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Chapter 1931 Killing a Peak Grandmaster-level Expert!

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"Think about yourself first..."

The old Japanese man was so furious he looked like he could spit blood, while Qin Fang remained calm and composed, stepping onto the opposite hillside, laughing at the old Japanese man who began to fall from mid-air.

The iron chain was cut off and was slowly descending, and this old Japanese man had nothing under his feet at the moment. Once he fell, it would be a bottomless abyss, with absolutely no chance of survival.

He wanted to move forward, but was still seven or eight meters away. There was nothing in mid-air he could leverage, and these seven or eight meters stretched like an insurmountable chasm before him, leaving him deeply powerless.

But behind him?

He had chased Qin Fang over a distance of over a hundred meters, and trying to go back was even farther and more difficult...

"You damn kid, I will kill you!"

But this old Japanese man was obviously not truly desperate, glaring fiercely at Qin Fang as if he meant to imprint his face deeply in his mind, and then he dropped this line, his whole body suddenly plunging downward.

"Hiss~~"

Seeing this scene, Qin Fang and the others couldn't help but exclaim, "Such a master... indeed, they are not easy to deal with!"

This old Japanese man was not really starting to fall but was using this speed to pursue the descending iron chain...

To continue chasing Qin Fang was already impossible because he could not cross that distance.

So, he could only plan to go back, but there was nothing to leverage in mid-air, and flying back over a hundred meters was even more impossible.

The only thing he could use was the falling iron chain...

So this old Japanese man accelerated his descent, not to die but to catch up with this section of the iron chain, so he could leverage it to return to the Musashi School.

It was precisely seeing this old man's intention that Qin Fang and the others couldn't help but change their expressions, as such masters were too formidable... Once targeted by such a master, it would definitely not be easy.

"However, wanting to survive? Dream on..."

Unfortunately, this old man's idea was good, but Qin Fang wouldn't let him escape back so easily... would it not be a waste of such a great opportunity otherwise?

Woosh~~~

Seeing this, Qin Fang casually made a gesture towards the air, and out of nowhere, a few large weapons appeared in his empty hands...

"One for each person, let's all have fun!"

Then, Qin Fang handed one of these large weapons to each of the others.

What were they?

Guns!

And they were all heavy-firepower weapons!

"Fire indiscriminately, let's see how lucky this old man is!"

Qin Fang himself directly wielded his most ferocious Gatling Fire God Cannon, equipped with an infinite magazine, and aimed directly at the descending old Japanese man.

"Damn, Old Qin is still the most violent..."

Ji Xiang was the first to react, grabbing a sniper rifle and immediately aiming at the old Japanese man in mid-air.

No choice, among the few of them, besides Qin Fang himself, only he could handle such a heavy sniper rifle.

Seeing Qin Fang so casually take out so many heavy weapons, Monk Wukong and others were no longer surprised, as if it was the most normal thing in the world.

Only Sakura's eyes suddenly fired a burst of astonishing brilliance, her gaze towards Qin Fang turning more bizarre.

So many heavy weapons were simply not portable. Qin Fang's clothes didn't even have space to hide a sniper rifle, let alone the Gatling Fire God Cannon, which was much bigger than Qin Fang himself.

But even so, Qin Fang easily brought out so many heavy weapons... This made Sakura have to reevaluate him.

To be accurate, Sakura's gaze towards Qin Fang became even more bizarre, the flowing brilliance in her eyes was truly captivating.

Da-da-da-da~~

Qin Fang was the most decisive, setting up the Gatling Fire God Cannon and spraying bullets wildly in that direction, as if they were free.

No way, the environment of the Musashi School here was too special, the white mist distorted Qin Fang and his companions' vision, making it hard to accurately capture the old Japanese man's trajectory.

If they got a bit closer, they might still vaguely discover him, but in this short time, Qin Fang and the others could no longer see him...

It was precisely because of this that Qin Fang had to have everyone join in the shooting, which might increase the hit rate...

Qin Fang didn't need to shoot the Japan Elder in the head or hit a vital spot, all he needed was to stop him from leveraging!

