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Chapter 1751 - Tianchi Sect's Unusual Movement!

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Qin Fang and Tang Cheng had already left, but Shangguan Ao, this foolish kid, stood there dumbfounded for quite a while without any reaction.

Many guests who came to the Northern Colorful Club also noticed this foolish kid and were quite surprised. However, considering Shangguan Ao's past behavior, most people usually kept a distance from him.

But when they found out the reason for the incident from some informed people, many felt a sense of relief, and some even regretted that Qin Fang didn't just finish off Shangguan Ao!

"Young Master..."

Perhaps because there were many onlookers, many were whispering and muttering, and even the Blade Guards were a bit overwhelmed, so they gently pulled Shangguan Ao to bring him out of his daze.

"Let's go, head back immediately..."

Once Shangguan Ao regained his senses, he didn't dare stay any longer, and didn't even have the mood to worry about the thoughts of the people around him.

Although he still hadn't confirmed Tang Cheng's identity, he felt that Tang Cheng wasn't joking. If his one foolish act indeed led to his father's downfall, then even death a hundred times couldn't atone for his sin...

Shangguan Ao also knew very well that once he lost the shelter of his father Shangguan Tianlong, just the enemies he had previously offended would definitely tear him to pieces...

There was nothing he could do; Shangguan Ao had been too aggressive in the past, making enemies to the death, and even causing more than one fatal incident.

In this life-or-death situation, once Shangguan Tianlong was gone, Shangguan Ao's little life was most likely unsavable...

Shangguan Ao returned home at the fastest speed possible and had already told his father Shangguan Tianlong everything that happened today in its entirety on the way.

In the past, Shangguan Ao always hid his troubles for fear of punishment from his father, but as the head of the intelligence department in Jiangzhou, Shangguan Tianlong easily received messages, so hiding them was futile...

The reason Shangguan Tianlong pretended to be unaware and even actively cleaned up after Shangguan Ao was simply because he spoiled his only son, even if he was utterly useless!

But this time, the matter had blown up a bit. When Shangguan Tianlong received Shangguan Ao's call, someone had already reported to him.

However, the report from his subordinates clearly didn't know what Tang Cheng mentioned on the phone, while Shangguan Ao was clearer in his explanation...

Shangguan Tianlong didn't scold Shangguan Ao much but told him to go home immediately. Meanwhile, Shangguan Tianlong also notified some people and hurried back to his residence in Jiangzhou.

By the time Shangguan Tianlong returned, not only was Shangguan Ao already home, but five or six others had arrived. Among them were two elderly people over fifty or sixty, and the rest were young people in their twenties or thirties.

"Tianlong... Did you call us over in such a hurry because there's good news?"

As soon as they saw Shangguan Tianlong appear, the two elderly people immediately came over, eagerly asking with anticipation on their faces, clearly unaware of what happened.

"Elders, there's no good news, but there's one piece of bad news..."

Shangguan Tianlong forced a bitter smile, gesturing helplessly as he spoke, his brows furrowed as if words couldn't fully express his feelings.

"Bad news..."

Upon hearing this, the two elderly faces froze for a moment but still watched Shangguan Tianlong quietly, waiting for him to explain in detail.

"The young man named Qin has a very close relationship with the Capital's Tang Family..."

Shangguan Tianlong hesitated for a moment before saying with a troubled expression.

"The Capital's Tang Family? What's their background... This kid named Qin is the murderer of Tianling, he must be eliminated, otherwise Tianling won't rest in peace! What about this Tang family? So what? If they dare block our way, we'll kill them too..."

The two elders froze for a moment, showing some confusion in their eyes. One of them, seemingly impatient, immediately shouted aggressively!

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But before he finished speaking, a loud noise rang in his ears. He then noticed Shangguan Tianlong's livid face and the solid wood table with a palm-shaped hole in it.

"Hmph! Killing... Can't you think a bit normally? Do you know the status of the Tang Family and still want to kill?"

Shangguan Tianlong seemed furious over the elder's words, unabashedly berating him.

"Let me tell you, it may seem that I'm currently in a very glamorous position, but with just a word, they could transfer me to a small island to herd sheep..."

Despite the scolding, the necessary information had to be shared, and the elder, scolded with a sheepish look like a frightened quail, now heard this startling statement from Shangguan Tianlong.

"What? Is the Tang Family that powerful..."

The elder's face turned even worse, eyes filled with deep surprise. After all, he had always been with the Tianchi Sect in the deep mountains and forests, knowing very little about the outside world.

Chapter 1752 - Tianchi Sect's Unusual Movement!

Why does Shangguan Tianling, with his strength only at the Master Level Early Stage, get to become an elder of the Tianchi Sect and hold such a high position? It's primarily because of his brother Shangguan Tianlong...

Back then, Shangguan Tianlong joined the government partly because he didn't want to waste away his years in the deep mountains and partly to enjoy a taste of worldly power and influence.

Over the years, Shangguan Tianlong has slowly climbed to his current position, paying a considerable price but also bringing many benefits to the Tianchi Sect.

Therefore, although Shangguan Tianlong is not an elder of the Tianchi Sect, his status is no less than that of the sect leader. Whenever disciples of the Tianchi Sect who are out on training cause trouble, it is Shangguan Tianlong who is called upon to resolve it...

The hero uses martial arts to defy the law!

Even in this era, not much has changed; the country won't allow martial arts experts, who could cause injuries at any time, to mess around unchecked.

Naturally, those with a background fare a little better, such as the Tianchi Sect, where someone is always there to clean up the mess when trouble is caused; those without a background have it worse. Even if they are very strong and terrifying, their eventual fate won't be good, as evidenced by the martial experts of the Tang Sect recently eradicated by Qin Fang and Tang Cheng...

Tang Huaiyuan thought he was powerful, and with many Master-level disciples by his side, such strength was enough to do many things, even wantonly.

But what happened in the end? Tang Huaiyuan himself died unexpectedly, most of his disciples were also killed or injured, and only two barely escaped. It's still uncertain whether they can return to the Tang Sect alive.

If the Tang Sect's power was like this, the mere Tianchi Sect couldn't even be compared. If those two old fellows really started something with the Tang Family, the Tianchi Sect might also have to face repercussions.

"Tianlong, then what do you think... what do you think we should do? We... we'll follow your lead!"

Intimidated by Shangguan Tianlong, the two elders and the young people behind them turned a bit pale, forced to ask firmly while trying to remain calm.

At this moment, Shangguan Tianlong was the backbone for all of them. If Shangguan Tianlong told them to do something now, they probably wouldn't refuse.

"Actually... killing isn't an impossible solution!"

Shangguan Tianlong seemed quite satisfied looking at their expressions, speaking slowly. But these words left them stunned on the spot.

"But I'm not asking you to kill the Tang Family, but... Qin Fang!"

Only then did Shangguan Tianlong say slowly. When mentioning that name, a compelling aura suddenly burst from him, causing even the two elders to frown slightly.

"Qin Fang?"

The two elders were stunned, looking at Shangguan Tianlong in surprise, with astonishment in their eyes. "Tianlong, didn't you say not to move against him temporarily? So what's with this now..."

