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Chapter 371 – Retaliation

However, looking at Zhao Fu's back and hearing his voice, Sun Qin felt that her boss seemed quite familiar. She had definitely met him in the real world somewhere before.

Zhao Fu didn't pay much mind to Sun Qin's gaze, and he had her return to the real world for now. Destroying the Wang family could result in trouble, mainly from the system main city, so he had to deal with it personally.

Sun Qin understood what Zhao Fu was going to do, so she immediately agreed to leave the Heaven Awaken World. Seeing Zhao Fu about to leave, Sun Qin couldn't help but say, "Boss, please be careful!"

Zhao Fu felt a bit surprised when he heard Sun Qin's care-filled words. He nodded before his body blurred and disappeared.

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"Sir, something terrible has happened! Our young master has been killed by someone!" an elderly man in gray, who looked like a butler, quickly ran into a house and said to a dignified-looking middle-aged man.

The middle-aged man frowned. Because it wasn't a true death, he wasn't very angry or feel much pain. Rather, he felt quite confused – his son had taken 20 or so Stage 1 experts with him, and he had been killed in Great Ancient City. Just who was bold enough to offend the number one faction in Great Ancient City?

"What's going on? Tell me the details," the middle-aged man asked.

The gray-clothed elderly man immediately told him all of the information he had to the middle-aged man. After hearing this, the middle-aged man looked furious as he roared, "That unfilial son!"

The middle-aged man wasn't angry at what his son had done. However, he had told him many times not to make trouble at that restaurant, yet his son had gone and done exactly that. The Wang family was unafraid of any of the factions in Great Ancient City except that restaurant.

The restaurant was owned by a player, and that player opened his restaurant many months before any other restaurants opened. This meant that the player had become a Baron months before anyone else and had unrivaled wealth to be able to purchase property, carry out renovations, and hire guards.

What's more, they had dishes that no one else could make. Even though the ingredients were quite ordinary, they were difficult to obtain because they were from different regions. Just based on the ability to cross different regions was enough for the player to be feared.

Crossing to another region required passing through a Void Zone, which was incredibly dangerous. The middle-aged man had attempted this with a team before but had failed miserably.

“However, that person saying that he wants to exterminate the Wang family is simply too arrogant. With our strength, we don’t fear any player faction in Red Plum Plains.” The middle-aged man still felt quite confident.

This was because his daughter had married one of Great Ancient City’s Generals, and it was because of him that the Wang family had been able to develop so quickly. In fact, in times of need, they could even use a portion of the system main city’s strength.

The restaurant was only something that the Wang family was slightly wary of, and it hadn’t ever shown its true strength. “You’ve killed my son and said that you want to exterminate the Wang family; you’re seeking your own death. Butler, immediately gather our people as well as some city guards and kill everyone in that restaurant. Don’t let even a single one of them escape.”

“Arghhhh...” Just as the middle-aged man finished murderously giving out these orders, pained cries started sounding out from outside.

Immediately, the middle-aged man felt incredibly startled, and he walked out to see that the entire residence had been surrounded by a gray fog. Black figures flashed about, massacring his people.

“What’s going on?” The middle-aged man felt completely shocked – the people he had nurtured were unable to retaliate at all. Just as they tried to attack, their throats would be slit, while those black figures’ auras were those of Stage 1 or above.

What was going on? Why were there so many Stage 1 experts attacking the Wang family? Just what faction was this?

Suddenly, the middle-aged man thought about what the butler said – that person had said he was going to exterminate the Wang family, and he was now here. Only now did the middle-aged man realize what a terrifying force he was facing.

Swish!

An arc of light streaked at the middle-aged man’s throat without any warning, looking incredibly fatal. Just as it was about to slice open his throat, the middle-aged man roared and threw his head back, narrowly dodging the attack.

However, before the middle-aged man could celebrate, a ghostly figure appeared behind him, and another sharp light flashed out. The middle-aged man felt a pain in his back as a long gash was opened, causing blood to flow out.

“Arghhhh!” The middle-aged man swung his large saber, chopping behind him ferociously, but the figure suddenly disappeared.

Suddenly, the middle-aged man sensed something and looked up – a figure had appeared above him, raising two silver hidden blades and slashing towards the middle-aged man as the figure dropped down towards him.

Clang!

The middle-aged man raised his large saber and blocked, resulting in a massive metallic collision sound.

However, another figure appeared by the middle-aged man's side, giving him a fright, and he quickly dodged to the side. However, his abdomen was slashed by a sharp hidden blade, causing blood to stain his clothes.

The middle-aged man found that he was being attacked by five people. If it was just one of them, he would be able to deal with it, but these five people's cooperation was seamless, and he wasn't a match for them at all.

Soon, the middle-aged man's body was covered by ten or so bloody cuts, and most of the Wang family's people had died by now. All of the corpses on the ground belonged to the Wang family, and blood dyed the ground.

The middle-aged man roared in grief and anger – he knew that the Wang family was most likely going to fall here, and he felt incredible regret. Why had his son offended such a terrifying faction? After all of this, he would definitely teach him a lesson.

Afterward, the battle came close to concluding. More and more of Great Qin's Assassins attacked the middle-aged man, who was covered in wounds. Was he going to die here?

Seeing more and more people start to attack him, the middle-aged man started to grow weaker and weaker, and he started to feel a trace of despair.

“Father-in-law! I'm here to save you!” A thick-eyebrowed big man suddenly appeared, brandishing a large sword and slashing out a ten-meter long sword light that was incredibly destructive and forced away Great Qin's Assassins.

The thick-eyebrowed big man was called Dongfang Xiang, and he was one of Great Ancient City's Generals and the Wang family's son-in-law. The Dark Ghost World outside could stop Stage 1 and Stage 2 people, but it couldn't stop anyone at Stage 3 or above.

Dongfang Xiang was unable to bring his soldiers in, so he had rushed through by himself. After seeing the bloody scene, he felt quite shocked, and seeing his father-in-law being surrounded by so many people, he immediately attacked to save him.

Seeing Dongfang Xiang arrive, the middle-aged man became delighted and saw a trace of hope. They started to resist Great Qin's Assassins together.

Chapter 372 - Great Ancient City Lord

Clang!

Dongfang Xiang swung his sword as he spun in a circle, bringing about a sharp sword wind that sent Great Qin's Assassins, who were attacking from three directions, flying away.

However, Great Qin's Assassins were able to use their hidden blades to block the sword wind, and they weren't injured by this attack.

Dongfang Xiang felt that Great Qin's Assassins were quite troublesome to deal with, so he turned and asked seriously, “Father-in-law, what sort of person did you offend? These Assassins are much more powerful than ordinary city guards, and they aren't people ordinary factions can develop.”

The middle-aged man looked quite bitter, and he gave a summary of what had happened in the restaurant as they fought.

Dongfang Xiang immediately understood – that restaurant was indeed quite special, and the strength it had displayed was simply unfathomable. “Father-in-law, I’ll break you out of the encirclement. The Wang family’s residence has been surrounded by an extremely strong illusion, and my men are unable to come in.”

The middle-aged man looked at the Wang family’s people being slaughtered, and his expression became dim. The Wang family had essentially been destroyed, but he could at least survive. Relying on Dongfang Xiang, he could still start over, so he nodded and agreed.

“Hah!!” Dongfang Xiang loudly roared, and an extremely powerful aura exploded out of his body. He raised his sword as a brilliant sword light shot out from it.

Boom!!

As Dongfang Xiang slashed downwards, a massive sword wind was slashed out, creating a 100-meter long sword gash on the ground as the intense sword wind forced back countless Assassins and opened up a path.

Dongfang Xiang immediately grabbed the middle-aged man and ran. Dongfang Xiang’s cultivation was at Stage 3, and he was quite fast. All Great Qin’s Assassins saw was a black blur moving, and they were unable to keep up at all.

It looked like Dongfang Xiang and the middle-aged man were going to escape when a figure blocked in front of them.

