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Chapter 1821 - Miyamoto's Grand Death Bounty! (Part 2)

The thing Qin Fang was most satisfied with was that Miyamoto Musashi was the third Grandmaster-level expert killed by him. The previous Hua Rumeng and Tang Huaiyuan didn't count as being killed by Qin Fang, not even leaving a piece of crap for him. This time, Miyamoto Musashi finally left something behind.

"The Earth Ninja Token... it finally came out!"

Qin Fang pulled Miyamoto Musashi's body ashore and directly picked up the items on Miyamoto Musashi's body. He was very much expecting what Miyamoto Musashi would drop.

His luck was really quite good; the thing he most anticipated was the very first thing to be pulled out. Just that one item alone was worth the price of admission.

Ninjas are also a branch of Martial Artists, and ninjas have a very strict hierarchy. For example, the most junior is the Genin, then Middle Level Ninja, followed by Upper Ninja...

It wasn't until Upper Ninja that one truly entered the ranks of ninja experts, with a strength equivalent to Grandmaster Level...

The three levels, upper, middle, and lower, are collectively known as Human-level Ninjas.

Beyond that, there are Grandmaster-level Ninjas, referred to as Earth Nin... both Miyamoto Musashi and Kawada Musashi belonged to this group, but Miyamoto Musashi had already reached the peak of an Earth Nin, only one step away from entering a higher level as a Sky Ninja.

The Sky Ninja is considered the pinnacle that ninjas can reach, with a strength equivalent to a Great Grandmaster in the martial arts world. Reaching this level makes one a top-tier master in the martial world, as ninjas are already terrifying entities. Adding such powerful cultivation makes them unimaginably horrifying.

Legends speak of a more frightening level above Sky Ninja called the Divine Ninja, but this is just a rumor, and such an entity has never appeared.

Someone once said that in the war back then, Dao Shen Sect's Great Priest was actually a Divine Ninja, but unfortunately, none of this can be verified as that Great Priest was long buried in the Dragon Country...

Miyamoto Musashi was at the peak of Earth Nin and just a step away from joining the ranks of Sky Ninja, but unfortunately, he no longer had the opportunity as he eventually turned into this Earth Ninja Token that Qin Fang found.

"With it, Qin Zi can finally have the power of self-preservation..."

Looking at the Earth Ninja Token in his hand, Qin Fang also displayed an excited smile. This token has a crucial role in Qin Fang's upcoming tasks.

The Earth Ninja Token is naturally to be given to Qin Zi for use, so Qin Zi can directly leap to a Grandmaster-level tier and won't require as meticulous protection as Qin Fang and the others, being able to completely self-preserve...

The reason Qin Fang agreed with Hattori Sanzo's proposal to attack the Musashi School was primarily to take down a competent Grandmaster-level expert and get an Earth Ninja Token for Qin Zi, though he hadn't specifically planned to kill Miyamoto Musashi then.

This time, by taking out Miyamoto Musashi, the mission was completed with excess results...

Such an Earth Nin Token, despite not directly promoting Qin Zi to the Earth Nin Peak, should securely bring him to mid-level Earth Nin.

With this, Qin Zi's strength would become the strongest among them, surpassing even Hattori Sanzo slightly.

With such strength, Qin Zi's upcoming tasks with the Shiling Group will gain considerable assistance...

At least, before Qin Zi takes over the Shiling Group, unless very powerful experts are sent by the Dao Shen Sect, it will be tough to assassinate Qin Zi.

Seeing this first item, Qin Fang was already very satisfied, feeling that even if there were no more items, it was already very worthwhile.

Of course, when Qin Fang saw the second item, he felt his previous thought was ridiculous because this second item was something Qin Fang had longed for.

"The Secret Realm Map... it really was in Miyamoto Musashi's hand!"

The second item was indeed the Secret Realm Map that Qin Fang had been seeking, though it wasn't retrieved from the Musashi School's treasury but directly dropped from Miyamoto Musashi, saving Qin Fang a lot of trouble...

Attempting to kill someone like Miyamoto Musashi, a Grandmaster Peak Strongman, with just under Grandmaster-level strength, is something no one would willingly do, except perhaps Qin Fang... it's pretty much a death march!

Yet, this supposed death march was achieved by Qin Fang... it was a miracle, but also an inevitability!

Facing such great danger, if Qin Fang didn't get what he wanted, it would be a significant loss... Thankfully, heaven seemed fair and didn't let Qin Fang's efforts go in vain, allowing the two-needed items to generously drop from Miyamoto Musashi...

Of course, it might also be because the step Qin Fang took in killing above his level was so large that he obtained a certain drop-rate bonus, leading to such harvest!

"With the Secret Realm Map in hand, it really saves a lot of worries..."

Having this piece of the Secret Realm Map, Qin Fang now possesses two pieces, reaching half of the map, though these two pieces together can't find the Secret Realm's location, but it still makes Qin Fang quite satisfied.

The most crucial part is having this Secret Realm Map in hand saves Qin Fang a lot of effort, at least sparing Qin Fang the travail of searching.

The treasury in the Musashi School undoubtedly hides many treasures, some of which are the Musashi School's collections over the years, and many were plundered and looted from surrounding countries.

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But if this Secret Realm Map were to be discarded in a corner, Qin Fang would have a hard time finding it. Now, that trouble has been saved.

Moreover, Qin Fang has reached an agreement with Kawada Musashi; after taking down Miyamoto Musashi, Qin Fang can choose any treasure from the Musashi School's treasury.

Initially, Qin Fang planned to find the Secret Realm Map, but now... Qin Fang could only disappoint Kawada Musashi and naturally pick the most valuable treasure from the treasury!

"Just two items..."

After putting away the Earth Ninja Token and the Secret Realm Map, Qin Fang tried again, but unfortunately, apart from these two, there was no third item.

Qin Fang felt slightly regretful but didn't mind too much, as these two items were the treasures Qin Fang most wanted. Now, having acquired both, he was naturally very satisfied.

"Oh, there is one more thing..."

However, Qin Fang recalled something he seemed to have overlooked, and immediately started searching near Fulong Pond until he found a small jade vial under a stone in a corner.

"Poison Dragon Juice..."

What Qin Fang found was, of course, the Poison Dragon Juice specifically prepared by Miyamoto Musashi for the Water Shadow Ninja. Although this stuff didn't affect Qin Fang, its potency was undeniable.

Even though Miyamoto Musashi is gone now, that doesn't mean the Poison Dragon Juice is useless...

This time, Qin Fang came to Japan to cause trouble, mainly aiming at these ninjas who pose the greatest threat.

The Water Shadow Ninja is an important branch of ninjas; though not large in number, they can be quite difficult to deal with, and their concealment is extremely subtle.

Qin Fang doesn't fear the Water Shadow Ninja's Mizukage Ninjutsu, but dealing with them is another matter. However, with this Poison Dragon Juice, everything becomes easy; just a small quantity can easily eliminate all the Water Shadow Ninjas hidden in the water.

Therefore, Qin Fang wouldn't just give up this item; it's just one small vial, and obtaining more is almost impossible.

"It's time to signal them to show up..."

Qin Fang took out a signal flare from the Props Box and fired it. This was the agreed signal beforehand, and basically, when Hattori Sanzo and the others saw Qin Fang's signal, they would come over.

Not just them, even Kawada Musashi and his son were the same, waiting for the outcome. Upon seeing the signal, they also set aside their tasks and headed up the mountain.

"Where's Miyamoto Musashi?"

Ji Xiang was the fastest, or perhaps he hadn't hidden too far. When he arrived, he saw Qin Fang leisurely enjoying the waterfall by the pond, and couldn't help but ask curiously.

