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Chapter 591: Noble Tang restaurant

"A Dao Emperor?"

Shun Long's body suddenly froze while his eyes widened the moment he heard Little Black's voice inside his mind.

However, he still calmed down quickly barely a few moments later, after remembering what he had heard in the 'Alchemist's Guild' in Heaven's Dome city 2 years ago.

The old woman from the 'Alchemist's Guild', Jin Wenling, had told him that at least one Dao Emperor needed to be present and control every continent around the central region.

Since Shun Long knew that there weren't any Dao Emperors in the Night star continent, he had already forgotten about it, but it seemed like the Night star continent was simply an exception to this rule due to its poor qi that wasn't enough to nurture any Dao Emperors.

"It doesn't matter, as long as we don't expose the fact that we come from the Holy sect, it's unlikely that a Dao Emperor will suddenly turn his attention to 5 Nascent Soul stage juniors for no reason. And even if he does, I doubt that he would dare to truly do anything to us anyway! Besides, if things really end up turning bad, I still have Little Black."

As he came to this conclusion, Shun Long no longer bothered with this matter as he turned his attention towards Liu Mei and the rest and said with a smile on his face

"Let's have a look at this Tang city first. Our mission can wait for a bit."

Everyone nodded as they all followed after Shun Long who had started to walk around the busy streets of Tang city.

Half an hour later, Shun Long's group entered inside a big building named Noble Tang restaurant.

This was supposedly the best restaurant in the entirety of Tang city.

Rich merchants, people of high status within Tang city, nobles, and sometimes even people from the royal family were the ones who would normally come to eat in this place.

Someone without enough spirit stones would never dare to step foot inside this building, since there were rumors that the royal family of the Tang dynasty was the force behind this restaurant.

A beautiful young woman dressed in a long red dress was the one to welcome Shun Long and the rest inside as soon as they entered the building.

The young woman's eyes instantly lit up the moment she saw the 3 extremely handsome men and the 2 kingdom toppling beauties enter the restaurant, as she skillfully bowed, slightly exposing some of her cleavage in the process, as she said in the most enticing voice she could muster

"Young masters, young ladies, welcome to the Noble Tang restaurant. What can I do for you?"

Noticing that the first floor of the restaurant that only had 20 tables was almost fully crowded, Shun Long turned his eyes to the young woman in front of him and gave her 10 middle-grade spirit stones before he said

"Give us a table on the second floor."

"Of course! Please follow me, young master!"

The young woman's eyes instantly brightened upon receiving the 10 middle-grade spirit stones, before she led Shun Long and the rest to the second floor.

Her monthly salary was only 1000 low-grade spirit stones, and she had just received the entirety of it just now!

After Shun Long sat on the table with Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi sitting on his left and right respectively, while Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian sat next to them as well, the young woman in the red dress looked at Shun Long with her sparkling brown eyes and asked

"Young master, what would you like me to bring you?"

Shun Long didn't even ask her for her menu as he said

"I heard that your restaurant is famous for your 'royal Tang wine' that only the royal family of the Tang dynasty can drink."

The young woman nodded her head with a somewhat proud look on her face as she responded

"Young master is correct. In the entirety of Tang city, I can assure young master that you won't find a better wine than the 'royal Tang wine', and the only place you can find it is our Noble Tang restaurant. However, I need to warn young masters that this wine is extremely expensive, with every single jug costing 1000 middle-grade spirit stones, while every person is only allowed to purchase at most 2 jugs of it every day."

Shun Long nodded his head as he said

"Bring us 5 jugs of it, as well as a dozen dishes of your restaurant's best food."

5 jugs of their best wine and a dozen dishes of their best food!

The young woman stood there with a stunned expression, not knowing how to react.

This was an extremely expensive order that she wasn't prepared to hear.

She was certain that upon hearing the expensive price, Shun Long wouldn't be able to afford it and would opt out to choose something else.

A moment later she took a deep breath and asked gently with that same professional smile on her face

"Young master, your order would be 9500 middle-grade spirit stones. Are you certain about it?"

It was only natural for her to ask since 9500 middle-grade spirit stones wasn't a small amount even for the scions of the richest families within Tang city!

Shun Long nodded his head before he waved his hand, causing a rumbling sound to fill the almost empty second floor of the Noble Tang restaurant, as the table in front of him was instantly filled with a small mountain of spirit stones.

The young woman and even the people sitting at the 2 other tables all stared at this scene with their mouths agape.

Although only rich merchants or people with high status would usually come to eat in this place, those who were rich enough to spend nearly 10.000 middle-grade spirit stones for a single meal could be counted on one hand within Tang city!

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The red-dressed young woman's eyes were filled with the sight of the spirit stones, before Jiang Chen coughed a moment later bringing her back to her senses.

"My apologies young master!"

The young woman bowed and apologized as she looked at Shun Long, and unknown if it was intentional or not, this time she exposed even more of her pale white skin.

After feeling the 2 displeased gazes coming from Liu Mei and Xingyi, she then straightened her back and waved both of her hands, immediately gathering all of the spirit stones inside her spatial ring before she hurriedly left the second floor.

Liu Mei smiled when she saw this and gently held Shun Long's arm, before she said in an enticing tone

"It seems like everyone has their eyes set on my Long-ge."

Shun Long simply smiled and shook his head when he heard this, before he turned his eyes towards the other 2 groups on the second floor who had turned their attention towards him.

From the luxurious clothes they were wearing, Shun Long guessed that they weren't merchants, but most likely nobles of the Tang city.

After seeing that Shun Long was looking at them as well, they simply nodded towards him in a friendly manner before they carried on eating. Since they didn't know his identity, they weren't going to offend him for no reason.

As for the red-dressed young woman, Shun Long didn't care about her in the slightest.

Putting her appearance aside, Shun Long wasn't someone who would go around collecting every random woman that he saw even if she was beautiful enough, let alone when it was a woman that was simply attracted to spirit stones like that red-dressed woman.

Such a woman would never enter his sights to begin with.

After all, Shun Long had yet to respond to Xingyi's feelings even though he knew that she was interested in him while Liu Mei wasn't against it either, so why would he pay attention to someone like this red-robed woman who was clearly inferior to her in every single aspect?

It only took 15 minutes for the woman in the red dress to return to the second floor, with 2 female waiters following after her, while their hands were all full carrying a dozen dishes as well as 5 jugs of wine.

After placing everything orderly on Shun Long's table, the red-dressed woman and the 2 female waiters all bowed before they said

"Young masters, young ladies, please enjoy your meal."