It was a person in a black cloak who didn’t give off a very powerful aura. He simply stood there unmenacingly.

Dongfang Xiang looked ahead and saw a pair of blood-red eyes under the hood. Immediately his hairs stood on end as he was assaulted by a feeling of danger. He immediately stopped running and asked seriously, “Who are you, sir?”

Zhao Fu looked at Dongfang Xiang and the middle-aged man beside him as he calmly replied, “I’m of course the person who’s going to exterminate the Wang family. I advise you not to stick your nose into other people’s business; I don’t want to form enmity with Great Ancient City. You should think about your position and not cause any trouble for Great Ancient City.”

Zhao Fu’s words seemed incredibly bold, and it was to the point that he was threatening a system main city. However, Dongfang Xiang completely believed that Zhao Fu had the power and right to do so.

He was one of Great Ancient City’s three Great Generals, and he didn’t want to make trouble for Great Ancient City. However, this middle-aged man was his father-in-law, and he couldn’t just allow him to die. What was worse was that it was them who were in the wrong, and if the City Lord became involved, the blame would fall on them.

“Sir, you’ve already killed everyone in the Wang family, and everything here belongs to you. I just want to take my father-in-law away.” Facing this dangerous cloaked figure, Dongfang Xiang could tell that he was much weaker, so he spoke in a courteous tone.

The middle-aged man felt quite shocked. He knew how powerful Dongfang Xiang was, yet he was still backing down in front of this black-cloaked figure. Just how powerful was this person?

“I already said that I’m going to exterminate the entire Wang family!” Even though Dongfang Xiang had already taken a step back, Zhao Fu was unwilling to relent. He immediately refused because leaving the Wang family’s leader alive would result in many troubles in the future. With Dongfang Xiang’s power, he would be able to rebuild everything quickly.

After hearing Zhao Fu’s words, Dongfang Xiang gripped his sword and prepared to fight.

Seeing Dongfang Xiang prepare himself, Zhao Fu coldly harrumphed and instantly disappeared.

Bang!

A muffled explosion sounded out as Zhao Fu appeared in front of Dongfang Xiang, punching Dongfang Xiang’s chest and blasting him backward.

Dongfang Xiang was too confident. If it was before, Zhao Fu wouldn’t have been able to fight against a General, but things were different now. Let alone a General, even a City Lord without a City Lord Seal would be nothing in front of Zhao Fu.

Dongfang Xiang coughed up a mouthful of blood. He had never thought that a simple punch from Zhao Fu would injure him so severely. What angered him even more was that Zhao Fu was now holding the middle-aged man by his throat and raising him into the air. The middle-aged man was unable to resist at all, and he could only desperately struggle.

“No!” Dongfang furiously roared.

However, Zhao Fu coldly twisted with his hand, breaking the middle-aged man’s neck. The middle-aged man immediately died, and Zhao Fu let go, allowing him to drop to the ground and sending some dust into the air.

“Arghhh!!” Dongfang Xiang roared, his face completely red with anger. He looked like a berserk beast as he rushed at Zhao Fu.

Zhao Fu stood his ground, stretching out his palm towards Dongfang Xiang as a black mark appeared at the center of his palm.

Bang!

The black mark flashed with black light, and a massive formless energy sent Dongfang Xiang flying back like a rubber ball, causing him to crash into a house and turn it into rubble.

Within the ruins, Dongfang Xiang coughed up a large mouthful of blood and powerlessly lay there, and he was heavily injured.

Zhao Fu didn't attack again. Rather, he looked up into the sky, where a large bearded man had appeared – this was evidently Great Ancient City's City Lord.

After Dongfang Xiang had hurried over, it was impossible for the City Lord not to know what was happening.

"Sir, if you leave matters at this, I won't look into it." The large bearded man looked quite coarse and rough, but he wasn't a rash fool. Seeing that his subordinate had been injured by Zhao Fu so easily, he didn't want to directly engage in a massive battle with Zhao Fu.

First, he could sense an aura of danger from Zhao Fu, and he could sense the energy ripples of a City Lord Seal from within Zhao Fu. Even though it was only the City Lord Seal of a Basic City, he was sure that there was more that Zhao Fu was hiding.

This was because Zhao Fu was a player, and he was the first player City Lord who he had met. To be able to raise a Village into a Basic City in such a short amount of time, his background was definitely quite extraordinary.

The large bearded man wasn't sure if he could win in a fight, and if they really fought here, the ones who would suffer the most were the people of Great Ancient City. After all, the aftermath of their battle would destroy a lot of the city.

Moreover, this was originally a dispute between players, and the system faction shouldn't be brought into this. Based on what the Wang family had done within Great Ancient City, losing the Wang family wouldn't harm Great Ancient City at all.

In fact, losing the Wang family would suppress the players and get rid of a blight in the city, which was actually good for the city.

Even though the large bearded City Lord could easily get rid of the Wang family, he had to be wary of the rest of the players. As the players became more and more powerful, the Wang family had become more and more powerful. Adding on the fact that Dongfang Xiang was the Wang family leader's son-in-law, it would be good to use Zhao Fu to get rid of the Wang family.

Chapter 373 - Imperial Rule

Zhao Fu felt quite surprised – after all, he had thought that a battle with the large bearded man would be unavoidable. However, since the City Lord was willing to compromise, he decided to accept.

After all, his goal had been to destroy the Wang family, and now that he had succeeded, there was no benefit to fighting the City Lord here. After all, he had many of his own people here and had to think about them.

"I can accept that. I don't want to develop enmity with Great Ancient City, and if possible, I'd like to get along amicably," Zhao Fu said courteously as he retracted his aura.

The large bearded man felt quite relieved – he had been quite worried that the cloaked figure would have demanded to fight. He smiled as he said, "Of course I'd welcome you as a friend of Great Ancient City."

The two of them cordially talked for a while before countless people watched in shock as Zhao Fu left.

The news about the Wang family being exterminated quickly spread, and everyone who heard about it felt incredibly shocked. No one had thought that such a powerful faction like the Wang family would have been exterminated so easily, and even the City Lord had gone. However, he had ended up chatting politely with the mysterious figure.

One could only imagine how terrifying the faction that had destroyed the Wang family was. Now, that restaurant became an inviolable existence for everyone.

Zhao Fu also established his own faction within Red Plum Plains. However, it wasn't at Great Ancient City but at another system main city. This was because Zhao Fu felt that Great Ancient City was already incredibly wary, making it difficult to develop there.

Now, he had established a foundation for Great Qin in the four surrounding regions. After taking some time to develop, he would be able to draw in the net.

After returning to the Great Qin City, Zhao Fu found that there wasn't much to do, and for the next few days, Great Qin developed steadily.

The soldiers continued to explore and conquer villages, and now, Great Qin controlled everything within 3,000 kilometers, which quite big. However, compared to the rest of the Forest of Horrors, it was still quite small.

In the early stages, having sufficient land was enough, and there was no point in having an excessive amount of it. Right now, Zhao Fu continuously conquered villages to boost his population, and the gains to territory were mainly subsidiary.

Only in the late stages would land be extremely useful. After establishing a nation, all of this would be national territory. The more national territory there was, the more Fate one would gain. After all, the land contained Fate of the land, and the more land one controlled, the more Fate of the land one would have. This would aid in their human resources, resulting in Great Qin becoming stronger.

The military matters were controlled by the various Commanders and Generals, and their main role was attacking villages. This was quite simple, so Zhao Fu didn't need to participate.

With respect to internal affairs, Zhao Fu felt that he wasn't very suitable for managing such things, so he didn't take much part in that. Most things were handed over to Li Si because Zhao Fu was more suited to fighting than managing – he was a King who was suited to battle.

There were many things to manage for internal affairs because Great Qin now controlled 584 villages that were scattered within 1,500 kilometers of it. Luckily, teleportation channels made getting around a lot easier.

