

- "What?"

Luchen's single sentence left everyone in shock. Normally, wasn't he supposed to try to stop her from leaving, then burst into tears, and express deep regret? What was this about "walk straight and don't let the door hit you"?

This guy was not following the expected script at all!

"Luchen! What are you doing? Are you deliberately trying to upset my senior sister?" Hong Qingxia scolded, giving him a sharp look. She had wanted him to convince them to stay, but instead, he had chased them out. It was infuriating.

"You...you...you...you're really going too far!"

As Qiuyun realized the situation, she quickly turned from embarrassment to anger. At this moment, she didn't care about her goddess-like demeanor. She drew her sword, ready for a confrontation. When had anyone ever dared to mock her like this? It was an unbearable humiliation!

"What are you all doing?"

At that moment, a stern voice suddenly rang out. Everyone turned to see a woman in her thirties or forties, dressed in palace attire, accompanied by an older woman.

The woman in palace attire had a full figure, oozed charm, and her eyes held both pride and fierceness, giving her an aura that kept people at bay. The older woman behind her had a dark countenance and rarely spoke, giving off an air of sharpness.

"Master?!"

Seeing the woman in palace attire, Qiuyun's face brightened, and she quickly led her group to greet her. The newcomer wasn't just anyone; she was the Palace Mistress of the Jade Maiden Palace — Bai Xiu!

"What's going on here?"

Bai Xiu swept her gaze over the scene, looking quite displeased. "We, the disciples of the Jade Maiden Palace, should carry ourselves with grace. Resorting to violence at every turn is hardly appropriate."

"Master! It's this guy. He's trying to drive us away!"

Qiuyun pointed her finger at Luchen, immediately playing the victim.

"Hey, don't twist the facts. It was you who wanted to take over our place, and I simply didn't agree with you," Luchen said calmly.

"Hmph! You had ill intentions toward me, played a game of cat and mouse, and when you saw that I wasn't interested in you, you got angry and threw us out. You're truly despicable!" Qiuyun retorted.

"Senior sister, this might just be a misunderstanding. Why don't we all sit down and talk it out?" Hong Qingxia tried to mediate.

"Junior sister Qingxia, why are you siding with an outsider?" Qiuyun frowned.

"I just feel that this place is nice, and it's suitable for Master to cultivate. There's no need to resort to violence and military conflicts. It's better to make a mountain out of a molehill and let bygones be bygones," Hong Qingxia suggested.

"Hmph! I'll let it go, but he must apologize to me!"

Qiuyun pointed her longsword at Luchen.

"What if I don't apologize? Are you leaving again? In that case, I won't see you off."

Luchen nodded, showing no signs of giving in.

"You...!"

Qiuyun was furious.

"Enough!"

Bai Xiu raised her hand to halt the argument, her tone cold. "This place is nice, and I like it. We'll settle here for now."

"Master, there are many men here, and it's dirty and smelly. If we don't drive them out, it will be difficult for you to stay," Qiuyun began to incite.

"Senior sister, this estate belongs to Luchen. It's inappropriate to kick the owner out. If this gets out, it will tarnish the reputation of our Jade Maiden Palace," Hong Qingxia quickly interjected.

"Hmph! How can you take his side?" Qiuyun was growing impatient.

"Fine, let them stay here temporarily. We, the disciples of the Jade Maiden Palace, are used to being served," Bai Xiu said, her gaze shifting to Luchen. "Hey, you there, make some space for us. We want the best accommodations. Consider it a reward."

With that, she flicked her finger, and a gold coin fell at Luchen's feet.

Then, she led her group into the area without any politeness.

"Hmph! You're lucky. You have another chance to get close to me, but I warn you, you better not have any inappropriate thoughts!"