If he remembered correctly, this was Miyamoto Musashi's territory; how could Qin Fang be so relaxed and carefree? Was he not afraid of Miyamoto Musashi?

"There, over there..."

Qin Fang pouted, indicating the swollen corpse over there.

"No way..."

Ji Xiang was taken aback. Although they fled quickly just now, they had already sensed Miyamoto Musashi's Grandmaster Level Peak cultivation.

But who would've thought that such a top expert would be taken down by Qin Fang alone...

It's not just a simple takedown; he directly killed him, and Miyamoto Musashi's death was... indeed exceptionally tragic!

As they talked, Monk Wukong and others arrived one after another. Not bothering to greet Qin Fang, they focused on the swollen corpse that Ji Xiang was observing.

Deep surprise was evident in everyone's eyes, especially in Hattori Sanzo's, as he and Miyamoto Musashi were of similar age, but the strength gap was significant.

Unexpectedly, Miyamoto Musashi would fall in such a manner, leaving Hattori Sanzo deeply surprised.

At the same time, Hattori Sanzo felt very fortunate!

Fortunate that his strength was relatively weak, fortunate that he feared death, so he chose to become Qin Fang's follower instead of remaining stubborn.

If he had been, there would be no Hattori Sanzo living in this world, only a body as tragic as Miyamoto Musashi's...

"Tang Sect poison?"

Monk Wukong seemed knowledgeable; he previously saw Qin Fang use one of the Tang Sect's Ten Great Hidden Weapons, the Storm Pear Blossom. Seeing Miyamoto Musashi's poisonous death, he naturally thought of Tang Sect poisons...

Regarding Qin Fang's background, Monk Wukong always found it like trying to peer through fog.

Initially knowing Qin Fang, although his strength was formidable, he originated from the Xingyi Fist Lineage, a background far inferior compared to the Shaolin Temple.

But soon, Monk Wukong discovered that Qin Fang possessed the Traceless Snow Stepping Technique, a secret technique of the Snow Mountain Sect, rated even higher than his Reed Crossing River Technique.

Supposedly mastering the Traceless Snow Stepping Technique, one should be a disciple of the Snow Mountain Sect, but when Monk Wukong met Qin Fang again, he felt the incredibly strong aura of the Demonic Sect Divine Skill within Qin Fang...

More absurdly this time, Qin Fang brought one of the Tang Sect's Ten Great Hidden Weapons, Storm Pear Blossom. This was almost impossible; the Ten Great Hidden Weapons of Tang Sect could never circulate, and only the highest-ranking elders of the Tang Clan were eligible to wield it.

But when Qin Fang used the Storm Pear Blossom, Monk Wukong was sure, realizing it was indeed the legendary Tang Sect Hidden Weapon!

Witnessing Storm Pear Blossom was already surreal, thus understanding how Qin Fang possessed the poison capable of killing a Grandmaster Peak Strongman became easier. After all, the Tang Sect was renowned worldwide for both hidden weapons and poisons...

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Monk Wukong speculated like this, but Qin Fang just smiled faintly without saying anything, letting them fill in the gaps on their own.

These were all his own people, and although Qin Fang was not at liberty to reveal too many secrets, he would not stop them from examining the corpse.

But when Kawada Musashi and his son arrived, Qin Fang stood up and stopped them. Seeing the excitement and disbelief in their eyes, Qin Fang calmly said, "Mr. Kawada, are you satisfied this time?"

"Is that really Miyamoto Musashi?"

The tension and excitement in Kawada Musashi's eyes were unmistakable, yet he still found it hard to believe, as Miyamoto Musashi had accumulated such a formidable reputation over the years, making it difficult to accept immediately.

Moreover, given the bloated state of Miyamoto Musashi's corpse, if this weren't his residence with no one else but him present, Kawada Musashi would truly find it hard to accept this reality.

A Grandmaster Peak Strongman like Miyamoto Musashi actually died at the hands of a young man like Qin Fang, who hadn't even reached a Grandmaster level.

Kawada Musashi knew it was Qin Fang who acted alone since others had left, and it was not entirely hidden from everyone.

Kawada Musashi still had some spies watching, so he naturally knew that at the time, only Qin Fang was left there alone...

"Satisfied, indeed very satisfied!"

Even though he gave only a distant glance, Kawada Musashi was certain the deceased was indeed Miyamoto Musashi. He had held a grudge against this man for over a decade, having been comrades even longer, so he could easily recognize him.

Seeing Miyamoto Musashi indeed dead, how could Kawada Musashi not be satisfied? In fact, he was so ecstatic that he almost wanted to howl at the sky!

"In that case, I presume Mr. Kawada hasn't forgotten the conditions we agreed upon beforehand..."

With a consistent smile on his face, Qin Fang asked Kawada Musashi, who was visibly excited yet somewhat anxious. It was something they had agreed upon earlier.

"Of course not..."

Kawada Musashi was slightly taken aback but immediately responded, "But before entering the treasure vault, I need to seize control of the sect first..."

However, as Kawada Musashi spoke, he suddenly remembered something and seemed troubled, as if there was a considerable complication involved.

"Mr. Kawada, that's your business. I've fulfilled my end of the bargain... If you can't fulfill your promise, then... you know what I mean!"

But Qin Fang's expression changed, and his tone turned icy, emitting a chilling aura even someone like Kawada Musashi, a Grandmaster Mid-Stage expert, couldn't help but feel a chill throughout his body.

How could one not be afraid!

Previously, Kawada Musashi might not have feared Qin Fang much, but now that Qin Fang had taken down a Grandmaster Peak Strongman like Miyamoto Musashi, and Kawada wasn't a match for Miyamoto, if Qin Fang were enraged, he might not spare him either!

No wonder Qin Fang flipped out, as Kawada Musashi was clearly overreaching... trying to leverage Qin Fang's strength to seize control of the Musashi School.

Initially, there was nothing wrong with that; had Kawada Musashi discussed it amicably with Qin Fang, it wasn't a matter that couldn't be negotiated slowly.

But Kawada Musashi, trying to play smart, made Qin Fang quite displeased...

Given Kawada Musashi's long-term operations within the Musashi School, contending against Miyamoto Musashi was impossible, but with Miyamoto's death, it left a leaderless group. If he couldn't take control of the Musashi School under such circumstances, then Kawada Musashi would truly be useless.

Kawada Musashi and his son had long been planning to act against Miyamoto Musashi—avenging a wife and mother was one part, but seizing control of the Musashi School was equally important.

Qin Fang was even sure that Kawada Musashi's prolonged endurance had the primary goal of the latter... the woman simply wasn't important to him.

Now that Miyamoto Musashi is dead, with such a massive opponent gone, Kawada Musashi had the ability to secure control of the Musashi School. He had become the top expert of the Musashi School, and even if the power he held wasn't sufficient, his strength alone could suppress all opponents!

However, this guy audaciously thought of using Qin Fang's hands to unify the Musashi School, showing a scheming mind that was downright deplorable, no wonder Qin Fang was furious...

What's most critical is that this guy essentially planned to achieve everything without offering anything in return, expecting Qin Fang and his people to help him accomplish it all!

"This... this..."

Caught off guard by Qin Fang's sudden wrath, Kawada Musashi was also at a loss and looked quite embarrassed.

"Please rest assured, sir, I will handle what's to come... You only need to wait patiently for a moment, and I will keep my promise, absolutely!"

Embarrassed as he was, Kawada Musashi wasn't someone who couldn't handle things. Fearing the fleeting murderous intent Qin Fang just showed, he decisively abandoned any petty thoughts and courteously assured Qin Fang.

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"Then I'll be waiting..."

With Kawada Musashi's words, Qin Fang had achieved his purpose. He let Kawada Musashi go, allowing them to see Miyamoto Musashi's corpse.