There were many things to take care of for internal affairs: the first was the quality of life for his people, as well as construction, production, business, education, transport, intelligence, and the harmony among the various races.

Now that he had excess time, even though Zhao Fu didn't want to take care of these things, as the liege, he still had to play his part in managing some of these things. As such, he started with quality of life.

Zhao Fu wasn't sure about this because quality of life depended on the people as a whole as opposed to a single person determining what was a good quality of life.

For example, some people could have high-paying jobs that were relaxing to them, but others would feel that such a lifestyle was boring and meaningless. Conversely, some could think that people working tough and dirty jobs had lousy lives, but those people might feel that their lives were filled with meaning and joy.

"Li Si, make an announcement and select 300 people as representatives," Zhao Fu said to Li Si. Now, Great Qin had close to 700,000 residents, and because Zhao Fu was unable to ask all of them about their quality of life, he decided to choose representatives to gather views.

This was the best way to hear the views of many without expending too many resources. After all, Zhao Fu wasn't interested in establishing a country like in the real world; rather, he preferred imperial rule with a supreme ruler.

However, Zhao Fu still recognized the importance of the people and the fact that a nation still had to rely on the commoners. Only by listening to their views would he be able to be an enlightened liege and give his people a good life.

This sort of method had been used in the west since ancient times, and it was a pity that eastern countries hadn't used such methods until recently. Now that Great Qin was using such a method, it was a sort of reform that was quite progressive.

When he heard this, Li Si expressed his appreciation of the idea and ordered for representatives to be chosen.

This resulted in a lot of surprise and excitement, and people discussed this with each other.

"His Majesty wants us to choose representatives to hear our views and understand our lives? He's such a wise ruler."

"That's right! His Majesty's so high up above us, yet he wants to hear our views; he's simply too good to us. It's such a blessing for us to have a ruler like him!"

Someone said, "His Majesty has such a noble status, and we're so far below him that I feel like voicing our opinions is like offending him. I feel that we should just do whatever His Majesty says; I trust that he'll be able to lead us into a bright future."

Immediately, someone else added, "This means that His Majesty is an enlightened liege and is willing to lower himself to hear our opinions. This means that he truly cares about us, and we're incredibly blessed to have such a kind ruler. I believe that we should choose representatives not only for ourselves but also to help His Majesty establish a better Empire!" Many people agreed with this, and soon, passionate talks about who should be a representative began.

Zhao Fu had made some rules for the representatives, such as that they had to be respected by the majority of people around them and that they shouldn't have any fairly bad tendencies.

After classes at the Rising Qin Academy were over, the students started talking about this, and this matter caused all of Great Qin to feel incredibly excited.

“Miss Asani, can we choose you to be our school’s representative?” one of the students loudly asked after class was over.

Asani knew about this matter, and when she heard that the students wanted her to be a representative, she shyly shook her head because she thought that she wasn’t suitable.

At the research workshop, Bai Shan heard about this and happily laughed before saying to the other Scholars, “Everyone, please choose me to be a representative; I feel that I’m quite suitable for this!”

Chapter 374 - Danger

As everyone was passionately discussing the matter about representatives, Zhao Fu ordered people to start constructing a Meeting Hall. The Meeting Hall would be able to seat thousands of people, which would be used for conferences with the representatives. As Great Qin’s population grew, the number of representatives would also increase.

The Meeting Hall would be the main place for voicing the opinions of the people, and they would hold a meeting once every year. After all, Zhao Fu didn’t have the time to conduct these meetings all the time.

As the construction of the Meeting Hall and choosing of representatives went on, Zhao Fu turned his attention to the next matter, which was Great Qin’s agriculture.

Now, tree leaves were turning yellow, and the green leaves slowly disappeared. The temperature gradually became colder, and there was no longer any summer heat. It was now autumn, which was harvesting season.

Because of the Great Qin City’s stats, everything grew much faster, but when it was autumn, there were many extra bonuses, such as many things tasting better and sweeter.

For example, most fruits taste sweeter, and grains are plumper and filled with more flavor.

Zhao Fu went to the agriculture region and saw many people harvesting grains or picking fruits. Picking fruits was quite simple – they would simply take the fruits from the trees and place them in baskets before carrying them away.

This was quite simple and didn’t take much skill, and the efficiency was alright. However, things were different with grains.

This was because grains used fairly primitive methods to beat branches with rice crops, causing the mature grains to fall.

This was too primitive and inefficient, taking too much time and effort. Seeing this, Zhao Fu thought of a tool he had seen when he was young for harvesting grains.

It was a contraption that was about as big as a bed and primarily made of wood and some iron. People continuously stepped on boards that turned rollers, which beat the branches of rice crops.

This sort of tool was still quite primitive in the modern world because everything was done with machines in the real world, making things extremely easy.

Of course, it would be difficult to create such machines in the Heaven Awaken World for now, so Zhao Fu wanted to at least use wooden tools, which would be easy to make.

After thinking about it, Zhao Fu returned to the real world and started to look up grain harvesting methods, and he quickly found some methods.

Zhao Fu spent some time memorizing the methods, but just as he was about to return to the Heaven Awaken World, someone knocked on his door and asked, "Mr. Zhao, are you awake yet?"

This was Zhao Fu's bodyguard, and Zhao Fu felt quite surprised upon hearing his voice. Normally, Zhao Fu was the one who always called him first because he was always famished after returning to the real world, and he would always ask his bodyguard to buy him food. There was definitely something going on.

"Come in!" Zhao Fu replied, and the bodyguard walked in. "Mr. Zhao, there's something I've been told to tell you."

"What is it?" Zhao Fu asked.

"The Ying family has announced that anyone who belongs to the Ying family, whether that person is from the main family, branch family, or collateral family, must participate in a meeting. Anyone who doesn't attend will be heavily punished," the bodyguard replied.

"A meeting? Everyone needs to attend?" Zhao Fu frowned. He felt that this matter wasn't simple and asked, "What's the purpose of this meeting?"

The bodyguard thought for a moment before replying, "I heard that it's to check each person's Fate!"

When he heard this, Zhao Fu felt quite startled – just what was going on? For the Ying family to check every person's Fate, could it be that he had been exposed? He had nothing to hide his Fate in the real world, and an expert would definitely find out that he was Great Qin's Legatee!

"What should I do?" Zhao Fu rapidly thought as he asked, "When will this meeting be?"

"7 AM tomorrow morning!" the bodyguard replied.

Zhao Fu nodded and asked his bodyguard to leave before he thought about this dangerous situation. Because the Ying family was making such a big move, Zhao Fu felt quite threatened.

The Ying family's higher-ups had already ordered that anyone who didn't go would be heavily punished, and if he didn't go, it would be too suspicious.

However, what could he do if he went? He had nothing to hide his Fate, and they would be primarily checking his Fate.

They definitely had experts, and once his identity was exposed, it was possible that the Ying family would simply kill him and take his legacy, and he would have no power to retaliate. With how cold-blooded these large families were, they wouldn't let off even those related to him, and even his grandpa and grandma would most likely die.

“What should I do? What should I do?” Zhao Fu felt quite worried, and he knew that the situation was quite dangerous for him. After thinking for a while, he decided to dial a number.

Zhao Fu dialed for a long time, and just as he was about to hang up, the call connected.

“Hello?” An elegant woman’s voice that Zhao Fu was familiar with sounded out – it was Xianru’s voice.

Zhao Fu felt quite relieved and replied, “It’s me!”

Xianru sounded quite surprised as she said, “Your Majesty? What is it?”

Zhao Fu had asked for Xianru’s number a while ago in order to make sure that he could contact her in the real world in emergencies. However, he had never called her in the real world before because he was too weak and had to be very wary.

Now, it was finally time to make this call. He told Xianru about the situation and could only hope that she had some method to deal with this.

“Your Majesty, I believe that the target of this meeting is you; there’ll definitely be experts familiar with Fate, so even if you use an item to conceal your Fate, they’ll feel that something is off and will be able to discover you.”

