

Genius 1741

Chapter 1741 - A Small Profit!

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Unfortunately, besides Qin Fang himself, even Tang Cheng, one of the participants, wasn't particularly clear on it... not to mention Tang Huaiyuan, who was completely in the dark.

When Qin Fang informed Tang Cheng that this time Tang Huaiyuan's target was the Blood Coral, Tang Cheng immediately wanted to stash away the Blood Coral without hesitation.

Perhaps in his view, as long as Tang Huaiyuan didn't get the Blood Coral, he would inevitably stay to look for it, giving him more opportunities to take him down.

However, Qin Fang had a different idea and successfully convinced Tang Cheng... To be precise, when Tang Cheng learned of Qin Fang's plan, he was completely stunned.

Because... Qin Fang actually found an almost identical Blood Coral!

If Tang Cheng hadn't personally placed the Blood Coral in the safe, he would have thought Qin Fang was about to pull off a Stealing the Beam Replacing the Pillar trick.

But the Blood Coral Qin Fang brought back was verified by experts, who confidently stated it was authentic.

The only strange thing was that this Blood Coral was completely identical to the one in the safe, as if made from the same mold, even the flaws were completely identical...

Tang Cheng didn't pay much attention to it. He wanted results, so he didn't get tangled up in those irrelevant details.

Thus, this fake Blood Coral shamelessly replaced the original Blood Coral and was placed in the exhibition hall... Aside from Qin Fang, Tang Cheng, and that expert, no one else knew about it.

Even though Boss Kui had planted The Green Gang's members undercover in the National Exhibition Center, they couldn't know such a secret. Naturally, Tang Huaiyuan knew even less.

Even antique experts couldn't spot any flaws, so there's no need to mention Tang Huaiyuan's level; he couldn't find any flaws either.

Moreover, Tang Huaiyuan had just succeeded, and Qin Fang had already appeared. He then pursued Qin Fang, so he had no time to pay any attention to the issue with the Blood Coral...

Until he was seriously injured, provoked by Qin Fang, he took out the Blood Coral, and it vanished into thin air before his eyes. In utter shock, Tang Huaiyuan chose to perish together with him due to excessive provocation...

It can be said that Tang Huaiyuan never figured out how Qin Fang set him up until his death, truly dying unjustly and insignificantly!

As for the reason, naturally, only Qin Fang understood best.

Qin Fang had quite a few skills now, most were relatively common, but there were some he used very seldom, like this Duplication Skill he used this time.

By consuming certain Justice Points, Qin Fang could completely duplicate an item perfectly, a 100% duplicate existing physically, with no flaws detectable.

However, the duplicate wasn't entirely without flaws; to be exact, it had one major flaw, which was the duration of its existence...

Qin Fang hardly used the Duplication Skill before, as Justice Points were hard to earn, making it difficult for him to brush up on Proficiency.

It was only when he could exchange Experience Points for Proficiency that Qin Fang quickly elevated the Duplication Skill to Advanced, reducing the Justice Points consumed each time, and extending the duplicate's existence to four hours.

After placing the duplicate in the exhibition hall, Qin Fang immediately went to the sniper position to wait, appearing relaxed but always watching the time closely.

He didn't want the Blood Coral to vanish because time ran out before Tang Huaiyuan even appeared... So he had to quickly put the Blood Coral back.

Fortunately, Tang Huaiyuan didn't disappoint him, taking action within Qin Fang's expected timeframe, providing a relatively ample window...

Until he was severely injured, and Qin Fang saw the remaining time, he couldn't resist taunting him, resulting in Tang Huaiyuan watching the Blood Coral vanish from his hands as time expired...

In a rather pathetic turn, Tang Huaiyuan, a dignified Grandmaster Level expert, an elder of the Tang Sect, was simply enraged to death by Qin Fang, and even his attempt at mutual destruction couldn't harm Qin Fang, at most killing a few ants by the roadside...

Qin Fang wasn't very affected, only that his plan had been satisfactorily completed, and the Duplication Skill had indeed contributed a great deal.

"Tsk tsk, when I have time, maybe I should try being an international thief once, see if I can steal back some national treasures from places like the British Museum or the Louvre Museum..."

Perhaps it was because this Duplication Skill was quite devilish; after one success, such a mischievous idea naturally crept into Qin Fang's mind.

Of course, the idea was great, and its feasibility wasn't low, but the main challenge was how Qin Fang could achieve it unnoticeably, which was the key point.

After all, this time it was possible to deceive and avoid detection because Tang Cheng was cooperating with him. If he tried to steal treasures from those two places, the best outcome would be not getting shot on sight, let alone them helping him with the theft.

Fortunately, this was just a fleeting thought for Qin Fang; he wasn't really going to act on it, especially since he didn't even have the time to visit those two countries...

With Tang Huaiyuan dead, Qin Fang relaxed and didn't bother to go to the National Exhibition Center anymore, as it was no longer necessary.

The Tang Sect members were either dead or had fled, posing no threat. The remaining matters would naturally be handled by Tang Cheng, and Qin Fang couldn't be bothered with them.

"Sigh, nothing dropped again..."

However, when dealing with Tang Huaiyuan's body, Qin Fang felt quite helpless, as just like the old witch he killed before, nothing dropped from Tang Huaiyuan.

Fortunately, while Qin Fang was depressed this time, he was somewhat mentally prepared for this...

Although Qin Fang had dealt a vicious blow to the old witch at the time, she ultimately chose to self-destruct, so she wasn't technically killed by Qin Fang.

The situation with Tang Huaiyuan was similar. Qin Fang hadn't even interacted with him directly; Tang Huaiyuan's severe injuries were inflicted by Chu Tianji.

The only good experience points Qin Fang acquired were because Tang Huaiyuan was enraged to death by him... perhaps that was something added to Qin Fang's achievements.

Unfortunately, this manner of death wasn't recognized by the system, and it didn't count towards Qin Fang's enemy kills.

If it wasn't Qin Fang who personally finished him off, nothing would be dropped... Such was the case with Tang Huaiyuan!

"Actually, it wasn't entirely unfruitful..."

Of course, Qin Fang wasn't too discouraged—Tang Huaiyuan, his greatest enemy, was dead, and he did get something... the Peacock Feather.

A used Peacock Feather no longer counts as a Peacock Feather—at most, it's just a frame. To restore it to its original state would take at least ten to twenty years in the hands of Tang Sect craftsmen...

That's why the Peacock Feather, since its creation, has been fired no more than five times—because it's not only exceedingly difficult to make but also nearly impossible to restore, almost like creating a new one.

"Picked up such a bargain for nothing..."

Yet when this damaged Peacock Feather landed in Qin Fang's hands, he wasn't the least bit disheartened; on the contrary, he was thrilled, even excited...

The restoration of Storm Pear Blossom was no less challenging than the Peacock Feather. Yet, when Tang Nan used it and it fell into Qin Fang's hands, it was still perfectly fine and had accomplished a great deed.

Now, it's the same with the Peacock Feather. Qin Fang has a sufficient reserve of Justice Points, enough to restore the Peacock Feather to its initial state at any moment.

The skilled craftsmen of the Tang Sect might need ten to twenty years to restore it completely, but Qin Fang... can accomplish the restoration in just a few seconds.

Moreover, Qin Fang doesn't need to forge those slender needles or prepare any other materials; just spending a little Justice Points can easily solve everything!

Therefore, not only did Tang Huaiyuan fail to eliminate Qin Fang, who had a vendetta against him, but he also lost his life and even let one of the Tang Sect's ten ancient hidden weapons slip into Qin Fang's hands.

It's truly a case of losing everything after failing to steal a hen, an utter loss indeed.

But Tang Huaiyuan is already dead and has no chance to regret it!

Two Tang Sect members slipped away, but Qin Fang didn't bother with them, as Tang Cheng would send people to hunt them down. Whether they succeed or not wasn't something Qin Fang cared much about.

Succeeding would, of course, be the best outcome, allowing Qin Fang a period of peace before the Tang Sect could respond, staying unbothered for a time.

Even failing wouldn't be a big deal. Tang Huaiyuan's death in the world couldn't be covered up, considering his significant status in the Tang Sect. They wouldn't remain indifferent.

If those few Tang Sect disciples return and bring the news back, it simply hastens their awareness. But even if they sent more people, there would be some delay.

And during that time, Qin Fang would be abroad, where those formidable Tang Sect members couldn't even see him, making vengeance impossible.

Understanding this, Qin Fang wasn't worried at all...

A fire reduced Tang Huaiyuan's body to ashes, and Qin Fang doused the remains with urine, thus ending everything, with the fall of a Grandmaster-level expert and Qin Fang living a carefree life...

Chapter 1742 - Luring the Serpent Out of Its Den!

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Tang Huaiyuan's issue has come to an end, and the threat from the Tang Sect is also considered resolved. Qin Fang did not participate much in the upcoming antique exhibition, just going through the motions once and never attending again.

After Tang Huaiyuan's death, the small tricks played by Boss Kui's Green Gang quieted down. The entire Green Gang has become low-key, and there are even reports that Boss Kui ordered the Green Gang to avoid Qin Fang as much as possible...