The woman in the red dress then added in

"If there is anything else that you need please don't hesitate to call me."

Without waiting for a response, she then led the 2 female waiters as they left the second floor.

Turning his eyes towards the food that had filled the table, Shun Long picked up one of the 5 jars of wine and removed its lid.

The moment that the jar's lid was removed, a sweet scent immediately filled the entire second floor of the Noble Tang restaurant, causing the 2 other groups who had just started to eat their food to involuntarily turn their eyes back towards Shun Long's table.

The royal Tang wine was indeed the best wine in the entirety of Tang city.

The scent coming from it was pleasant but not overbearing, yet it still made one immediately want to taste it the moment they smelled it.

After taking just a single whiff of its scent, Shun Long instantly understood why this wine was so popular, as he said in a low voice

"No wonder they sell a single jar for 1000 middle-grade spirit stones. The power behind this Noble Tang restaurant definitely isn't a pushover."

The 2 other groups who had turned their attention towards Shun Long's table all mocked Shun Long inwardly for trying to appear knowledgeable.

The power behind the Noble Tang restaurant isn't a pushover?

Who didn't know that already?

However, they still made sure to keep these thoughts in their minds for now.

"Brother Long, is there something special about this wine?"

Xie Xingyi asked in a curious voice, naturally not paying any attention to the 2 groups who were seated a few tables away from them, while Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian were all looking at Shun Long as they waited for his answer.

Shun Long nodded and without even tasting the wine in his hands he answered

"In a certain way, it is indeed special, since this wine was created by a mix of more than a dozen of rank 3 medicinal herbs as well as a rank 4 medicinal herb.

The main ingredient of this wine is a rank 4 herb called the 'Fragrant dew flower'. Among rank 4 medicinal herbs, the 'Fragrant dew flower' is a relatively common herb, but it is extremely good when it is used to create wine.

However, that is not the main reason why this wine is good. Instead, it's because a high-rank alchemist personally made this. At the very least, it's a rank 1 gold grade alchemist if not a rank 2 one."

Jiang Chen, Xie Xingyi, and Bai Longtian, all stared at Shun Long with looks of shock in their eyes.

Although they already knew that Shun Long was a genius alchemist, especially after tasting his wine back in the Holy sect, they hadn't expected that he would be able to guess what the 'Royal

Tang wine' was made of after taking just a single whiff of its scent, since even peak rank 3 gold grade alchemists most likely wouldn't be able to find out something like that so easily.

After all, alchemy was a long process that needed hundreds of years of experience, and regardless of how talented Shun Long was, this had already exceeded the realm of a 'genius'!

As for Liu Mei, a dazzling smile was formed on her lips as she wasn't surprised in the slightest.? She knew that Shun Long's knowledge on alchemy and medicinal herbs was already far above any rank 3 gold grade alchemist.

Perhaps even the alchemists above the gold grade would have a hard time competing with Shun Long simply based on pure knowledge regarding pill concoction and medicinal herbs.

As for the people sitting at the 2 tables away from Shun Long's, their expressions weren't much different from Bai Longtian's and the rest in the beginning, but scornful looks appeared on their faces a few moments later.

"What a joke! Kid, you really are ignorant! You think you can find out the recipe of the Royal Tang wine after just smelling it once? Why don't you say that you are already a star-rank alchemist?"

A fat man couldn't help but mock Shun Long loudly after eavesdropping in their conversation, not caring if he was going to offend them anymore, causing Xie Xingyi and the rest to furrow their brows in displeasure.

At that moment, Jiang Chen stood up with a cold look in his eyes, as he walked towards the fat man's table without any hesitation, while his body was emitting a dense, unrestrained aura of killing intent.

Shaking his head, Shun Long didn't even take a look at the fat man and his group of 3 who were startled after seeing Jiang Chen walking towards them before he said calmly

"Jiang Chen, don't kill them."

Nodding his head, Jiang Chen didn't even turn around as he answered

"Don't worry. Even though I won't kill them, I will make them wish they were dead."

Chapter 593: Special attention

The fat man and his group of 3 immediately stood up from their table and faced Jiang Chen with cold looks in their eyes.

Although they wanted to avoid offending Shun Long's group due to their unknown identity, since they had already done so, they knew that a fight was impossible to avoid.

However, the 4 of them didn't seem afraid in the slightest.

After all, aside from the middle-aged fat man who was just a peak rank 5 Nascent Soul stage cultivator, the other 2 middle-aged men and the old man in his group had all reached the peak of rank 6 in the Nascent Soul.

As for Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, and Bai Longtian, it was clear to them that all 3 of them were just early and middle rank 5 Nascent Soul stage cultivators!

As for Jiang Chen, even though he was emitting a dense aura of killing intent, it was obvious that his cultivation was still at the peak of rank 5 in the Nascent Soul!

"Hehe, you said that you will make us wish we were dead? Brat, I don't know which power you come from but it's obvious that you are not from our Blue star continent. Aside from the Tang dynasty and a few extremely powerful individuals, no one else would be so daring to say such words in public without knowing who they are facing. Let this old man teach you a lesson personally so you will be more humble in the future! Hehe, don't worry, I won't kill you."

As soon as he finished speaking, one of the 3 peak rank 6 Nascent Soul stage cultivators near the fat man suddenly stepped forward, appearing in front of Jiang Chen in a single instant.

Shun Long barely turned his head and glanced at the old man in bright red robes who looked like he was about to punch Jiang Chen in the chest before his lips curved up into a mocking smile.

"AAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHH"

The people on the second floor of the restaurant didn't even have enough time to react as they heard the loud cry that left the peak rank 6 Nascent Soul stage expert's mouth, before they saw his body being sent flying back like a cannonball.

The old man's loud scream reverberated throughout the entire second floor of the Noble Tang restaurant and if it wasn't for the noise-isolating formations on this floor, his voice would have definitely be heard by the people on the first floor as well.

Silence soon filled the entire floor, as the fat man who had just started this fight, the other 2 peak rank 6 Nascent Soul stage cultivators from his group, and even the people from the other group who were still sitting on their table and were watching everything calmly previously, all stared at Jiang Chen's with mouths agape.

It had only taken a single punch for a peak rank 5 Nascent Soul stage cultivator to defeat someone who had already reached the peak of rank 6 in the Nascent Soul?

"Who the hell is this kid?"

"A monster! He is a monster!"