After hearing Xianru’s words, Zhao Fu felt quite surprised – if even items that could conceal his Fate were useless, did he have to run? However, he had practically nothing in the real world – could he really survive and escape from the Ying family? Most likely not.

Luckily, Xianru continued, “Your Majesty, I can use a technique item to temporarily change your Fate to an ordinary person’s Fate; that way, you won’t be exposed.”

However, the problem was that they were in different places in the real world, so how could they facilitate this? After all, the meeting was at 7 AM the next day.

Chapter 375 - Technique Item

Zhao Fu looked at the time and saw that it was 9 PM, so the meeting was ten or so hours away. After discussing with Xianru, he found that the ten hours would be enough.

It would take Xianru two hours to create the technique item, and she would be able to transport it over in the remaining eight hours.

Now that the situation seemed to be resolved, Zhao Fu let out a sigh of relief and returned to the Heaven Awaken World. He found Bai Shan and asked him to temporarily stop researching Ultra Teleportation Channels and instead research how to create a grain harvester.

At the same time, Zhao Fu drew up a few blueprints and explained some things to Bai Shan and the Scholars.

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On a nine meter tall platform, Xianru wore a long dress and stood at the center, preparing to create the technique item. Her hands continuously performed hand seals, releasing ripples that turned into berserk gales, and there were faint sounds of thunder in the background.

Two hours later, Xianru made a small cut on her wrist, allowing a drop of blood to fall onto a jade pendant, which turned into a blood-red rune that entered the jade pendant. An image of a taichi symbol appeared within the jade pendant, and the technique item was complete.

“Ali, hurry and deliver this.” Xianru walked down from the platform and gave the jade pendant to a man waiting there.

The man nodded and placed the jade pendant in a box before leaving. He got onto a helicopter and slowly disappeared over the horizon.

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At 6 in the morning, just as the sky began to brighten, Zhao Fu got up and went to the gate of the Ying family’s residence. This was the day of the massive meeting, so the entire Ying family became quite lively.

Zhao Fu anxiously waited at the gate – if his identity was exposed, even if the Ying family didn’t kill him, he would be put in a very disadvantageous position. He didn’t have strength in the real world, and the Ying family would be able to do whatever they wanted with him.

Zhao Fu absolutely didn’t want to have his life in the hands of others, nor did he want Great Qin to be controlled by any external faction. Therefore, he couldn’t allow his identity to be exposed at this meeting.

Time gradually passed, and Zhao Fu continued to wait. Soon, luxury cars drove into the Ying family’s residence – many people were attending, so some of the Ying family’s people outside also returned.

“Zhao Fu!” Suddenly, a voice called out to him. Zhao Fu turned and saw Wu Qingniang get out of a car. Wu Qingniang had put a lot of effort into her appearance today. She wore a violet dress with crystal earrings, and her hair fell to her shoulders. She gave off a beautiful and noble aura.

Seeing Wu Qingniang arrive, Zhao Fu didn’t feel too surprised. After all, the Ying family had a close relationship with the Wu family and would typically invite the Wu family’s people to large events they held.

“What are you waiting for? Don’t tell me you were waiting for me!” Wu Qingniang grinned as she spoke.

Zhao Fu awkwardly smiled and shook his head as he replied, “I’m waiting for something!”

Wu Qingniang felt quite curious and asked, “Really? What is it?”

Of course, Zhao Fu couldn’t tell Wu Qingniang about the technique item, so he replied, “It’s nothing much, just something small.”

Of course, Wu Qingniang didn’t completely believe Zhao Fu, and she looked at him suspiciously. However, since he didn’t want to say what it was, she didn’t plan on forcing him to tell her. “Alright, it’s nearly time though, so don’t be late. I’ll wait for you inside.”

Zhao Fu nodded, and Wu Qingniang got into the car again as it drove further into the Ying family’s residence.

Soon, it was 7 AM, but the technique item still hadn't arrived, making Zhao Fu feel quite anxious.

Another 20 minutes later, a man walked over to Zhao Fu and handed him a box before quickly leaving.

Zhao Fu opened the box and saw a jade pendant. Seeing this jade pendant, Zhao Fu let out a sigh of relief, and he prepared to attach it to himself as an accessory.

Within the boundless darkness, a gigantic devilish star gave off a bright blood-red light and started to rotate. A blood-red thread fell from the sky, causing the air to tremble and the jade pendant to turn into powder. Zhao Fu stared, unable to comprehend what was going on.

Why had this jade pendant suddenly been destroyed? How was he supposed to hide his identity? What was he supposed to do now?

"Zhao Fu!" Wu Qingniang came over to Zhao Fu somewhat angrily – she had already told him not to be late, yet he had made her wait for over an hour. No man had dared to treat her like this before.

Zhao Fu came back to his senses, looked at Wu Qingniang, and apologized.

Wu Qingniang harrumphed and grabbed Zhao Fu before pulling her into the car. Zhao Fu knew where Wu Qingniang was bringing him – now that he had no way to hide his Fate, he didn't want to go, or his identity would be exposed.

"Qingniang, I have some matters to take care of, so I won't be attending the meeting," Zhao Fu said.

However, Wu Qingniang looked at Zhao Fu and gave off a domineering aura as she replied, "No! You're the man I've chosen, and I want someone to take a look at your Fate. If I'm not satisfied, I'll be leaving you."

Zhao Fu could only bitterly smile – it seemed that he wouldn't be able to escape this time, and he would have to take each step as it came. Perhaps having his identity exposed would result in something beneficial, such as him succeeding the Ying family. However, Zhao Fu didn't want his life to be in someone else's hands.

The future was filled with unknown variables, and because Zhao Fu wasn't a god, he couldn't see into the future or control everything. As such, he could only dispiritedly look out of the window.

Seeing Zhao Fu fall silent, Wu Qingniang thought that she had gone too far, so she wrapped her arm around Zhao Fu's as she put her head against Zhao Fu's shoulder and asked in a soft voice, "Are you angry?"

Zhao Fu came back to his senses and smiled. "No, it's just that you might be disappointed with my Fate and give up on me."

Zhao Fu didn't have much confidence in Wu Qingniang. After all, she just wanted to be with him based on her instincts. In reality, the relationship between them was limited to just being friends.

Zhao Fu had never thought of himself as Wu Qingniang's man, and he was clear about his position. If she chose someone else, he wouldn't mind and would understand.

Hearing Zhao Fu's words, Wu Qingniang started to feel truly annoyed and pinched Zhao Fu's side savagely, causing him to spasm.

"I wouldn't give up on you; you're the only man I've set my eyes on. Even if you don't have any Fate, I'll help you change your life and fate."

Wu Qingniang held Zhao Fu's arm and looked at Zhao Fu with an earnest look in her eyes.

Hearing this, Zhao Fu felt quite guilty and didn't know how to face Wu Qingniang. Luckily, they were nearly at the meeting spot, allowing Zhao Fu to inwardly let out a sigh of relief.

Chapter 376 - Great Qin Bloodline

"Let's go!" They arrived at the meeting place, and Wu Qingniang regained her noble and dignified manner. She put her arm around Zhao Fu's as they walked towards the crowd of people.

It was a spacious garden, and more than 10,000 people had gathered here. Luckily, the garden was massive, or it would have been quite crowded with so many people.

With Wu Qingniang holding on to Zhao Fu in such an obvious way in public, they drew many gazes.

The Ancient Beauty Rankings drew the attention of countless people, and being ranked third, Wu Qingniang was quite famous. Whether it was the Ying family's main family, branch family, or collateral family, everyone wanted to see her beautiful looks and temperament for oneself.

However, they found that she was arm-in-arm with an ordinary, only slightly handsome-looking young man, making them feel incredibly envious and spiteful.

Ying Xi also felt quite shocked upon seeing her good sister holding onto Zhao Fu. This was out of her expectations because she thought that Wu Qingniang only treated Zhao Fu as an important chess piece or a friend.