Although Kawada Musashi's promise was only verbal and had no real force, Qin Fang didn't care. If Kawada Musashi dared to go back on his word, Qin Fang wouldn't mind reenacting Miyamoto Musashi's tragedy on him...

Miyamoto Musashi's strength was incredibly powerful, so much that even Qin Fang's entire group combined had no chance of resisting.

But Kawada Musashi was noticeably much weaker, not on the same level. Even if Qin Fang's group combined their strength, they were enough to confront him.

Not to mention, Qin Fang had an Earth Ninja Token in his hand, equivalent to a grandmaster-level expert. As long as Qin Zi was trained, their power would immediately increase significantly.

Two grandmaster-level experts, plus two semi-grandmaster experts, and two master-level peak experts—this six-person group could significantly intimidate a grandmaster mid-stage expert...

Moreover, Qin Fang himself had a variety of ultimate moves he could use to bring down Kawada Musashi as well...

In an arrogant sense, if Qin Fang could elevate Kawada Musashi, he could naturally bring him down too. It was just a matter of replacing him with someone else!

If Qin Fang remembered correctly, besides Kawada Musashi, the Musashi School had two more grandmaster-level experts. One old grandmaster could be ignored, but the other might be more interested in the position of Sect Master...

If Kawada Musashi disobeyed or regretted, Qin Fang wouldn't hesitate to take him down and replace him with another expert!

"Guys, let's make a move... We'll be back in three days!"

Now that Miyamoto Musashi had just died, Kawada Musashi would need some time to completely control the Musashi School. Qin Fang didn't expect to infiltrate the Musashi Sect Treasure Vault immediately, so he signaled to Monk Wukong and others to prepare to go down the mountain and leave.

As for coming back in three days, only Kawada Musashi needed to understand it, and nothing more needed to be said.

"Masami, accompany them down the mountain... I'll contact you then!"

Kawada Musashi had just taken a few steps when he heard Qin Fang's words and paused slightly, then instructed his son Kawada Masami beside him.

"Hai..."

Kawada Masami paused, then looked resentfully at Miyamoto Musashi's body, finally nodded obediently, and accompanied Qin Fang and the others down the mountain.

Qin Fang appreciated Kawada Musashi's behavior. At least the old guy had been woken up by Qin Fang's earlier reprimand and was on the right path now.

Kawada Masami followed Qin Fang and the others, not to monitor them. With Kawada Masami's strength, he couldn't do anything to Qin Fang's group, and instead, he had a bit of a hostage feel.

Precisely because Kawada Masami couldn't threaten Qin Fang and his group, if Kawada Musashi went back on his word, Qin Fang and the others would naturally kill Kawada Masami first.

Kawada Musashi might be a person driven by power, but he was getting old. Even if he took the position of Musashi Sect Master, he probably wouldn't live many more years or enjoy his glory for long...

Exchanging his son's future for such a short-lived glory, unless Kawada Musashi had completely lost his mind, he wouldn't think that way.

Of course, one cannot rule out the possibility. Little devils can be so perverse that normal logic cannot reason with them.

However, from Qin Fang's perspective, besides taking him as a hostage, Kawada Musashi might be thinking of protecting his son Kawada Masami.

Miyamoto Musashi had just died, and naturally, internal strife was inevitable in Musashi School. Kawada Musashi's path to taking power wouldn't be peaceful and would involve some fighting.

Kawada Musashi was currently the most powerful in Musashi School, so his chances of falling were small. But if someone got desperate, they might target his son Kawada Masami.

Now that Kawada Masami had left with Qin Fang, no matter what, Qin Fang and his group wouldn't want Kawada Masami to die in front of them, indirectly protecting him!

"This old guy has been around a long time, and his mind is sharp..."

After realizing these things, Qin Fang couldn't help but sigh at Kawada Musashi's ability to endure for over a decade, proving he was no simple character.

However, these matters had little to do with Qin Fang himself. He just wanted to complete this transaction as soon as possible, pick some useful treasures from the Musashi Sect Treasure Vault, and continue their path of slaughter!

With Miyamoto Musashi's death, the Musashi School was essentially crippled, and there weren't many decent experts left...

The critical point was that even after Kawada Musashi succeeded in taking power, he wouldn't have any position within the Dao Shen Sect. When Qin Fang eventually faced off against the Dao Shen Sect, the possibility of Musashi School staying out was quite high.

They would also owe a favor, and Kawada Musashi probably wouldn't be eager to meddle in the conflict between Qin Fang and Dao Shen Sect either.

"We're leaving just like that?"

Qin Fang and the others left decisively, but Ji Xiang and others were visibly discontent, feeling they hadn't done enough, having killed too few ninjas.

According to Kawada Masami, Musashi School had over 120 ninjas, yet Qin Fang's group had slain fewer than twenty, about a fifth, not quite comparable to their recent massacre of Japan Wanderers...

"No worries! There will be more opportunities in the future..."

Qin Fang said with an unconcerned smile.

But his gentle smile held an unexplainable chill in Kawada Masami's eyes, and he looked at Qin Fang's group with strange eyes, mixed with considerable fear.

Understandably so, as Kawada Masami, now in his forties and only at the master-level peak, saw none of Qin Fang's group weaker than him.

Even the lowest-level Song Qingshan, using the Xuanyin Divine Claw, could suppress Kawada Masami completely.

The critical thing was that aside from the mutilated Hattori Sanzo, the others were all young, under thirty, making a stark contrast with Kawada Masami in his forties; the pressure on him was immense!

Yet, this frustration and grievance slightly eased only after Qin Fang reunited with Qin Zi, who had stayed outside to keep watch.

Seeing this young beauty, whose strength was at master level but clearly weaker than himself, at least he was no longer the weakest.

Kawada Masami didn't harbor any ill intentions toward Qin Zi, having seen her demeanor with Qin Fang, he naturally dared not act rashly.

It was simply a matter of rational reaction based on their power comparison...

However, Qin Fang saw all of this but said nothing, though he was laughing inside.

Why?

Because Qin Fang knew well that it wouldn't take long before Kawada Masami's face turned green. The girl who made him feel balanced would soon surpass him by far...

Qin Fang wouldn't say these things, just waiting to give Kawada Masami a "surprise," naturally also meant as a "surprise" for Kawada Musashi.

The old guy had too many tricks up his sleeve. Though Qin Fang didn't necessarily have to take something from the Musashi Sect's treasure vault, as he had already obtained what he wanted, everything else was just optional.

But Qin Fang couldn't let himself be shortchanged, considering this operation carried significant risk. He couldn't let Kawada Musashi take advantage for free... What should he wouldn't be missed!

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Hokkaido, Sapporo.

This is a very important city in northern Japan, and of course, it's the only city Qin Fang had heard of. It is also the city with the fifth largest population in Japan and one of the country's designated cities.

In short, it's a city with quite a significant status in Japan...

Right now, after Qin Fang and his group left the Musashi School, they arrived at this city and directly checked into the best and most luxurious hotel here.

"Xiao Chuan, now that we're in Hokkaido, you're considered the local landlord. How you want to arrange the next three days is entirely up to you, as we are guests and will follow your lead..."

Standing in the presidential suite on the highest floor of the hotel, looking out at the bustling metropolis through the large floor-to-ceiling window, Qin Fang leisurely smoked a cigar, smiling as he spoke softly.

As for the "Xiao Chuan" he mentioned, it was of course none other than Kawada Masami!

Poor Kawada Masami's face was truly bruised and swollen. He was already forty years old, nearly twice Qin Fang's age, but in front of Qin Fang, he seemed like a small attendant, and even his name had changed to such...