Jiang Chen didn't even pay any attention to the hushed discussions coming from the people of the other group who were all staring at him in shock, as he calmly retracted his fist in a cold manner, and after staring at the old man who had fallen on the ground and seemed like he had already lost consciousness after colliding with the wall, he actually didn't stop, as he started to walk towards the fat man and the remaining 2 peak rank 6 Nascent Soul stage cultivators from his group, who were now looking at him with hints of dread in their eyes.

The fat man looked like he could no longer endure this pressure as he suddenly took a step forward and looked at Jiang Chen before he said in a threatening manner

"Brat, you better know when to stop. If you don't, I will make sure that your life in Tang city becomes a living hell! You have no idea who you are messing with!"

Unfortunately for him, Jiang Chen didn't seem to have cared about his threat at all as a pair of pitch-black wings suddenly appeared from his back.

The next moment, the fat man's body had already fallen on the ground, lying right next to the old man from before as well as the other 2 peak rank 6 Nascent Soul stage cultivators from his group.

However, unlike the other 3, the fat man hadn't lost consciousness, causing Jiang Chen to stare at him with an evil smile on his face as he stood less than a meter in front of him.

The terrifying demonic aura coming from his body instantly made the fat man shiver before Jiang Chen's voice resounded throughout the silent second floor the next moment

"Next time, you should keep your mouth shut and not interrupt others when they are having a meal. Hmm, maybe I should rip that mouth of yours so you don't get to speak again."

The fat man in red robes trembled upon hearing Jiang Chen's calm voice but the only thing that could be heard on the silent second floor of the restaurant in the next few seconds was only the man's screams.

A moment later, Jiang Chen sat back on the table with Shun Long and the rest, before he took off the lid of his wine jar in a nonchalant matter and actually took a sip.

"Hahaha! Master, this brat is really interesting!"

Little Black's voice sounded inside Shun Long's mind the next moment, causing Shun Long to smile and nod his head in agreement.

It didn't matter if it was Xingyi, Jiang Chen or Bai Longtian, all 3 of them had entirely different characters and yet they still fit with him and Liu Mei as well.

Liu Mei, Xingyi, and Bai Longtian all nodded their heads before they started to either eat or drink without caring for what had happened just now, causing the people from the other group to stare at them with eyes full of shock, almost as if they were looking at 5 monsters.

What they didn't know was that Shun Long wouldn't pay any attention to that fat man and the other 3 people from his group in the first place.

Although he was slightly concerned about being noticed by the royal family of the Tang dynasty beforehand which would make his plan harder, he knew that it was simply impossible for the royal family to turn their attention towards him simply because of a single fight inside a restaurant in Tang city, unless the fat man was actually a member of the royal family himself.

However, based on the fat man's attitude as well as his words from before that, it was obvious that this was not the case as he clearly wasn't a member of the royal family.

Half an hour later, after they finished their meal, Shun Long, Liu Mei, and the rest left the Noble Tang restaurant under the terrified gazes of the other group on the second floor who hadn't dared to move until now.

As for the fat man and his group, they would either lie on the second floor of the restaurant until they regained consciousness or until the staff of the restaurant found them.

Although Jiang Chen had made sure that the fat man and the rest wouldn't die, the pain they would feel after waking up would truly make them feel like they wish they were dead. This was even more so for the fat man who had received 'special attention' from Jiang Chen in the end.

After walking around the streets of Tang city for about an hour, Shun Long's eyes suddenly narrowed as he had finally arrived in front of an enormous palace that was surrounded by hundreds of guards who were vigilantly staring at their surroundings.

Chapter 594: Infiltrating the royal palace

The palace itself seemed to have been coated by a bright silver metal, while countless protective formations that could be activated in an instant if someone was bold enough to attack it were engraved on its walls.

As for the hundreds of guards that were situated around the palace gate and were vigilantly staring at their surroundings, they were there to make sure that no one would even think of sneaking inside the palace.

Surprisingly, every single guard had already reached the Nascent Soul stage, and even without approaching too close to them, Shun Long could feel that most of them were actively using their soul sense every now and then, making sure that no one was sneaking past them to enter the palace.

Naturally, even for Nascent Soul stage cultivators, using their soul sense too often was extremely draining and it would quickly exhaust them mentally as well.

At that moment, Shun Long noticed the look in Jiang Chen's eyes suddenly turning serious, as Jiang Chen looked at him and spoke in a low, almost inaudible voice

"Infiltrating this palace and killing the crown prince isn't going to be easy for us.

Unlike the 'Polar star continent' that I was living in with my father which is jointly governed by 2 peak powers, the 'Blue star continent' is one of the continents that only has one peak power controlling the entire continent fully!

The royal family of the Tang dynasty is precisely the power that controls this continent.

After all, my father once told me that the continents around the central region all need to have at least one Dao Emperor realm expert governing them, so it is likely that the Tang dynasty will also have such an expert!

Since the crown prince of the Tang dynasty is going to become the next king of the Tang dynasty in the future while he is also protected by a Dao King according to the mission, it's very likely that he is related to that Dao Emperor one way or another."

Shun Long's eyes flashed with a bright light, as he nodded his head barely a moment later, agreeing with Jiang's Chen's words before he actually fell into deep thought.

At the same time, Liu Mei, Xingyi, and Bai Longtian all nodded with serious looks on their faces the moment they heard that.

Liu Mei already knew about the matter of a Dao Emperor needing to control every continent since Jin Wenling had mentioned this to Shun Long in the 'Alchemist's Guild' in Heaven's Dome city.

As for Bai Longtian and Xie Xingyi, as the 'young white lord' and the granddaughter of the old chief of the Xie family, they both knew about this matter already even though the Night star continent didn't actually have a Dao Emperor expert overlooking it.

Naturally, Shun Long already knew from Little Black that a Dao Emperor was hidden inside Tang city the moment that he stepped foot inside the city itself.

This was why he wasn't in a hurry to enter the palace and assassinate the crown prince.

Besides, with a Dao King protecting the prince in secret at all times the C-rank faction mission only became even more difficult.

After thinking seriously for a while, Shun Long turned his gaze towards Xie Xingyi and asked "Xingyi, can you sneak past the palace walls and take a look inside?"

Although others couldn't do it, Shun Long knew that Xingyi was an exception and could do this thanks to her Vanishing Shadows unique physique.

Nodding her head, Xie Xingyi flashed an extremely beautiful smile at Shun Long before she answered

"Don't worry brother Long, leave it to me."

Xie Xingyi didn't hesitate to agree before her body started to merge into the shadows, completely disappearing from everyone's vision.