Whether this news is true or false is no longer important. Anyway, the people from the Green Gang have been quite well-behaved recently. Some important halls, like Drunken River South, have been doing business legitimately, and even some previously very popular but over-the-line businesses have now ceased.

Though this will inevitably cause some losses, they indeed did as such, leaving others speechless...

Everything seems to have calmed down, but for Qin Fang, Jiangzhou is still fraught with danger.

Aside from the enemies Qin Fang has offended, just the substantial bounty in the underground world makes him feel the murderous intent.

However, after Qin Fang took out those six killers and then Killer Black Night mysteriously disappeared, some assassins who wanted to make a move became more cautious.

Especially those who planned to kidnap Chu Yunxuan or Helen to threaten Qin Fang; seeing Qin Fang's bloodthirsty means, they too settled down.

Of course, this is not excluding the factor that Chu Yunxuan's identity has additional powerful armed forces secretly protecting her...

Similarly for Helen, Reid Pharmaceuticals seemed more afraid than anyone of something happening to her, so they specially dispatched a bodyguard team from the United States to protect Helen.

With both women safe, these killers could only turn their focus to Qin Fang...

Of course, while the underground world's assassins are eyeing Qin Fang, it's not like Qin Fang isn't keeping an eye on them either?

It's just a matter of one being overt and one being covert!

The assassins are naturally in the dark, while Qin Fang is in the open. However, Qin Fang has a hidden ace, that being his newly acquired underling, Ji Xiang, who is the newly acclaimed genius Killer Black Night of the Assassin's Alliance...

"Young Master Qin, there's a situation..."

Black Night has not been in much contact with Qin Fang recently, rather he has been secretly investigating the movements of the underground world. With the help of a world-renowned hacker, "Ghost," intelligence gathering has been relatively easier.

But those killers are not easy pickings, as those who have advanced to Four-star or Five-star are very good at protecting themselves, usually appearing as ordinary people and nowhere near the stereotype of an assassin... Trying to find these individuals among nearly two million people in Jiangzhou is understandably difficult.

Difficult as it is, Ji Xiang and Lai Wen have still taken on this task, and it seems to be going fairly well.

Finding all the assassins is unrealistic, but identifying some prominent or famous ones is relatively easier.

For example, Ji Xiang contacting Qin Fang this time is because he unexpectedly found one person, or rather two people!

"Shadow Viper..."

Upon hearing this name, Qin Fang was slightly surprised.

Though both are Five-star Assassins, Ji Xiang's rise was rapid, with significant fame, even praised by the bosses of the underground world. However, compared to the veteran Five-star Assassins like Shadow Viper, he is slightly inferior.

Shadow Viper comprises two individuals, one close, one distant, with both attack and defense. In a one-on-one scenario, Ji Xiang considers himself able to easily take down either of them, but if they are together, he would only have the option to flee...

One could say, before the Six-star Assassins are deployed, the pair of Shadow Viper is currently the most threatening.

In fact, their threat is on par with, if not surpasses, that of the Tang Sect Elder, Grandmaster-level expert Tang Huaiyuan...

Not that their strength is greater than Tang Huaiyuan's—far from it—but their threat level is significantly higher.

Of course, dealing with such opponents is certainly challenging, their threat is too great...

With Qin Fang's current strength, encountering Tang Huaiyuan would already require retreat, encountering these two is almost impossible to contend with.

However, by seizing the key methods and opportunities, these two most threatening assassins are instead the easiest to deal with.

If these two can be separated, then either Qin Fang or Ji Xiang can easily take them out... And once one falls, the other wouldn't last much longer!

Despite knowing the method to deal with these two assassins, executing it is the most challenging part. Many have tried before, but the two of Shadow Viper remain alive and well, while those who plotted against them are six feet under...

"Keep a close watch on them, I'll arrange the rest..."

Qin Fang is the same; knowing the method but unable to act immediately means he has to keep an eye on them and figure something out slowly.

Chapter 1743 - Luring the Serpent Out of Its Den! (Part 2)

The number of assassins sneaking into Jiangzhou this time is quite considerable, and the threat posed by Shadow Viper is substantial, but Qin Fang can't possibly focus all his attention on these two individuals.

Who knows if there's an even more formidable assassin lurking in the shadows, someone like the "Reaper," whose prowess is no less than Shadow Viper, or the ferocious and brutal "Evil Spirit," all names that make Qin Fang furrow his brow and heighten his vigilance to the maximum.

Of course, if some bored six-star assassin gets involved, the threat Qin Fang faces could instantly multiply several times over.

Any six-star assassin, solely based on their personal strength, is almost always above Grandmaster Level. When executing assassination tasks, they can easily eliminate Grandmaster-level experts.

Now, Qin Fang can barely be considered a Grandmaster; he still has some distance to truly reach Grandmaster Level. Facing such powerful entities, he can only flee as far as possible.

However, the likelihood of this isn't too high. Most six-star assassins don't bother with such little money...

Unless it's a top-tier master aiming to become the King of Assassins, who continuously takes on various assassination tasks, not caring about the money or points. Generally, when an assassin reaches six-star status, they rarely take action anymore. Firstly, because they're not short of money, and secondly, because there aren't many tasks worth taking on.

Missions like Qin Fang's bounty are considered too low by six-star assassins; the bounty rate is low, and as for task points, they're practically non-existent... The temptation drops to rock bottom, and it would be strange to entice them to take action! Just the preparation before the mission requires time, and in that time, they might as well take on several other assassination tasks...

Qin Fang is worried simply because he's afraid of some six-star assassin whose mind has gone blank suddenly itching to take action. Though this situation is rare, it isn't unheard of!

Still, worry aside, Qin Fang isn't hiding away in a hotel, afraid like some timid people. Everything continues as usual; he eats when he should, drinks when he should, and never hesitates to go out and have fun...

Meanwhile, the cooperation regarding the Heart Nourishing Pill is proceeding rapidly. Alex was dragged back to the United States by his father, while Helen not only completely took charge of Reid Pharmaceuticals' Asia Division but also received fifteen percent of the company's shares from her father...

This way, both Helen and Alex each hold twenty percent of Reid Pharmaceuticals' shares, putting them on equal footing.

Of course, this doesn't mean the two start on equal footing in terms of inheritance rights; Helen remains in a weaker position.

Their father, Andrew, still favors his son Alex. It's expected that when his time comes, the remaining twenty-five percent of shares will likely be left to Alex... Thus, Alex would ultimately be the victor.

But those concerns are years away; at least for now, Helen is considered the big winner... It's rumored that when Alex found out about this, he was so furious that he almost tore his villa apart.

"Qin, I'll be depending on you from now on!"

Helen didn't conceal any of this and shared it all with Chu Yunxuan, which practically meant she had laid all her cards on the table with Qin Fang.

Though she remains at a disadvantage in terms of inheritance rights, even without a shred of hope, her confidence is unwavering... as if she's already the victor.

This woman has reached her current position not just because of her background; besides her angelic beauty, it's her personal abilities and intelligence that she relies on.

Helen is a smart woman, the exceptionally smart kind... She has an astounding knack for business and a foresight few possess in certain matters.

Take this Heart Nourishing Pill, for example. Almost as soon as she got hold of it, Helen foresaw Reid Pharmaceuticals' chance to rise, which is why during the initial drafting of the cooperation agreement, she lowered her stance to such a degree...

At the board meeting, she even notably clashed with certain high-level executives without budging an inch... She nearly slammed the table and cursed people!

Once the Heart Nourishing Pill goes into production, it will not only bring a resounding reputation but also a tremendous fortune.

Helen can even foresee Reid Pharmaceuticals jumping from its last rank among the top ten pharmacies in the U.S. straight to the forefront.

Though it may not become the top-ranked pharmacy, estimating it to be among the top three is inevitable... Its market prospects are overly strong.

That's why Helen hasn't been concerned with her share of the Reid Pharmaceuticals' stock; perhaps Alex might eventually have more or less than her.

However, with Qin Fang's participation, meager shares now heavily diluted may indeed turn Helen into a billionaire, yet in this new company, her share isn't considered particularly large.

There's even one thing Helen hasn't revealed: as long as she can obtain Qin Fang's support, her combined shares with Qin Fang's not only could easily crush Alex's but even surpass those of all other directors combined...

Chapter 1744 - Luring the Serpent Out of Its Den! (Part 3)

Don't forget, in this collaboration agreement, Qin Fang personally holds a seventy percent share, while Reid Pharmaceuticals only has thirty percent.

Qin Fang sees all these things, but he hasn't been very involved, almost like a spectator, only listening to Chu Yunxuan's updates, rarely offering his own opinions.

When wealth reaches a certain level, it becomes meaningless, merely a growing number.

Compared to the increase in wealth, Qin Fang prefers to see the growth in his own strength...

Qin Fang even fantasizes about exchanging wealth for power, imagining how wonderful that would be... but unfortunately, that is impossible.