But Kawada Masami had no choice. Although Qin Fang was very young, they were all martial artists who respected power. Qin Fang being able to take down Miyamoto Musashi was enough to make him a senior figure compared to Kawada Masami, so showing respect and politeness to Qin Fang was only natural.

Moreover, if he angered Qin Fang, he would certainly face consequences... Since Qin Fang could take down Miyamoto Musashi and thereby allow his father Kawada Musashi to rise to power, he could also take down his father Kawada Musashi!

After all, till now Kawada Masami and his father had not figured out why Qin Fang and his group wanted to storm the Musashi School.

"Rest assured, Young Master Qin, these three days will definitely be to everyone's satisfaction..."

No matter what, be it for his own life or to avoid offending a powerful figure like Qin Fang, Kawada Masami's only task was to take good care of Qin Fang and his people during these three days.

Though the Musashi School's strength was only considered moderate among the various Ninja sects, the death of Miyamoto Musashi further reduced its status.

However, Miyamoto Musashi's domineering ways did bring some benefits, as at least in the Hokkaido area, the Musashi School still held a strong position, especially in Sapporo City, where they were like the overlords...

It's said that Sapporo's local underground forces have almost indistinguishable ties with the Musashi School, and even the largest local leader is a disciple of the Musashi School...

Japan is quite a peculiar country where the underground organizations are considered legitimate, and even help the police solve cases, truly achieving a police and gangster alliance.

"Young Master Qin, this is Saburo Kohara, considered a significant figure in Sapporo. Anything you need, just order him, and you'll be satisfied!"

Kawada Masami was really not boasting; he soon brought in a man in his thirties to introduce him to Qin Fang.

Although Saburo Kohara didn't look very impressive and his strength was barely at Level 3, he was the leader of the strongest underground group in Sapporo, which was among the top five in all of Hokkaido...

Of course, even being in the top five doesn't mean much.

Excluding the major Ninja sects, Swordsmanship sects, the strongest black organization should be the Black Dragon Society, followed by world-class organizations like the Yamaguchi Group...

Under the suppression of such large organizations, even seemingly strong small groups are quite pitiable.

However, with the support of the Musashi School, Saburo Kohara's group was doing very well in Sapporo, and was indeed a dominant local power.

With such local support, Qin Fang and his group should have a relatively comfortable stay in Sapporo these few days...

"Hello, Young Master Qin..."

Though Saburo Kohara was a leader, in front of Qin Fang he was no different than a grandson. He didn't know exactly who Qin Fang was, but he could tell from Kawada Masami's attitude what his position should be.

"Kohara, just as we're going to stay in Sapporo for a few days, why don't you recommend some places for us to visit... preferably with some unique features..."

Qin Fang was not at all shy, immediately smiling as he spoke. Having promised Kawada Musashi three days, he naturally intended to make full use of them.

Since that was the case, Qin Fang and his group couldn't spend all three days hiding in the hotel; going out to play and relax was also a great joy for martial artists.

"Young Master Qin, the best season to visit Sapporo is winter, when there are many snow and ice activities, but now it's evidently not the right time... How about this, if you all don't mind, you could go horseback riding on the grasslands or soak in hot springs..."

Being a local, Kohara was very familiar with everything about Sapporo. After thinking for a bit, he suggested this to Qin Fang and his group.

Hokkaido is an area where agriculture and animal husbandry are very developed, and the grasslands here are quite lush, making horseback riding a great activity.

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As for the hot springs, they are indispensable; Fusang people especially love this kind of enjoyment, and even in many romance films, some scenes are set in hot spring pools...

Although Qin Fang had a woman with him, he wasn't the type to be that reckless, but soaking in a hot spring and relaxing the body is quite nice.

The key point is, many hot spring pools in Japan have mixed bathing, and as soon as some scoundrel heard this, he got excited. Naturally, Qin Fang saw no reason to refuse.

"Young Master Qin, going to the grasslands is tomorrow's affair, tonight you see..."

Kawada Masami noticed that Saburo Kohara, whom he brought, was doing quite well, which made him feel proud. However, Kohara's plans had to be postponed, as there were no activities scheduled for tonight.

"Let's go out for a stroll and experience Fusang's nightlife..."

Qin Fang wasn't too concerned. He had already handed the Earth Ninja Token to Qin Zi, and she knew well what to do next, so Qin Fang didn't need to worry excessively.

The others were also not keen to stay in the hotel, so Qin Fang naturally waved his hand, allowing everyone to go and have fun freely.

Ji Xiang and Song Qingshan immediately went out on their own to find entertainment. From the expressions on their faces, it was clear they went to express some manly excitement!

Monk Wukong naturally didn't have such needs, so Qin Fang arranged for Hattori Sanzo to accompany this monk who indulges in food and drink. Since Monk Wukong couldn't speak the Fusang language, communication was going to be quite troublesome.

As for Qin Fang himself, Kawada Masami and Saburo Kohara accompanied him, and they planned to have some fun on Saburo Kohara's turf.

It was already nightfall, and although Sapporo is located in Hokkaido, a bit far from the main island of Fusang, its bustling nature was unaffected.

Roaming in such a city made Qin Fang feel as if he had returned to Jiangzhou... Of course, the environment here was much better than Jiangzhou's.

Saburo Kohara was the boss of the strongest underground syndicate in Sapporo, occupying the most prosperous central area, which was almost entirely his territory.

Naturally, Qin Fang and his group headed there. Saburo Kohara personally drove, Kawada Masami sat in the passenger seat, and only Qin Fang sat calmly in the back seat, his eyes wandering through the bustling streets outside the window...

"What's that place?"

While driving towards a bar owned by Saburo Kohara, Qin Fang suddenly inquired when passing a certain area in the central district.

Kawada Masami was taken aback, turned to look, and saw a massive architectural complex come into view. This building complex evidently had existed for a considerable time, at least several hundred years...

Though it had been well restored, with most damaged areas repaired, that didn't change the fact...

"That's... Hokkaido Shrine!"

Kawada Masami originally wasn't too concerned, but upon seeing the building, his face slightly changed color.

After hesitating for a moment, he decided to tell Qin Fang about it and revealed the name of the building...

"Hokkaido Shrine... So, this is the Hokkaido Shrine?"

Upon hearing the name, Qin Fang's eyebrows couldn't help but rise, but he quickly regained composure and casually murmured to himself.

From his tone, it was clear that Qin Fang was familiar with the Hokkaido Shrine, possibly having heard of it more than once, otherwise he wouldn't have had such an impression!

"Young Master Qin, that's just a place of worship, nothing special..."

Kawada Masami hastily expressed, fearing that Qin Fang might have some ideas.

"Is that so?"

Qin Fang gave Kawada Masami a light glance and spoke in an incredibly light tone, but that glance nearly made Kawada Masami's soul fly away, his face turning extremely pale.

Furthermore, Kawada Masami was so frightened that he couldn't even speak...

"Young Master Qin, Master Kawada is right, there's nothing in the Hokkaido Shrine, just a place of worship... Apart from some priests appearing during festivals, usually, there's not even a ghost's shadow inside!"

Luckily, Saburo Kohara, while driving, casually supplemented the information next to him, without noticing the change in Qin Fang and Kawada Masami, simply stating facts.

"I see... I heard something about a Lilac Festival these days, does that mean there will be a festival activity inside the Shrine?"

Qin Fang smiled faintly, his tone still calm, and cheerfully inquired of Saburo Kohara... Kawada Masami might conceal some facts, but the unaware Saburo Kohara obviously wouldn't!

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"That's natural, the Lilac Festival is one of our most important festivals in Sapporo, and the Divine Palace holds large sacrificial ceremonies..."

As expected, Saburo Kohara immediately expressed his agreement without fully understanding, eagerly trying to win over this "big shot," Qin Fang, without noticing how ugly the expression on his actual boss, Kawada Masami's face had become.