This was what she naturally excelled at the most. Unless the difference between her's and her opponent's soul sense was too big, it was impossible for Xingyi to be found out if she was careful enough.

This was why Shun Long had asked her to do this, since he knew that despite the fact that the palace guards were occasionally scanning the areas around them with their soul sense, they would be unable to spot her as long as she was careful.

Naturally, there was always a certain degree of risk of one of the guards having a soul sense much stronger than the rest, or a powerful late-stage Nascent Soul guard or even a Dao King realm guard to appear, but Shun Long had already seen that most of the guards around the city walls were at the early stages, while less than a third of them had reached the middle stages.

Although there would definitely be some experts at the late stages of the Nascent Soul and perhaps even Dao King realm experts like the one who was rumored to guard the crown prince inside the palace, it was impossible for the Tang dynasty to have the Dao Kings work like the Nascent Soul stage cultivators and supervise the corridors of the palace.

If anything, the Dao Kings would only supervise the most important and sensitive places within the palace instead.

Thus, unless Xingyi entered too deep inside the palace, Shun Long knew that she would most likely be safe.

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5 hours had already passed by, before Shun Long and the rest all saw the familiar figure of a stunning, blonde-haired beauty in black robes, appearing in front of them seemingly out of thin air.

Although her face was dripping with droplets of sweat due to her overusing her unique physique for so long, the gorgeous smile on her face only made her look even more beautiful than before.

After taking a moment to catch her breath, Xingyi smiled brightly as she said

"Brother Long, there are more than 3.000 guards inside the palace, but most of them are in the early and middle stages of the Nascent Soul. As for those who have reached the late stages of the Nascent Soul, they shouldn't be more than 200.

I could sense some powerful auras inside the palace that had definitely exceeded the Nascent Soul stage, but I couldn't get too close to them. However, after looking around the palace for more than an hour, I finally found the crown prince's chambers."

Chapter 595: Shun Long's first plan

Shun Long, Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian, all stared at Xie Xingyi who had the same beautiful smile on her face with their eyes wide open.

With the sheer number of the more than 3.000 Nascent Soul stage guards around the palace gates, as well as the number of guards stationed inside the palace itself, everyone understood that infiltrating the palace like this was a nearly impossible endeavor.

As for the crown prince's chambers that would most likely be guarded tightly, it would be even harder to get there.

This was why Shun Long had only asked Xingyi to simply sneak past the palace walls and take a look inside instead of entering the depths of the palace itself. The difficulty of doing the latter was enormous, even for someone like Xingyi who had a physique like the Vanishing Shadows unique physique.

From the droplets of sweat dripping from her stunningly beautiful face, Shun Long understood that this wasn't easy for Xie Xingyi either, and she had most likely pushed herself way past her limits.

"Xingyi you are amazing!"

"Junior sister Xie's unique physique is truly extraordinary."

Liu Mei and Bai Longtian praised her without holding back their praise, while Jiang Chen nodded his head in agreement. However, it was natural that all of them were surprised by this, since the degree of danger for this mission was already off the charts!

After staying silent for a moment, Shun Long looked at Xie Xingyi's enchanting green eyes that were fervently staring back at him, before he nodded his head and said with a smile on his face

"Xingyi, good job. No one else could do this but you."

It was only a single sentence, and yet it still made a dazzling smile form itself on the stunning blond-haired young woman's lips, while her face turned slightly red in response.

For a girl who had no prior experience of love in her life, being praised by the person whom she felt affection for made a sweet feeling appear in Xie Xingyi's heart.

After taking a look at his surroundings and seeing that night had already fallen, Shun Long then said a moment later

"Let's find an inn to spend the night."

Jiang Chen and the rest all nodded their heads, as they continued to walk around the busy streets of Tang city.

Although night had already fallen, Tang city didn't seem to be any less bustling, as the streets were still full of light and most of the shops remained open.

Half an hour later, Shun Long and the others had arrived at the entrance of a large inn, a couple of miles away from the royal palace of the Tang dynasty.

"Hello, how may I help you?"

The middle-aged innkeeper approached their group the moment they entered the inn and asked them with a gentle smile on her face.

After Shun Long asked her for a courtyard with at least 4 rooms and paid her 100 middle-grade spirit stones for the night, the innkeeper led them deeper inside the inn, stopping in front of a large, spacious courtyard, less than a minute later.

With just a glance, Shun Long realized that the courtyard had plenty of protective formations that could block even an early-stage Nascent Soul cultivator from forcefully barging in.

After thanking the innkeeper, the 5 of them all entered the courtyard, before Shun Long turned around and looked at Xie Xingyi and said

"Xingyi, you can go rest for a bit, at least until you replenish your qi."

Xie Xingyi didn't decline as she was clearly at her limits already, and after saying goodbye she walked towards one of the 4 rooms. Her qi had been almost completely depleted in the 5 hours that she had spent inside the royal palace of the Tang family, and Shun Long had already guessed that she had already consumed at least a couple of 'Qi replenishing pills' or her qi would have depleted long ago.

"Hehe, master, that little girl is really interested in you. She has really helped master this time."

Hearing Little Black's voice in his mind, Shun Long calmly nodded his head with a smile on his face, as he watched Xingyi's figure that entered inside one of the 4 rooms to cultivate and fully refill her nearly empty dantian with qi.

Indeed, Shun Long hadn't expected that Xingyi would manage to find the crown prince's chambers this time.

He knew that this was almost impossible, so he had already told Little Black about his first plan that was for Xingyi to infiltrate the royal palace of the Tang dynasty and take a look inside to get a general idea of the palace's interior before she relays it to Shun Long.

Shun Long would then open a space tear leading directly inside the palace bringing Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian all inside the palace.

Liu Mei would then summon her skeletons and have them go wild in the palace, instantly attracting everyone's attention.

With more than 1000 skeletons at the peak of rank 4 in the Nascent Soul going wild, even the 3000 Nascent Soul stage guards would find it hard to stop them. After all, most of the guards were at the early stages of the Nascent Soul to begin with.

Although there were some guards at the late stages of the Nascent Soul as well, it was simply impossible for all of them to enter the royal palace and deal with Liu Mei's skeletons while leaving the gates of the palace completely unprotected.

Thus, Shun Long believed that as long as Liu Mei's skeletons started to go wild, even the Dao Kings inside the royal palace would be alerted, forcing them to go towards Shun Long's direction and find the source of the problem.

With everyone's attention on Liu Mei's undead army, Xingyi would then be able to roam around the palace almost freely looking for the crown prince's chambers.