Underneath is a bottomless abyss, no matter how strong the skill, falling down is a dead end, as long as he has nowhere to leverage, the only result is death.

"Hahaha~~~ Cool! So cool..."

Ji Xiang and the others weren't idle, the weapons in their hands also furiously spewing bullets, seemingly unconcerned about any wastage.

Even Monk Wukong, Song Qingshan, Hattori Sanzo, and Qin Zi were incredibly excited, as an opportunity to fire at a Peak Grandmaster-level Expert like this... was extremely rare.

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Although they couldn't see the movements of that Grandmaster-level expert, they still held out hope that they might land a bullet or two... If this old bastard died at their hands, or fell to his death because of their obstruction, it would be something that excited them immensely.

With their abilities, perhaps one day in the future they could reach the level of this Japan Elder, but that would definitely be many years later.

By then, they might already have achieved fame and success, and doing such a thing then would not be as thrilling and exhilarating as it is now.

Killing a Peak Grandmaster-level Expert at their current age would be an incredibly glorious achievement, even if they bragged about it to their peers or juniors, it would undoubtedly bring great pride...

The most excited one was, of course, Hattori Sanzo. Although he was also from the Hattori Clan, he harbored the most resentment against the clan.

Hattori Sanzo naturally knew this old man. In terms of seniority, he even called him uncle, but this was the same person who helped drive him away from the family.

Previously, he dreamed of eliminating this old man, but unfortunately, with his abilities, he had no hope of ever doing so in this lifetime.

Who would have thought that when he had long given up on the idea, such an opportunity would come so easily to him...

If he had any grudging resentment about being forced to work for Qin Fang, it had vanished now... he was determined to follow Qin Fang's lead.

Why?

The reason is simple!

Since Qin Fang allowed him to personally kill this enemy whom he once looked up to, he could have more opportunities for revenge in the future!

Though Peak Grandmaster-level Experts are indeed high and unreachable, so what? Isn't he now being shot at like a dead dog?

Perhaps this mentality spurred him on, and aside from the raging Qin Fang, Hattori Sanzo was the most ruthless and excited... The speed at which he emptied bullets was incredibly terrifying, even disregarding the fearful recoil!

The others didn't mind at all; they understood Hattori Sanzo's mindset well and could empathize with him.

Only Sakura seemed a bit bewildered; after all, she joined later and knew little about Hattori Sanzo's situation, even puzzled as to why Hattori Sanzo, bearing the Hattori name, was so eager to kill an important figure from the Hattori Clan.

Killing was not new to Sakura.

As the Holy Woman of the Hokkaido Shrine and the future heir, emerging from many candidates wasn't just about martial talent—it was about surviving fierce competition for the opportunity.

This Japan Elder, whom Qin Fang and the others might not know, was someone Sakura was quite familiar with—one of the four top experts of the Iga School, and an elder with considerable power.

Given the status of this elder, even at the Hokkaido Shrine, he would be a first-class guest, worthy of the Holy Woman's attention.

But now...

A hint of a sarcastic smile appeared on Sakura's face. Such a master, a renowned great expert, being shot at like a moving target by Qin Fang and his group, was an astonishing fall from grace...

Da-da-da-da~~

The gunshots echoed between the cliffs, and faintly, roars from the depths of the opposite mountain could be heard, most likely from the ninjas of the Iga School.

This elder's status was not simple; he was a key figure in the Iga School, yet now, being gunned down like this, they could do nothing to help, understandably feeling frustrated.

Unfortunately, after cutting off this iron chain, there was no more connection between the two mountaintops, even though they knew Qin Fang and his group were across, they could only watch helplessly.

"A bunch of idiots..."

Sadly, their shouts were useless; Qin Fang and his group didn't care and even disdainfully mocked them.

These little devils were just a bunch of noisy monkeys without a shred of skill, no matter how loud they were, they couldn't harm Qin Fang and his group of Tigers at all.

"OK! It's done... We're done here!"

With two or three rounds of shooting, countless bullets were wasted, but Qin Fang appeared extremely relaxed, leisurely putting away his gun.