It seemed that what Wu Qingniang thought of Zhao Fu greatly exceeded anything that she had expected.

When she thought of how close she had been with Wu Qingniang before and saw how affectionate she was with Zhao Fu now, Ying Xi couldn't help but feel a bit jealous.

The Young Master of one of the Ying family's other branches, a handsome young man named Ying Qin, saw this and hated Zhao Fu. He had been pursuing Wu Qingniang this entire time not only for her but also for the faction behind her.

However, Wu Qingniang had always treated him lukewarmly. He had thought that she was too proud, so he slowly pursued her. And yet, she had walked in arm-in-arm with another man.

After all, this wasn't some sort of banquet, and she didn't need a male partner. This meant that she had a very close relationship with that young man.

There was another person coldly looking over, and the person was Ying Wu, Great Qin's fake Legatee. Ever since the first banquet, he had thought of Wu Qingniang and Su Yuyan as his women.

Regarding Su Yuyan, he hadn't made much progress. Su Yuyan hadn't directly rejected him, nor did she show any affection. Regarding Wu Qingniang, he hadn't been able to make any progress because she hadn't veiled her rejections at all.

Seeing how close Wu Qingniang seemed to be with Zhao Fu, Ying Wu felt incredibly angry. After the first banquet, Ying Wu had asked some people to investigate him.

From these investigations, he found out that Zhao Fu was a mere collateral family member and had no status at all. He could easily kill him, so he had disregarded Zhao Fu's existence and had thought that Wu Qingniang only saw him as a subordinate. However, he had never thought that he would see this scene before him.

How could Ying Wu not feel livid upon seeing the woman he wanted acting so affectionately with another man? Even though he had many women, none of them could compare to Su Yuyan and Wu Qingniang.

At that moment, Zhao Fu's cousin saw this and said, "Grandpa, look over there!"

Hearing this, Zhao Fu's grandpa and the rest of his family looked over. Upon seeing this, a delighted smile broke out on Zhao Fu's grandma's face – if Zhao Fu could marry such a beautiful woman, he would be incredibly lucky.

However, when they heard someone nearby start to talk about Wu Qingniang's status, they started to look worried – how could Zhao Fu match up to such a prestigious background?

Zhao Fu's aunty said, "It's best to tell Zhao Fu to stay away from her; she's too high up above minor figures like us. If he offends some big figure things, it will be bad for him, and we might even be affected as well."

Many of Zhao Fu's family members felt quite displeased, and Zhao Fu's grandpa angrily yelled, "Have you already forgotten who saved your two sons? How can you say such a thing?"

Hearing this, Zhao Fu's aunty fell silent.

Facing so many gazes, Zhao Fu felt quite uncomfortable and said, "Qingniang, can you please let go?"

Wu Qingniang rolled her eyes as she said, "Do you know how many people want to be in your position but don't have the chance?"

Zhao Fu lightly laughed, "Of course I do; you're the third-ranked beauty on the Ancient Beauty Rankings, and countless people would dream for such a thing."

When she heard Zhao Fu, Wu Qingniang couldn't help but smile, and seeing that Zhao Fu really did look quite uncomfortable, she decided to let go.

"Qingniang! Over here!" Ying Xi called out.

Wu Qingniang walked over to talk with her, and because Zhao Fu's status was quite low, he had no right to be with such high-profile people.

Zhao Fu didn't mind and decided to go to an inconspicuous spot to avoid all of the gazes.

However, after he took a few steps, he was suddenly pushed by someone, making him stumble and almost fall over, and a mocking voice said, "It's best that you leave Big Miss Wu alone; don't you know how lowly you are?"

Zhao Fu breathed in and quelled his anger as he looked at a few young men. He didn't say anything and found a fairly secluded spot to think about how he would get through this.

Afterward, Zhao Fu saw 30 or so people wearing Taoist robes and holding horsetail whisks walk out from the side. The Ying family's people treated these Taoists very politely, which showed that they were quite extraordinary.

Zhao Fu started to feel even warier, and someone started to announce the rules of how this meeting would proceed. The main family would go up in groups of three for a Taoist to look at their Fate, the branch family would go up in groups of 20, and the collateral family would go up in groups of 100.

Hearing this, since Zhao Fu was from the collateral family, he hoped that he would be able to somehow get past this without having his identity exposed.

Of course, the people from the main family went first, and they were the young masters and misses of the major branches of the Ying family: four men and two women.

The 30 or so Taoists were led by a long-bearded Taoist, and he was Qiu Fengzi.

This meeting had been arranged by Qiu Fengzi, and on the face of things, it was to seek out talents for the Ying family. However, it was actually for him to find Great Qin's Legatee.

Ever since he had found out that Great Qin's Legatee was within the Ying family, Qiu Fengzi had tried all sorts of methods to find him. As such, he decided to go big this time and seek him out.

The Ying family was quite receptive to Qiu Fengzi's idea and greatly supported him. This was because looking at one's Fate wasn't a simple matter. It would be fine to look at an ordinary person's Fate, but looking at someone's Fate when that person came from a prestigious background could cost one's lifespan.

The first person to go up was Ying Qin, and everyone watched as he went before Qiu Fengzi.

If it wasn't for the existence of Great Qin's Legatee, Ying Qin definitely would have become the next leader of the Ying family. Whether it was his status or talent, he would have been the best choice. Moreover, the Great Qin Bloodline that he had was the purest as well.

Chapter 377 - Eternal Female Emperor

Qiu Fengzi tapped different fingers against his thumb on one hand as he closed his eyes and muttered an incantation. When he opened his eyes, an azure light shot out from his eyes, making his eyes seem more invigorated and quite sharp.

"This young master has great Fate and will have a bright future!"

After casually glancing at Ying Qin, he said some congratulatory words. He had already taken a look at these young masters and young misses before, and none of them were Great Qin's Legatee.

However, as the young masters and misses of the Ying family's major branches, they had much Fate, which meant that they would have outstanding futures. Of course, they couldn't compare to Great Qin's Legatee.

After looking at Ying Qin, the second person to walk up was Ying Xi. Her Fate was only slightly inferior to Ying Qin's, and it was still quite good. The next young masters and young misses all had Fate that was slightly weaker than Ying Xi's.

After looking at the young masters and misses of each of the major branches, the next to go up was Ying Wu. This was merely the Ying family putting on a show, as they had announced him to be Great Qin's Legatee. Otherwise, with his true identity, he wouldn't be able to even step through the Ying family's gates.

Seeing that he had been put after the young masters and misses of the branches, Ying Wu felt quite humiliated because this was saying that he couldn't compare to those people. He didn't want to be below anyone, and although he was quite angry, he understood that his identity had been given to him by the Ying family and that they could take it away at any time.

"This young master has incredible Fate, and he will rule a piece of land in the future!"

The Ying family had made sure to instruct Qiu Fengzi not to even bother checking Ying Wu's Fate; all he had to do was say some congratulatory words that sounded good.

Qiu Fengzi told the Ying family that Ying Wu had decent Fate, resulting in the Ying family's higher-ups to take him more seriously and to properly nurture him.

Next, the descendants of the main family started to go up in groups of three, and they were checked by the other Taoists.

Qiu Fengzi didn't have the ability to check everyone's Fate, so he had other Taoists help him.

Even though the other Taoists weren't as proficient as him at Fate Gazing, they were still good helpers. Qiu Fengzi didn't expect them to find Great Qin's Legatee, and he only asked them to point out to him anyone who felt off or whose Fate couldn't be seen. It was likely that Great Qin's Legatee would be hiding among those people.

The Taoists started to use their various methods to look at people's Fate as the Ying family's main family descendants started to go up.

After going through the main family descendants, Qiu Fengzi was disappointed that Great Qin's Legatee wasn't within them. However, this was still within his expectations. Next were the people from the branch family.

Time gradually passed, and they had gone through all of the people from the branch family without finding Great Qin's Legatee. Qiu Fengzi sighed – next up was the massive group of people from the collateral family.