However, with Xingyi locating the crown prince's chambers so quickly, things entirely changed!

Entering the biggest one of the 4 rooms, Shun Long, Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian, all sat down on the meditative cushions on the floor, before Bai Longtian looked at Shun Long and asked

"Brother Shun, what are we going to do?"

Chapter 596: The infamous crown prince

Shun Long fell silent after hearing Bai Longtian's question before his mind fell into deep thoughts.

He clearly knew what Bai Longtian was trying to say.

After all, even if they knew the location of the crown prince's chambers it would still be hard to assassinate him, since according to the mission's description, there was always at least one Dao King protecting him at all times.

Although everyone's cultivation had advanced by leaps and bounds in these last 3 months since they had entered the Holy sect, dealing with a Dao King was simply impossible.

2 hours later, at the same time that Xingyi had finished replenishing her qi and entered Shun Long's room, Shun Long's eyes abruptly lit up before a smile slowly formed itself on his lips.

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The night soon passed and daybreak arrived a few hours later, before Shun Long's group left the inn and headed towards the direction of the royal palace.

Although no one was allowed to approach too close to the palace gates, there were plenty of restaurants and shops in the periphery of the palace itself.

Shun Long and the rest walked around the streets of Tang city for a little more than an hour, before they entered inside a restaurant that had a direct view of the palace, and sat by a table next to the window.

Even though it was still morning, the shops and the restaurants inside Tang city didn't close for the night since they were operated by cultivators.? Even the waiters in most of the restaurants were at least Heaven grade cultivators, and they could go for at least a month without sleep and still be in peak condition.

As Shun Long stared at the gates of the royal palace that were still wide open and were guarded by the hundreds of Nascent Soul stage guards just like the last time, Liu Mei's gentle voice sounded in his ears a moment later.

"Long-ge, you and Xingyi have to be careful..."

In the past few hours that they had spent inside the room back in the inn, Shun Long had already decided on a new plan regarding the crown prince's assassination.

However, although Liu Mei and the others all understood that Shun Long's plan was extremely dangerous to him and Xie Xingyi, they also knew that it was probably the only feasible way to pull it off.

Xie Xingyi simply shook her head with a smile on her face and said

"Mei, don't worry. Since brother Long will be with me, I will be alright. You should be careful too!"

Shun Long patted Liu Mei's head lightly and pulled her into a hug before he said

"You shouldn't worry too much about me when your mission isn't any less dangerous."

Turning his eyes towards Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian, Shun Long then continued

"Be very careful. No matter what, our target is still guarded by a Dao King realm expert!"

Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian both nodded their heads with serious looks on their faces, as they understood that although Shun Long and Xie Xingyi would be facing the brunt of the danger this time, the parts that they had to play in this mission weren't any less dangerous in reality.

Without saying another word, Shun Long turned his gaze towards the food that the waiters had started to bring, but his eyes would still occasionally stare at the palace gates of the royal palace through the window.

A little more than 3 hours later, Shun Long's eyes suddenly narrowed as he spotted a luxurious carriage that was being pulled by 2 peak rank 5 magic beasts coming out from the royal palace.

Without even needing to guess, Shun Long heard the conversation of the people inside the restaurant that instantly exploded the next moment, as everyone else seemed to have also noticed the luxurious carriage coming out from the palace.

"Sigh... isn't that the crown prince's carriage? I wonder who the unlucky girl is going to be this time!"

"It's the same thing every few days. Every time he only comes out from the royal palace to pick a girl, and once he gets bored of her he just picks another one a few days later! Those girls are truly unfortunate..."

"Unfortunate? They still get the chance to become the crown prince's women so why are they unfortunate? Even if they become his concubines, their status will still skyrocket. After all, isn't the Tang dynasty is the strongest power in our 'Blue star continent'?"

A middle-aged man asked curiously after hearing the confusing conversations of the people around him.

He seemed to have heard some things about the crown prince, but his ignorant response only caused a barrage of snickers and mocking looks to be thrown at him.

"Heh, you must be new to the royal city to be this naive! Do you really think that the profligate prince would take those women as his concubines? How naive. They are nothing more than his playthings that he discards after playing with them for a few days! Forget about giving them some status, he simply kicks them out of the palace a few days later... heh, that's for those who manage to survive his torture."

The middle-aged man was shocked when he heard this, as he stared at the luxurious carriage through another huge window of the restaurant with a look of shock in his eyes.

It was obvious that he had only just arrived in Tang city and didn't know too many things about the infamous crown prince.

At the same time, Shun Long stared at the luxurious carriage with his eyes narrowed slightly, before he stood up from his seat and turned his gaze towards Xie Xingyi and the rest.

With a bright smile on her face, Xingyi stood up as well, followed by Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian, as the 5 of them walked out of the restaurant.

It was time to start the plan.

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Naturally, Shun Long wouldn't be waiting inside the restaurant blindly and simply hope that the crown prince was going to show up in front of him.

He had already found out a few things about the infamous crown prince of the Tang dynasty after registering the mission in the Assignment Hall of the Holy sect. After all, the Holy sect wouldn't just ask its disciples to assassinate someone without a good reason and would always do a thorough research before issuing a mission.

Although most people in the Blue star continent didn't know about it, how could the Holy sect not know anything about the profligate crown prince who didn't like to cultivate and would visit Tang city every few days, picking every beautiful woman that caught his sight?

Everyone inside Tang city already knew that the crown prince of the Tang dynasty had only boosted his cultivation to the middle rank 1 of the Nascent Soul stage thanks to the pills that he had consumed throughout his entire life, while his combat prowess wasn't even a match for normal early rank 1 Nascent Soul stage cultivators.

And yet, despite all that, nobody dared to go against his wishes even though it was known that the crown prince didn't discriminate against commoners or nobles, picking any woman that he liked despite her status, before he forcibly brought her back to the royal palace.

Of course, it was only natural that nobody would dare to speak up against it. After all, not only did the crown prince have the backing of the entire Tang dynasty behind him, but every time that he left the royal palace, 2 powerful Dao Kings would accompany him inside the city.

Even the experts who were strong enough to repel 2 Dao Kings from the Tang dynasty would have to think twice before doing so, lest they face the wrath of the strongest superpower in the entire 'Blue star continent'.

Staring at the 2 Dao Kings who were sitting on top of the crown prince's carriage with their eyes closed but were still emitting their auras brazenly, scaring away all the passersby, Shun Long actually didn't show any surprise, and instead he simply nodded his head.