"That was then! Things are different now..."

Shangguan Tianlong chuckled, saying carelessly. As for why he prevented the Tianchi Sect from acting against Qin Fang before, perhaps only he knew the reason.

The same goes for why he wants to act against Qin Fang now. Only he knows the reason, and he has no intention of explaining it to the two elders of the Tianchi Sect.

"Well... now that you've said so, we won't hold back anymore. After all, we've wanted to act for a long time..."

The two elders exchanged glances and, after a moment of silence, declared with determination. After all, they came out this time with Qin Fang as their primary target.

Having already delayed for quite some time, they had accumulated a bit of resentment, though they dared not voice it because of Shangguan Tianlong's status.

But since Shangguan Tianlong has asked them to act, there is no need to keep dragging it out.

"But regarding the Tang family..."

However, the two elders seemed somewhat intimidated by Shangguan Tianlong's earlier words about the Tang family, now somewhat worried.

"I will handle matters regarding the Tang family myself, so you won't have any issues..."

Shangguan Tianlong waved his hand. Although he had previously described the Tang family as formidable, he now seemed overly confident. It's unclear where this confidence stems from.

"However, I must remind the two of you that despite Qin Fang's young age, his cultivation is considerably advanced. At the very least, he is at the Master Level Late Stage... or even stronger! So you should be mentally prepared and not get caught off guard..."

Of course, he had realized this when even the combined efforts of his Blade Guards were far from Qin Fang's match. Qin Fang's strength was far more concealed than his age suggests. Although both elders are highly skilled, being careless could indeed cost them dearly...

"You can rest assured, if we can't handle a mere youngster, there's no need for the two of us old guys to linger in the Martial World anymore!"

However, the two elders seemed quite confident, which is understandable, given their considerable strength. Maybe they didn't even regard Master Level Late Stage, or even Master Level Peak, as a real threat!

Or maybe they just didn't want to appear weak in front of Shangguan Tianlong, considering they had just been intimidated by him.

Shangguan Tianlong didn't say much, just nodded with a smile and let these Tianchi Sect experts leave.

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Shangguan Tianlong arranged for the Tianchi Sect people to hunt down Qin Fang, though Qin Fang knew nothing about this. However, his encounter with Shangguan Ao today did remind Qin Fang of the group of enemies he still had lingering in Jiangzhou.

Originally, Qin Fang didn't pay much attention to Shangguan Tianlong, but today Tang Cheng mentioned him, which prompted Qin Fang to be more cautious.

"Grandmaster-level Expert..."

The Eldest Uncle of the Tang family is the head of the security bureau, and the call from Tang Cheng was mainly to scare Shangguan Ao, not to actually send Shangguan Tianlong off on a mission in the Golden Triangle.

In Dragon Country, state departments are scattered, and each faction has its own influence. It's not always easy for those in high positions to manage their subordinates.

The Eldest Uncle of the Tang family is no exception, though he indeed could assign Shangguan Tianlong a mission to the Golden Triangle, tasks requiring such a high-tier expert are rare...

After all, Shangguan Tianlong's strength far surpasses that of his younger brother, Shangguan Tianling, having already reached the Grandmaster-level Tier. This level of skill is first-class even within the security bureau, rarely utilized!

Shangguan Ao, foolish as he was, didn't understand this, which is why he was easily intimidated by Tang Cheng and hurried back to seek his father's help.

Shangguan Tianlong, being wise, wasn't in a rush either. He had thoroughly investigated the relationship between Qin Fang and the Tang family in advance.

That is part of the reason why he previously prevented the Tianchi Sect from acting against Qin Fang.

However, now that Qin Fang is involved in this incident with Shangguan Ao, Shangguan Tianlong might be concerned about Qin Fang or the Tang family taking measures against him, hence choosing to act preemptively...

Qin Fang wasn't too concerned with the members of the Tianchi Sect, as he had an idea about their strength.

What truly concerned Qin Fang was Shangguan Tianlong, who had reached the Grandmaster-level Tier... After all, it was true that Shangguan Tianling died at his hands. The two were brothers, and if anyone were to say Shangguan Tianlong did not seek revenge, Qin Fang wouldn't believe it even if beaten.

Qin Fang wasn't sure why the Tianchi Sect remained inactive previously, but he speculated it had something to do with Shangguan Tianlong.

Yet, given the significant conflict between Qin Fang and Shangguan Tianlong's son, Shangguan Ao, where Qin Fang nearly killed him, resolving this issue peacefully now seemed unlikely.

Chapter 1753 - That Bastard Little Kui!

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Qin Fang wasn't quite sure who the Tianchi Sect sent over, so naturally, he didn't know the strength of these people...

But Qin Fang knew that Shangguan Tianling had a significant position in the Tianchi Sect, primarily because he had an elder brother, Shangguan Tianlong, who controlled real power outside. His death only affected the Shangguan Family's position in the Tianchi Sect.

From this, it seems that most of the experts sent by the Tianchi Sect for Shangguan Tianling are likely related to, or perhaps close to, the Shangguan Family.

Shangguan Tianling was only at the early Master Level, so one can imagine the strength of those coming to avenge him.

The Tianchi Sect is not a top great sect like the Tang Sect, Shaolin, or Kunlun. Although it has plenty of experts, it definitely doesn't have many Grandmaster-level experts.

In any large sect, Grandmaster-level experts already hold very high status, even in Shaolin or Kunlun.

Precisely because of their high status, unless it's a very important matter, these Grandmaster-level experts seldom specifically come out to hunt someone down...

Tang Huaiyuan personally came out because Tang Nan, who was killed, was his biological son and his only son at that. The enmity of a murdered son is irreconcilable, so it would be strange if he didn't come out!

But things are different for Shangguan Tianling. His parents have passed away many years ago, and the only close relation he had left was his elder brother Shangguan Tianlong. The rest who are closer to him are mostly fellow disciples.

Those who can become Grandmaster-level experts in the Tianchi Sect are already not ordinary elders; they are definitely elders who can control some power.

Even if such elders want to avenge Shangguan Tianling, they mostly just send out experts instead of risking themselves...

Understanding this, Qin Fang wasn't too worried. As long as it wasn't a Grandmaster-level expert, all the others could be ignored!

This is also why he cares so much about Shangguan Tianlong, as he is a Grandmaster-level expert, and a very formidable one at that—perhaps it's hard to say who's stronger between him and the Bloody-handed Demon Tu San...

"Tianchi Sect..."

Running into Shangguan Ao unexpectedly and getting into such a conflict, Qin Fang has no regrets at all. This was bound to happen sooner or later, and now it's just been provoked ahead of time.

"I hope I can also deal with this trouble before going to Japan..."

Shangguan Tianlong is certainly a huge problem, perhaps not less than Tang Huaiyuan before, and maybe even harder to deal with. After all, Shangguan Tianlong is a local intelligence officer in Jiangzhou, far more familiar with the local situation than Tang Huaiyuan.

Of course, no one knows better than Shangguan Tianling who in Jiangzhou is not to be trifled with.

For example, some terrifyingly powerful experts residing secretly in Jiangzhou, such as top experts from great sects like Chu Tianji...