Even if it became a reality, the exchange rate would definitely be so frustrating that it would make Qin Fang curse his luck...

Helen represents Reid Pharmaceuticals, currently negotiating with the team of lawyers led by Chu Yunxuan. Both sides are arguing over every clause of the agreement, not giving an inch, the scene even more lively than haggling over vegetables at the market—truly meticulous to the last detail.

Qin Fang isn't very interested in this and quickly steps out; if not for Chu Yunxuan insisting he be there to lend presence, he wouldn't have come at all.

"Hmm..."

Qin Fang slipped out of the hotel, driving around Jiangzhou Urban Area and was about to call Wu Jian to join him for some fun when he suddenly sensed a chilling aura targeting him.

Being both a Martial Arts Expert and an Assassin operating between the shadows and the light, Qin Fang immediately realized he was being watched.

And the one who could lock onto him like this had to be a very skilled assassin. Qin Fang estimated it must be a Five-Star Assassin, at the very least a top-tier Four-Star Assassin...

"Finally can't resist?"

These days had been unusually calm, even leading people to believe that the huge bounty was just for show.

But Qin Fang knew that the lurking assassins were already eager, only holding back because they hadn't found an appropriate opportunity.

Yet, once these assassins sense an opportunity has come, they certainly won't hold back...

After all, most of these assassins are here for money and points, assassins like Ji Xiang, who seek out strong opponents purely to better themselves, are extremely rare!

The assassins are looking for a chance to strike, as is Qin Fang, waiting for an opportunity to counter-attack.

He is in the open, while the assassins are hidden...

If these assassins don't make a move, Qin Fang has a hard time finding their whereabouts, and naturally, he can't wipe out these threats.

So to draw out these assassins, in absence of a suitable chance, Qin Fang would create his own opportunities, actively luring out these hidden dangers to take action...

Sure enough, just as Qin Fang revealed a slight flaw, a top-notch assassin homing in like a fly that senses food, had immediately locked onto him.

The aura was freezing, and even though Qin Fang hadn't spotted the tail yet, he clearly sensed its presence.

Not only was Qin Fang not nervous, he wasn't impatient either, continuing to drive leisurely along the bustling streets of Jiangzhou as if nothing had happened.

Qin Fang didn't contact Ji Xiang either. At this moment, with someone already watching him, rashly exposing Ji Xiang might not scare the assassins away, but would easily expose Ji Xiang... which clearly wasn't necessary.

"Huh, there's another one..."

Qin Fang remained remarkably calm, not a hint of tension, even appearing quite relaxed, with that chilling aura continuing to focus on him.

It has to be said that Qin Fang's tactic of "luring the serpent out of the hole" was pretty good. Not even ten minutes after the first assassin targeted him, another faint aura had locked onto him.

"This one's a bit weaker, probably a Four-Star Assassin..."

However, this assassin was clearly not as strong as the previous one, Qin Fang estimated their skills...

Without meeting them, and not knowing their movement technique, it was naturally impossible to know their level and strength, only roughly gauging using these means.

It may not be completely accurate, but it can usually give an estimate that's fairly close...

Only two assassins so far, one with considerable strength posing a significant threat to Qin Fang, and the other weaker, still with some potency, but less so compared to the first.

Both these assassins, having targeted and locked onto Qin Fang, remained unyielding, clearly tracking him consistently.

Qin Fang didn't mind either, nor did he intend to make a move, continuing to drive leisurely. With only two assassins, there was a significant gap between this and his expectations.

According to incomplete statistics, more than a hundred assassins infiltrated Jiangzhou attempting to kill Qin Fang, with the threatening ones being ten to twenty Four-Star and above level.

And these experts are the ones Qin Fang truly fears and needs to pay attention to, also the ones Qin Fang intends to focus on dealing with...

The remaining assassins, despite being the majority, are significantly weaker in terms of strength, their threat to Qin Fang being negligible.

Their decision to stay, even after Qin Fang fiercely eliminated six assassins, was essentially because they hoped to take advantage of the chaos.

With over a dozen experts besieging Qin Fang, even if just one managed to injure him gravely, these lesser assassins, though weaker, were not necessarily inferior at taking opportunistic shots...

If they grabbed a cheap shot, it would be like winning the lottery, becoming rich overnight!

Additionally, completing a task that numerous renowned experts failed, accomplished by such small-time assassins, would dramatically increase not only their wealth but their notoriety too, making it a common way to achieve instant fame...

Moreover, these bounty tasks inherently have no limits. As long as you can snatch it from countless others, it's a notable accomplishment... and as for the process, who really cares?

Chapter 1745 - All in One Pot!

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Qin Fang drove the car unhurriedly, without deliberately dodging, just driving steadily, almost showing no abnormalities.

Traffic in Jiangzhou Urban Area is always congested, and the traffic flow is quite large. To keep track of him all the way, the other party must also be driving.

With such a large traffic flow, even Qin Fang couldn't tell which car behind him they were in, nor could he figure out the distance between them and himself...

The small map could monitor the surrounding crowd, but now that Qin Fang was driving, it wasn't convenient to be distracted and rule them out one by one...

Moreover, almost at every intersection, new vehicles mingled into the convoy, and others changed lanes and left, increasing the difficulty of identifying them.

Qin Fang simply ignored these. There weren't many people targeting him currently, and those hiding would be more concealed. Even if he pulled them out, he didn't have time to act.

It would be better to draw more people, let them all follow, so he could take this assassin team out for a spin, whoever he eliminated wouldn't be wronged...

However, Qin Fang's idea was good, but those who came to assassinate Qin Fang certainly weren't brainless idiots, right?

They might not have felt anything at first, but as they proceeded, noticing something wrong among the surrounding cars, they would naturally also find these abnormalities.

Assassins are not only masters of stealth but also have an extraordinary sense of danger. Upon detecting anomalies around them, they didn't have time to investigate the source and purpose of these abnormalities, their first reaction was... to retreat immediately!

Perhaps they might think those who suddenly appeared could be arranged by Qin Fang, possibly against them. When the situation is unclear, any experienced expert would choose to avoid them actively...

At least more than ten minutes after Qin Fang was first targeted, the icy feeling of being locked onto suddenly disappeared...

Qin Fang glanced through the rearview mirror and noticed a very ordinary-looking Mitsubishi sedan taking a turn and leaving the convoy...

Qin Fang didn't care much about it, he just simply noted down the general shape of the car, and in passing used the small map to record the license plate and the name of the person in the car.

"Gunman?"

After probing this name, Qin Fang was slightly surprised.

This assassin's name is Gunman, a very powerful Five-Star Assassin, not very famous in the Assassin's Alliance, even quite mysterious, leaving behind very little information...

More precisely, the assassin's exact strength remains an unknown mystery, no one knows... not even in the Assassin Alliance's database.

Gunman climbed step by step to Five-Star Assassin, but he never took high-difficulty missions, always choosing those of average difficulty, thus hiding his true strength, making it hard to reflect his real level.

But some simple indications show his strength is already very powerful, at least when some of his accepted ordinary missions suddenly became difficult due to accidents, he still completed them as usual...

Occasional one or two might not explain much, but almost every time encountering such accidents, he can complete the mission smoothly, it very much explains the issue.

Of course, this assassin is very formidable, his strength is possibly not any weaker than Ji Xiang, perhaps he might be even superior...

Just that there's too little information, it's difficult to make an accurate judgment.

Don't be fooled by his code name Gunman, Qin Fang was pondering whether he's indeed a master of gun usage, that itself is an unsolved mystery because every mission target he eliminated was practically obliterated, leaving not a trace of clue...

Qin Fang knew about this person since he learned about this bounty mission, specially paying attention to some stronger, threatening Four-Star Five-Star Assassins' data.

"The always mysterious Gunman turns out to be like this..."

The Underground World couldn't find much information about Gunman, yet Gunman's mission to assassinate Qin Fang this time was laid bare before Qin Fang.

If he knew his details were thoroughly checked by Qin Fang, he might regret taking this mission...

Earning money is essential, but getting involved with a difficult opponent and revealing one's true identity, this isn't good news for an assassin hidden in the dark.

Once Gunman left, there wasn't any big shot tracking Qin Fang, though among the remaining assassins there were quite a few capable ones, unfortunately, the huge gap in strength posed no great threat to Qin Fang...

"Prepare to act!"

After another stretch, confirming no formidable expert showed up, Qin Fang knew it was time to close the net, immediately sending a message to Ji Xiang who was hiding in the dark.

Qin Fang strolled out alone to lure the serpents out of their dens. To outsiders, he appeared to be alone, but in reality, many were unaware that his movements were constantly monitored.

Of course, the person monitoring him wasn't just those assassins lurking in the shadows, but also Qin Fang's accomplice... the world-class hacker Ghost Lai Wen, who had been keeping an eye on Qin Fang's situation from the very beginning.

In fact, he even managed to identify the individuals in each car tracking Qin Fang, and some of the assassins' identities had already been uncovered.

However, Qin Fang did not indicate any intention to strike, so Lai Wen remained on standby, while Ji Xiang also temporarily waited...