Unfortunately, Kawada Masami dared not say too much, fearing to anger Qin Fang and bring disaster upon himself and his son, so all his displeasure was kept in his heart.

"No wonder I saw the Divine Palace over there brightly lit, it seemed quite lively, so that's the reason..."

Luckily, Qin Fang didn't say much, only casually remarked this, then no longer mentioned the Divine Palace matter, allowing Saburo Kohara and Kawada Masami to lead him to his destination.

Their destination was better described as a comprehensive club rather than simply a bar. Unlike the private clubs in Dragon Country which operate on a membership basis, this was open for anyone with money to spend.

As an honored guest of Kawada Masami, Saburo Kohara naturally dared not neglect him, promptly arranging the most high-end suite for Qin Fang, calling over four of the most beautiful kimono-clad women from Japan to serve him. As for the food and drinks, they were of course the best and most expensive...

For instance, the suite Qin Fang was in wasn't particularly special, just slightly larger, with those paper sliding doors all around that didn't really provide good soundproofing, and the tatami mats on the floor somewhat displeased Qin Fang...

The people here were accustomed to this kneeling posture, but Qin Fang couldn't get used to it. Fortunately, as a VIP, he could do as he pleased; Kawada Masami and Saburo Kohara dared not to say anything.

"Young Master Qin, I and Saburo Kohara will take our leave. Please enjoy yourself..."

What surprised Qin Fang a bit was that after the food and drinks arrived, Kawada Masami immediately pulled Saburo Kohara away, leaving Qin Fang in the suite with... four kimono-clad beauties.

The kimono, a garment of these people, was adapted from Dragon Country's Hanfu, only modified with something like a pillow on the back, turning it into a kimono.

Most crucially, Qin Fang was well aware that traditionally women didn't wear underwear under the kimono.

The reason being, supposedly, to facilitate the most primal piston movement between men and women, which is why the kimono features a pillow on the back.

Also, certain surnames like Panasonic, Watanabe, Inoue, and others are deeply related to this matter...

Qin Fang didn't know if these rumors were true, but a quick glance confirmed that these four kimono girls weren't wearing underwear.

Furthermore, Qin Fang knew that if he wanted, he could remove the kimonos of the four women now, and have his way with them all...

Sadly, Qin Fang wasn't interested at all; these were used goods whose previous experiences were unknown, and Qin Fang was not accustomed to picking up after others.

Of course, this was quite normal; it was said that among the girls here, finding a virgin might only be possible in kindergartens... even at primary schools you shouldn't expect much, let alone these four clearly above sixteen or seventeen years old.

It's not that Qin Fang was only interested in pure Japanese beauties, but representing one's country still required maintaining face!

Otherwise, Qin Fang could have joined Ji Xiang and Song Qingshan, who were unfazed by such matters.

Though Qin Fang had no intention of genuinely being intimate with these four women, enjoying their service was acceptable.

Especially since Saburo Kohara had arranged quite a delightful meal for Qin Fang, even the famous "Nyotaimori" or body sushi was prepared.

Unfortunately, there was a slight flaw in this display; while the woman wasn't exactly a bus stop, the membrane was artificial...

Qin Fang wasn't a lecher, a flaw was just a flaw; he continued peacefully eating and drinking while the four women attentively served, massaging his back, and pounding his legs, living quite comfortably.

Bam~~

In such an alluring moment, discord arrived as well. Just as Qin Fang was about to pick up a piece of salmon from the white, high spot of the body sushi model with his chopsticks, the paper sliding door of his suite burst open like "paper thin."

To be precise, the door was knocked off its hinges... the person crashing through lay sprawled on the tatami floor, seemingly unconscious, without making a sound.

Fortunately, the suite was large enough that the unfortunate soul didn't collide with Qin Fang... Only one woman had been struck by a fragment of the door's wood due to her proximity, but the injury wasn't serious.

The problem was this sudden incident severely disrupted Qin Fang's enjoyment of the meal... One look at Qin Fang's now somber face was enough to know that.

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At this moment, the perpetrator also slipped into Qin Fang's private room... and this person almost didn't even glance at Qin Fang, grabbing the unconscious unfortunate kid lying on the ground, preparing to leave!

"Hold on!"

Such a scene made Qin Fang's expression turn even uglier, it was no longer simply affecting his appetite, it could even be seen as a huge loss of face.

Thus, Qin Fang immediately spoke out...

It wasn't that Qin Fang wanted to meddle, but these Japanese people always boasted about their high quality and politeness, yet the scene in front of him was completely different.

"Hmm?"

Hearing Qin Fang's words, the perpetrator paused slightly, turned to look at Qin Fang, and there was a trace of coldness in their eyes.

"Why would a fair lady turn to thievery?"

Surprisingly, the perpetrator wasn't a burly man, but a delicate-looking young woman.

However, this woman was not just any weak girl; she was evidently a formidable martial arts expert...

"Grandmaster level?"

Others might be surprised by this woman's strength, but Qin Fang didn't care. This woman was about the same age as Qin Fang, but her strength had reached the master-level late stage—definitely outstanding among the younger generation. The problem was her outfit... she looked more like a maid from a wealthy family!

"If you don't want trouble, just pretend you didn't see anything..."

This girl seemed to have a rather bad temper, as she coldly glanced at Qin Fang, then threw down these icy words and prepared to take the unfortunate kid away.

"Hmm?"

Seeing the woman's reaction, Qin Fang was slightly stunned. It had been a long time since someone looked down on him like that.

The most crucial part was, he was being looked down upon by a Japanese woman... this was a significant blow to Qin Fang's self-esteem!

"Are you just going to leave like that?"

Qin Fang wasn't willing, so naturally, he wouldn't let it go. Especially since, while he was surprised at the woman's strength, he used the scouting skill on her, and the results amazed him greatly.

In his amazement, Qin Fang didn't hesitate anymore. With a slight movement, he quickly moved in front of the woman, even blocking her way!

"Huh?"

The woman was surprised to see Qin Fang, whom she had previously ignored, suddenly appear in front of her like this.

"Move!"

However, the woman's expression quickly returned to normal, her tone still stern and icy, and her words were very stiff.

"What if I don't?"

Qin Fang, with a faint smile on his face, replied playfully.

This woman wasn't weak, reaching the master-level late stage, but even a master-level peak wasn't something Qin Fang concerned himself with, so naturally, he felt no pressure.

"You're courting death!"

Qin Fang's indifference only infuriated the woman. She threw down the unfortunate kid and, with a slight motion, launched herself at Qin Fang with a ferocity that suggested she wouldn't be satisfied until Qin Fang was torn to pieces.

Seeing this scene, even Qin Fang couldn't help but furrow his brows. This woman was indeed too fierce and brutal.

Bang~~

However, Qin Fang had some intentions about this woman's identity. Despite her vicious moves, Qin Fang didn't plan to strike a fatal blow. He just moved slightly, appearing beside the woman, then lightly slapped her shoulder...

With a dull thud, the woman staggered from Qin Fang's slap, but fortunately, she reacted quickly and barely stabilized herself.

Even so, her beautiful face was now filled with rage, and her eyes seemed to shoot fire.

"Who are you? How dare you meddle in the affairs of the Dao Shen Sect..."

But after being slapped by Qin Fang, the woman realized she wasn't his match. Though surprised, she didn't relent and only grew more defiant.

"Dao Shen Sect?"

Hearing this, Qin Fang wasn't surprised at all, as he already knew. Still, he put on an expression of astonishment.

"I didn't expect you to be from the Dao Shen Sect. It's like a flood washed away the Dragon King's temple; family members fail to recognize each other..."

In fact, Qin Fang immediately changed his previously firm stance, wearing a face of embarrassment.