Also, people with extraordinary backgrounds—there are indeed such people in the Dragon Country with profound family backgrounds who enjoy special privileges, offending whom is indeed troublesome, and Tang Cheng is in this list!

Or those who inherently have strong influence, like Boss Kui, who controls the vast Green Gang and commands thousands with a single word...

Knowing this exclusive intelligence that others could not easily know, Qin Fang realized that using the same method he used against Tang Huaiyuan on Shangguan Tianlong clearly wouldn't work. Shangguan Tianlong wouldn't be foolish enough to cause trouble with Chu Tianji; he doesn't have the strength nor would he do something so foolish...

When Shangguan Tianlong will make a move, Qin Fang certainly isn't a mind reader and couldn't guess. So he simply stopped thinking about it but rather focused on letting go of these thoughts, waiting for all the work in Jiangzhou to be wrapped up so he could head for Japan.

Qin Fang initially intended to get through these days peacefully, but some people clearly didn't plan to let him be so quiet. Within just a couple of days, Qin Fang clearly noticed many unfamiliar faces around.

These unfamiliar faces were either Dragon Country people or foreigners. Although they acted naturally, Qin Fang could clearly spot the glaring red glow from their bodies...

These people were also cunning. They might have guessed that Qin Fang had already noticed them, but they showed no intention of making a move, and even hid their hostility deeply, merely wandering around Qin Fang... As if tracking or spying, but in a way that left no handle for people.

Although Qin Fang wanted to neatly remove these "thorns," these people didn't give him the chance, merely following Qin Fang around publicly and never going to secluded places.

Who would have thought Qin Fang had executed such a grand ambush battle a few days ago, eliminating more than twenty powerful assassins at once, forcing these people to be cautious...

Assassins are not like weeds that can grow back immediately after being cut. Training an assassin above Three-Star level requires significant costs, and no one would be willing to lose them for nothing.

The bounty on Qin Fang's head isn't low, but compared to the cost of nurturing a Three-Star or Four-Star Assassin, it's actually not that much more. Moreover, whether or not they can even manage to kill Qin Fang and claim that hefty bounty remains a big question mark...

At least so far, no one has been able to threaten Qin Fang. On the contrary, quite a few assassins have met their end at his hands!

"Young Master Qin, the fish took the bait..."

Just when Qin Fang was starting to feel a bit bored, some good news finally came through from Ji Xiang.

"Oh? That's definitely good news... let's meet up and get ready to take action!"

Upon hearing this news, Qin Fang's spirits lifted instantly, and he became excited. After coordinating briefly with Ji Xiang, Qin Fang easily shook off the "tails" tracking him and met up with Ji Xiang.

Soon, a few of them drove to a picturesque area on the outskirts of Jiangzhou City, featuring a beautiful small lake surrounded by villas and estates.

If the Tangchen Mansion Area in the city is the wealthiest and most luxurious district, then this area serves as a retreat for those rich individuals seeking peace and relaxation on the outskirts. It's said that each villa or estate here is owned by a prominent figure in the Jiangzhou region.

"He's in that estate up ahead..."

However, Qin Fang and his group were evidently not here to view the properties or admire the nearby scenery. They were here because the "fish" they mentioned was hiding in this exact location.

Ji Xiang pointed to a sizable estate near the lake.

"But here's something interesting: the owner of this estate has some connections with the Green Gang..."

At the same time, Ji Xiang smirked and relayed this rather amusing piece of intel. When he said this, his face bore a trace of visible sarcasm.

"The Green Gang's territory? Well, talk about a narrow path for enemies..."

Qin Fang was slightly surprised to hear this news, but he reacted quite calmly and even made a jesting comment, overflowing with sarcasm, given his less-than-stellar relationship with the Green Gang.

Previously, Qin Fang caused a ruckus at Drunken River South, then beat up Boss Kui's son, Kui Mingyu. Recently, Qin Fang joined forces with Tang Cheng, Qin Fang took down Tang Huaiyuan, and Tang Cheng reportedly gave the Green Gang a hefty beating...

Because of these events, Boss Kui has quite a grudge against Qin Fang, even wishing he could kill Qin Fang with a gun just to vent his anger, though he hasn't succeeded yet.

"But I'm quite curious, what is the old man Kui planning? The Green Gang's rules are quite strict; how could he have the audacity to collude openly with the Japs?"

Immediately after, Qin Fang remarked with some amusement, even finding the situation slightly absurd, yet it was precisely what had occurred.

The origins of the Green Gang are well-known to many. Even though historical reasons forced the Green Gang to relocate overseas, their mission and some of their ironclad rules remain unchanged.

Among them is the rule... prohibiting cooperation with the Japanese underground forces!

Currently, the Green Gang's main powers are overseas, particularly strong in the United States and Canada. However, they still face a few major adversarial forces there, one of which is the American Mafia, and another, the Japanese Yamaguchi Group...

In fact, compared to the threat from the American Mafia, the Yamaguchi Group causes the most significant losses to the Green Gang, with at least a hundred Green Gang members falling to the Yamaguchi Group's gunfire each year...

This has deepened the enmity between the two, and this ironclad rule has been unwaveringly enforced...

The Jiangzhou Qing Gang is based in Dragon Country and rarely contacts the Yamaguchi Group, but it's still part of the Green Gang. Even if Boss Kui is in charge, he has to abide by this rule.

In reality, for the last twenty years under Boss Kui's leadership, the Jiangzhou Qing Gang has been continually intercepting the Yamaguchi Group's attempts to enter Dragon Country, forcing them to sneak in secretly, as far from the Green Gang's sphere of influence as possible.

It's for this reason that when Qin Fang learned about the current situation, he was so surprised. Boss Kui's actions could essentially be seen as self-destruction, tarnishing his late dignity... and putting himself in an utterly disgraceful position.

"According to reliable information I've received, Boss Kui is probably unaware of this matter. It seems it was orchestrated by your adversary, Boss Kui's son, Kui Mingyu..."

Ji Xiang chuckled and shared this tidbit with Qin Fang.

"Oh... now things are really getting interesting!"

Hearing this, Qin Fang, while still shocked, wore a peculiar expression on his face, one that turned into a wry smile. His eyes narrowed to slits, as if eagerly anticipating the events that were about to unfold next.

Chapter 1754 - Encircling the Gunman

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This mansion covers a considerable area, with its security facilities quite complete. Not only are surveillance devices installed everywhere, but there are also patrols at some key positions.

If Qin Fang estimated correctly, there are also some invisible hidden posts inside the mansion, and there may even be snipers or similar firepower points arranged...

"Quite a decent setup..."

After Qin Fang and Ji Xiang simply surveyed the terrain around the mansion, they only gave such a straightforward comment.

"Let's move..."

With the terrain reconnaissance almost complete, Qin Fang didn't want to waste any time, so he gave Ji Xiang a nod and prepared to act.

"Young Master Qin, how about we make it a competition?"

However, Ji Xiang suggested with a smile, feeling that it was too dull for the two of them to act directly and wanting to add some stakes.

"Oh? How should we compete?"