Now that Qin Fang's message had come through, it signaled that the time was ripe, and Ji Xiang saw no need to hold back.

Upon receiving Qin Fang's notification, Lai Wen immediately calculated the best place and time to make a move with the utmost speed. With so many assassins targeting Qin Fang, if they couldn't be eliminated in one fell swoop, it would be much more difficult to act later.

If an assassin truly intended to remain hidden, it would be very challenging to find him... Even for Qin Fang, without scouting skills, he couldn't hope to pick out an assassin from a group of ordinary people.

"Turn right eight hundred meters ahead. In about five hundred meters, you'll enter a suburban road where there's no surveillance, and there are fewer pedestrians and vehicles. Finish the battle in two minutes, and no trace will be left..."

Lai Wen quickly sent this message to Qin Fang's phone.

Instead of choosing to make a call, Lai Wen forcefully hacked into Qin Fang's phone system, displaying the message directly.

Though this approach was a bit aggressive, it effectively avoided the trouble of being monitored.

There might be a few people in this world better than Ghost in hacking skills, but their number wouldn't exceed the fingers on one hand.

Yet all these individuals are renowned experts with formidable strength, none of whom could become an assassin... especially not a four-star assassin or higher!

If not for Ji Xiang, Lai Wen would have focused on honing his skills like other hackers rather than stepping into such a dangerous underground world.

In that case, his achievements in hacking might have been even greater than they are now; it wouldn't have been impossible for him to become the world's top hacker...

Of course, that wasn't the main point. After receiving the message, Qin Fang displayed a slight, calm smile.

After briefly checking the route on the vehicle's navigation system, he had a general idea. Though he didn't accelerate deliberately, he was already contemplating how to proceed.

According to incomplete statistics, at least twenty assassins were targeting Qin Fang at the moment. Most were closely following him, while a few, sensing something amiss, began to slowly fall away.

In response, Qin Fang felt helpless. Though he had some people under him, they were much weaker compared to these four-star assassins. Trying to obstruct them would only result in losses for his own side.

To deal with as many of these people as possible, Qin Fang slightly increased the speed of his car and quickly turned onto the suburban road following Lai Wen's prompt.

A distance of a little over a thousand meters wasn't far; even if the speed in the city wasn't high, it was only a matter of minutes.

Qin Fang soon reached the designated location, where the roads suddenly became clear, and traffic thinned significantly, which made it easier to identify the cars following him.

Upon entering this road, the following vehicles also turned in, unaware that a few people had suddenly appeared by the roadside, temporarily sealing off the road with the excuse that... road construction, please detour!

This created a relatively peaceful environment for Qin Fang, and before the assassins could react, he took out his phone and simply said two words... "Make a move!"

Bam~~

Nobody knew where the gunshot came from, breaking the surrounding silence, and immediately a car following Qin Fang had a blowout, veered sharply, and crashed into the roadside guardrail.

The car beside it couldn't brake in time and collided hard, pushing the previous car a dozen meters forward.

Screech~~

The ear-piercing noise of the brakes even drowned out the gunfire completely.

Bam bam bam~~

The car accident happened so suddenly that even the quick-reacting assassins were momentarily stunned, allowing their cars to collide with the ones in front or be rammed from behind.

That wasn't all. As they were reeling from the sudden accident, a mysterious sense of danger swept over them, and they instinctively wanted to dodge.

But it was too late; a bullet sped in and blasted a head open with a single shot... leaving no chance for retaliation.

This is how the gunfight began. These assassins were very skilled, but the surrounding enemies were simply too many. These twenty-odd people couldn't cause any major disturbance. In just a few minutes, apart from a very few who remained alive, the rest had gone to meet King Yama...

Chapter 1746 - Swept Clean!

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"Why are there so many people?"

When the gunfire erupted, even Qin Fang was taken aback. A team of at least twenty or thirty people suddenly appeared around, firing guns at the assassins trailing behind Qin Fang.

These people seemed to have already been arranged there, as if waiting for Qin Fang and his group to enter the range before they started shooting...

Judging from the setup, these people seemed to have been arranged by Ji Xiang, also aimed at dealing with these assassins following Qin Fang. They took action mercilessly, with almost no compassion, wiping out more than half of the assassins in no time.

But the problem is...

Qin Fang also didn't know where Ji Xiang found so many people, and from their teamwork, organizational structure, and more, they were almost no different from professional mercenaries.

However, these people's objective was very clear, which was to ambush these assassins. They didn't even glance at Qin Fang and just let him pass.

The reason assassins are terrifying isn't that they are overwhelmingly stronger than ordinary people; their main skill lies in hiding and striking lethally.

But when assassins appear under the sun, becoming live targets for others, they aren't much more formidable than anyone else...

Similarly, even someone as strong as Qin Fang would not fare better than these assassins if caught in such a scenario.

At the very least, when these assassins retaliate, some experts try to attack Qin Fang, amidst the chaotic gunfire and flying bullets, forcing Qin Fang to huddle inside the car, occasionally firing back.

Of course, once Qin Fang does strike, it's a deadly blow...

He could remain inside the car without moving, making it difficult for opponents to harm him without getting close, and they couldn't even detect his movements.

Qin Fang doesn't need to use his eyes to see or aim; he only needs to focus on the movements on the small map to accurately judge the opponent's actions.

Thus, every time Qin Fang fired, there was always an unlucky guy falling under his gun, typically dying instantly without a chance to dodge.

In just about two or three minutes, Qin Fang used the small map to confirm that, excluding the people Ji Xiang arranged, not a single assassin who followed him was left; all were shot dead...

And almost simultaneously, these people rapidly split up and disappeared from the scene, leaving behind more than ten vehicles riddled with bullet holes.

Meanwhile, Qin Fang's phone immediately displayed an "OK" message, which was sent by Lai Wen, who was clearly watching the situation here all along.

Qin Fang did not stay at the scene but started the car and continued moving forward while contacting Tang Cheng over the phone... Over twenty people died, all shot dead; this wasn't a small matter, and it could cause quite a lot of trouble for Qin Fang.

Conveniently, Tang Cheng was in Jiangzhou overseeing the successful conduct of an antique exhibition, making it easier for him to handle the situation.

After all, these assassins weren't ordinary citizens; they all belonged to the underworld, including some fairly renowned assassins...

Although these people were already dead, with a little maneuvering, it might not only avoid trouble but also potentially bring Qin Fang some considerable benefits.

Eliminating twenty assassins at once might not affect those truly powerful experts, but it did send significant tremors through those assassins looking to fish in troubled waters.

This is Jiangzhou, the territory of the Dragon Country. Although Qin Fang isn't a powerful overlord, he isn't an ordinary person either. Especially after this action, he frightened an unknown number of people.

Assassins aren't easily cultivated, especially those above Three-Star rank; they are nurtured at the cost of human lives...

But having this many written off at once, even the Assassin's Alliance would likely feel the sting.

Of course, forces like the Mercenary Alliance and the Black Fist Alliance were gloating. Although they had people participating in the hunt for Qin Fang, they hadn't rushed to make a move. The Assassin's Alliance's blunder gave many people pause.

Qin Fang was quite satisfied with this; he wasn't afraid of those strong experts. As long as he remained cautious, it was difficult for experts to harm him.

However, he was quite wary of the numerous small assassins looking to take advantage of chaos; as they say, a flurry of blows can even defeat a skilled master. Even though Qin Fang's extraordinary ability was seemingly invincible, countless sneak attacks posed a significant threat.

This operation had deterred quite a few people, and Ji Xiang even informed him that many assassins who considered themselves unfit had quietly left Jiangzhou.

Or they might have sneaked into the Mainland of the Dragon Country, or simply went overseas...

Without some pests, Qin Fang was much more at ease, at least he wouldn't always feel like there were countless pairs of eyes watching him every time he went out.

Ji Xiang continued to lurk in the shadows, while Lai Wen provided assistance from the side, never showing any signs of having any relationship with Qin Fang.

As for those armed forces that ambushed the assassins, Qin Fang already knew from Ji Xiang that they were the family forces behind Ji Xiang. Although the numbers were not right, their strength was formidable.

It was also from this incident that Qin Fang learned that Ji Xiang came from Thailand, where his family had a considerable influence in the Golden Triangle, even being one of the top three powers in the Golden Triangle, controlling nearly a quarter of the drug trade there.

Qin Fang had been to Anlang and to the edge of the Golden Triangle. Though he never fully delved in, he knew how chaotic it was there.

The forces in the Golden Triangle are incredibly complex. It's truly a land of warlords; whoever has strong armed forces can occupy large territories...

But at the same time, many forces secretly control that area, and virtually every power has many behind-the-scenes forces controlling them. The stronger the power, the more powerful and complex the forces behind them...

This time, the armed forces were brought in by Ji Xiang through connections, and it wasn't hard to see his status within the family from this accomplishment.

However, Qin Fang wasn't concerned. His relationship with Ji Xiang was mutually beneficial, although they had once fought to the death, there were no entanglements in their interests.

