from the inside, someone dragged her in. After adapting to the dim lighting in the room, she saw someone who should not have appeared there.

More accurately speaking, it was someone who should not have been there at the same time as her.

Her elder brother, Shen Yuhe, was in charge of Universe Corporation's genetic medicine business. Although he was weak, sickly, and not highly competitive in the eyes of outsiders, in theory, he also had the right of inheritance.

Chapter 1656: Fall

“Second Brother?”

Shen Yufeng's expression did not change, but her heart was in turmoil.

If only blood descendants were counted, Shen Yuhe was the eldest of all the old man's flesh and blood. Logically speaking, he should have quite a bit of power.

However, he suffered because his birth mother was an ordinary person without any power. Due to his congenital deficiency and excessive cultivation, he had become mentally deranged with hidden injuries. It was difficult for him to become the super first-class fighter that the Shen family needed.

In addition, the recent underground black market scandal had damaged Universe Corporation's image. There was an urgent need for someone to take the blame.

As the person in charge of the group's pharmaceutical business, Shen Yuhe was naturally the best candidate to take the blame.

Shen Yufeng thought that since the last family meeting, Shen Yuhe, who had also been reprimanded, had long withdrawn from the competition to inherit the position of family head.

She did not expect that he would once again receive the old man's secret summons like her.

What exactly did this mean?

Seeing Shen Yufeng, who was in charge of the personnel work of Universe Corporation, enter, Shen Yuhe was obviously a little surprised.

However, his eyes were deeply sunken and somewhat red. His face was extremely gloomy, and he quickly recovered from his surprise. His gaze was like a dim candle flame, and it was uncertain what he was planning.

Shen Yufeng looked around and found that aside from Shen Yuhe, the only other people in the room were the unknown Dr. Meng, who was trusted by the old man, and a huge medical pod that resembled a coffin.

At this time, the medical pod's hatch was tightly closed.

The observation hole on the hatch showed that there was not a normal dark green medical agent inside. Instead, it was a stabilizing agent that was glowing with a small silver light and emitting a chill.

Shen Yufeng was startled. She could smell an ominous aura from Dr. Meng's grave expression and her second brother's flickering eyes.

Her heart was beating increasingly fast. She swallowed hard and took two steps forward to the medical cabin's side. She then looked inside through the observation hole.

As expected, the dark green medical agent had been replaced by a mithril liquid that was similar to a hibernation agent.

The old man's eyes were tightly shut as he was soaked in the mithril liquid. His face was covered with faint lividity, and he was no longer breathing.

The scene was like an invisible giant hammer, striking Shen Yufeng's head hard, causing her soul to leave her body. There was buzzing in her head, and she could not think for more than half a minute.

When her soul returned to her body, she gained the power to control her limbs and fingers. The first thing Shen Yufeng did was to pounce on the display on the left side of the medical cabin and retrieve the old man's various physiological parameters.

It was no accident.

All of the old man's physiological parameters had turned into ice-cold straight lines.

This man had made great contributions to Dragon City, saved countless lives, killed numerous fierce beasts, and he had been extremely tyrannical at the same time. He dared to attack anyone for his benefit, yet in the end, he was dead.

"Dad..."

Shen Yufeng subconsciously called out through the cold hatch cover of the medical cabin.

She recalled a time when Dragon City was still in the bloody chaos of lawlessness. Back when the Shen family had not developed into one of the nine great noble cultivation families, her father had once led her brothers and sisters through flashes of blades and swords in the swaying wind and rain.

A few drops of hot liquid gushed out of the corner of Shen Yufeng's eyes, but her mourning for her father could only end here.

It was not that she was unfilial.

The situation just did not allow it.

Shen Yufeng took a deep breath and put away those fragile emotions that only ordinary people were qualified to have. She restored her shrewdness and strength as the eldest sister of the Shen family and the head of Universe Corporation's Personnel Department.

Ever since he faced the assassination attempt, Shen Yuanbao's situation had been terrible. Everyone, including Shen Yufeng, had expected his death for a while.