Qin Fang smiled, feeling somewhat intrigued, and asked.

"The target's strength is comparable to yours and mine, so let's see who can take down the target first..." Ji Xiang thought for a moment and said.

"That sounds fair enough..."

Qin Fang nodded. This type of competition seemed fairly fair. The target inside wasn't an easy opponent, and taking them down wouldn't be easy.

"But what if we capture them alive?"

However, before Ji Xiang could respond, Qin Fang suddenly added.

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Ji Xiang was left speechless. He had just mentioned that the target inside the mansion was as strong as they were, and it would already be a tough task to kill the target, not to mention capturing them alive, which seemed almost impossible.

"If capturing them alive is possible, that would naturally be superior!"

But Ji Xiang suddenly remembered his own experience, as he was captured alive by Qin Fang back then. So, this nearly impossible bet might not be entirely out of reach.

Ji Xiang was a straightforward guy and wouldn't get hung up on such small details. If capturing them alive was truly possible, then that would be a win...

In fact, he was somewhat expecting it, hoping that Qin Fang could capture that target, whose strength was absolutely not weaker than his, alive... It would make him feel a bit more balanced!

"Then it's settled!"

Qin Fang's face showed a radiant smile, revealing great confidence, as if victory was already within his grasp.

"Agreed!"

"Action!"

Neither Qin Fang nor Ji Xiang wasted any time. They immediately and quietly set off, infiltrating the mansion at high speed.

Lai Wen served as their backup, though he wouldn't get involved directly, keeping an eye on things from the outside wasn't a problem...

However, whether it was Qin Fang or Ji Xiang, both were top-notch experts and formidable assassins. Whether or not Lai Wen provided backup didn't really matter much.

Ji Xiang, known as Black Night in the Assassin's Alliance, was praised by a major figure in the Underground World as having the potential to become the King of Assassins! In his past missions, his performance was nearly perfect, making many shudder in fear.

As for Qin Fang, his own strength was terrifyingly high, and combined with his various extraordinary skills, he could elevate an assassin's skills to a frightening level.

The main point was, while Ji Xiang had the potential to become the King of Assassins, Qin Fang was burdened with the ultimate mission to become the King of Assassins, which was almost his destiny...

Furthermore, Ji Xiang had nearly completed his previous tasks with absolute perfection, but this time... he failed! And his failure was precisely because of Qin Fang...

Lai Wen kept a distant eye on the surroundings, trying to monitor the situation around the mansion without attracting the attention of the guards to avoid affecting the actions of Qin Fang and Ji Xiang.

Speaking of Qin Fang and Ji Xiang, both wanted to take down the target hidden in the mansion as quickly as possible. But in fairness, they chose different positions to infiltrate the mansion quietly...

What exactly was the target that Qin Fang and Ji Xiang were after?

Only Qin Fang and Ji Xiang themselves would know best.

However, since Ji Xiang stated that the target's strength was on par with his and Qin Fang's, it must mean they had master-level peak strength.

And such an opponent, with such strength, and being an adversary of Qin Fang, while also being Japanese... revealed the identity clearly.

Gunman!

It was the five-star assassin who had previously targeted Qin Fang but chose to withdraw after sensing something wrong along the way, and Qin Fang had already used his scouting skill to probe his real identity.

The Gunman's identity had always been mysterious, and almost no one knew it, but meeting Qin Fang was a destined tragedy for him, as the veil covering him was completely lifted by Qin Fang.

After that incident, Qin Fang informed Lai Wen of the Gunman's real name, allowing Lai Wen to use his superior hacking skills to investigate the Gunman's information...

Previously, the Gunman was so well-hidden that even the Assassin's Alliance had limited information. Even if an investigation was attempted, at most, it could only reveal the missions he had carried out.

But with his real identity known, it became much easier to investigate. Lai Wen quickly uncovered the Gunman's background, even tracing back eighteen generations of his ancestors.

Chapter 1755 - Encircling the Gunman (Part 2)

The reason this kid caught Qin Fang's special attention, apart from being one of the assassins that posed the greatest threat to him at the moment, was also because of the gunman's identity... He was a little Japanese, and he was also an elite assassin trained by the Dao Shen Sect!

Just possessing the strength capable of threatening Qin Fang was enough reason for Qin Fang to eliminate him.

Now, knowing he was trained by the Dao Shen Sect, Qin Fang naturally had to give him "special attention," thus he thoroughly investigated his whereabouts, preparing to strike first.

Once the identity of the gunman was found, his photograph naturally followed. This time, Lai Wen's hacking skills really helped a lot, as he hacked into Jiangzhou's traffic monitoring system cameras and easily traced the gunman's whereabouts...

Then, arranging personnel to carefully investigate, the dealings between the gunman and Kui Mingyu, although done very covertly, were still uncovered thoroughly.

Boss Kui might also know that his son hired an assassin to eliminate Qin Fang, which was something he'd probably be happy to see, maybe even turning a blind eye to it.

But since he couldn't find out the gunman's identity, he naturally didn't know the gunman was from Japan or was trained by the Dao Shen Sect...

His son doing this was like pushing him into a pit of fire... and he wasn't even aware, so this blame he was bound to carry this time!

Qin Fang had no sympathy for Boss Kui. This old man had been celebrated for half his life, owing to his genuine abilities, but some of his actions left Qin Fang with a very bad impression of him.

If it weren't for Boss Kui's special identity, and if his sudden demise wouldn't cause serious unrest, Qin Fang would have taken him out directly... even if a Grandmaster-level expert was protecting him!

However, this time, Boss Kui's good son practically handed Qin Fang a knife for free. If Qin Fang didn't make good use of such an opportunity, it would truly be a waste.

"No wonder it's the territory of the Green Gang..."

Qin Fang had infiltrated this manor, hiding in the shadows, quickly surveying the surroundings, and couldn't help but admire it.

The people of the Green Gang could secretly control the underground forces of Jiangzhou, one of the most prosperous cities in the Dragon Country, which was certainly due to their own strength rather than mere talk.

Take this manor for instance, with its overt and covert armed forces combined, in the event of a direct confrontation, even if Tang Cheng led his regiment in, it would take considerable time to clear the barriers.

However, in such a scenario, key figures hidden within the manor would have long taken the opportunity to escape...

Qin Fang would never believe this manor wasn't equipped with escape routes! Those in this line of work could be taken out any day, especially big shots who take their safety very seriously; multiple escape routes are a must...

Qin Fang and Ji Xiang secretly infiltrated this manor, intending to achieve their goal while trying to remain undetected by these people.

Although they knew this was exceedingly difficult, they still hoped it wouldn't be too troublesome...

"Looks like we still have to clear the obstacles first..."

The entry point Qin Fang chose wasn't ideal, but at least with his visual assessment and the min-map monitoring, he already had a contingency plan in mind.

Judging from the Green Gang's defense arrangements, Qin Fang knew that entering the villa within the manor, where the gunman was hiding amongst others, without anyone noticing would be difficult. He had to first clear those dark posts to proceed with his actions.

"Let's hope Ji Xiang isn't too quick..."