The people from the collateral family made up 60% of the people here, and now that they had gone through the main family and branch family, Qiu Fengzi could only place his hopes on the collateral family.

The people from the collateral family walked up in groups of 100, allowing the Taoists to look at their Fate.

Zhao Fu found an opportunity and followed behind an extremely fat man. Because there were many people gathered on the stage, Zhao Fu was able to successfully hide behind the fat man.

Following this, the Taoist started to look at their Fates, and there was a young Taoist who glanced at the Fat man. However, after he thought about it, he turned his gaze to others.

A while later, the Taoist finished looking at Zhao Fu's group's Fate, and Zhao Fu let out a sigh of relief – the danger had passed. After coming down from the stage, he once again hid within the crowd.

“Martial Uncle, the Fate of those six people are a bit strange,” one Taoist felt that something was off and walked over to tell Qiu Fengzi.

Qiu Fengzi looked at the six people and found that their Fate was indeed quite strange – their Fate shouldn't have been very strong, but for someone reason, their Fate had greatly increased. These six people were Zhao Fu's grandpa, Zhao Fu's grandma, and his uncle's family!

Qiu Fengzi passed on a message to the Ying family to treat these six people well, but they weren't Great Qin's Legatee.

After going through all of the collateral family members but still not finding Great Qin's Legatee, Qiu Fengzi felt quite dispirited and wondered if Great Qin's Legatee hadn't attended this meeting or if he had already left the Ying family.

On the other hand, the Ying family was celebrating because Qiu Fengzi had helped them find quite a few good seedlings with decent Fate, and they would become talents in the future.

After the Fate Gazing concluded, the Ying family conducted a banquet to celebrate. Zhao Fu didn't plan on attending, and now that the Fate Gazing was over, he just wanted to leave.

However, just as Zhao Fu turned to leave, a hand grabbed on to him, and Zhao Fu turned to see a 15 or 16-year-old young Taoist staring at him.

Zhao Fu felt quite startled – had this young Taoist discovered something?

At that moment, Wu Qingniang also walked over, and seeing this, she felt quite surprised. “Little Taoist, why are you holding on to him?”

The young Taoist immediately let go of Zhao Fu and shook his head as he muttered something incomprehensible.

Wu Qingniang felt quite confused, but because there were more important matters, she didn't take this to heart. She turned and asked Zhao Fu, “Zhao Fu, where did you go? Why didn't I see you go up onto the stage?”

“I did go up, and my name has been registered over there; it's probably because you just missed me,” Zhao Fu replied.

Zhao Fu could tell from Wu Qingniang's beautiful eyes that she didn't believe him. She grabbed Zhao Fu's hand and dragged him along as she said, "I'm taking you over to Taoist Qiu right now so he can personally take a look at you."

Zhao Fu was dumbfounded – wasn't this equivalent to delivering him into a tiger's mouth? He immediately refused and said, "Qingniang, there's no need. I really don't have great Fate."

At that moment, Qiu Fengzi saw one of his younger disciples standing around muttering to himself, and there were two people beside him, one of whom was an incredibly beautiful woman.

Qiu Fengzi knew that this woman was from the Wu family. He had looked at her Fate before and seen that it was simply colossal because she was a Legatee. In fact, the six young masters and misses of the Ying family's major branches added together couldn't compare to her Fate. That was the benefit of receiving a Legacy.

He had also seen that her Fate was related to the Myrtle Imperial Star, meaning that she could become a Queen. Moreover, her Dragon Phoenix Constitution was the best in ten or so generations.

Wu Qingniang's future was simply limitless, and Qiu Fengzi could already guess that, like her ancestor, she would become an eternal female Emperor whose name would forever be recorded in the annals of history.

However, when Qiu Fengzi looked at the man beside her, his body trembled, and a look of shock appeared on his face. He completely disregarded his image as he sprinted towards that young man.

Chapter 378 - Son of Heaven's Might

"No! You have to come so that I can know the true situation about you," Wu Qingniang said resolutely as she pulled Zhao Fu's hand.

Zhao Fu felt quite troubled because this would be equivalent to exposing his identity. Zhao Fu truly didn't want his life to be in someone else's hands, so he said, "Qingniang, I really don't want to go. My Fate's been looked at already, and it's nothing great."

"I don't believe you! This time, you have to listen to me. Taoist Qiu's abilities are extraordinary, and he is an important figure in the School of Taoism. Trust me, he won't do anything to you."

Wu Qingniang had always felt that Zhao Fu was hiding something that was related to Fate. She wanted to know just how big his Fate was, and even if Zhao Fu was unwilling, she was determined to take him to Qiu Fengzi.

Hearing Wu Qingniang's words, he realized that he would have to go. Did he have to just allow this to happen to him? Wu Qingniang was simply too domineering, and she was now dragging Zhao Fu along.

At that moment, Qiu Fengzi had already run over. Seeing his master run over, the young Taoist immediately said, "Master, there's something I need to tell you!"

"Later!" Qiu Fengzi immediately yelled before going over to Zhao Fu and Wu Qingniang as he stared intensely at Zhao Fu.

Seeing Qiu Fengzi run over, Wu Qingniang smiled – without having to take Zhao Fu over, Qiu Fengzi had come over himself. Just as Wu Qingniang was about to say something, she felt that there was something strange about Qiu Fengzi's gaze.

Qiu Fengzi looked excited and even a bit crazed as he stared at Zhao Fu, making him wonder just what was going on.

Seeing this long-bearded Taoist staring at him, Zhao Fu's hairs stood on end, and he struggled free from Wu Qingniang's grasp and turned to leave.

"Young sir, please wait!" Qiu Fengzi unknowingly spoke incredibly respectfully to Zhao Fu when he saw that Zhao Fu was about to leave.

This made Wu Qingniang feel incredibly surprised – why was Qiu Fengzi speaking so courteously to Zhao Fu? With Qiu Fengzi's status, even a large family had to treat him with respect, so why was he acting like this towards Zhao Fu?

"Sir, I have some matters to attend to, so I'll be going now." Even though Qiu Fengzi's attitude was quite good, Zhao Fu couldn't give in. He felt that if he continued staying here, that Taoist would definitely discover something.

"Young sir, please just give me three minutes – no, one minute will be enough," Qiu Fengzi said quickly.

Qiu Fengzi hadn't used Fate Gazing on this person in front of him yet, but he could feel Son of Heaven's Might radiating from him. This was something that only Legatees of nations would have, and ordinary people wouldn't be able to detect it.

Wu Qingniang also had some, but it wasn't much. It was something that one's body gave off by itself that made others want to respect one and submit to one, and it also made some spirits and ghosts scared to approach. The reason Wu Qingniang was ranked third on the Ancient Beauty Ranking was because she had a domineering Son of Heaven's Might that made countless men willing to worship her as slaves.

However, the person in front of Qiu Fengzi had almost fully formed his Son of Heaven's Might – the only person who could have so much Fate was Great Qin's Legatee.

However, in order to confirm this, Qiu Fengzi started to perform hand seals, and his eyes gradually became azure-colored.

Beside him, the young Taoist also started to use Fate Gazing. He had felt that something was off and hadn't discovered Zhao Fu hiding behind the fat man. Only after the Fate Gazing event was over did the young Taoist see Zhao Fu and feel that something was off.

As such, after the meeting concluded, he came over to confirm. However, he was unable to tell anything with his power, so he now used Fate Gazing together with his master to investigate Zhao Fu.

Qiu Fengzi's eyes became fully azure-colored – this was him using his Fate Gazing with his full might. Zhao Fu felt quite startled and immediately tried to leave.

However, Qiu Fengzi's Fate Gazing had already been completed, and he looked at Zhao Fu with his azure-colored eyes.

Immediately, Qiu Fengzi's body trembled. He saw a blood-red aura spread out from Zhao Fu like an ocean, dyeing the sky and earth completely blood-red. Everywhere was filled with an aura of slaughter, death, disaster, and terror, making the entire world seem like hell.