The question now was, in the post-Shen Yuanbao era, who was qualified and capable to carry the Shen family and Universe Corporation?

"Who did the old man choose to inherit his career?"

Standing outside the door earlier, Shen Yufeng had fantasized for a moment that she could become the successor whom her father valued the most.

However, now that her father's cold corpse was lying in front of her, she felt nervous and even confused.

She kept feeling that things were not that simple.

If she was not the successor, could it be Shen Yuhe?

Impossible.

Genetic medicine was not Universe Corporation's main business to begin with.

Furthermore, their maternal side was unable to provide too much help. Shen Yuhe was even less qualified and capable than her to seize Universe Corporation's power!

"Dr. Meng..."

She could feel the gaze of the private doctor with a mysterious background scraping her body like a sharp scalpel. Shen Yufeng collected herself, realizing that she could not lose her composure.

No matter how impatient she was about taking control of Universe Corporation, she could not reveal the slightest bit of ambition at this moment.

"Father, didn't your injuries stabilize a few days ago? How could this happen?"

Shen Yufeng's voice trembled, and her heart was on the verge of breaking.

It was a question that had been formulated from the start.

After all, when the old man was found at the scene of the assassination attempt, his bloody appearance made people feel as if he had crawled out of the stomach of a Crystalline Nine-headed Dragon. Even if he had died on the spot, it would not have been a surprise.

It was already a medical miracle that he managed to last so long under the stimulation of the high-level gene reagent.

Unexpectedly, after a moment of silence, "Dr. Meng said, "There is indeed something fishy about Chairman Shen's death."

"What?"

Shen Yufeng was stunned.

Dozens of sparks also appeared in Shen Yuhe's eyes.

"In fact, Chairman Shen's injuries are not as serious as they seem."

Meng Chao stared at the two heirs and said, "When he was almost assassinated the other day, Chairman Shen's intense battle was not as dangerous as you think. In fact, I inflicted many of his 'injuries' before you guys arrived."

"This..."

Shen Yufeng and Shen Yuhe exchanged glances, seeing the shock in each other's eyes.

"I believe that the two of you have already guessed the reason for it."

Meng Chao continued. "Since Chairman Shen's travel time and route are highly confidential, coupled with the betrayal of the medical staff closest to him, he immediately sensed that there was a mole behind the assassination attempt.

"Chairman Shen deliberately exaggerated his injuries in order to draw the snake out of its hole, exposing the mole.

"According to my assessment two days ago, his real injuries only affected his internal organs, not his brain or central nerves. A Deity Realm expert like him can channel spirit energy into his internal organs and train his organs to the level of 'crystallization.' With such injuries, he wouldn't have been able to display 100% of his combat ability at most. It wouldn't have been a problem for him to live for another ten to twenty years if he maintained a clear mind like a normal person!"

Chapter 1657: CEO

Shen Yufeng and Shen Yuhe looked at each other. They both understood what Meng Chao was trying to imply.

"Dr. Meng, are you saying..."

Shen Yufeng probed, "...that the old man was murdered?"

"I'm just saying that with the old man's strength, his internal organs would all be crystallized. Even if he was truly at the end of his rope, he would still be able to hold on for another twenty-four hours. When he sees the person he wants to see, he would be able to say what he wants to say before he passes away."

Meng Chao said, "It shouldn't have been like this. In a short half an hour, many of his organs died of exhaustion, and before he died, he didn't leave any useful information."

"He might have left something behind.

"However, the person who caused the old man's death has completely erased it," Shen Yuhe said coldly.

Shen Yufeng was shocked. "Who could have sneaked in here without anyone noticing and caused the old man's death before taking all the information?"

"Me."

Meng Chao pointed at his nose and smiled bitterly. "I'm Chairman Shen's personal doctor. No matter who investigates this, I'm the first suspect.

"Even though I didn't do it, if the real culprit wanted to divert attention from himself, he would stick a lot of evidence on me and make me the scapegoat. Then, he would kill me to silence me and make sure there's no evidence!"

Shen Yuanbao had nearly a hundred children.

Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng had fought their way out of the encirclement of so many children and occupied key positions in the top management of Universe Corporation. Naturally, they were all quick-witted and meticulous people.

The two of them immediately understood. "That's why you didn't publicize the news of the old man's death, Dr. Meng. Instead, you secretly summoned the two of us here in his name?"

"That's right."

Meng Chao's face was discolored with a faint aura of death. His eyes gradually turned red as he gnashed his teeth and said, "I can guarantee that if news of Chairman Shen's death is announced today, I won't be able to see the sun tomorrow!"

"To be honest, I have no interest in who inherits the Shen family. I only want to keep my life. Since I can't escape this calamity, I can only resort to any means to survive!"

Meng Chao's exquisite performance did not move Shen Yufeng easily.

After all, Shen Yufeng was also a skilled actress.

She glanced at the medical cabin filled with hibernation medicine with a suspicious gaze.

She really wanted to open the hatch and confirm her father's death in person to find out the cause.

But on second thought, there was no point in doing so.

She was not a doctor who understood the mysteries of the human body.

If the doctor before her had intentionally concealed or even faked the cause of death, she would not be able to find out in a short period of time either.

Of course, there was also a trusted medical team behind her, equipped with senior experts and the most advanced equipment.

But the other party was right.

With the exception of the three people in the ward, no one could know about this for the time being.

Otherwise, not only would the real culprit speed up his silencing, but the other successors, including the strong and unruly adopted children, would all make a move upon hearing the news.

"Dr. Meng..."

While Shen Yufeng was deep in thought, Shen Yuhe stared at Meng Chao and asked straightforwardly, "You look very young. I've never seen you by the old man's side before. I wonder why the old man trusts you so much?"

"I'm one of Chairman Shen's trump cards."

Meng Chao calmly said, "Logically speaking, I should be the type of person who never needs to see the light of day or expose my relationship with Chairman Shen."

“It’s like how Chairman Shen has his own spies in the other eight mega corporation. If everything goes smoothly, those people don’t need to expose their identities until they die.

“Unfortunately, the assassination attempt was indeed beyond Chairman Shen’s expectations. His most trusted personal doctor on the surface had been bribed long ago. In fact, he was a spy whom someone else planted from the very beginning. That terrified Chairman Shen more than the assassination attempt.

“He ‘activated’ me as a last resort and allowed me to show my face. On the surface, it’s to treat his injuries, but more importantly, it’s to investigate the truth of the shocking assassination attempt.

“It’s a pity that the enemy’s actions were faster and swifter than I expected. They snuck into the ward while I was out investigating and killed Chairman Shen.

“I’ve examined the surface of Chairman Shen’s body in detail, but I didn’t find any signs of struggle or spirit energy surging to the maximum. Based on my deduction, the murderer was most likely pretending to be me, which convinced Chairman Shen to not be on guard at all.

“If that’s the case, the murderer will have another reason to silence me. Right now, I don’t even dare to walk out of this ward.”

“Out investigating?”

Shen Yuhe caught the key words in Meng Chao’s statement. “Who are you investigating? What did you find out?”

Meng Chao appeared hesitant.

“Dr. Meng, since you found us, you must be certain that we’re the only ones who can save your life among the old man’s many children.”

Shen Yuhe said, “If that’s the case, we should trust each other and work together. There’s no reason to hide it anymore, right?”

“That’s right. I hope I didn’t misjudge him!”

Meng Chao hesitated for a long time before he finally made up his mind. “Chairman Shen asked me to investigate CEO Shen and his children!”

“What?”

Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng were both shocked.

“CEO Shen” was Shen Yuanbiao.

For a long time, Shen Yuanbao controlled Universe Corporation’s board of directors while Shen Yuanbiao remained in charge of Universe Corporation’s daily operations. The two brothers worked well together. They had a deep relationship and trusted each other.

Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng never expected their father to secretly investigate the issue of his younger brother’s heir at such a critical moment.

Wait a minute, children?

The two siblings looked at each other and smelled a conspiracy.