Without any delay, Qin Fang acted immediately, quickly lurking to the positions of these hidden posts, striking with lightning speed.

Nonetheless, clearing these dark posts took time, and considering the match, he could only hope Ji Xiang wouldn't be too successful...

After all, Qin Fang was now, by all counts, Ji Xiang's boss, and losing this match would really be a loss of face.

However, the gunman was also formidable, seemingly not inferior to Ji Xiang. Even if Ji Xiang found the gunman earlier, he might not be able to take him down...

Thus, Qin Fang's strength, in relative terms, was still quite ample!

Even so, Qin Fang didn't pause for a moment, quickly taking action, hiding himself while silently taking down those hidden posts without a sound.

Inside the villa of the manor.

"Mr. Allen, didn't you say you'd act quickly? Why up until now..."

Kui Mingyu looked somewhat displeased as he gazed at the man not far away who was leisurely trimming his nails with a sharp little knife, a tone of considerable impatience in his voice.

The man appeared to be only about thirty years old, quite handsome, yet exuding a decidedly effeminate air. Especially with his narrow eyes, it felt like being watched by a viper, very unsettling...

When Kui Mingyu first met this man named Allen, he had the same feeling. But after Allen demonstrated his skills, Kui Mingyu quickly cast aside his initial fear.

"This is a very powerful man!"

Such was the thought in Kui Mingyu's mind back then, and upon learning that Allen was also an assassin, Kui Mingyu immediately expressed his willingness to hire this man at a high price for murder...

As for the person Kui Mingyu wanted to kill, it was naturally Qin Fang, someone he, as the notorious Young Master Kui in Jiangzhou, despised to the core, yet now had to live with his tail between his legs.

"Rest assured, Mr. Kui, since I accepted this task, I will naturally give you a very satisfying answer..."

The assassin Allen quietly trimmed his nails with that small knife, his movements infinitely gentle, as if he wasn't trimming nails but crafting an artwork.

Yet while crafting this artwork, he spoke in a remarkably lazy tone, stating it leisurely, not putting Kui Mingyu's impatience into his appreciation at all.

"As for why I haven't made a move yet, there are reasons... specific reasons I can't disclose, but I can tell you... the opportunity hasn't yet arisen!"

It seemed like he didn't even want to explain further, just giving such a bland excuse, this arrogance appeared no less than Kui Mingyu's once was.

"You..."

Kui Mingyu had never been treated like this, his face immediately changed, but looking at the sharp little knife in Allen's hand, the words at the tip of his tongue were forcefully swallowed.

Taking a deep breath to calm the anger in his chest, he slowly said, "Mr. Allen, I hope you act quickly... everyone's patience has its limits!"

Obviously, Kui Mingyu was quite dissatisfied with this Allen, but for now, he was suppressing his anger without an outburst.

"Mr. Kui, please rest assured..."

Allen, however, remained indifferent, lazily responding.

But...

Before he finished speaking, his lazy, calm expression suddenly turned cold, and he swiftly leaped behind the sofa he was sitting on earlier. At the same time, the small knife he was using to trim his nails swiftly turned into a quick blade light, slicing towards the window not far away...

Thud~~

Just at that moment, when Kui Mingyu was completely unaware of what happened, a dull sound echoed in his ear, and the flying knife, as if encountering a heavy strike, immediately fell to the ground with a clatter...

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And just at the moment of Kui Mingyu, a dark figure quickly flew in from the window into the living room...

It was a man, dressed in a tight leather suit that wrapped around a perfect figure, a kind of strength and beauty that even Kui Mingyu could see clearly.

However, his head was covered with a black mask, with only a pair of eyes exposed, and everything else was concealed.

At this moment, Kui Mingyu could see the cold killing intent in those icy eyes... Of course, it wasn't directed at him, Kui Mingyu, but was clearly aimed straight at Assassin Allen, who was hiding behind the sofa!

Kui Mingyu wasn't a completely brainless fool; seeing that the other party wasn't coming for him, he was afraid in his heart, but he didn't want to get into trouble, so he dared not make a sound, fearing it might invite death upon himself...

Though his father was a big figure in The Green Gang, controlling the underground forces of Jiangzhou, the problem was that when faced with such a powerful expert, completely beyond The Green Gang's control, his father's deterrence immediately dropped to freezing point.

Especially after the last Qin Fang incident, Kui Mingyu had become much more low-key, rarely provoking others... But he could never let go of that grudge in his heart, always wanting to kill Qin Fang to avenge himself!

It was precisely because of this that he colluded with this mysterious assassin Allen... Yet now he regrets it a bit.

Assassin Allen hadn't even touched Qin Fang, but instead, he had attracted such a master himself...

The Qing Gang disciples responsible for guarding didn't transmit a bit of news, which shows how powerful this person was.

In light of this, Kui Mingyu felt it was better to maintain an attitude of not concerning himself with this matter in front of him; he didn't want to get himself involved because of this mysterious Allen.

"Assassin Alliance Five-Star Assassin... gunman, if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I really wouldn't believe it's true!"

The man in black who came in was naturally Ji Xiang; he took a path with relatively lower security, so he entered the villa earlier than Qin Fang.

And this assassin Allen whom Kui Mingyu knew was actually the gunman Qin Fang and Ji Xiang wanted to besiege; the name Allen was just to fool Kui Mingyu.

The Green Gang's rules are there for all to see; basically everyone in the worldwide underground world knows them. If the gunman had said he was Japanese, even if you gave Kui Mingyu ten courages, he wouldn't dare to cooperate with him...

"Are you... Black Night?"

The gunman hiding behind the sofa was taken aback when he heard someone actually stating his identity; his identity had always been well hidden, yet he didn't expect to be recognized.

However, for the gunman to climb to this level, not only was his strength quite terrifying, but his insight was far beyond the likes of a playboy such as Kui Mingyu.

After a brief shock, the gunman carefully scrutinized Ji Xiang wrapped in black robes, then asked in a not entirely certain tone...

The reason he wasn't sure was mainly because the identity of Killer Black Night was as mysterious as his own, with very few people having ever seen the real person.

Yet, considering the current time and the newcomer's voice and tone, the gunman almost immediately thought of a rising star in the Assassin Alliance with a formidable reputation...

"Sure enough, a gunman indeed!"

Ji Xiang was also slightly surprised; he knew the person before him was a gunman because Qin Fang provided his identity, photo, and other details, verified carefully by Lai Wen.

But unexpectedly, the gunman recognized his identity at first glance, apparently already quite knowledgeable about him, which was surprising indeed.

"We're evenly matched! I wonder what brings you here?"

The gunman, however, remained quite humble, speaking with a calm demeanor. Yet from his tightly wound body, it was obvious he was far less composed than his tone suggested, remaining very alert.

"To kill you!"

Ji Xiang didn't hide his intention at all, simply uttering those two murderous words. At the same time, his aura turned violent, causing even the ignored Kui Mingyu to tremble involuntarily. That aura was something an ordinary person like him couldn't withstand.

"Hmm?"

The gunman's brows immediately furrowed deeply. Although he'd guessed that Ji Xiang wasn't friendly, he didn't anticipate that Ji Xiang wouldn't bother to conceal his killing intent at all.