Ji Xiang helped Qin Fang significantly this time, which was already a favor Qin Fang owed him. To probe into those unasked matters would be quite improper.

Their relationship remained a secret, and the people summoned by Ji Xiang seemed to have vanished into thin air, with no trace of their whereabouts.

But Qin Fang knew these people were still in Jiangzhou, at least still in the Dragon Country, they couldn't have returned to the Golden Triangle at this time...

The people from the Assassin's Alliance are not fools. This incident had a not-so-good impact, many eyes are watching, and if this force left suddenly afterwards, some people with keen minds would make connections.

Qin Fang wasn't afraid of trouble, but he didn't want to bring any unnecessary trouble to Ji Xiang or his family behind him... Especially since being an assassin requires secrecy, and once exposed, it's a very unwise and dangerous thing.

The flower blooms with two branches, each showing its own glory.

The crisis on Qin Fang's side was temporarily resolved... At least it was alleviated, naturally making him relax a bit, and in a fit of boredom, he was called out by Tang Cheng.

Jiangzhou is the most prosperous metropolis in the Dragon Country, with countless wealthy people, thus high-end clubs are everywhere.

Tang Cheng's special status made it inconvenient for him to visit those entertainment venues, but relatively discreet clubs didn't carry much concern.

This time, Tang Cheng took the initiative to invite Qin Fang out, and the location was at the Northern Country Colorful Club, a place quite secluded but as popular as Drunken River South.

From the name of this club, you could grasp a faint hint about it, significantly different in style from the moist Jiangnan water town atmosphere of Drunken River South, almost brimming with the bold and vivid Northern country vibe...

Its decor is primarily simple and rugged, vastly differing from Jiangnan's intricate artistry, and the service staff, including the beautiful waitresses, are almost all from the northern regions...

The northern people here are not just from the northern part of the Dragon Country but include beauties from neighboring northern countries, like Russian and Ukrainian belles, and beauties from North and South Korea, naturally not forgetting those girls from Japan, who have contributed numerous romantic action films to the world.

Men, coming to such places, claiming it's nothing to do with beauties wouldn't be believed, yet today Qin Fang and Tang Cheng clearly had no such interest.

"You rascal... always causing trouble!"

Upon meeting, Tang Cheng rudely gave Qin Fang a scolding.

Unfortunately, although his strength was decent, the gap with Qin Fang was still evident. As a Quasi-Grandmaster level expert, if Qin Fang got hurt by a novice who just stepped into the Grandmaster level, that would be quite disgraceful.

"Eh, this incident really was out of my hands..."

Qin Fang naturally knew why Tang Cheng said that. So many people died this time, and though Tang Cheng tried to minimize the negative impact as much as possible, it still caused quite a bit of trouble...

Mainly because what happened wasn't a simple fight, it was an actual gunfight, with many casualties.

Even though checkpoints were set up at both ends of the road ahead of time to reduce the risk of the incident being exposed, the bullet shells littering the ground, damaged guardrails, and the cars exploding into flames were too conspicuous afterwards!

Chapter 1747 - Shocking News of Devil's Island!

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"You think you can just dodge this issue by saying you can't help it?"

Hearing Qin Fang's words, Tang Cheng couldn't help but frowned, and teasingly chided him, clearly showing that he didn't care much about it.

This issue sounds serious, at least to a regular person, but when it comes to Tang Cheng, handling it isn't that difficult.

A few days ago, when Tang Cheng dealt with the Tang Sect experts, he had already used guns, killing seven or eight people. He had already reported that incident to his superiors.

This time, the situation is even more serious, but since it's already been reported, Tang Cheng saved himself a lot of trouble...

Additionally, although many people were killed this time, some of them were confirmed assassins, already globally wanted for various murders.

As a result, Tang Cheng had even more solid reasoning, and when his superiors saw this, they decided to downplay the incident as much as possible.

"But speaking of which, I might have blown things up big this time, but didn't you get a huge benefit out of it, Brother Tang? Otherwise, could you have gotten a promotion so quickly?"

Qin Fang showed no gratitude, instead teasingly taking credit.

He had just learned from Tang Feifei that Tang Cheng recently got promoted, from a colonel to a senior colonel, one step away from becoming a general.

Tang Cheng is only in his early thirties, definitely among the youngest rising stars, yet he's reached this level; an achievement that could almost outshine his peers.

Of course, besides the Tang Family's connections, it's related to Tang Cheng being part of a special task force, having received numerous commendations for executing highly important missions, thus the rapid promotion...

"Stop talking nonsense. I earned my promotion through my own merits—nothing to do with you!"

Tang Cheng scornfully dismissed him.

His promotion was already decided after completing the Anlang mission, it was merely in process and hadn't been announced yet.

The official appointment only came a few days ago and coincidentally clashed with the situation Qin Fang caused, nothing more than a coincidence, contrary to what Qin Fang said.

Qin Fang was obviously aware but said it on purpose. If catching a few wanted criminals could lead to a promotion, Tang Cheng would have become a general long ago, rather than reaching this rank now.

"Alright, enough joking. Let's discuss something serious..."

Their exchange was just some casual banter; Tang Cheng naturally didn't seek out Qin Fang just for the resolved matter, he had another purpose.

"Oh, what is it? You seem pretty tense..."

Qin Fang nodded, the smile on his face fading as he adopted a more serious demeanor. From Tang Cheng's eyes, he could tell what he wanted to discuss wasn't so simple.

"Well, I'll be straightforward..."

Tang Cheng moved closer to Qin Fang and whispered, "You're part of the underground world now... Have you heard of Devil's Island?"

Though they were in a private club, in a private room, with good security and privacy, Tang Cheng still seemed cautious.

"Devil's Island... how do you know about that?"

Qin Fang slightly paused, looking at Tang Cheng with curiosity, clearly unsure what he meant, considering Tang Cheng was affiliated with the military and wouldn't be very familiar with the underground world.

Devil's Island is considered taboo in the underground world. Aside from strong forces or those with influential backgrounds, most newcomers are unaware of it, and it's rarely discussed, making it hard to gather information.

It's possible that Tang Cheng, not being part of the underground world, heard of Devil's Island by chance, but mentioning it so seriously to Qin Fang now raised some concerns.

"You really do know..."

Qin Fang's surprised expression brought a delight to Tang Cheng's face, as if he had anticipated it.

Of course, seeing Qin Fang's genuine reaction still surprised him, as he wasn't entirely certain beforehand.

"So, what's going on?"

Judging by Tang Cheng's reaction, the matter he wanted to discuss was likely linked with Devil's Island, and possibly in a significant way.

"The situation is like this..."

So, Tang Cheng briefly introduced the reason he had sought out Qin Fang, though he didn't know the full story himself, it didn't stop him from introducing it to Qin Fang.

The matter was actually quite simple. A naval ship from Dragon Country had mysteriously disappeared, and according to the satellite positioning system's data, it vanished in international waters hundreds of nautical miles northeast of Dragon Country.

This sea area is a public part of the Pacific Ocean, not territorial waters belonging to any nation, yet it's very close to the maritime borders of Dragon Country, Russia, Japan, and others.

After the incident, Dragon Country immediately dispatched naval ships for a search and rescue mission, but they couldn't find even a trace, as if the naval vessel had vanished into thin air.

If this sea area were like the Bermuda Triangle, there might not have been much uproar, and it would have been declared a no-go zone internationally, where ordinary ships wouldn't go.

But in reality, it's far from the nearest restricted zone and shouldn't be influenced by anything... This incident thus became an unsolved mystery.

Not until a message was received from an undercover agent in the U.S. military intelligence, shedding light on the ship's disappearance, revealing that it was largely connected to the mysterious Devil's Island.

"Devil's Island in the North Sea?"

Before Tang Cheng could state his purpose, Qin Fang interrupted, asking almost excitedly, as this question's answer seemed more critical to him.

"Uh... what's the matter?"

Tang Cheng was taken aback, looking at Qin Fang in surprise, as it was the first time since knowing him he had seen Qin Fang so excited.

"Nothing, I just wanted to ask where exactly Devil's Island is..."

Qin Fang didn't elaborate further; he only wanted to find out quickly where this mysterious Devil's Island was located.

Perhaps before learning about his father Qin Tiannan's whereabouts, Devil's Island was merely a good place for him to test and improve himself, albeit extremely dangerous, but offering great benefits.

But the issue is, he not only wants to hone himself at Devil's Island but also wants to bring back his father, who had been missing for almost twenty years, so their family can reunite!

Qin Fang didn't have a specific plan yet, but a simple idea already resided deep within his mind; if only he had known the location of Devil's Island, he would have set off long ago.

However, access to Devil's Island is rarely granted, usually initiated by the island itself contacting the Underground World, which then allocates entry spots among its various powers.

Naturally, Qin Fang intended to strive hard for a spot, hoping to reach Master Level Peak or just a step below Grandmaster Level before heading there, so while training continuously, he could attempt to break through that bottleneck...

The Grandmaster Level is considered top-notch, with few opponents to face, but with such power, one isn't qualified to sweep through Devil's Island, and even staying alive might be tricky, let alone safely bringing back his father...