It was well known that Shen Yuanbiao had overexerted himself in his training and fought in his early years, resulting in hidden injuries and spirit energy deviation. He had damaged his vital organs and did not leave behind any children.

That was also one of the important reasons why Shen Yuanbao trusted him to take over.

All along, Shen Yuanbiao had played the role of a diligent, honest, and hardworking chief steward in Universe Corporation.

He had even treated Shen Yuanbao's sons, nephews, and nieces as his own children.

Neither Shen Yuhe nor Shen Yufeng had sensed any hint of ambition from Shen Yuanbiao.

The two of them had also learned a lot from the "generous elder" and received a lot of help.

It was not until Meng Chao pointed it out that the two of them realized, to their horror, that Shen Yuanbiao unknowingly controlled a tremendous amount of power as the CEO of Universe Corporation!

Chapter 1658: The Value of a Spy

"If Fifth Uncle really has a son, but no one knows about it for so many years, then this matter is too terrifying!" Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng said in unison.

Their voices were equally grave and sinister.

"It's not just that."

Meng Chao said, "Please take a look."

He led the two successors to a corner of the ward.

After gently moving away a mural, the safe embedded in the wall was revealed.

The safe was made of the sturdiest superalloy material. There was even a layer of crystals inside, which gave off an indestructible aura.

Even if the safe was fired with a tank gun that was filled with armor-piercing bullets, it might not even give way.

But now, its fingerprints, iris, voice prints, and genetic identification systems had all been cracked.

The purely-mechanical lock had also been broken.

The safe was empty, not even a scrap of paper was left behind.

Narrowing his eyes, Shen Yuhe poured spirit energy into them and scanned the unlatched mechanical lock plate.

“The mechanical structure has not been damaged at all. Even the alarm system that’s thinner than a hair hasn’t been triggered. The enemy’s spirit energy is like an invisible stream of water, seeping into the inside of the safe through molecular gaps.”

Shen Yuhe came to a conclusion. “He’s an expert.”

“What’s in the safe?” Shen Yufeng asked.

“I don’t know.”

Meng Chao shook his head. “I only know that Chairman Shen values this safe the most. When he opens the safe, no one else is allowed in the room.”

“It appears that what’s inside is the old man’s lifeblood.”

Shen Yuhe sighed. “For example, documents that can determine Universe Corporation’s ownership.”

“A few days ago, the old master’s private seal already fell into Fifth Uncle’s hands.”

Shen Yufeng’s brows were tightly knitted together, and her face was as cold as ice. “Now, these documents that affect Universe Corporation’s ownership have also fallen into Fifth Uncle’s hands.

“It seems that as long as we, the successors, are dealt with, Fifth Uncle will be able to enter the house and become the new master of the Shen family and Universe Corporation.”

Her words were like a cluster of sparks that ignited the anger and ambition hidden deep in Shen Yuhe’s bones.

The joints all over Shen Yuhe’s body were cracking and popping. The veins on the back of his clenched fist extended all the way to his temples, causing the corners of his eyes to be raised and his face to be extremely hideous.

“Fifth Uncle’s act of playing the fool is too beautiful!”

Shen Yuhe mumbled, “The old man has worked hard all his life. Even in the face of the monster mastermind, he never flinched. I didn’t expect him to do it for someone else instead!”

“Dr. Meng...”

Shen Yufeng stared at Meng Chao and said, “You brought us here and told us all of this. What exactly do you want?”

“I told you. I just want to live.”

Meng Chao calmly said, “I don’t care who becomes the new master of the Shen family and Universe Corporation. Shen Yuanbiao and I don’t have any personal grudges. Even if he becomes the new master, it doesn’t concern me.

“The problem is that I’m already in the middle of the whirlpool. I could kneel in front of Shen Yuanbiao, beg him bitterly, and swear to God that I wouldn’t keep anything from him, but he wouldn’t believe me.

“Therefore, I have no other choice but to support the successors who can let me live to become the new heads of the Shen family and Universe Corporation.”

“Why us?”

Shen Yufeng was still hesitant. “You could have chosen a successor who was even stronger

“It’s because the two of you seem to be relatively small, and both of you have major flaws.”