In the past few hours, he had already discussed the possibility of assassinating the crown prince after leaving the royal palace, since it was only a matter of time until the infamous prince got bored of the women he had picked the last time and went out to pick some more.

However, since the mission clearly stated that they had to infiltrate the palace to assassinate their target, Shun Long understood that it was extremely likely, that more than one Dao King would be accompanying the crown prince every time that he went out of the palace, making the mission simply impossible for them to complete.

After all, even a single Dao King protecting the prince in secret had already made this mission an extremely difficult C-rank faction mission that could even be compared with some B-rank faction missions.

Killing the crown prince with 2 Dao Kings protecting him at the same time was simply impossible.

Leaving the restaurant, Shun Long threw a glance at the luxurious carriage that was heading deeper inside the city, before he turned his attention towards Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian and said calmly

"You guys can wait here, Xingyi and I will go ahead."

Liu Mei, Bai Longtian, and Jiang Chen, all nodded their heads with serious looks, before Shun Long raised his right hand and slashed the air in front of him.

A human-sized space tear appeared in front of him a moment later, as he and Xingyi both entered inside.

Xingyi had already memorized the places that were relatively safe inside the palace and those that were heavily guarded by the palace guards.

As for the space tear that Shun Long had just opened, it had led them directly inside the royal palace, in a spot that was outside of most guards' vision.

After successfully infiltrating the royal palace and making sure that there were really no guards around them, Shun Long turned his eyes towards Xie Xingyi and said

"Xingyi, I'm counting on you."

Nodding her head, Xingyi smiled gently before she reassured him

"Brother Long, leave it to me!"

As soon as she finished speaking she activated her Vanishing Shadows unique physique, as her body melded into the shadows before she disappeared deeper inside the royal palace.

10 minutes later, Xie Xingyi's figure materialized in front of Shun Long and said

"Brother Long, we can head deeper inside."

Nodding his head, Shun Long slashed the air in front of him for the second time, opening another space tear that led them deeper inside the palace.

The same scene repeated itself more than 5 times, before Shun Long and Xie Xingyi finally reached the palace's core region, where the members of the royal family resided.

Shun Long's plan was to have Xingyi lead the way directly to the chambers of the crown prince.

Even though he already knew the rough location of the crown prince's chambers thanks to Xingyi, Shun Long couldn't open a space tear that would lead right towards it since if the guards happened to pass by the area at the same time, or he and Xingyi would be instantly discovered.

By then, forget about assassinating the crown prince, Shun Long and Xie Xingyi would have a hard time escaping the palace under the thousands of Nascent Soul stage cultivators and the Dao Kings who were hidden inside the palace.

Although the Tang dynasty had many members who lived inside the palace, only the direct descendants of the royal family were allowed to live inside the core region where Shun Long and Xie Xingyi were in front of right now.

As for those membered who were from the branches of the Tang dynasty and weren't members of the royal family, although they were given places within the royal palace as well, they weren't allowed to live within the core region.

"Sigh, I heard that the crown prince left a few hours ago. I wonder how many girls he is going to bring back this time."

"Haaa, it must be really good to be born as the prince. Even if you don't cultivate and just laze around all day, you still get experts like commander Peng who will protect you at all times!"

The 2 late-stage Nascent Soul guards who were guarding the entrance of the core region of the palace started to talk to each other, seemingly oblivious to the fact that a nearly invisible shadow was heading in their direction.

And yet, the moment that Xingyi's shadow entered a radius of 5 meters from the guards, the guard on the left suddenly narrowed his eyes, before he turned his gaze towards her direction and shouted in a loud voice

"Who is there??"

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The guard on the right was stunned when he heard his friend's loud shout, before both of them turned their attention towards Xie Xingyi's direction and sent out their soul sense.

After scanning the area around her 3 times without finding anything, the guard on the right looked at his friend and said

"Ha... there is no one there. What's wrong with you? Are you really that tired? Besides, who would dare to enter this place to begin with?"

"Sigh, you are right. Was I really mistaken?"

Shun Long and Xie Xingyi both heaven out a sigh of relief when they saw this, before Xingyi headed past the 2 guards and entered the core region of the palace.

Even with her Vanishing Shadows unique physique, it wasn't that easy for her to sneak past most late-stage Nascent Soul guards. However, as long as there wasn't a Dao King present, Xie Xingyi was confident that she wouldn't be discovered as long as she was careful inside the palace.

A few minutes later, Shun Long saw Xingyi's body that had started to materialize itself in front of him, before Shun Long raised his right hand, once again opening another space tear, as he and Xingyi both stepped inside.

After exiting the space tear, Shun Long found himself standing in front of a pair of large wooden gates with Xie Xingyi standing by his side.

Although there were no guards in front of the wooden gates, from the protective formations that were engraved on them, Shun Long instantly understood that even early-stage Dao Kings wouldn't be able to force their way through and enter inside without permission.

"Is this the crown prince' quarters?"? Shun Long looked at Xingyi and asked for confirmation.

Nodding her head, Xie Xingyi had a serious look in her eyes as she answered

"Brother Long, I heard from the guards that were patrolling the last time, that this is where the crown prince stays. However, I couldn't stay for too long the last time, since there was a Dao King in this area."

Nodding his head, Shun Long smiled lightly, before he placed his right hand around Xingyi's small waist, causing her body to involuntarily tremble by his sudden touch before he said

"Xingyi, remember to not move under any circumstances."

As soon as he finished speaking, spatial fluctuations started to ripple around Shun Long's body, slowly expanding and covering Xie Xingyi's body as well, before their bodies both vanished in the next second.

This was the technique that Shun Long had comprehended after breaking through to the early fifth stage in the Monarch's Eternal body back in the Holy city, 'One with the world'!

In terms of concealment abilities alone, Shun Long's 'One with the world' was even better than Xingyi's Vanishing Shadows unique physique.

Although Shun Long wasn't certain if he could avoid detection from the soul sense of powerful Dao Kings while he was concealed itself with 'One with the world', he knew that the chances of doing so successfully were at least 40 to 50 percent.

As for Xingyi's unique physique, although Shun Long knew that she could still avoid the detection from most late-stage Nascent Soul cultivators, avoiding the soul sense of Dao Kings was an entirely different matter.

Of course, even though Shun Long's 'One with the world' was much better in terms of concealment, Xingyi's unique physique allowed her to move while she had activated it as well, while also providing her with enhanced combat abilities at the same time.