Qin Fang holds a token from his father, given through the Bloody-handed Demon Tu San, allowing him to enter the island without competing for a spot.

Yet, Qin Fang, considering his situation, felt it was unnecessary to use the token to avoid any adverse effects.

No matter what though, Qin Fang's main priority was knowing Devil's Island's location, or else it would all be meaningless...

The location has always been incredibly secretive, known only to a few high-ranking individuals in the Underground World, and none of these people are within Qin Fang's reach, even any one of them could easily erase him!

Without knowledge of Devil's Island's specific location, Qin Fang could only wait patiently for news of its opening from the island itself...

However, unexpectedly to Qin Fang, Tang Cheng's sudden words seemed like a ray of hope, hence his intense excitement.

"I don't know the exact location either, only a general direction... as you know how mysterious Devil's Island is, almost no one has seen it, everything relies on speculation!"

Tang Chao shook his head, as he had heard about it from someone else, completely unaware of Devil's Island's exact location.

But this time, the intelligence from the agent unveiled quite a bit of information, revealing the general direction of Devil's Island, linking it closely to the naval ship's disappearance.

"So why did you come looking for me..."

Even though it's just a general direction, it's much easier than Qin Fang searching aimlessly worldwide, considering Earth is 70% ocean, finding an island across such a vast area is extraordinarily difficult.

Now having an approximate location, albeit possibly inaccurate, brings a sliver of hope nonetheless, leaving Qin Fang quite delighted.

With Qin Fang's mood lifted, discussing subsequent matters became easier, leading him to proactively inquire about Tang Cheng's intentions.

"It's not a big deal, just wanted to ask how much you know about Devil's Island, and if you could provide some detailed information..."

Seeing the smile on Qin Fang's face, although Tang Cheng found it a bit baffling, he simply stated his reason for coming.

Chapter 1748 - Collision!

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Upon hearing Tang Cheng's words, Qin Fang just shook his head helplessly. He didn't know much about Devil's Island either, or he wouldn't have been so agitated earlier.

"Devil's Island is a taboo existence even in the underground world. Although many experts are extremely longing for it, the brutality there is beyond anyone's imagination..."

Qin Fang could only briefly explain what he knew.

Although he didn't know where Devil's Island was, he did know a bit about the things on it, as he had talked with the Bloody-handed Demon Tu San for some time.

Tu San was sent by Qin Fang's father, Qin Tiannan, to deliver a message. Perhaps he had guessed that Qin Fang might want to rescue Qin Tiannan.

Perhaps Tu San felt this was very unreliable, but he still explained in detail to Qin Fang all the things he knew about Devil's Island.

And now, Qin Fang was merely repeating Tu San's words to Tang Cheng...

Qin Fang didn't know what the sudden disappearance of a warship was about, but judging from Tang Cheng's reaction and the military's actions regarding Devil's Island, there was likely something fishy that Qin Fang was unaware of!

But Qin Fang didn't plan to get involved. Devil's Island wasn't as simple as it seemed; if it was so easy to deal with, it wouldn't have existed for so many years.

"Brother Tang, you're not planning to..."

After explaining what he knew, seeing Tang Cheng seriously noting it down, Qin Fang couldn't help but ask.

Devil's Island is extremely terrifying and dangerous. Even Grandmaster-level experts may not survive there. For someone like Tang Cheng, who had just entered Grandmaster level, it would be a death sentence...

As for deploying a large-scale naval force, that's also impossible. Although it's a public sea area, there are the Northern Bear Russia and the ever-coveting Japan. Dragon Country wouldn't make such a big move...

So the thing Qin Fang feared most was deploying special forces for a small-scale assault, which would be no different from sending sheep into a tiger's den.

"No, I'm just tasked with investigating some intelligence..."

Luckily, Tang Cheng shook his head. He evidently knew a bit about the secrets of Devil's Island and understood that even though he was quite powerful now, he couldn't survive on Devil's Island.

Moreover, he's a member of the Tang Family, and a specially groomed core member. Carrying out some dangerous tasks is already a form of training... Taking on that mission would be a death sentence!

"That's a relief..."

Hearing Tang Cheng's response, Qin Fang was relieved. After all, Tang Cheng was his future brother-in-law, and if something happened to him, Tang Feifei would definitely be heartbroken.

"Alright, with business done, let's go out for a couple of drinks..."

Putting away the little notebook, a bright smile appeared on Tang Cheng's face. He wrapped an arm around Qin Fang's shoulder, and the two of them went out together to drink.

Tang Cheng has a pretty good capacity for alcohol. Among the many "buckets" in the unit, almost none could drink more than him... which sometimes made Tang Cheng a bit frustrated.

Only when drinking with Qin Fang could he enjoy the pleasure of drinking to his heart's content. The only uncomfortable part was that he would always end up getting knocked out by Qin Fang.

But since Qin Fang was his prospective brother-in-law, it wasn't a big deal to get drunk with him, so despite his complaints, Tang Cheng actually quite enjoyed it. As such, whenever he and Qin Fang got together, they often found themselves at the drinking table.

Northern Colorful Club has a Northern style; even the drinking culture is rugged... Even though this is a high-end club, they drink not with small wine glasses or goblets, but with large sea bowls!

Of course, this is for white liquor... If it's red wine, they still use tall glass goblets.

Qin Fang's capacity for alcohol is now quite terrifying. His not often used drinking skill has been leveled up to Grandmaster level, and his drinking ability is despairingly high.

Even without cheating with the Props Box, he could easily take down over five jin of strong white liquor!

Tang Cheng's capacity is also quite impressive. As they drank their Baijiu, two jin went down easily and only then did his face start to flush!

Then they each drank another jin. Qin Fang seemed quite normal, but Tang Cheng was starting to feel a bit light-headed. He had reached his limit, and drinking any more would definitely get him drunk.

"Brother Tang, that's enough, let me take you home..."

Seeing Tang Cheng like this, Qin Fang didn't push to continue drinking, instead helping Tang Cheng up, and the two of them headed out of the club together.

Tang Cheng had drunk quite a bit and his steps were a bit unsteady, but he wasn't dead drunk yet. His consciousness was only slightly muddled, so when Qin Fang said they should go, he didn't refuse and let Qin Fang support him as they walked out...

"I heard you're planning to go to Japan soon..."

On the road, Tang Cheng was still clear-headed enough to chat with Qin Fang, asking about Qin Fang's trip to Japan.

"I plan to, there are some minor things to deal with over there..."

Qin Fang didn't hide anything; besides, this couldn't be kept secret, especially with Tang Feifei, the little spy, around, and Tang Cheng could probably find out. So, Qin Fang admitted it directly.

"Things aren't very peaceful over there lately, be careful yourself..."

Tang Cheng didn't ask much. He knew some things about Qin Fang were not suitable for open discussion, but Qin Fang handled things with great discretion, so he was quite assured.

Moreover, Qin Fang's gunmanship and personal combat skills were extremely formidable and terrifying. Tang Cheng couldn't match him even if he tried, and as long as Qin Fang was a bit cautious, nothing much would happen.

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Just before Tang Cheng finished speaking, his body staggered and nearly fell to the ground. Luckily, Qin Fang was quick-eyed and strong-handed, using a bit of strength to steady Tang Cheng.

"Didn't see where you're walking..."

But just as Qin Fang and Tang Cheng found their footing, a man's cursing voice came from the side, extremely rude and overwhelmingly arrogant.

Although Tang Cheng drank a lot and wobbled while walking, with Qin Fang's support, he could still walk steadily.

The reason he almost fell earlier was someone bumped into him unexpectedly. Tang Cheng wasn't prepared for it, which caused the mishap.

Usually, small collisions don't matter much; a polite apology would suffice, and Tang Cheng wouldn't hold a grudge...

But unexpectedly, instead of an apology, what came was such arrogant ridicule, immediately chilling Tang Cheng's face.

"If you can't speak like a normal person, go home and drink some milk..."

Even Qin Fang's face wasn't any better. After all, Tang Cheng was his brother-in-law, and Qin Fang was supporting him when they were bumped, making him already a bit embarrassed. But for the other party to act so bullishly, how could Qin Fang be pleased!

Pfft~~

Qin Fang's retort was quite sharp, and as soon as he said this, someone among the spectators passing by couldn't help but snort!

The guy who was scolded by Qin Fang was slightly stunned, eyes full of surprise, seemingly not expecting someone to dare to scold him like that.

"You dare to scold me?"

This boastful fellow was a young man around twenty-seven or twenty-eight, with a somewhat presentable appearance, but the way he acted really made him unlikable.

Perhaps he was used to being arrogant, and no one dared to contradict him, which fostered his overbearing attitude.

Being suddenly retorted, the young man, though surprised, also had his face turn very unpleasant, especially noticing the bystanders around him whispering, with their eyes seemingly filled with questions. The young man's face became frighteningly dark!

"Did I scold you? I was just talking about some jerk who doesn't talk like a human..."