Meng Chao explained, “The genetic medicine business isn’t Universe Corporation’s main business to begin with. Furthermore, a scandal has just erupted. It’s simply a hot potato.

“As Universe Corporation’s personnel director, you’re also in charge of supervising the education, rewards, and punishments of the family’s children. It sounds glamorous, but this is a typical position that is dependent on the head of the family. It lacks independence and strength to take charge.

“I feel that compared with the other heirs, the two of you seem to need me more. There’s a better chance for me to sell my intelligence and strength to you for a good price.”

His words were a little harsh.

However, they dispelled Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng’s doubts a bit.

Shen Yuhe smiled. “Are you sure that we’ll believe you and fight Shen Yuanbiao to the death?”

“Of course, you can choose not to believe me.”

Meng Chao calmly said, “Just pretend that you’ve never been here before, and you don’t know that there’s something else going on with Chairman Shen’s death. Go back to your plot of land and sleep peacefully.

“There’s only one thing. I am not only afraid of death but also of pain.

“If Chairman Shen’s real murderer tortured me before he killed me, I would definitely not be able to keep my mouth shut and not tell anyone that you’ve been here before.

“Once the murderer finds out the two of you know that Chairman Shen’s death is fishy, do you think that the murderer will let you go?”

Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng’s expressions became hideous.

In fact, whether they knew about their father’s death or not, it was likely that their fifth uncle, Shen Yuanbiao, was involved.

Once Shen Yuanbiao became the new master of the Shen family and Universe Corporation, he would not sit idly by and watch them enjoy their current positions for too long.

When the one with power changes, his subordinates will change as well...

In order to pave the way for his son, Shen Yuanbiao would definitely treat his nephew and niece, who were sitting in key positions, as a thorn in his side.

As the two siblings thought about it, their breathing grew heavy.

“You mentioned earlier that you wanted to use intelligence and strength in exchange for something from us?”

Shen Yufeng's sharp senses allowed her to catch the key point in Meng Chao's words. "We already know about your intelligence. What do you mean by strength? At this juncture, brilliant medical skills won't be of much use."

"Of course I'm not talking about medical skills."

Meng Chao smiled. "I stated in the beginning that I was a spy that Chairman Shen placed long ago."

"Chairman Shen also set up many spies like me, both inside and outside Dragon City."

"Now that Chairman Shen has suddenly passed away, we spies still want to have a better life, don't we?"

Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng were both moved.

The two swallowed their saliva and thought about the truth of Meng Chao's words, as well as the strength of the "spies."

Upon careful scrutiny, this indeed seemed like the old man's modus operandi.

As a powerful man who managed to develop a small mining team into one of the largest mining groups in Dragon City in just a few decades, the old man's simple and rough style was just a disguise.

On the surface, he was rude and reckless.

In his bones, he was meticulous and cautious.

Secretly training a secret force that no one knew about was something the old man could do.

Besides, the inclination of this secret force likely determined the ownership of Universe Corporation's supreme throne.

Chapter 1659: Card

"Are you saying that as long as the price is right, we can manipulate the spies that the old man set in place?" Shen Yuhe could not help but ask.

Meng Chao spread his hands. "Do we have any other choice?"

Shen Yufeng stared at him, trying to read the truth of his words and the true value of this spy from the quivering eyebrows on his face. "In that case, what would be the 'right price?'" she asked.

"We're not greedy."

Meng Chao laughed. "We only want the genetic medicine company under Universe Corporation and its related businesses. That's enough!"

It was indeed not a high price.

After all, Universe Corporation's main assets were all invested in the hundreds of crystal ore veins.

If Universe Corporation was a giant, then the genetic medicine business could only be considered one of its arms.

At present, the genetic medicine business was firmly in Shen Yuhe's hands. He was clear on how much value the business still had after the scandal and the inevitable restructuring. Compared with the entire Shen family and Universe Corporation, it was just a drop in the bucket.

Even so, he still narrowed his eyes and sneered, "Your appetite really isn't small."