Her survivability while she was using her unique physique would also shoot up by countless times, making it even tougher to harm her with normal attacks since it was impossible to lock on to her.

Seeing that she was keeping her lips tightly sealed, almost as if she was afraid to speak, Shun Long smiled and said a moment later

"Xingyi, don't worry, you can speak freely. No one should be able to hear us in this place."

Xingyi's face started to turn somewhat red upon hearing the last sentence that Shun Long had just said, since she could still feel his hand that was holding her from her waist.

Of course, infiltrating the palace like this was part of the plan, making Shun Long heave out a sigh of relief upon reaching this stage successfully.

Although this wasn't the most dangerous part of the mission, if Shun Long and Xie Xingyi were discovered during this time, Shun Long knew that the plan would be completely ruined.

"All we have to do now is wait. Hopefully, it won't take too long."

Xingyi nodded her head gently as her eyes surveyed her surroundings with a gaze filled with wonder.

This was the first time that she was concealed in a separate space, and feeling that she was isolated from the rest of the world with only Shun Long by her side, made her heart start beating faster involuntarily.

As for why Shun Long didn't choose to bring Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian with him and conceal them with his 'One with the world' just like he did with Xingyi, it was simply because his strength wouldn't last him for even an hour even after breaking through to the early fifth stage of the Nascent Soul.

After all, with every second that he was concealed within the separate space, the strength of his 'Monarch's Eternal body' was being rapidly depleted.

Bringing Xingyi in this place was even tougher, but it was impossible for Shun Long to let her roam throughout the palace and hide herself while he had concealed himself here.

Besides, Xingyi's abilities were still vital to the rest of his plan on the crown prince's assassination.

In the blink of an eye, 5 hours had already passed.

At this point, Shun Long could feel that more than 60 percent of his strength had been depleted already, but he and Xingyi still didn't move a single step.

Finally, just as Shun Long was about to get depressed by his bad luck, a loud laughter resounded from the distance ahead of him and Xie Xingyi, before the excited voice of a young man entered his ears

"Hahaha! I thought I had plucked the entire Tang city of beautiful girls, but who would have thoughts that I had missed Baron Chen's daughter! Quickly, commander Peng, bring her to my room!"

A few seconds later, a luxuriously dressed young man with a big nose appeared in Shun Long's vision, followed by a tall man with spiky brown hair who was carrying a short-haired young woman on his shoulder.

Shun Long's eyes instantly narrowed upon feeling the powerful but reserved aura of a Dao King coming from the tall man with the spiky brown hair, before his gaze was focused on the luxuriously dressed young man with the big nose a moment later.

This was the infamous crown prince of the Tang dynasty, Tang Long!

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Xingyi's body instantly stiffened the moment she felt the aura that was coming from the tall man that was carrying the young woman on his shoulder before her gaze instantly turned solemn.

It was obvious that not only was this person a Dao King, but based on the aura coming from his body, he was probably an experienced one at that. At the very least, he wasn't a newly advanced early rank 1 Dao King realm expert, but someone who was at least at the peak of rank 1 in the Dao King realm, if not even higher.

Her heart started to beat faster with every passing second, as the powerful Dao King and the young man in front of him walked closer and closer towards the crown prince's chambers.

She wasn't certain if she and Shun Long would be discovered while they were concealed by Shun Long's 'One with the world' or if it could avoid the detection of a powerful Dao King.

Turning her head to the side, Xingyi turned to look at Shun Long, only to see that he was actually staring at her with a smile on his face, while his hand was still holding on to her waist as he asked "Xingyi, are you ready?"

Xingyi's worries instantly evaporated by more than half after hearing Shun Long's calm voice, before she nodded her head in response.

At that moment, the look in Shun Long's eyes turned serious as he first circulated his 'Monarch's Hourglass', causing his eyes to instantly turn golden, before he took out his golden-colored token from the 'Stone of Time' and activated the 'Memory recording formation' inside it.

At the same time, he no longer used his energy to maintain his 'One with the world' causing spatial fluctuations to start rippling around his and Xie Xingyi's bodies, before their figures appeared right in front of the crown prince of the Tang dynasty and the tall man behind him barely a moment later.

"Wha-?"

Before the crown prince, Tang Long could even finish his sentence, Shun Long saw the tall Dao King who was still carrying the young woman on his shoulder abruptly take a step forward, closing the distance between himself and Tang Long in a single instant!

Without any hesitation, the tall man whom the crown prince had called 'Commander Peng' earlier, suddenly placed his hand on the prince's robes and instantly took a few steps backward, pulling the crown prince along with him and opening up the distance between himself, Shun Long and Xie Xingyi!

Tang Long's body rolled on the floor of the palace uncontrollably after 'Commander Peng's' forceful pull, but before he could flare up, Commander Peng's serious voice sounded in his ears in the next moment

"Your Highness, step back!"

Hearing the solemn tone in his voice Tang Long didn't turn angry, as he turned his attention towards Shun Long and Xie Xingyi and asked

"Who the hell are you? How did you get inside the royal palace?"

Turning his attention towards Shun Long and Xie Xingyi, Commander Peng's aura exploded from his body as he ignored Tang Long's question and asked in a serious tone

"Who are you? Why are you sneaking around the prince's royal chambers?"

Although Commander Peng was slightly wary of Shun Long and Xie Xingyi since he had actually failed to detect their presence until they finally revealed themselves, after sensing their cultivation that was only at the peak of rank 3 and the middle of rank 5 in the Nascent Soul, he heaved out a sigh of relief.

However, neither Shun Long nor Xie Xingyi looked like they wanted to answer him.

Raising both hands, Shun Long tore the space in front of him open, creating a large space tear, while Xingyi activated her Vanishing Shadows unique physique at the same time, as her body melded into the shadows.

Commander Peng's eyes instantly narrowed upon seeing this scene, as he saw a gorgeous black-robed young woman with long black hair and 2 handsome young men in black robes, all coming out from the space tear, before they took a look at their surroundings.

This was precisely how Shun Long was planning to have Liu Mei and the rest enter the royal palace!

Since it was almost impossible for his energy to sustain hiding everyone with his 'One with the world', he had chosen to simply hide himself along with Xingyi who was going to lead the way to the crown prince's chambers.

As soon as the crown prince arrived, Shun Long had already told Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian, that he would create a space tear which would lead them directly inside the royal palace.

Although Shun Long couldn't create 'reverse space tears' in the past that would lead straight to him, after breaking through to the fifth stage of his 'Monarch's Eternal body', it was practically effortless for him to do so.