There was also a massive devilish star that gave off an incredibly powerful pressure. Qiu Fengzi's body trembled, and he sweated cold sweat – this was the Chaos Imperial Star!

Suddenly, the situation changed. Perhaps it was because it sensed Qiu Fengzi's Fate Gazing, but the massive blood-red star started to rotate. It gave off a bright blood-red light, and a formless evil aura exploded out.

Qiu Fengzi's expression became blank as he coughed up a mouthful of blood, and blood also streamed out from his eyes as he powerlessly fell to the ground.

"Ahhhh!!!!" The young Taoist was also affected, and he felt as if he had fallen into an icy cavern. He was terrified to the point of collapsing to the ground and started screaming.

This scene caused countless people who had been preparing to leave to suddenly look over curiously.

Zhao Fu and Wu Qingniang stared at the unmoving Qiu Fengzi and the terrified young Taoist, and the four of them became the center of attention.

Seeing that Qiu Fengzi had coughed up blood and collapsed to the ground, the other Taoists hurried over and picked him up to check his injuries. They let out a sigh of relief and fed him a few medicinal pills.

"Qiu Shi, calm down and tell me what happened," an older Taoist asked the paralyzed young Taoist seriously.

Seeing his senior apprentice brothers come over, the young Taoist gradually recovered. He trembled as he pointed at Zhao Fu and said, "J-Just then, when master used Fate Gazing on him, he received a backlash. I also saw an aura of slaughter, death, disaster, and terror... senior apprentice brother, I'm so scared!"

As he spoke, the young Taoist started crying. The Chaos Imperial Star's power was simply too terrifying, and the other Taoists started to comfort the young Taoist.

Now, everyone's gaze was on Zhao Fu!

Zhao Fu heavily sighed and let go of Wu Qingniang's hand – it seemed that the trouble today was inevitable.

Wu Qingniang could also tell that the situation was becoming quite tense, but she didn't fully understand everything. Seeing Zhao Fu heavily sigh, Wu Qingniang was about to ask what was happening when Ying Qin suddenly spoke.

"Slaughter, death, disaster, and terror? This person's definitely a sign of calamity. For him to cause Taoist Qiu to suffer such a heavy backlash, he will definitely cause great harm to the Ying family if he stays here. Guards, capture him and kill him!" Ying Qin had long since felt quite displeased towards Zhao Fu, and now that he had been determined to have the greatest Fate in the younger generation, he decided to use his power to have this person killed.

The guards nearby obeyed Ying Qin and started walking towards Zhao Fu. It was only natural that they would obey his command because Ying Qin was the number one successor of the Ying family, while Zhao Fu was only someone from the collateral family who didn't matter at all.

Chapter 379 - Power to Rule the World

"Wait! Killing someone just because of something like this is too rash!" Seeing that the guards were coming over to carry out Ying Qin's orders, Wu Qingniang immediately stepped in front of him.

The guards looked quite hesitant and looked over at Ying Qin.

Seeing that Wu Qingniang was protecting Zhao Fu, Ying Qin felt even angrier, and he coldly harrumphed as he said, "Qingniang, is there really a need for you to do this? Why would you harm our relationship for a low person like him?"

Wu Qingniang realized Ying Qin wanted to kill Zhao Fu because of her and felt quite apologetic towards Zhao Fu. She turned and looked at Zhao Fu, and a beautiful smile appeared on her face as she said, "Because he's the man I've chosen!"

These words caused countless people to feel incredibly shocked. Before, their relationship had seemed intimate but ambiguous, and now that she had said this, Zhao Fu was officially hers. Now, their relationship was incredibly close and intimate.

Zhao Fu had never thought that Wu Qingniang would say such a thing in public. Zhao Fu couldn't help but worry that this would be disadvantageous for her in the future because he knew that many people were helping her because they wanted to pursue her.

"Qingniang, how could such a lowly and useless piece of trash be good enough for you?!" Ying Qin pointed at Zhao Fu and shouted angrily.

Upon hearing Wu Qingniang's words, Ying Wu also felt incredibly jealous and furious, and he said, "I also feel that this person is a sign of calamity, and he should be dealt with as soon as possible. I heard that he is also a direct descendant of the Li family and might be a spy. Moreover, how could a bastard like him be good enough for the Legatee of the Wu family, the future ruler of Great Zhou?"

Many of the people already felt quite disdainful towards Zhao Fu, and hearing the number one successor of the Ying family and Great Qin's Legatee say these things, many of them started to speak as well.

"That's right! This person is a scourge, so how can you keep him? Just kill him!"

"He's definitely a spy and has entered the Ying family for his own evil purposes. Otherwise, why would a bastard from the Li family be in the Ying family?"

"This sort of lowly person isn't suitable for big miss Wu at all. Who does he think he is, wanting to get close with big miss Wu?"

"Enough!" a voice cried out, cutting through all of the chaotic talking. Wu Qingniang looked quite angry as she gave off a powerful aura and said, "Zhao Fu's mine now; I won't allow anyone to humiliate him!"

Wu Qingniang indeed deserved her title as the most domineering woman. Her yell and aura suppressed the entire scene, making everyone fall silent.

“Qingniang, don’t be obstinate and choose such a worthless person,” Ying Qin roared with a reddened face.

“This is my choice. Even though he has nothing now, I trust that he’ll have the power to rule the world and reign above everyone in the future.” Wu Qingniang stood her ground, speaking vigorously without backing down at all.

“Hahahaha...” Ying Qin reacted as if he had heard the funniest joke in his life, and he laughed uproariously as he pointed at Zhao Fu and said condescendingly, “Him? Do you really think that is possible? In terms of status, power, wealth, looks, education, and talent, what can he compare to me in? He’s just a piece of trash; someone who’s only suited to living at the bottom of society.”

“I already said that he’s the person I’ve chosen, Ying Qin! You’d best treat him with more respect.” Wu Qingniang’s beautiful eyes glinted with coldness.

Hearing Wu Qingniang say such things to him for Zhao Fu, Ying Qin was completely infuriated.

By the side, Ying Xi knew that she couldn’t allow this to go on, or it would be detrimental to everyone. As such, she said, “I believe that even if Zhao Fu is a sign of calamity, he doesn’t necessarily have to be killed, and we can just remove him from the Ying family. Moreover, Qingniang, Zhao Fu’s status is too far below yours, and your family will reject him as well.”

Seeing that her good sister had spoken up for her, Wu Qingniang’s tone softened, and after thinking about it, she said, “Alright, I’ll take Zhao Fu back to the Wu family. From today onwards, Zhao Fu will be a part of the Wu family; are there any objections?”

Hearing Wu Qingniang’s words, Ying Xi sighed – after knowing Wu Qingniang for so long, she knew that she wouldn’t change her mind once she decided on something.

“Absolutely not! He’s a sign of calamity and will threaten the Ying family in the future, so he must die. Hurry up and follow your orders! Kill him!” Yang Qin said with a murderous gaze when he saw how resolute Wu Qingniang was.

The guards obeyed and prepared to step forwards, preparing to kill Zhao Fu.

“I’ll see who dares to touch him!” Wu Qingniang blocked in front of Zhao Fu and yelled, seeming incredibly overbearing as her female bodyguards also stepped forwards and surrounded her and Zhao Fu. The atmosphere suddenly became incredibly tense.

Seeing this, Zhao Fu’s grandpa prepared to go over and block in front of Zhao Fu to beg for mercy. How could he allow his grandson to be killed? After all, he knew that his grandson had suffered a lot ever since he was a child, and he refused to let anything happen to him.

However, he was stopped by Zhao Fu’s uncle. “Dad, if you go out now, not only will you not be able to change anything, but you might also implicate us. Please think of the rest of us as well!”

In the end, Zhao Fu’s grandpa could only give in. Zhao Fu’s cousins also wanted to go out, but they were also stopped by his uncle and aunty.