"Old Qin, I haven't had enough fun... why call it quits now?"

Ji Xiang was using a sniper rifle, not as satisfying as a machine gun or submachine gun, others had wasted over a hundred bullets, and he had only used a dozen, so he was naturally a bit frustrated.

"The man's dead, why waste bullets?"

Qin Fang couldn't help but show a bit of disdain...

"Dead?"

Yet the others were slightly taken aback, clearly unsure how Qin Fang had reached such a conclusion, given the dense fog that obscured their view and prevented any clear judgment of whether the Japan elder was still alive...

"He should be dead..."

Qin Fang, however, couldn't speak too plainly, though he had already concluded that the Peak Grandmaster-level Japan elder was indeed dead.

The reason was simple: Qin Fang just received a notification of gaining Experience Points...

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This experience points aren't really high, considering it doesn't quite match the status of a Grandmaster Peak strongman, but it's clearly much more than an average Master Level.

Qin Fang has killed many along the way, and he wiped out quite a few ninjas from the Iga School, but the only one who could yield a decent amount of experience points was this Grandmaster Peak old man from Japan.

As for others...

Qin Fang did encounter a few Grandmaster-level experts, but they were hunting him down at the time, and Qin Fang didn't get a chance to fight back, let alone kill them.

On the Master Level, Qin Fang did kill several, but those experts against Qin Fang were instantly killed, and the experience points were immediately gained.

All in all, only by killing this old man could the experience points reach this level...

Why much less?

This is understandable, as the person didn't die directly by Qin Fang's hands, even though Qin Fang did a sweeping shot as well. Most likely, he fell from mid-air and died.

Falling from this thousand-foot cliff leaves no chance of survival, even for a Grandmaster Peak strongman, who would end up as mere minced meat.

The person didn't die by Qin Fang's hands, but he was trapped and killed by Qin Fang's strategy, and his shooting disrupted the self-rescue of the Grandmaster-level expert, indirectly leading to his death...

Perhaps this is the reason why the system determined Qin Fang could gain experience points!

And with this experience points gained, Qin Fang could confirm that the old man was already dead, so there was no need to waste bullets.

"Really dead?"

Hattori Sanzo was not entirely convinced. Although he hoped the old man was killed by him, it was just a thought, and he dared not take it as truth.

But now, with Qin Fang's convincing words, he was both excited and a little skeptical...

"Pretty sure! Maybe you hit him..."

Qin Fang shrugged, quite certain of this point.

But as to who exactly hit this Grandmaster-level expert, only Heaven knows, after all, they fired over a thousand bullets, who knows which one did it!

"Old man, don't get too excited, there will be more opportunities in the future..."

Seeing Hattori Sanzo's excitement, as if he might pass out any moment, Qin Fang couldn't help but slap him on the back, bringing him back to his senses while smilingly joking.

A Grandmaster Peak strongman is nearly an impossible opponent for them, but now... they actually managed to kill him.

Anyone would be extremely excited and thrilled in such a situation...

However, once there's a second time, who can guarantee there won't be a third!

Back when Qin Fang devised a plan to eliminate Miyamoto Musashi, he never imagined he could take down another expert of the same level again.

Even before being chased by this Japan elder, Qin Fang had not dared to have such thoughts.

It wasn't until Qin Fang cut down the chain, and the old man pursued it for self-rescue, that Qin Fang suddenly conceived this...

Then it was a round of sweeping fire, ultimately sealing the victory this time!

"Alright, things are settled here, let's leave immediately..."

Having eliminated that expert and the danger momentarily abated, and since there was nothing of interest here, Qin Fang decisively issued a retreat order.

Moreover, from Qin Fang's brief contact with Hattori Hisanari, this person, despite his young age, has a very complex and cunning mind.

He would never stand by and watch himself be trapped in the Musashi School; surely, he has already informed outsiders to rescue them from the mountain...

Besides, with the Priest trial right around the corner, if he were trapped deep in the mountains and missed this trial, he might really feel like dying!