Meng Chao appeared collected. "We're all smart people. Time is limited. I don't want to play the game of asking for a sky-high price and having low returns. You and I both understand that this is a fair price. Moreover, you guys can definitely pay it. Hence, this is my bottom line—our bottom line.

"We want Universe Corporation's gene medicine company, 51% of the shares. If we get a little less, or even one gene reagent is missing, the deal is off!"

Shen Yuhe frowned slightly and muttered, "But how do I know that your so-called spies are worth investing? After all, except you, I haven't seen any other spy who's both powerful and valuable.

"From beginning to end, it's just been you bragging."

"The reason why a spy is a spy is naturally because he can display his greatest value in the dark. I have a list in my hands, as well as the methods to contact and drive them. I guarantee that every name on the list will play a crucial role in seizing control of Universe Corporation."

Meng Chao calmly said, "However, you're right. Before I see the real money, I don't intend to reveal the complete list to you. You can only choose to believe it or not.

"If you think that I'm just a liar who's taking advantage of Chairman Shen's death to get benefits, you can slam the door and leave if you don't believe every word I've said. You can even arrest me and send me to Shen Yuanbiao.

"If that's the case, I can only hand this list over to the new chairman—the future 'Chairman Shen!'"

Shen Yuhe was still debating on whether his words were true or not. Shen Yufeng could no longer hold it in.

In the end, Shen Yuhe was in charge of the genetic medicine company and was a vassal of a region. His independence was relatively strong. After so many years of moving around and strategizing, he had also accumulated considerable strength. Even if he could not fight for control over Universe Corporation, it was still possible for him to establish his own family.

However, Shen Yufeng, the director of Universe Corporation's personnel, was completely dependent on the chairman. If she was kicked out of the door, would she receive an invitation from the other eight mega corporations as a member of the Shen Family? Could she become their director of personnel and help them manage their descendants?

"If we agree to your conditions, then what?"

Shen Yufeng could not wait to ask, "Do you want us to directly tell Fifth Uncle everything?"

“If all of this has been meticulously planned by Fifth Uncle, then his temperament and strategy are terrifying to the extreme. I believe that he has already made careful arrangements in the dark and even dug a trap for us to jump into.

“Even if Second Brother and I join forces, together with the spies left behind by the old man, we might not necessarily be Fifth Uncle’s match if we directly reveal our cards!”

“That’s right.”

Meng Chao smiled. “Chairman Shen’s spies are the last trump card. Obviously, it’s not suitable for us to use it in the first round.

“I think we should first leak the news of Chairman Shen’s death to Shen Chenglie.”

“What?!”

Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng raised their eyebrows at the same time as if they were holding up four sharp black blades.

In name, Shen Chenglie was Shen Yuanbao’s eldest son, the one everyone called “big brother.”

Moreover, he was in charge of the most core and most secretive part of Universe Corporation’s business. He had many elite soldiers under him, and he had spread his wings long ago.

However, he was not related to Shen Yuanbao by blood. Rather than saying that they were father and son, it was more appropriate to say that they were “major shareholder” and “minor shareholder” respectively.

Back then, in the era of bloodshed and lawlessness, Shen Chenglie and the other adopted children had invested capital into the stock market. As a result, the Shen family were in such a state today.

Although these minor shareholders had sworn loyalty to Shen Yuanbao by becoming adopted children, the value of such loyalty was extremely limited. With Universe Corporation’s rapid development, these minority shareholders also continued to recruit and buy horses, sharpening their claws and teeth. Gradually, it turned into a situation where they became too big to be removed, and the vassal states were divided.

It was not necessarily that Shen Yuanbao did not want to eliminate the vassal states.

Firstly, the Monster War was in full swing. Secondly, the other eight mega corporations were eyeing them like a tiger eyeing its prey. Thirdly, Shen Chenglie and his godchildren had indeed made outstanding contributions to the war that have lasted to this day.

Just as Shen Yuanbao had said, Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng were both pampered children.

Scheming within the enterprises, strategizing in the business world, and stirring up trouble in front of the old man were their strengths.