“Wu Qingniang, are you sure you want to go against our Ying family just because of him?” Seeing that Wu Qingniang was determined to protect Zhao Fu, Ying Wu called her by her full name, seeming incredibly hostile.

Hearing Ying Qin’s words, the leaders of the Ying family’s major branches all frowned – from how they saw it, there was no need for there to be hostility between their two families just because of something like this. The two large families working together brought both of them great benefits, so how could they sever ties just because of something like this?

All of the Ying family’s branch leaders shook their heads upon seeing Ying Qin’s unruly behavior.

However, this woman was simply too overbearing and didn’t place the Ying family in her eyes at all. It wouldn’t be too bad to suppress the Wu family a bit, so the leaders of the major branches didn’t plan on doing anything.

Ying Qin’s words made Wu Qingniang become serious. If there was a rift between the two families, the one that would suffer the most was the Wu family because the Ying family was many times bigger than the Wu family, and it had greater wealth and resources.

Working with the Ying family was very profitable, and moreover, the Wu family was an enemy of Great Tang. Great Tang was always trying to find ways to steal back Fate from them, and if they offended the Ying family as well, Great Zhou would have to face two Empires in the future.

Chapter 380 - King’s Fate

Out of the Ying family’s people, the one Wu Qingniang feared most was Great Qin’s Legatee. Right now, with Great Qin’s Legatee’s power, he didn’t fear a single faction in the world. His name was a synonym for terror.

Wu Qingniang had no idea what his attitude towards the Ying family was like; if she offended Great Qin’s Legatee because of this, things would be quite bad. The pressure that Great Qin’s Legatee gave her was immense, and offending him was ten times worse than severing the Wu family’s ties with the Ying family.

Did she really have to offend the Ying family, and maybe even Great Qin’s Legatee, for Zhao Fu?

The Wu family’s people standing by the side couldn’t stay silent anymore and said, “Qingniang, please calm down. Even though we’ll support you in almost everything, we absolutely can’t this time, so please think about the consequences. There are many men in the world, and with your qualities, you can definitely find tens of thousands of people who are many times better than him. Please think of the Wu family.”

Hearing these people’s words, Wu Qingniang couldn’t help but hesitate. The weight of her family weighed down heavily on her; she couldn’t just think about herself.

Seeing this, Ying Xi couldn’t take it anymore and said, “How about everyone takes a step back? There’s no need to kill Zhao Fu. We can simply make him leave the Ying family, nor should the Wu family take him in. Let him live or die according to his own abilities!”

Hearing Ying Xi's words, the leaders of the major branches all inwardly nodded – this was the best way to resolve this situation. For Ying Xi to propose such a thing, they were quite happy – after all, she was the concubine who they had chosen for Great Qin's Legatee, and if he decided to choose her, she could become an Empress in the future.

“No!” Wu Qingniang immediately refused. “Lil Xi, you should know that the Li family sent people to assassinate Zhao Fu. If he loses the Ying family's protection and isn't protected by the Wu family, he'll definitely die.”

Ying Xi had almost forgotten about the Li family. If Zhao Fu lost the protection of the Ying family, it was quite likely that he would be killed by the Li family in less than a day.

“I can allow his bodyguard to continue protecting him and make sure that he's safe. Is that enough, Qingniang?” Ying Xi thought for a moment before making another suggestion.

Before Wu Qingniang could reply, Ying Qin immediately cut in and said, “Absolutely not! At most, I can agree with kicking him out instead of killing him, but how can we send a bodyguard to protect him? His life has nothing to do with the Ying family; just let the Li family's people kill him.”

“Then I'll take him back to the Wu family!” Wu Qingniang's voice once again sounded out.

Ying Qin once again angrily yelled, “Wu Qingniang, do you really want to sever your relationship with the Ying family? Don't forget all of the benefits the Ying family has given to the Wu family.”

Wu Qingniang's expression became incredibly cold. Hearing Ying Qin continuously push her, she made a decision – wasn't it just severing the relationship with the Ying family? What was such a big deal about it? Just as Wu Qingniang prepared to accept this, Ying Xi and the Wu family's people all tried to talk her out of it, but they were unable to change her mind.

“Alright, since your Ying family's like this, then our Wu family...”

“Qingniang!” However, before Wu Qingniang could finish speaking, a voice cut her off. Wu Qingniang turned to look at Zhao Fu, who gave her a reassuring smile, making her feel a warmth within her heart.

Seeing this, Ying Qin felt incredibly jealous and said, “Your Wu family...”

“Shut your mouth!” Before Ying Qin could finish his sentence, he was cut off by a sharp voice. Zhao Fu stepped out and looked like a different person as a noble aura, which he had suppressed this entire time, instantly covered his surroundings. Feeling this noble and supreme aura, countless people instinctively lowered their heads and felt a sense of respect as his surroundings fell silent.

Ying Qin had been completely suppressed by Zhao Fu's aura, and he was unable to say anything.

Even Wu Qingniang looked incredibly shocked upon seeing Zhao Fu seem to become a different person, and he was filled with dignity and nobility. In front of him, everything seemed incredibly lowly.

This was Zhao Fu's King's Might, and Wu Qingniang had never thought that Zhao Fu would have King's Might, nevermind one that was many times more powerful than hers at that.

“You dare to speak to me in such a way?” Ying Qin finally recovered and murderously looked at Zhao Fu. No one had ever spoken to him in such a way before as the number one successor of the Ying family.

“Just who do you think you are?” Zhao Fu icily glared at Ying Qin as he spoke disdainfully.

Hearing this, countless people felt terrified – no one would have thought that Zhao Fu, who hadn’t spoken this entire time and seemed quite weak, would be so arrogant and speak like this to the Ying family’s number one successor.

Wu Qingniang didn’t think that Zhao Fu could say such things either.

This angered Ying Qin to the extreme, and he shrieked, “You... Guards, kill him!!”

The guards immediately walked up, but Zhao Fu coldly harrumphed and said, “You dare to do anything to me? Do you know who I am?”

His words were so imposing and filled with a mighty aura that the guards didn’t dare to step up.

Zhao Fu ignored everyone and gave off that powerful King’s Might as he walked forwards, and everyone naturally gave way to form a path.

“Scram!” Zhao Fu came up to Ying Qin and casually glanced at him before speaking.

Ying Qin’s expression became savage, and he clenched his fist, preparing to attack Zhao Fu and kill Zhao Fu himself to relieve this hatred.

“Ying Qin, move aside!” At that moment, an elderly man’s voice sounded out – it was one of the leaders of a major branch.

Now, all of the family leaders became serious and looked at Zhao Fu intently. They had never thought that such a minor figure could give off such a powerful King’s Might – this wasn’t something that ordinary people could have.

The leaders of the Ying family’s major branches could tell that Zhao Fu had come up to speak with them, so they told Ying Qin to move aside. In the end, he could only grudgingly comply.

Zhao Fu went before these family leaders and calmly swept his gaze across them. Feeling that dignified and cold gaze, the family leaders didn’t dare to look at him.

“Who are you, sir?” one of the family leaders asked.

Zhao Fu was now prepared to reveal his identity – as for the consequences, he would have to take each step as it came. He felt that he couldn’t make any more trouble for Wu Qingniang because she had already done a lot for him.

As Zhao Fu had been walking up, Qiu Fengzi gradually woke up and looked at the scene unfolding before him as he asked, “What’s going on?”

A few Taoists quickly came and explained to him the situation.

Qiu Fengzi immediately got to his feet and walked towards the Ying family’s leaders as he loudly called out, “You mustn’t kill him! He’s someone with a massive King’s Fate, and he will definitely be a King in the future. He’s very important to Great Qin’s Legatee, so you must not do anything to him!”

Zhao Fu felt quite surprised and couldn't understand why Qiu Fengzi was helping him hide his identity. After all, Qiu Fengzi most likely knew his true identity by now.