Qin Fang seemed completely blind to the young man's expression, continuing leisurely, but his words were even harsher.

If the previous words were indirect insult, this sentence was blatantly slandering the young man to his face!

"You..."

Sure enough, the young man's face turned pitch black, fingers tremblingly pointing at Qin Fang, struggling to even speak due to his anger.

"Blade guards, kill him..."

After taking a slight breath, the young man took a step back, ordering the two people behind him.

Behind him were two sturdy men, with icy expressions almost devoid of emotions. But as they took a step forward, a clang was heard, and two blades were simultaneously drawn, their sounds almost overlapping!

The blades shimmered with a cold glint, striking terror in those who saw them, and the surrounding people were stunned.

"Wait, wait..."

At this point, the club's manager rushed over, yelling as he ran.

"Young Master Shangguan, let's talk this out, talk this out... Can we avoid drawing blades?"

Reaching Qin Fang and the others, the manager didn't even attempt to stop the two swordsmen, but cautiously advised the young man.

It was obvious that this young man had a complex background, and the manager was quite afraid of him. Still, the club was in business, and the patrons were all either wealthy or noble. If something happened, it wouldn't sound good...

Once the club's reputation goes sour, business would be impossible... That's why the manager rushed out to stop it.

Of course, maybe the manager knew that if Young Master Shangguan got angry, he might actually kill someone, and he absolutely couldn't let that happen in the club!

Chapter 1749 - Your Surname Is Shangguan?

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"Get out of the way..."

But this manager thought he could talk to this person in front of him, yet didn't expect the fellow to give no face at all, directly slapping him hard.

This young man obviously had some training; although his strength could be ignored, he was still much stronger than the average person...

As that slap landed, the crisp sound almost made others around him instinctively shrink a bit; and the manager even saw stars, one side of his face instantly swelled up, his body swaying, nearly sitting down on the ground.

"What the hell are you? Is there a place for you to speak here?"

This Young Master Shangguan sneered contemptuously, mocking him in a very unpleasant tone, making the manager's face turn red and pale.

But the expressions caused his swollen face to hurt even more, twitching uncontrollably; yet at this time, he didn't dare to say anymore...

Regarding this manager who loves to meddle with things and clearly sided awkwardly, Qin Fang had not the slightest fondness for him, even thinking it served him right to be hit.

Ignoring this manager, treating him like air, Qin Fang's expression remained unchanged, instead quietly looking at this young man, with a strange face asking, "Is your surname Shangguan?"

"Uh..."

The young man was stunned, looking at Qin Fang with surprise, seemingly not quite understanding his words, especially since the timing of the question seemed off.

When two gleaming knives were about to fall on the neck, not dodging or begging for mercy, but rather asking the enemy's name... Planning to die knowing, are you?

"Indeed, I'm Shangguan Ao! If you have any last words, say them quickly, or there'll be no chance..."

The young man was surprised, but he still spoke very arrogantly, not caring if people knew who he was...

To be precise, it seemed like he was afraid others didn't know who he was! This arrogance was truly exceptional, almost reaching... a brain-dead level!

And from his stance, he seemed to consider Qin Fang a dead man already.

"Shangguan Ao..."

Qin Fang repeated slowly, his facial expression very strange as well, then leisurely raised his eyes, looking at Shangguan Ao, who was so arrogant his eyes were about to reach the sky, before asking casually.

"The surname Shangguan is quite rare, coincidentally, I knew someone before too, don't know if Young Master Shangguan knows, his name is Shangguan Hao..."

Qin Fang's tone is very calm, seemingly not seeing these two knives, nor the stern-faced left and right Blade Guards.

"Hmm? Who are you?"

Shangguan Ao was just feeling proud, expecting Qin Fang to beg him for mercy, when he unexpectedly heard this name; his expression immediately changed completely, his eyes showed instant change, looking at Qin Fang with surprise, asking with a sort of nervousness.

"Who am I?"

Qin Fang sneered, not replying, just calmly counter-asking, "Young Master Shangguan, now do you understand you should ask about someone's identity before acting?"

"Who the hell are you?"

At this point, Shangguan Ao had no mood to play the guessing game with Qin Fang; looking at Qin Fang's face, seeing Qin Fang's calm demeanor, his heart was also becoming a bit uneasy, vaguely thinking of a person!

But Shangguan Ao wasn't very sure because he hadn't seen the person, just heard about him...

"Who am I... Haha, actually you should know!"

Qin Fang shrugged, without revealing who he was. From Shangguan Ao's expression, he could already tell saying it was unnecessary.

After all, with so many people watching, he wasn't a fool like Shangguan Ao, wanting everyone in the world to know his name!

"You... you... kill him!"

As expected, hearing Qin Fang's response, although he didn't say the name, it was equal to confirming Shangguan Ao's guess; Shangguan Ao's face instantly became very ugly, his eyes showed some fear, his speech trembling quite a bit.

Just seeing the left and right Blade Guards in front of him and their knives, Shangguan Ao's courage increased quite a bit, immediately issuing a command to them.

The expression of the left and right Blade Guards was very mechanical, seeming unconcerned about what was happening before their eyes, only knowing to follow orders.

Upon receiving Shangguan Ao's command, the two of them immediately transformed their knives into a wave of silver light, striking toward Qin Fang like a swift thunder.

The speed of these two was exceptionally fast, almost reaching Qin Fang in the blink of an eye, their sharp blades aiming straight for Qin Fang's head!

"Ah... Murder!"

Seeing this scene, Shangguan Ao felt slightly relieved, but the people around were clearly not so calm. Some timid women immediately let out pig-like screams, and a commotion broke out inside the club.

"What should I say about you..."

Seeing the Left and Right Knife Guards approaching aggressively, Qin Fang showed no fear. Instead, he had a rather helpless expression on his face and sighed lightly as he started to move instantly.

It was unclear how he moved, his shoulders seemed unchanged, yet his whole body suddenly retreated over a meter, barely avoiding the sharp blade aura of the Left and Right Knife Guards.

And he was not moving alone; he also took Tang Cheng with him during the movement. This action immediately made the eyes of the Left and Right Knife Guards constrict slightly.

"Brother Tang, you rest for a bit..."

After evading the attack of the Left and Right Knife Guards, Qin Fang temporarily set Tang Cheng aside and casually suggested with a smile, not taking the Knife Guards seriously at all, even though the two combined were quite formidable.

"I'm fine..."

By now, Tang Cheng had sobered up quite a bit, and having brushed past death countless times, even in such dangerous situations, he showed no change in color.

"Don't let it come to killing someone..."

Tang Cheng even reminded Qin Fang, as he didn't want things to escalate like Shangguan Ao would, being stupid enough to do so.

"I'm a peace lover..."

Qin Fang shrugged, seemingly innocently, then immediately moved, disappearing from Tang Cheng's side in an instant.

"And you love peace..."

Tang Cheng was speechless and then muttered with a wry smile.

Just two days ago, Qin Fang had asked him to handle the aftermath of an incident involving over twenty deaths, some of which died in very tragic states...

Though those people might not have all been killed by Qin Fang himself, they were definitely related to him in some way. If this is considered loving peace, then there really aren't many bad people in the world!

However, since Qin Fang said so, he surely knew not to cross the line. Tang Cheng wasn't worried about him causing any fatalities.

The Left and Right Knife Guards were indeed formidable, especially with their balanced attack and defense synergy. That's what made them difficult to handle.

Yet if these two were separated, even Tang Cheng felt confident he could handle one.

Although these Knife Guards practiced martial arts, in real combat, Tang Cheng's practiced killer moves, distilled from experience, could be even stronger.

Killing and sparring are two different things. These two may have trained in killing techniques, but the one-hit-kill combat Tang Cheng experiences is still more advanced.

If Tang Cheng is confident, Qin Fang's strength surpasses his by far when it comes to real combat... Just consider Qin Fang's frenzied slaughter in Anlang's jungles; he's already at the butcher level!

There's no need for Qin Fang to worry, and Qin Fang himself isn't worried at all.

The Left and Right Knife Guards are indeed skilled, and their coordination elevates their prowess significantly.

Both reached the early Master Level, but when combined, they manifest strength at the mid to even late Master Level...

But in front of Qin Fang, even if their strength increased another level, they could only tickle him, far from threatening his life.

Qin Fang didn't engage the Knife Guards; instead, with a gentle move, he deftly maneuvered through the storm of blades and headed straight for the arrogant Shangguan Ao.

"Quick, quick! Stop him, block him for me..."

Initially, seeing the Knife Guards attacking like a thunderstorm, Shangguan Ao felt a bit smug, thinking they could cut down the legendary Qin Fang.

But the situation changed too rapidly. It felt like an eternity had passed... Shangguan Ao felt like so many days had gone by... yet Qin Fang was still intact, navigating through the intense blades without losing a single hair!

Not only unharmed, but Qin Fang also easily broke through the blade light, shaking off the Knife Guards, and rushed towards him.

No one knows one's own situation better than oneself.

Despite Shangguan Ao's notable background, he had no real interest in martial arts, preferring indulgent pleasures instead, making him only slightly stronger than a regular person. Any legitimate expert could easily overwhelm him.