Of course, Qin Fang didn't forget to introduce himself, "I am Hattori Hisanari of the Iga School..."

Indeed, Qin Fang was about to deceive again. The unlucky one this time was Hattori Hisanari. Qin Fang hadn't even met him, didn't know what he looked like, only knew he was the Iga School's youngest and most talented member.

The key point was, Hattori Hisanari was a bit older than Qin Fang, but his strength was already at the master-level peak.

With such strength, dealing with a master-level late-stage woman would have results similar to what Qin Fang just achieved...

There was no help for it, as Qin Fang was anyway planning to act against the Iga School, and after Hattori Sanzo, this Hattori family outcast, reminded him, Qin Fang had no hesitation in borrowing someone else's identity...

He didn't even bother to consider whether the woman knew Hattori Hisanari or not!

"Hattori Hisanari? You're Hattori Hisanari?"

But to Qin Fang's surprise, the woman's face immediately changed colors upon hearing his name.

"I am Yuriko, Miss Sakura's maid..."

Not only did her face change dramatically, becoming pale, but her emotions turned quite fearful. She then bowed respectfully to Qin Fang and revealed her identity and background.

"You're Miss Sakura's maid?"

Qin Fang feigned surprise, but at the same time, he continually used the Mind Reading Technique on Yuriko, probing the hidden secrets in her innermost thoughts.

If a master-level late-stage expert were to guard their mind, Qin Fang would find it hard to use the Mind Reading Technique on them. But now was a very good opportunity.

The main point was, Yuriko's identity was special... to be precise, it was her mistress, Miss Sakura, whose identity was special, with access to many unknown secrets, which Yuriko naturally knew; all this was now to Qin Fang's benefit.

Before entering Japan, Qin Fang had already done a simple reconnaissance on the Dao Shen Sect, understanding its basic structure.

For example, the highest leader of the Dao Shen Sect is the Great Priest, also its spiritual leader...

Beneath the Great Priest are red-robed, white-robed, and black-robed priests, forming the ruling layer of the Dao Shen Sect, below which are ordinary members.

Of course, the Dao Shen Sect isn't so simple. All of Japan has six Divine Palaces, each representing one of the Six Great Holy Lands.

These Six Great Holy Lands are the true ruling class of the Dao Shen Sect, and it's said that almost all the Great Priests of the Dao Shen Sect have emerged from these Six Great Holy Lands...

But there can only be one Great Priest, so the other five Holy Lands will naturally lose the selection.

However, the five unchosen Holy Lands don't walk away empty-handed, as they receive five Saint Heir or Holy Woman titles...

The Hokkaido Shrine is one of the Six Great Holy Lands, and the Miss Sakura mentioned by the woman is actually the Holy Woman of the Hokkaido Shrine, one of the candidates hoping to become the future Great Priest of the Dao Shen Sect...

The current Great Priest of the Dao Shen Sect is a survivor from a past battle, terrifyingly powerful but nearing the end of his life. It's time for a new leader, and naturally, each of the Six Great Holy Lands hopes for their own candidate to take the position...

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As for Qin Fang's current impersonation of Hattori Hisanari, his identity is not just a simple genius disciple of the Iga School. He also holds another more prominent identity.

Hattori Hisanari is also the Saint Heir of the Asama Shrine, one of the Six Great Holy Lands, similar in status to Miss Sakura.

Compared to Hokkaido Shrine, the Asama Shrine located at Mount Fuji is much stronger, always being a powerful presence ranked among the top of the Six Great Holy Lands.

Poor Hokkaido Shrine, however, has always been at the bottom, with a status that cannot be compared at all...

Being the Saint Heir of Asama Shrine and a genius disciple of the Iga School, the high status of this Hattori Hisanari is evident.

Otherwise, this tough-minded Yuriko would not have changed her expression upon hearing Qin Fang's introduction.

She may only be a maid beside Miss Sakura, but even her mistress, Miss Sakura, would greet Hattori Hisanari with courtesy.

Furthermore, Qin Fang heard a rumor that among the Six Great Holy Lands, the most likely to inherit the position of Great Priest is this Hattori Hisanari.

Moreover, Hattori Hisanari once expressed his intention to marry the talented and stunning Miss Sakura as his wife...

It was knowing this that Qin Fang decided to impersonate this unfortunate Hattori Hisanari.

Because Qin Fang knows well that although Hokkaido Shrine is weak, it would never marry off its Holy Woman to the Saint Heir of another Holy Land... even if that Saint Heir has a chance to become the Great Priest!

Besides, Hattori Hisanari only has a higher chance; none of the Saint Heirs or Holy Women of the Six Great Holy Lands are weak. Who will succeed in the end is uncertain... It's even possible that a seventh person might sweep the six and take the Great Priest's throne!

No matter what the outcome ultimately is, it doesn't have much to do with Qin Fang. In fact, Qin Fang will do everything possible to cause trouble...

Thanks to Hattori Sanzo, the oddball of the Hattori Clan, Qin Fang knows such hidden affairs. The Six Great Holy Lands of the Dao Shen Sect are always shrouded in mystery; outsiders simply do not know of their existence...

At least when Hattori Sanzo mentioned the Six Great Holy Lands, besides Monk Wukong who had vaguely heard of them, the others were all completely clueless.

Monk Wukong had heard of them due to his status, as he comes from the prestigious Shaolin Temple of the Dragon Country Martial World.

The Dragon Country and Japan are ancient enemies; their conflicts have never ceased, and each side knows some details about the other...

If the Shaolin Temple, Tang Sect, and Kunlun are the mainstays of the Dragon Country Martial World, then the Six Great Holy Lands of the Japan Taoist Church hold a similar status...

Of course, to the tiny land of Japan, the so-called Six Great Holy Lands are the sacred supreme beings, but in their battles with the Great Sects of the Dragon Country Martial World, they are consistently defeated...

Despite this, such entities are still formidable forces that Qin Fang and his companions cannot resist. Their small group, lacking even a few grandmaster-level experts, simply cannot compete with those who have grandmasters in abundance...

Being unable to face them directly does not mean that wisdom cannot prevail. This is precisely what Qin Fang intends to do now.

"How is Miss Sakura lately?"

After a brief surprise, Qin Fang returned to normal, leisurely asking, indicating his intentions while maintaining the dignity of an expert.

Hattori Sanzo had met Hattori Hisanari and had a brief encounter, knowing that though Hattori Hisanari is young, he is quite arrogant and gives off an overbearing aura... even for Hattori Sanzo, a grandmaster-level expert, who seems to be disregarded by him.

Of course, he has the credentials for it. His current strength should not be much less than Qin Fang's or Monk Wukong's.

His identity and status already speak volumes, being an extremely monstrous genius; otherwise, he wouldn't have the qualifications to aim for that supreme throne.

Since impersonating, naturally, one must act convincingly, or how else could others believe it?

"My lady is well..."

Yuriko answered warily, but her gaze also scanned the surroundings, noticing the scene in Qin Fang's room earlier, making her expression somewhat uncomfortable.

"Young Master Hisanari, if there's nothing else, I have to take this person back to the shrine to report to my lady..."

Previously timid, Yuriko's tone now lacked the initial respect, growing somewhat cold, seemingly dissatisfied with "Hattori Hisanari's" chaotic private life.

After all, Hattori Hisanari openly expressed interest in Miss Sakura, but now he's found indulging elsewhere, and she, Miss Sakura's maid, caught him red-handed. It would be odd if she remained composed...

Nonetheless, Yuriko dared not be too rude to "Hattori Hisanari." Their rank difference is too significant, and she knows the rules well enough.

"If that's the case, I won't disturb you, please go ahead..."