However, they definitely could not be like Shen Chenglie, who had charged fearlessly toward the Apocalyptic Beast’s mouth.

Therefore, when Meng Chao mentioned his name, the two of them immediately felt their blood run cold.

“No, we can’t tell Big Brother about the old master’s death!” Shen Yufeng subconsciously screamed.

Her face turned slightly red soon after. She felt that her desire for power was too obvious.

Unfortunately, once she said that, she could not take it back. She might as well go all out. Gritting her teeth, she said, “Universe Corporation is the old master’s life’s work. Of course, it should be handed over to the real members of the Shen family. Even Fifth Uncle isn’t qualified. Shen Chenglie’s so-called ‘adopted children’ are certainly not qualified to take all of this away from me or us!”

“Indeed, they are not qualified, but they are capable.”

Meng Chao said, “The adopted children have been running Universe Corporation for many years. They have held many key positions and profitable businesses. The elite soldiers under their command are all ruthless people who have fought their way out of mountains of corpses and seas of blood.

“Although Chairman Shen has been cultivating his own flesh and blood in the past few years, many of his blood descendants have just come of age and have not fully grown their wings yet. It will be difficult for the two of you to compete with the adopted children alone!”

Chapter 1660: Watching the Tigers Fight From the Mountain

“That’s why we can’t reveal the news of the old master’s death to Shen Chenglie!”

Shen Yuhe’s face was livid. “At least, before the dust settles, we can’t let the adopted children participate in this matter!”

“You’re wrong.”

Meng Chao shook his head and said, “Without their participation, the dust will never settle, and it will be difficult for the two of you to compete with Shen Yuanbiao with your strength.

“The only solution now is to bring in the adopted children and allow Shen Chenglie, as well as the others, to fight to the death with Shen Yuanbiao. Only then will the two of you have a chance to ‘watch the tigers fight from the mountain’¹ and become the final winner, right?”

His words startled Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng slightly.

Both of them fell into deep thought.

“Originally, if Chairman Shen could live for another five or ten years and carry out the ‘cutting fan’ smoothly, leaving most of the power of Universe Corporation to his own flesh and blood, it would be very difficult for Shen Chenglie and the other adopted children to have the chance to take charge of the entire Shen family and Universe Corporation. I believe Shen Chenglie and the others also know that. Therefore, what they can do is firmly control the basics and become an independent kingdom within Universe Corporation. They are ready to establish their own family at any time.”

Meng Chao continued. “However, Chairman Shen’s sudden death not only gives Shen Yuanbiao the opportunity to steal Universe Corporation, but it will also trigger the ambitions that have been lurking deep within Shen Chenglie and the others.

“Universe Corporation was built by us and the old man while we risked our lives. Back when we followed the old man to conquer the world, you blood descendants were still peeing in the mud. Who’s more qualified to inherit Universe Corporation than us?”

“I believe those words echo in Shen Chenglie’s head at every moment.

“And once we reveal part of the truth to Shen Chenglie, guess who he’ll have to deal with first to seize Universe Corporation’s highest power will be? Could it be the two of you?”

Shen Yuhe and Shen Yufeng looked at each other.

They understood what Meng Chao meant.

If Shen Chenglie wanted to inherit the old master’s position, the first thing he would have to deal with would not be the two of them, but Shen Yuanbiao.

Firstly, Shen Yuanbiao was shrewd and calculating. It was unknown how much power he had accumulated in the dark. He was Shen Chenglie and the other adopted children’s strongest competitor.

Secondly, if Shen Yuanbiao had truly caused the old master’s death, then personally enforcing the family law against Shen Yuanbiao would also be the best way to seize the title in the name of the greater good and reduce his resistance in ascending to the top.

Thirdly, Shen Chenglie and the other adopted children had always looked down on Shen Yuhe, Shen Yufeng, and the other blood descendants. They believed that the blood descendants were all sheltered, pampered young masters and young ladies who only knew how to talk on paper. They were not qualified to compete with the actual combat sects that had fought their way through mountains of corpses and seas of blood.

“It makes sense. The old master’s death might not be a bad thing for Shen Chenglie.”

