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As the Grand Commander of the Left Army, Wu Yongzhen's ability to speak so approachably to the scholar demonstrated his genuine sincerity.

Rachel's mother, overwhelmed with honor, couldn't stop her tears.

Unaware of the underlying message, she simply believed her daughter had finally proven herself, and that the centuries-old constraints on their scholarly family were finally being loosened.

While Rachel outwardly appeared excited, she inwardly replaced Wu Yongzhen's barely concealed smugness with an expression of utter despair and helplessness, as if she had lost everything.

She feigned humility and respect, saying to Wu Yongzhen, "Thank you for your understanding and care for our family, Grand Commander. Please rest assured, Grand Commander, I will continue to do my utmost to serve you and the Lord!"

Wu Yongzhen was very satisfied with Rachel's attitude and exclaimed with satisfaction, "Ah, so composed and humble! No wonder you won the favor of the Rothschild family's descendants and even gained the appreciation of Steve Rothschild. Not bad! Indeed!" Rachel humbly clasped her

hands and bowed, saying, "Grand Commander, you flatter me!"

Wu Yongzhen said very seriously to Rachel, "No, no, no, what I said is not an exaggeration at all; on the contrary, it's somewhat conservative. As it stands now... " "You are highly likely to become the most capable and accomplished scholar in the history of the Qing Dynasty in recent decades, without exception. But whether you can truly reach the top depends on whether you can successfully marry into the Rothschild family. If one day your name becomes Rachel Rothschild, then you will become the undisputed number one scholar!"

Upon hearing this, Rachel's mother could not hide her excitement. Although Rachel herself remained calm, she also forced a show of suppressed excitement and respectfully said, "If that day comes, Grand Commander, I will never forget your support and cultivation! Everything I and my family have is thanks to you, Grand Commander!"

Rachel's words immediately filled Wu Yongzhen with joy.

Although he expressed his hope that Rachel could marry into the Rothschild family, he also had his own concerns.

Currently, Rachel's greatest value was in helping him create personal wealth.

But once Rachel truly married into the Rothschild family, such a significant matter would definitely be reported to headquarters, and Sara would certainly know as well.

For a scholar to marry into the Rothschild family was akin to a scholar passing the imperial examination in feudal society—the highest achievement for a scholar, naturally deserving of imperial approval. An audience with the emperor would be a simple matter.

However, for Wu Yongzhen, such a situation wouldn't be beneficial.

If Sara met or had direct contact with Rachel, Rachel would be out of his control. Without his restraint, if she revealed everything to Sara, it would be a major problem.

Therefore, what he truly hoped for wasn't Rachel marrying into the Rothschild family, but rather that she accumulate sufficient wealth beforehand, and then, ideally, die suddenly due to some "accident."

That way, he wouldn't need to report Rachel's affairs to Sara; the matter could be naturally resolved within the Left Army Commander's Office.

By then, he would have made enough money, and Rachel would have kept the secret forever—this was the most advantageous outcome for him.

Rachel's attitude, however, reassured him somewhat. It seemed this young girl was quite loyal to him, so he wouldn't need to worry about her for the time being. He was concerned that if she really married into the Rothschild family, she might reveal his secret to Sara.