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"Hattori Hisanari" was rather courteous and didn't seem the least bit angry. Instead, he was very magnanimous in letting people go, showing no intention of stopping Yuriko.

"Farewell..."

Even Yuriko felt quite surprised. She had heard some things about Hattori Hisanari and thought she would at least suffer a little difficulty before leaving. Unexpectedly, "Hattori Hisanari" was so easy to talk to, which was truly unexpected.

However, she was here under orders and didn't want to delay any more time here, so she promptly bid farewell to "Hattori Hisanari" and walked out with the unconscious unlucky kid. She quickly disappeared from "Hattori Hisanari's" sight.

"Hattori Hisanari"—or rather, Qin Fang—finally withdrew his gaze slowly, his expression becoming quite deep, with a strange smile on his lips.

"Get out here..."

However, instead of returning to the box to drink, Qin Fang shouted coolly in an utterly indifferent tone.

Soon, two sneaky figures emerged from the side; they were Kawada Masami and Saburo Kohara...

The two had embarrassed looks on their faces, seemingly quite ashamed and extremely awkward, standing shiveringly in front of Qin Fang, not even daring to speak.

The Yuriko just now didn't know that Qin Fang wasn't actually Hattori Hisanari, but these two were aware. Qin Fang wasn't even Fusang, so how could he possibly be the Iga School's genius expert Hattori Hisanari?

And among these two, Kawada Masami knew even more...

But the reason these two were scared was precisely because they knew too much. Their eyes were filled with fear as they looked at Qin Fang, afraid that provoking this man would bring them more than just trouble, perhaps even costing their lives...

"Some things are best kept buried..."

Qin Fang merely glanced at these two faintly and then calmly mumbled this, as if not addressing them directly, yet the pair understood the meaning behind it well.

"Understood, understood!"

The more one knows, the faster one dies; Kawada Masami and Saburo Kohara both understood this clearly. To preserve their necks, they hurriedly expressed their agreement, eager to show their sincerity to Qin Fang.

"I've lost interest, let's go back..."

With this commotion, Qin Fang's interest had dissipated considerably, and he said rather disinterestedly, stepping towards the exit.

"Kohara, handle this..."

However, when passing by Saburo Kohara, Qin Fang paused slightly, scaring Saburo Kohara so much that his entire body trembled and his legs wobbled.

Fortunately, what awaited him wasn't a lethal blow from Qin Fang, but rather a very mundane instruction, which made Saburo Kohara breathe a sigh of relief.

Only, when Saburo Kohara looked at those kimono-clad beauties in the box, his gaze was anything but kind...

Qin Fang noticed this but didn't comment further; he wasn't a saint who forbade all killings. Seeing enough dark deeds, he couldn't be bothered to intervene.

Having no more mood to hang around and play, Qin Fang was courteously sent back to the hotel by Kawada Masami, and by this time, Qin Zi had also completed the fusion with the Earth Ninja Token, officially advancing to the Grandmaster level.

"Grandmaster Mid-Stage? Not bad, not bad..."

The Earth Ninja Token obtained from a half-step Grandmaster-level expert like Miyamoto Musashi was indeed extraordinary. After Qin Zi fused with it, she directly advanced to Grandmaster Mid-Stage, a truly amazing result.

Of course, if Qin Zi's previous strength had reached the Grandmaster level, it's possible she might have advanced to Master Level Late-Stage or even Master Level Peak...

However, Qin Fang didn't feel much regret. After all, their team was only of this level, and with Qin Zi becoming a Grandmaster-level expert, an Earth Nin within the ninja hierarchy, it added a significant amount of strength to Qin Fang's side, which satisfied him greatly.

"With another Grandmaster-level expert, the next actions... might be a bit easier!"

Looking at the gentle and graceful yet extraordinarily powerful Qin Zi in front of him, Qin Fang's face showed a slightly sinister smile.

An hour later, Qin Fang and Qin Zi quietly left the hotel room without alarming anyone, not even Kawada Masami.

Because Qin Fang had no intention of letting Kawada Masami know what he was going to do, he naturally had to avoid him.

"Master, are we really going to break into the Hokkaido Shrine?"

However, Qin Fang brought Qin Zi out with him, and he didn't hide anything from her, which greatly surprised Qin Zi.

Nowadays, Qin Zi was no longer the poor Japanese girl who was sold to Dragon Country. She was now a dignified Grandmaster-level expert, an Earth Nin, not only terrifying in strength, but also knowledgeable about many matters in the Martial World.

The Hokkaido Shrine might be just a sacrificial site for ordinary Fusang people, but for those in the martial world, it was one of the Six Great Holy Lands.

Of course, the Hokkaido Shrine that Qin Fang intended to infiltrate today was merely a temple within the shrine, not the heart of the Hokkaido Shrine.

"Don't worry. While there are some experts lurking inside, the danger isn't necessarily greater than that of the Musashi School, and might even be lower..."

Qin Fang smiled with indifference, saying confidently. With his Scouting Skill, reconnaissance was a breeze, and if there were real dangers, both he and Qin Zi could easily escape.

"Mm!"

Qin Zi was very obedient, nodding immediately and saying nothing more. In her eyes, Qin Fang was her master, her everything, and every word he spoke was treated like a decree to be followed unconditionally.

Thus, under the cover of night, Qin Fang and Qin Zi quietly approached the centuries-old Hokkaido Shrine located in the central zone.

As for Qin Fang's purpose this time... it was primarily to probe the current defense strength of this temple.

Of course, if the conditions allowed, Qin Fang wouldn't mind doing something rather audacious... like kidnapping the Holy Woman of a Holy Land!

Indeed, that was what Qin Fang intended to do, and he even planned to be more ruthless!

And the purpose?

Qin Fang was currently impersonating Hattori Hisanari, and if he succeeded, it would be a sensational event in the entire Fusang martial world!

"Not an easy task..."

Of course, this was just an initial plan for Qin Fang, and truly accomplishing it would require relentless effort...

After all, although the Hokkaido Shrine was the weakest among the Six Great Holy Lands under the Dao Shen Sect, it was still a holy land, with a considerable number of experts.

This Miss Sakura, able to become the Holy Woman and a candidate for the Great Priest aiming for the highest divine seat, was definitely not a simple woman herself.

For Qin Fang to abduct such a woman from within the Hokkaido Shrine, the difficulty was imaginable...

Yet, difficult didn't mean there was no chance at all. At least Qin Fang, after facing and defeating many formidable opponents until now... each seemed an impossible task before being accomplished, but Qin Fang completed them all; this time would be no exception!

With the cover of night and Qin Fang's near-Grandmaster-level Stealth Skill, combined with Qin Zi, an Earth Nin at the Grandmaster-level Tier, the two effortlessly scaled the low walls of the Hokkaido Shrine and infiltrated it...

It was unclear whether the Hokkaido Shrine was too self-assured or if these people were overly confident. Qin Fang and Qin Zi found, upon entering, that there was hardly any decent defense force present; their entry was remarkably easy...

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"Can this really be called a Divine Palace?"

Faced with such defenses, Qin Fang couldn't help but make a snide remark.

Perhaps it's because no one has ever dared to break into the Hokkaido Shrine, or maybe they believe their strength is sufficiently formidable, showing no fear of any enemy, so they arranged things this way.

"This works just as well, saving us a lot of trouble..."

Fortunately, Qin Fang didn't mind. Without guards patrolling, it might take him a moment to find the target's location, but it also reduced the chances of being discovered.

"Let's split up!"

Qin Fang's team consisted of only two people, and although Hokkaido Shrine is the weakest among the Six Great Holy Lands in terms of power, its area is quite large. It was already a bit of a challenge for the two of them to search separately, so grouping together would be even harder. Naturally, they decided to split up.