Shen Yuhe bluntly said, “Shen Chenglie has never taken us seriously. Since the old man is dead, he’ll think that as long as he kills Fifth Uncle, no one can stop him from stealing the entire Universe Corporation!”

“If that’s the case, why are you looking for us?”

Shen Yufeng stared at Meng Chao again. “Why don’t you go directly to Shen Chenglie and tell him the news of the old man’s death? Wouldn’t your chances of winning be higher if you collaborated with the adopted children?”

Meng Chao smiled faintly and did not answer.

Shen Yuhe, on the other hand, sneered and answered the question on Meng Chao’s behalf. “Our Dr. Meng is a smart man. He knows who to work with so that he can exchange the chips in his hands for the greatest value.

“Shen Chenglie and the other adopted children are too powerful. Even if he represents all the spies, he will only be icing on the cake for Shen Chenglie. Dr. Meng won’t be able to sell his offer for a high price, and he’ll also have to be on guard against Shen Chenglie, who might burn the bridge after he crosses the river or even kill him to silence him.

“Meanwhile, the two of us are relatively weaker. If we work together with them, Dr. Meng and the ‘spies’ whom he represents will be able to take the initiative and have a higher degree of safety, right?”

“That’s right.”

Meng Chao laughed. “Shen Chenglie and Shen Yuanbiao are both fierce wolves. If we collaborate with them, we’ll have to live in fear and tread on thin ice all day long even if we succeed. I don’t want to live like that forever!”

“In that case, how are you going to tell them about the old master’s death?”

Shen Yufeng asked, “Are we going to reveal it to them directly?”

“No. People will always instinctively doubt information that is obtained too easily, but they will believe the information that they accidentally stumble upon or have painstakingly investigated.”

Meng Chao said, “I suggest that the two of you don’t reveal anything to Shen Chenglie and the other members of the adopted children faction. Instead, you should secretly recruit troops to investigate Shen Yuanbiao and act as if you are preparing to attack Shen Yuanbiao and seize his position and power.

“You don’t have to be too cautious about it. You might as well let some of the people in Universe Corporation, who are close to the adopted children, know about it.

“It’s best to find those who, on the surface, have nothing to do with the adopted children, but are in reality, very close to them. Some of them are even loyal to Shen Chenglie in secret. Do you know the existence of such people?”

“Of course.”

Shen Yufeng narrowed her eyes and gnashed her teeth. “Shen Chenglie and the adopted children control Universe Corporation’s internal affairs. A lot of high-profit businesses are under their control. Many people are tempted by real money and have long been bribed by them.

“Nobody knows how long the old master will be able to support the Shen family, especially after the attempted assassination. There are even rumors in the dark that, once the old master dies, the Shen family, which won’t have the support of a Deity Realm expert, will fall apart. They will no longer be qualified to be one of the nine noble cultivation families!

“As the saying goes, ‘when the tree falls, the monkeys scatter.’¹ In their panic, many people are thinking of a way out. At this point, there are as many people who are clinging to Shen Chenglie’s thigh like hairs on a cow’s back!”

“That’s good.”

Meng Chao pondered for a moment and said, "It would be best if it was someone close to you or someone who has the opportunity to access your confidential documents. It would be much more natural for such a person to reveal the information to Shen Chenglie."

"Of course, in the information that's revealed, you should make your plan a little stupid. It has to be obvious that you're just boasting. Based on what's on paper, it'll be impossible for your plan to succeed."

"That's simple."

Shen Yuhe said, "In Shen Chenglie's eyes, we're always just boasting. He'll definitely believe us when he sees our plan that's full of loopholes"

"As long as he believes, he won't have other options," Meng Chao replied.

"To Shen Chenglie, once you launch a frontal attack on Shen Yuanbiao and get beaten up by him, Shen Yuanbiao will succeed smoothly. With the prestige of a great victory, he'll make public the news of his grandfather's death and ascend to the highest position of power in Universe Corporation."

"So, if Shen Chenglie and the adopted children want to seize power, they can only replace you and become Shen Yuanbiao's real opponents!"