"Killer Black Night, praised as a man with the potential to become the King of Assassins... Always striving for the strongest opponents! Excellent, excellent, excellent... I want to see today, on what basis do you plan to kill me!"

However, the gunman's brows quickly relaxed, with a grin on his face turning quite cold, the tone of his words having a sarcastic edge.

One thing was certain; the gunman seemed very confident, not really taking Ji Xiang seriously... At least, he didn't think Ji Xiang had the capability to kill him!

"Come on... let me witness the true strength of Killer Black Night!"

Speaking this, the gunman immediately stood up from behind the sofa, no longer concealing his own aura, it too turned wild, unleashing a terrifying aura no less than Ji Xiang's. This aura was icy and chilling, making one feel as if falling into a frozen, wintry ice chamber...

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Ji Xiang didn't feel much, at most just furrowed his brows slightly. Every master has their unique skills, and this gunman's icy True Qi is just a bit uncommon, but it's nothing too significant...

However, Kui Mingyu, who was next to him, really had it rough. He was just an ordinary person. The aura of a Master-level Peak Expert was already making his legs feel like jelly, and now with this icy aura revealed, he couldn't help but shiver, as if he had suddenly stepped into the depths of winter.

"If you don't want to die, get lost..."

Ji Xiang didn't even glance at Kui Mingyu, just coldly cursed, while his eyes were fixed intently on the gunman opposite him.

Clearly, this was an opponent equal in strength to him. Which of the two was stronger was still unknown. Kui Mingyu posed no threat and staying here would only add another innocent victim, possibly even getting in the way...

At this moment, Kui Mingyu was freezing, but he'd long wanted to leave. Yet, he didn't dare move without the word from these two, afraid that if he moved carelessly, he might get killed in one strike!

But now that Ji Xiang had spoken, and the gunman was supposedly his ally, he shouldn't be in danger from him. Kui Mingyu immediately dashed into the adjoining room and quickly shut the door.

The reason he didn't choose to leave the villa was out of fear that Ji Xiang would get upset and give him a lethal blow... He didn't doubt for a second that Ji Xiang's blow could kill him!

Though Kui Mingyu wasn't a martial artist himself, having grown up under Elder Alai's watch—a Grandmaster-level fighter—he understood a thing or two.

Take the gunman and Ji Xiang for example; Kui Mingyu might not know how they compare to Elder Alai, but just from the aura, they didn't seem weaker at all, and might even be stronger...

After all, Elder Alai would never unleash his full strength in front of Kui Mingyu, and Kui Mingyu just felt that these two might be even more formidable.

"Phew~~ It's finally safe!"

Kui Mingyu hid in the room, and as he closed the door, he noticed that the two grandmasters outside had already begun to fight.

"No, I must find someone to save me..."

Although safe for now, just thinking about the fierce demeanor of the two grandmasters outside made Kui Mingyu very uneasy. Without thinking, he fished out his phone to call for help.

But then...

Bang~~

Kui Mingyu had just taken out his phone and was about to dial his father's number when he suddenly felt a heavy blow to the back of his head. His vision went dark, and he fainted immediately.

At this moment, Qin Fang's figure slowly emerged behind him...

"Idiot! It's not time to call for help yet..."

Qin Fang, with just a bit of force, could easily knock out someone like Kui Mingyu. With the fight already breaking out outside, Qin didn't want Kui Mingyu to cause any slip-ups at this moment.

Of course, what happened here needed to be made known to Boss Kui—how, was what Qin Fang needed to handle.

A big shot of The Green Gang collaborating with those little devils—if exposed, the consequences for Boss Kui would be unimaginable.

Since Boss Kui played dirty, he couldn't blame Qin Fang for taking revenge!

"The two of them are about evenly matched, it should take a while..."

Qin Fang didn't open the door, just listened closely and already knew the situation outside in the living room. "To avoid trouble, better deal with those flies first..."

Meanwhile, Qin Fang also noticed the remaining guards of The Green Gang outside the villa were heading this way, he didn't want these people causing more chaos.

Gunman and Ji Xiang were both Master-level Peak experts, and when they fought, it was with all their might, causing quite a big commotion.

Ji Xiang had arrived a bit earlier than Qin Fang because the path he took was unobstructed, while Qin Fang spent some time dealing with those guards and hidden posts.

But this estate still had quite a few guards left; Qin Fang had only handled a portion, still leaving a good number.

Now, these guards, thinking something had happened at the villa, were rapidly heading over here... many of them equipped with weapons, even heavy ones!

Neither Ji Xiang nor the gunman had used hot weapons so far, purely competing with martial arts, at most using blades...

But if hot weapons came into play, things would get quite tricky!

It wouldn't matter if the gunman were killed, but Qin Fang didn't want anything happening to Ji Xiang, as his Slaughter Sun Special Team couldn't afford to lose such a key member.

Qin Fang paid no attention to the battle between Ji Xiang and the gunman, leaving the unconscious Kui Mingyu behind, he transformed into a shadow, leaping from the window towards the approaching Green Gang guards...

Speaking of Ji Xiang and the gunman, their strengths were almost equal. After exchanging over a hundred moves, they frustratingly found that neither could overcome the other.

The gunman's icy True Qi, just one palm strike felt like being somewhat frozen...

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Ji Xiang's True Qi belongs to the hot-blooded and fierce type. Although it's not as intense as a raging fire, when it erupts, the warm energy offsets most of the cold, and the remaining bit doesn't harm Ji Xiang at all.

Simultaneously, Ji Xiang's strength is quite ferocious; each collision with the Gunman is extremely violent. The Gunman feels that the collision point is numb as if it's about to break... After suffering several losses, he no longer competes head-on with Ji Xiang and starts using his ghost-like steps to engage in maneuvering combat!

Relatively speaking, the Gunman belongs to the agile type, while Ji Xiang follows the path of fierce and wild. The two are precisely a contrast of hardness and softness.

In this way, the two have reached a relatively equal position; neither can do anything to the other, nor take advantage of the other... For a moment, their fierce battle falls into a stalemate.

Yet, both have already ignited true fury, neither willing nor daring to stop; they can only grit their teeth and continue...

The battle that has fallen into a stalemate makes both quite aggrieved, each thinking of ways to eliminate the other, but the opponent is truly too difficult, constantly being wary and hard to find a suitable opportunity.

"Hmph, the legendary Killer Black Night isn't all that impressive... What future King of Assassins dog crap?"

However, the Gunman is clearly more cunning. Seeing that Ji Xiang can't do much to him, he can't help but taunt aloud.

Compared to Black Night's reputation in the Assassin's Alliance, the Gunman's fame is much smaller and more low-key. Coupled with the shameless style of the little devils, he immediately started mocking.

"King of Assassins? Haha... I never even thought about it!"

But Ji Xiang can see through his thoughts; he doesn't care a bit and retorts, as if the Gunman's earlier words were nothing but nonsense.

If it were not long ago, maybe Ji Xiang would have cared about this...

But now, definitely not!

The man destined to become King of Assassins certainly isn't him because Ji Xiang has already been defeated, defeated by the man who vowed to become King of Assassins.