"Qin Zi, be careful..."

Qin Fang had a mini-map as a kind of cheat tool, so he wasn't worried about being discovered by the enemy... If anyone could spot him from afar, they would certainly be a terrifyingly top-notch expert.

Faced with such experts, Qin Fang would never try to fight them head-on; he'd just run away directly...

Qin Zi's current strength was a notch above Qin Fang's, but her combat abilities were still somewhat lacking, which made Qin Fang worried about her.

Qin Zi was the key mission for Qin Fang's trip to Japan this time. He didn't want anything to happen to her here...

"Master, don't worry! I will definitely protect myself..."

Although Qin Zi didn't know why Qin Fang was worried, seeing the concern in his eyes, she suddenly felt empowered and immediately vowed confidently, even her eyes were filled with endless affection.

"Safety is the priority; everything else can be put aside..."

Qin Fang emphasized again, then parted ways with Qin Zi, both quietly infiltrating the depths of Hokkaido Shrine under the cover of night.

Hokkaido Shrine is quite vast, mostly consisting of sacrificial halls, but also partly a restricted area of the shrine, which is where the residents of Hokkaido Shrine live.

Generally speaking, there are not many people in this shrine usually. Apart from a few servants left to clean, the members of Hokkaido Shrine wouldn't appear here.

Only during important sacrificial celebrations will there be shrine disciples present and residing here...

This time, even Saintess Miss Sakura of Hokkaido Shrine came, adding brilliance to the shrine, while also stirring some people's thoughts.

Miss Sakura is a genius disciple of Hokkaido Shrine, one of Japan's Six Great Holy Lands, young but with considerable fame.

This fame, besides her formidable strength, is largely due to her unparalleled beauty, being hailed as one of the Four Great Beauties of Japan's Martial World.

Japan is a mystical country where women have traditionally held low status, yet a woman capable of surpassing her peers to become a saintess, with the potential to be a future Great Priest, is unquestionably an intimidating presence.

Sakura is the name of this Saintess of Hokkaido Shrine, with no surname, just this name, as she reportedly named herself because she likes cherry blossoms.

This time, for an unknown reason, Sakura emerged from the secret place of Hokkaido Shrine, appearing at this shrine to participate in the Lilac Festival's sacrificial ceremony.

Coincidentally, on her first day here, she encountered an impudent man who, relying on his wealth or power, tried to flirt with Sakura.

As the shrine's saintess, Sakura didn't engage with him, instead, she gracefully slipped away and stayed at Hokkaido Shrine.

Yet the man was unwilling to give up, immediately arranging to inquire about Sakura's information, even planning to kidnap her... This news quickly reached Sakura's ears.

And then... Sakura's personal maid took action, dragging the unfortunate man out from Saburo Kohara's bar.

However, during the process of dragging him out, it seemed Yuriko used a bit too much force, coincidentally running into Qin Fang.

In a secluded area deep in Hokkaido Shrine, a white-robed woman, resembling a fairy descended to the mortal world, quietly stood under a cherry blossom tree in a small courtyard, gazing serenely at the bright full moon in the night sky.

Although it wasn't cherry blossom season, she seemed to really like cherry blossoms, even without blooming, she still adored them.

Yet, compared to such a perfect scene, what seemed very discordant was a beautiful woman with equally extraordinary appearance standing nearby, bowing slightly with a cold expression, precisely the Yuriko who had interacted with Qin Fang before.

At this moment, under Yuriko's feet lay a bloody corpse... it should be the unfortunate guy she had dragged back from Saburo Kohara's place!

If not for the occasional slight movement from this unlucky soul's body, one might think he was completely dead...

Yet the miserable state of this unfortunate child seemed entirely unnoticed by the two women. They certainly weren't about to show any concern, leaving him lying there, quietly waiting for his blood to dry and death to come!

"Hattori Hisanari is in Sapporo?"

The white-robed woman standing under the Sakura tree whispered in a voice like a heavenly melody, her delicate eyebrows furrowing gently, as if she found it very strange.

"I can't be certain that man is Hattori Hisanari... but his strength is indeed far superior to mine!"

Yuriko also lightly furrowed her brows, then gave a relatively objective assessment.

Though Qin Fang claimed he was Hattori Hisanari, such verbal assertions were clearly not entirely convincing to Yuriko. In fact, Yuriko felt that Qin Fang did not quite match the legends of Hattori Hisanari.

However, Qin Fang had once subtly displayed his strength. Even though Yuriko was just Sakura's personal maid, she was also a disciple of the Hokkaido Shrine and had encountered many experts. Her judgment was not lacking. She indeed knew she was far inferior to Qin Fang.

"What is he doing in Sapporo?"

Sakura seemed as if she hadn't heard Yuriko at all. She just gazed at the bright moon in the sky, furrowing her brows and mumbling softly, her thoughts seemingly drifting far away.

"Miss, could he... be here for you?"

Yuriko seemed not at all surprised. She hesitated for a moment, then inquired tentatively in an uncertain tone.

"Hmm?"

Unexpectedly, the once serene Sakura, upon hearing Yuriko's words, instantly transformed. Her gaze became sharper, and the aura around her grew more restless, giving off a very dangerous feeling.

At the very least, Yuriko's face turned pale in an instant, and there was considerable fear in her eyes. She looked at Sakura as if facing some life-threatening danger.

Fortunately, the agitation quickly subsided. Sakura's eyes gradually calmed, and her aura stabilized significantly, once again resembling the fallen celestial maiden she was before.

Yuriko's complexion slightly recovered, though still somewhat pale, it was much better than before.

"Yuriko, I don't want to see him again..."

Sakura's gaze briefly passed over the dying unlucky soul on the ground. A flicker of distaste crossed her eyes before she looked away, leaving those words lightly behind.

"Yes!"

Upon hearing these words, Yuriko reacted as if she had won the lottery, her previously nervous mood significantly easing. She respectfully acknowledged the instruction, then promptly lifted the nearly lifeless unlucky child and swiftly left the courtyard...

Once Yuriko departed, the courtyard was left with just the beautiful woman under the Sakura tree, yet her brows knitted tightly.

"Hattori Hisanari... could it be you are also drawn here by that legend?"

Very softly, very softly, with furrowed brows, Sakura muttered these words, seemingly lost in deep thought.

The moonlit beauty, the Sakura tree, the leisurely courtyard painted a rather perfect picture, yet regrettably, there was no one to appreciate it.

"Who's there?"

Then, when someone wished to admire the scene, the moonlit beauty suddenly cried out coldly, her gaze swiftly surveying the surroundings. Her body tensed as though facing a terrifying opponent.

Almost immediately after her exclamation, she discovered a tall man standing in a corner of the courtyard wall, a faint smile on his face, watching the captivating Miss Sakura with a playful expression.

"Tsk tsK tsK, Miss Sakura of the Hokkaido Shrine... As expected of one of the four beauties of the Japanese Martial World, truly a natural beauty!"

The man gazed quietly at the beautiful Sakura under the tree, his tone appeared rather frivolous, but it held a greater sense of amusement and disregard.

"Who are you?"

Sakura's elegant brows furrowed tightly, staring in surprise at the young man who had silently infiltrated her residence, her heart churning with immense turmoil.

As the Saintess of the Hokkaido Shrine, a leading figure of the younger generation, and even a candidate for the future Great Priestess, she never expected someone of the same generation could approach her so closely; it was utterly beyond her expectations.

"Are you Hattori Hisanari?"

But Sakura's expression changed slightly, suddenly thinking of someone, and she asked with some surprise.

Though she and Hattori Hisanari were both young elites of the Six Great Holy Lands and both candidates for the Great Priest, every Holy Land protected them as much as possible, so even if they met, they indeed didn't recognize each other...