At the same time that Commander Peng and the crown prince of the Tang dynasty, Tang Long were both looking at Shun Long with eyes filled with disbelief, Shun Long had already turned his attention towards Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian.

Without waiting for Shun Long to say anything, Liu Mei created a pitch-black ball in her hands and allowed it to fall on the floor of the palace barely a moment later, opening up a huge portal.

In just a couple of seconds, 1000 jade-white skeletons and 60 undead knights, along with an enormous, 30 meter(100ft) tall monster had all emerged from the enormous portal, with Liu Mei standing right on top of the enormous monster's back.

Jiang Chen nodded his head before an ever-expanding veil of darkness erupted from his body, slowly expanding towards his surroundings, while a pair of pitch-black wings that were burning with dark red flames had also formed themselves on his back!

The veil of darkness was clearly Jiang Chen's strongest skill from his Eternal Darkness unique physique, the 'Kingdom of Darkness', while the black wings were his 'Demonic Wings'!

Seeing both Jiang Chen and Liu Mei going all-out, Bai Longtian didn't hide his strength any longer, revealing in public his Golden Buddha unique physique for the first time!

His body instantly turned into a 10 meter(30ft) tall giant golden buddha, whose eyes were staring at the shocked crown prince of the Tang dynasty without any emotions.

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The veil of darkness that was slowly expanding around Jiang Chen's body had soon turned into an enormous fist, as it followed after Liu Mei who was standing on the Death Eater's back, as well as Bai Longtian who was using his Dao of Light to increase his speed even further, all of them heading straight towards the still stunned prince of the Tang dynasty!

With a smile on his face, Shun Long nodded his head before he waved his right hand, taking out the black, star-rank sword from the 'Stone of Time'.

His eyes were still locked on the powerful Dao King from the Tang dynasty, before he turned his attention towards the crown prince who was standing behind him barely a moment later.

Injecting his qi inside the sword, Shun Long slashed it forward without holding back, causing the mysterious runes and patterns on the sword's surface to light up all at the same time, before a powerful black-colored sword slash erupted from the sword's edge heading directly towards the dumbfounded crown prince!

"Hmph!"

The powerful Dao King, Commander Peng snorted once he felt the auras of Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian that were only at the rank 5 of the Nascent Soul, before he tossed the young woman that he was carrying on his shoulder to the ground, no longer caring about her.

Instead, his eyes barely glanced at the huge army of skeletons that were led by the 60 black-armored undead knights, before his gaze was focused on the huge black-colored slash that was crackling with sparks of lightning, the enormous Death Eater and Liu Mei who was standing on its back, Jiang Chen's fist created from his 'Kingdom of Darkness', and Bai Longtian's gigantic 'Golden Buddha body', all of whom were heading straight towards the crown prince who was standing a few meters behind him!

The crown prince trembled when he felt the 4 terrifying auras that were coming straight towards him, but Commander Peng had a calm yet serious look in his eyes as he took out a large bronze spear from his spatial ring and held it tightly with his left hand.

As soon as Shun Long's Thundergod's slash, Liu Mei's enormous Death Eater, Jiang Chen's black fist made from his Kingdom of Darkness, and Bai Longtian's gigantic 'Golden Buddha form' all arrived in front of him, Commander Peng swept the bronze spear in his hand sideways as he shouted loudly

"Scram!"

Saint low-grade martial skill, Earth splitting sweep!"

A huge crimson slash emerged from the bronze spear's tip in the next moment, colliding with Shun Long's Thundergod's slash head-on!

This was the strongest martial skill that the Tang dynasty owned, the Earth splitting sweep!

Normally, only members of the royal family were allowed to learn this martial skill, but as the personal bodyguard of the future king of the Tang dynasty, Commander Peng was allowed to learn the first form of the Earth splitting sweep.

As soon as the huge crimson slash collided with the black-colored slash, Shun Long's Thundergod's slash was destroyed in an instant, before Commander Peng's Earth splitting sweep continued towards Liu Mei's Death Eater!

The might of a Dao King wasn't to be underestimated.

The early rank 5 Nascent Soul stage Death Eater's body was instantly split in half the next moment, as the powerful crimson slash instantly tore through its body before it continued heading towards Jiang Chen's black palm!

Jiang Chen gritted his teeth when he saw this, but his enormous black palm was no different when placed in front of Commander Peng's powerful crimson slash, as it was split in half in a single instant.

The look in Bai Longtian's eyes instantly turned serious when he saw this scene, and realizing that the crimson slash was about to hit him, he circulated his Dao of the Buddha to its fullest, creating a small golden sphere around his body that enhanced his defense to its limits.

BOOOM!!

As soon as he met Commander Peng's sweep head-on, Bai Longtian's protective golden sphere crumbled almost instantly, before his enormous 10 meters(33ft) tall golden body was sent flying backward uncontrollably, only stopping after it collided with the palace walls.

Hundreds of Liu Mei's skeletons and more than a dozen of her black-armored knights were destroyed simply from the remnant attacks of the slash!

And yet, Commander Peng's expression didn't show the slightest hints of joy, but instead it turned even uglier, as he hurriedly turned around to look at the crown prince behind him, only to see the figure of a blond-haired young woman appearing right next to the crown prince.

Tens of shadow-like tentacles seemed to have emerged from the crown prince's own shadow, completely restricting his movements, as the gorgeous blond-haired young woman held a silver dagger in her hands, ready to plunge it in the crown prince's throat.

This was precisely the final step of Shun Long's plan.

Knowing that it was impossible to defeat the Dao King who was protecting the crown prince, Shun Long had decided to avoid fighting him to begin with and sent a barrage of their most powerful attacks straight towards the crown prince.

Even a Dao King realm expert like Commander Peng would have to take their combined attacks seriously or he wouldn't be able to block every single one of them.

Of course, if Commander Peng went all-out and used his most powerful martial skill, Shun Long knew that even his Thundergod's slash combined with Liu Mei's Death Eater, Jiang Chen's Kingdom of Darkness, and Bai Longtian's Golden Buddha form wouldn't have a chance against it, but in that case, it would be impossible for Commander Peng to stop Xingyi's perfectly timed attack.

However, just when Xie Xingyi was a moment away from slashing the crown prince's throat, a powerful silver light suddenly covered the crown prince's body, before it headed straight towards Xingyi.

Xingyi didn't even have a moment to dodge before she was hit by the silver light, causing her to fly back without any ability to resist, as her body collided with the palace walls, causing her to cough a mouthful of blood in the process!