Because of this, he had requested the Left and Right Knife Guards from his father for protection. With such powerful bodyguards by his side, he became increasingly arrogant...

However, today's misfortune was that his two bodyguards couldn't hold off the opponent, and Qin Fang had reached him.

The most tragic part was that Shangguan Ao realized there was no escape. He could only watch as his neck willingly placed itself into Qin Fang's grasp...

Crack~~

A jolt of severe pain came from his neck, followed by a near-suffocating sensation, and his face turned completely green...

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At this moment, everyone was dumbfounded, staring blankly at Shangguan Ao, who just a moment ago was arrogant and ready to kill someone at the drop of a hat, but now was like a lamb waiting to be slaughtered, being lifted off the ground by Qin Fang with just one hand clutching his neck!

With his neck being choked, a strong sense of suffocation quickly came over Shangguan Ao, who could only weakly reach out to grab Qin Fang's hand, trying to pry it open.

Unfortunately, his strength was not enough to affect Qin Fang in any way. Qin Fang's hand was as hard as iron, no matter how he clawed or scratched, it had no effect at all. Qin Fang was even smiling pleasantly as he watched Shangguan Ao struggle...

"Let go of the Young Master..."

Shangguan Ao was thus caught in Qin Fang's hands. While Shangguan Ao struggled, his bodyguards, the Blade Guards, certainly wouldn't stand by idly.

Even though they realized that even if they joined forces, they still would not be Qin Fang's match, unable to even hinder him...

But they were Shangguan Ao's bodyguards, and if Shangguan Ao was killed in front of them, they wouldn't have any life left to live.

That's precisely why, even knowing Qin Fang was much stronger, they still chose to attempt a rescue...

Qin Fang, however, simply gave a calm smile, not looking at the incoming blades behind him, merely lifting Shangguan Ao's body slightly and then applying a bit more pressure with his hand.

"Uh... uh..."

Then they saw Shangguan Ao's face, originally a light bluish-purple, turn into a dark purplish hue, looking exceedingly miserable.

Unfortunately, Shangguan Ao could do nothing to resist; he could only claw feebly with his hands, his feet hanging off the ground kicking powerlessly, unable to reach the ground!

"You..."

The Blade Guards' faces turned extremely grim, restraining their actions, their cold faces now flushed red from anger.

Though they appeared simple, it did not mean they couldn't think. Qin Fang's actions were entirely for their benefit to see...

Even though Qin Fang seemed to leave himself open to their attacks, as soon as they got close enough to threaten him, Qin Fang could undoubtedly kill Shangguan Ao right away and still retreat easily... This was the immense gap between both parties.

"What about me?"

Qin Fang seemed completely unaware of the pair's expressions, casually smiling.

Yet as the Blade Guards withheld their actions, he no longer troubled Shangguan Ao. If he kept squeezing like this, Shangguan Ao's life might really be lost...

Qin Fang had promised Tang Cheng that there wouldn't be any fatalities, so he definitely wouldn't kill here, at least not in front of so many people.

Furthermore, if Qin Fang truly wanted to kill Shangguan Ao, he wouldn't do it so openly. He had numerous ways to kill Shangguan Ao without anyone linking it back to him.

The Blade Guards didn't dare to make a sound. They realized from Qin Fang that he was indeed someone who dared to kill, and his hands weren't clean of blood!

Facing such a formidable opponent, they had no chance of winning and didn't dare make any rash moves, fearing Qin Fang might kill Shangguan Ao suddenly.

However, they didn't dare leave either; they could only stay alert, though utterly helpless, glaring at Qin Fang.

"If there's nothing else, then I'll be going... As for him, didn't he say just now that he's going to kill me? I'll give him that chance and take him along!"

Qin Fang had no time to waste glaring back at them; seeing the Blade Guards not making any moves, not even intending to call for reinforcements, he decided to escalate the situation, speaking casually, as if dragging a dead dog, he walked out of the club with Shangguan Ao.

"Wait..."

Seeing Qin Fang about to leave with Shangguan Ao, the Blade Guards turned pale and instinctively shouted, hastily following and directly blocking Qin Fang's path.

"What? Want to fight?"

Qin Fang stood calmly, smiling nonchalantly, but with a slight increase in grip strength, Shangguan Ao let out a miserable scream.

With this move, the Blade Guards dared not strike. They knew they couldn't beat Qin Fang, but neither could they let him leave.

"Alright, don't kill him..."

Perhaps seeing it was almost time, Tang Cheng intervened, appearing as the mediator.

He was all smiles, seemingly having forgotten that the conflict between Qin Fang and Shangguan Ao was because Shangguan Ao hit him and then arrogantly boasted... even threatening lives, yet Tang Cheng

amiably took Shangguan Ao from Qin Fang's hands, dusting off his clothes, the scene altogether looking exceptionally amicable.

Qin Fang wasn't bothered much, he just smiled blandly and didn't further trouble Shangguan Ao... Contrarily, Shangguan Ao was panting heavily and looked bewilderedly at Tang Cheng, not understanding why he was helping him!

"You... what do you want?"

Despite Shangguan Ao's arrogance, he wasn't completely brainless. Looking at Tang Cheng's smiling face, he felt increasingly uneasy, and asked hesitantly.

"What do I want? I don't want anything..."

Tang Cheng seemed indifferent, his smile unwavering as if he were just a mediator.

"By the way, your surname is Shangguan, right?"

Then, Tang Cheng's expression changed slightly, but he continued to smile and asked, "Do you know Shangguan Tianlong?"

"Ugh..."

This was the second time today that Shangguan Ao heard someone mention his surname, and the names they brought up were different yet familiar.

"You... who exactly are you?"

Looking at Tang Cheng's face, Shangguan Ao felt a deep sense of foreboding and asked, with fear evident in his eyes.

"Who am I... Haha, you're just an ordinary person!"

Tang Cheng chuckled, unconcerned, and spoke, having shed his military uniform, he just appeared more imposing.

But usually, he kept a poker face, making people feel he was inscrutable. Yet he managed to blend in the Capital City, once infamous for his extravagant lifestyle, which he only shed after joining the military.

If provoked, his temper could be quite troublesome, far more forceful than a fool like Shangguan Ao.

Unfortunately, Shangguan Ao was foolish enough to stir Tang Cheng's old extravagant temper. Seeing Tang Cheng display a different demeanor from usual, Qin Fang smiled as he stepped aside, knowing Tang Cheng would have ways to deal with this fool Shangguan Ao.

Tang Cheng claimed he was a regular person, but in fact, he pulled out his phone and dialed a number.

"Hello, Uncle, it's me, Tang Cheng... wanted to talk about something. Do you remember Shangguan Tianlong? Heard he's quite formidable. With some commotion in the Golden Triangle recently, I think sending him would be suitable!"

The call connected quickly, and Tang Cheng walked slowly, dragging Shangguan Ao, talking leisurely to the person on the call while moving out.

Shangguan Ao was initially clueless about what was happening but upon hearing about the Golden Triangle, his expression drastically changed.

"It's not much really, just bumped into his son in Jiangzhou. This kid was yelling threats, almost hurting me and Xiao Qin... so, you get it!"

Tang Cheng concluded the call with the Eldest Uncle of the Tang family with a smile, slowly returning to Shangguan Ao, whose face appeared exceptionally eerie with alternating shades of blue and white.

"Your surname is Tang?"

Tang Cheng simply eyed Shangguan Ao, who stared back intently. After a moment, Shangguan Ao asked in disbelief.

Tang Cheng smiled, shrugged, and said nothing, but his expression said it all. Coincidentally, Qin Fang walked over and remarked, "Brother Tang, it's getting late, time to go..."

"Kid, I'll be leaving now, take care... next time, luck might not be this kind!"

Tang Cheng nodded, as he had to return to the National Exhibition Center. Thus, he couldn't linger too long, and the time had come to leave.

But before leaving, Tang Cheng gently patted Shangguan Ao's shoulder, with a smile, and strode away.

"Take care..."

Qin Fang followed Tang Cheng, also gently patting Shangguan Ao's shoulder and then floated away...

Left alone on the spot was Shangguan Ao staring blankly, while Blade Guard's personnel approached, guarding him without a word.

Shangguan Tianlong is the arrogant father of Shangguan Ao, and the brother of Shangguan Tianling who Qin Fang eliminated, previously an Elder of the Heavenly Pool Sect.

However, Shangguan Tianlong didn't stay with the Heavenly Pool Sect but joined the national machinery, becoming an influential figure in the Security Bureau, overseeing Jiangzhou's safety affairs and supervising those of the neighboring Jiangnan and Huxi provinces as well, holding considerable power within the bureau.

Such experts joining the Security Bureau can grasp some power, particularly those responsible for significant regions are notably influential...

However, possessing power comes with substantial risk as extremely dangerous missions often need their resolution...

Very unfortunately, the boss of the Tang family, Tang Cheng's uncle, heads the Security Bureau, responsible for assigning these risky figures...