This goading strategy by the Gunman is utterly useless against Ji Xiang, but it does remind Ji Xiang that Qin Fang is certainly hiding somewhere.

Ji Xiang and the Gunman are fighting so fiercely in the villa, yet there's no movement from Kui Mingyu's side, nor any movement from the Qing Gang disciples outside, which is completely unreasonable...

However, if these facts are connected with Qin Fang, then everything seems very reasonable!

No doubt, Qin Fang has quietly eliminated those troubles, probably now, in the entire manor, except for him and the Gunman, only Qin Fang remains awake!

"Let me tell you some bad news... Actually, I have a comrade!"

Understanding this, Ji Xiang's eyes reveal a hint of laughter, along with some irony, while he leisurely speaks as he attacks.

"Hmm?"

Sure enough, hearing this, the Gunman's face changes slightly.

At this moment, the Gunman realizes that the surroundings are excessively quiet, which is really unreasonable...

Kui Mingyu's reluctance to help, this was expected by the Gunman. From entering the house, Ji Xiang hasn't shown a trace of hostility towards Kui Mingyu; his killing intent is entirely directed at the Gunman.

But Kui Mingyu wouldn't be that foolish to willingly place himself in danger. Even if he wouldn't help deal with Ji Xiang, he would at least mobilize his subordinates to protect himself.

Yet the Qing Gang disciples responsible for guarding outside remain completely silent, as if they're asleep... This poses quite a problem.

Although these Qing Gang disciples can't compare to regular soldiers, they are well-trained, otherwise, they couldn't dominate the Underground World of Jiangzhou with such a small number...

But despite this, none of the guards have appeared, combined with Ji Xiang's earlier words, the Gunman knows Ji Xiang indeed has a comrade... whether it's one or a group, that remains unknown.

"Even if you have a comrade, so what? Today I'll still kill you..."

But the Gunman seems to have some reliance, his expression doesn't change much, instead, he suddenly becomes incredibly confident.

"Since you seek death, then I'll let you witness my true strength..."

The Gunman's aura suddenly becomes eerie, with an even stronger icy aura, causing the temperature in this vast living room to plummet rapidly.

"Sure-Kill Technique... Netherworld Ghost Slash!"

Then the Gunman suddenly leaps into the air, his body mysteriously disappearing mid-air, leaving only a cold voice echoing in the villa's living room.

"Ninja?"

Seeing a live person mysteriously disappear, such a scene genuinely surprises Ji Xiang, but Ji Xiang, being a seasoned expert in the Underground World, instantly understands the Gunman's hidden identity.

However, this scene not only doesn't scare Ji Xiang but instead shows a triumphant smile on his face.

"Young Master Qin, it's your turn..."

At this moment, Ji Xiang slightly moves, retreating quickly to the corner of the living room.

As Ji Xiang moves, he leisurely says a rather perplexing statement to the empty villa living room!

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Ji Xiang's words were rather perplexing, as there wasn't even a ghostly shadow beside him and the gunman in the living room...

To be precise, at that moment, there was only Ji Xiang in the entire living room, because the gunman was already in an invisible state, completely impossible to find.

But the question is...

Is Ji Xiang really the only person in this living room?

Or rather, is it only Ji Xiang and the invisible gunman?

Obviously not!

"That's exactly what I thought..."

And almost as soon as Ji Xiang stepped out of the combat area and hid in a safe spot, a calm voice rang out in the living room, which was none other than Qin Fang's voice.

Pfft~~

Almost as Qin Fang spoke, Ji Xiang heard this sound by his ear, while also noticing a burst of crimson blood splattered suddenly in a certain void in the living room...

"Uh..."

At the same time, a faint but painful voice also sounded, and then a figure slowly emerged from the void.

This man was injured, a cold long knife almost piercing through his chest and body, the hilt left at his back, while the blade tip pierced out from his belly, with scarlet blood continuously dripping down...

The man stood there, his figure slightly hunched, with a plain face full of agony, his face almost entirely twisted.

At the same time, his eyes were filled with surprise and shock, and even now he couldn't quite believe that he would be so seriously injured...

Unfortunately, the fact is he was injured, and this time, the injury was very severe, almost threatening his life...

The wounded one was, of course, the gunman, and at this moment, he was looking incredulously at the blade tip protruding from his belly, his eyes full of surprise and panic.

Then he seemed to sense something and didn't look at his injury, but blankly stared at the man gradually revealing himself not far in front of him.

"It's you!"

The sudden injury had already left the gunman shocked, but when he saw Qin Fang, his eyes immediately shrank, almost exclaiming in a voice filled with disbelief.

"That's right, it's me..."

Qin Fang shrugged, smiling calmly.

He certainly knew what was shocking the gunman, but he himself didn't care much.

Just like no one knows the gunman's identity and strength, Qin Fang's hidden identity is something no one can detect.

As for Qin Fang's strength, apart from Chu Tianji, probably no one else knows particularly well, maybe Ji Xiang vaguely guessed some, but was not particularly sure.

Even so many close people are unaware of Qin Fang's cultivation, let alone these outsiders...

The Assassin's Alliance's intelligence system is indeed formidable, but it can't constantly keep an eye on every assassin under its umbrella; they only leverage their vast intelligence system to investigate when necessary.

Ordinarily, they update the information of their assassins only every few months...

Not a year ago, Qin Fang was just an ordinary student, then he apprenticed himself to a master, and then stepped into the Master Level...

The whole process took only a short time, and even compared to the rapidly trained experts from Europe and America, this speed is frightening to the extreme.

Due to this underground mission's bounty, all factions' intelligence systems in the underground world have conducted an in-depth analysis of Qin Fang, carefully evaluating his strength.

If Qin Fang's estimation is correct, the underground world's assessment of his strength level should be positioned at Master Level Peak...

This assessment of strength is relatively accurate, as many of Qin Fang's recent actions are traceable.

For instance, Qin Fang escaped from the Bloody-handed Demon Tu San, participated in the Korean Swordsmanship Tournament, served as a judge, and allegedly killed the Master Level Peak expert Shi Yuan Yilang, etc. These are undeniable facts, even if Qin Fang acted quite discreetly, yet these underground forces can naturally discern!

A Master Level Peak expert isn't terrifying, because the underground world still holds many entities more frightening than such experts; someone like Shi Yuan Yilang might hold some status in the martial world, but placed in the underground world, he doesn't stand a chance...basically, a Four-Star level assassin in the Assassin's Alliance would find it not very challenging to kill him.

Not to mention far, just the two in front, Ji Xiang and the gunman, both have strength at Master Level Peak, but their difficulty level in taking down Shi Yuan Yilang wouldn't exceed five...

Assassins are terrifying as such, lurking as a viper in the shadows, delivering a fatal strike when you slacken your guard, a presence that you cannot defend against.

And the gunman is undoubtedly a particularly troublesome entity among assassins, a Five-Star Assassin recognizes his strength, but it also points to his terrifying nature.

On the surface, Qin Fang's strength rests at Master Level Peak, so having a gunman-level assassin in the field already suffices for the mission's difficulty.

Were it a Six-Star level assassin, unless Qin Fang was confirmed to have advanced to a Grandmaster-level tier, they wouldn't take action...

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However, Qin Fang's strength indeed hasn't advanced, still lingering at the Master Level, but with the amplification from multiple eruptions, Qin Fang's actual combat power has reached the Quasi-Grandmaster Level.

Although he hasn't completely crossed that crucial threshold, he can already be considered a Semi-Grandmaster...

Semi-Grandmaster is still a Grandmaster, which marks quite a significant gap from the Master Level... Basically, experts below the Grandmaster Level can no longer pose a threat to him.

Gunman, Ji Xiang, these formidable assassins, although slightly lacking in strength, are not necessarily weaker than the average Semi-Grandmaster because of their adept and formidable assassin skills...

Unfortunately, everyone overlooked one point, they ignored Qin Fang's hidden identity... Qin Fang is also an assassin, and he even aims to become the King of Assassins.

The gunman is formidable not only because of his extraordinary power but also because of his hidden identity as a ninja, one who has cultivated ninjutsu to a considerably high level.

Such a hidden identity provides him with numerous advantages in his assassin profession, allowing him to tackle stronger opponents and better hide himself...

Even a master like Ji Xiang, who is evenly matched with him, had an extremely unpleasant expression upon discovering that the gunman is a ninja.

It's not that Ji Xiang is inferior to the gunman; it's just that ninjas are natural-born assassins and are notoriously difficult to handle. Without the necessary tools, Ji Xiang may have no problem protecting himself, but defeating the gunman is impossible... Even if the gunman tries to escape, Ji Xiang is equally helpless!

Realizing that he can't do anything to the gunman, Ji Xiang already knows that he has lost more than half of his bet with Qin Fang.

They came to annihilate the gunman, so they naturally don't want him to escape easily. Since he has already failed, naturally the subsequent matters are left for Qin Fang to handle.

This is also why Ji Xiang uttered that sentence when he retreated to a safe zone...

During Ji Xiang and the gunman's fierce battle, Qin Fang quietly took out all the hidden posts and guards surrounding the estate.

Moreover, Qin Fang stealthily returned to the villa's side, using his Stealth Skill to conceal himself nearby, quietly observing Ji Xiang and the gunman's confrontation without intending to intervene immediately.

Since it's a bet, it needs to be fair and just. If he were to suddenly make a sneak attack while the two were fighting, even if he took down the gunman, his victory in this gamble would be quite dishonorable.

From the beginning, Qin Fang knew that the skills of the gunman and Ji Xiang were comparable and that it would be extremely difficult for either to resolve the other.

Unless they use destructive moves that harm both sides, it is hard to take down the opponent...

Qin Fang knows well that the gunman might resort to such tactics when facing a predicament; after all, the little devils' ninjutsu is inherently bizarre. Desperation moves wouldn't surprise Qin Fang...

But Qin Fang knows that Ji Xiang definitely wouldn't do that. Ji Xiang knows Qin Fang is hiding in the shadows, and with the two of them working together, they can easily kill the gunman without suffering any damage themselves.

A mere gamble doesn't matter much, a loss is just a loss. A master like Ji Xiang, who values the Martial Way above all, knows when an injury is worth it and when it's not...

Since Ji Xiang let go, naturally it's Qin Fang's turn to make a move...

It's just the gunman's bad luck; after using ninjutsu to become invisible, he decided to sneak attack Ji Xiang but chose a route that took him right past Qin Fang, who was also hiding...

At that moment, Ji Xiang spoke up, and without expending much effort, Qin Fang simply took out a Japanese Samurai Sword from the Props Box and casually stabbed it toward the gunman's back!

While still in stealth mode, Qin Fang couldn't really see the gunman, but he appeared on Qin Fang's mini-map, just passing right in front of Qin Fang. Qin Fang could even stab him accurately with his eyes closed...

Though the stab didn't directly hit the heart, it almost pierced right past it...

More fortuitously, the Japanese Samurai Sword has a certain curvature. Qin Fang's stab from behind pierced straight through the gunman's lung... and when it came out from the gunman's abdomen, it also punctured his kidney!

And that's just the damage to major organs. The knife's collateral damage, massive internal bleeding, and so on are not even the main points...

Basically, Qin Fang's casual stab already significantly reduced the gunman's strength; even if Qin Fang doesn't attack again, Ji Xiang can easily finish him off.

Of course, a severely injured gunman is far more frightening than an unharmed one... Feeling his life severely threatened, knowing most of it is gone, the gunman is likely to choose mutual destruction!

"Young Master Qin, don't look at me, he's yours... I'm afraid of getting bitten by this mad dog!"

Although Ji Xiang's strength is enough to deal with this impaired gunman, he doesn't want to get involved in this mess and risk getting himself dirty.

By voluntarily withdrawing, he essentially already conceded the pre-bet...

Since he admitted defeat, there's no need for him to take any more risks. It's only logical to let Qin Fang kill the gunman... so he can lose comfortably.

If the gunman ultimately died by his hands, Ji Xiang would feel greatly frustrated indeed.

"You kid..."

Qin Fang was momentarily speechless and could only smile helplessly.

Ji Xiang's reaction was expected by Qin Fang; the current gunman is practically a dead man, incapable of escaping from the encirclement of the two masters.

The outcome is already determined, so Qin Fang and his side naturally should strive to minimize their losses...

A mad dog is troublesome enough; if it's a desperate mad dog intent on mutual destruction, it's the most troublesome of troublesome!

To minimize losses, the best method is for both to join forces to eliminate him, or better yet, have Qin Fang, who is significantly stronger than the gunman, finish him off!

Since Ji Xiang doesn't want to exert himself, it's naturally Qin Fang who will take action...

"I'll give you a chance to choose an honorable way to die..."

Qin Fang didn't mind, smiled helplessly, then turned to the gunman, whose face was stern with a cold and vicious gaze, speaking in a calm tone.

Choose the way to die?

Normally, if the gunman heard someone say this to him, he would laugh loudly, then torture the opponent to death in the cruelest manner.

But this time, hearing those words fell into his ears, filling him with deep helplessness... with no outlet for his burning rage!

"What? Unwilling?"

Qin Fang looked at the gunman with an indifferent expression, speaking in a calm, even teasing tone.

There's no denying it; the gunman is an extremely difficult opponent. If he weren't severely injured, even Qin Fang would have to expend considerable effort to kill him.

But now...

An expert badly injured, having almost lost half his life, is like a declawed tiger, no longer posing any threat to him.

Indeed, no threat at all...

"Fine, as your Dragon Country's proverb goes, 'The winner becomes the king, and the loser becomes the bandit'... since I've fallen to this stage today, I've nothing more to say! I choose an honorable way to die..."

The gunman took a deep breath, his expression calming, his tone much more peaceful, speaking as he pulled out a small dagger from his body, seemingly prepared to stab toward his heart as he spoke...

However, just as the dagger was about to pierce his heart, his expression changed instantly, and the dagger in his hand suddenly changed trajectory bizarrely, flying at high speed toward the composed yet seemingly unguarded Qin Fang...