Hattori Hisanari's identity is very complex, behind him is not just the massive Iga School, but also the top-ranked Asama Shrine among the Japan Six Great Holy Lands.

Earlier, Qin Fang and the others mostly encountered people from the Iga School, and not a single person from Asama Shrine...

Perhaps Hattori Hisanari feels more at ease using people from the Iga School, since it's the power controlled by his family, but when necessary, the experts from Asama Shrine are more numerous.

The Asama Shrine experts summoned by Hattori Hisanari to deal with Qin Fang and others are absolutely formidable, and it's not unlikely there might be Grandmaster-level Peak strongmen among them... even Great Grandmaster-level experts might appear!

Although Qin Fang and the others have already taken down this Grandmaster Peak strongman, there was too much luck involved; in a head-to-head confrontation, even combined, they couldn't be a match for that old man...

If they were really being targeted, the situation would be quite dire indeed!

"Retreat~~~"

The others were equally decisive, knowing this wasn't a place to stay, they quickly vanished from below the cliff.

To avoid being blocked by the rushing Asama Shrine experts, Qin Fang and the others deliberately took a detour through the woods, leaving from another direction at their leisure.

And in fact, this consideration by Qin Fang and the others was very necessary indeed...

Almost twenty minutes after their departure, a group of people arrived, and the two groups just missed each other, narrowly avoiding a collision.

If Sakura saw the leader of this group, she would be speechless with shock and grateful they left just a little earlier.

"Abe Kiyomi..."

A man revered as a god in the Japan Martial World, whose every appearance triggers a violent storm!

He is also the Guardian God of the Asama Shrine, one of the Japan Six Great Holy Lands, and Hattori Hisanari's master... An ultimate strongman at the Great Grandmaster-level Tier!

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Qin Fang and his group naturally didn't encounter such peak level strongmen; otherwise, no one in their group would have survived to escape.

A master of that level, among the people Qin Fang knows, seems only Qianyu Divine Sword Chu Tianji could stand against.

Unfortunately, Chu Tianji has already retired from the martial world and even handed over his Qianyu Divine Sword to Qin Fang, asking him to pass it on to the Kunlun Sect.

Moreover, the fact that Chu Tianji killed Tang Mingyuan, though hardly anyone knows, Qin Fang is very clear that this great master is likely to leave Jiangzhou with his only daughter...

Even if he doesn't leave Jiangzhou, he will definitely find a new place to continue his seclusion!

Besides him, Qin Fang knows no other master who could contend with an apex strongman like Abe Kiyomi... not even Eight Extremes Fist Grandmaster Elder Niu!

Of course, their luck was quite good, as they managed to avoid the same path as Abe Kiyomi, thus resolving this enormous crisis.

"Old Qin, what did you get this time?"

As Qin Fang and his group quickly left the Musashi School's territory, preparing to return to the city, Ji Xiang couldn't help but ask out of curiosity.

Primarily because Qin Fang infiltrated the Musashi School for quite a long time and caused such a big explosion that even the Iga School's Grandmaster Peak Strongman personally came after Qin Fang. Thus, Ji Xiang suspected Qin Fang might have gotten something valuable and couldn't help but ask.

"Basically just a pile of trash..."

Qin Fang shook his head, speaking indifferently. Indeed, the repository of the Musashi School was full of items of little value, at least for martial artists they weren't very valuable.

"No treasure? Could Kawada Musashi, that old bastard, be crazy?"

Upon hearing Qin Fang's answer, Ji Xiang couldn't help feeling a bit disappointed, and also vented a bit about that old bastard Kawada Musashi.

All this fuss over a pile of useless trash, risking not only themselves but their descendants too, seemed truly not worth it!

"Idiot! Old Qin said 'basically,' which means there's still a little bit of good stuff... Old Qin, stop keeping us in suspense, what exactly did you get?"

But Monk Wukong's eyes suddenly brightened, he clapped Ji Xiang on the head, then asked with a grin.

Clearly, inspired by Ji Xiang's reminder, he picked up on the nuance in Qin Fang's words...

"Can't hide it from you, you drunken monk! It's not anything particularly special, just a stalk of... Lingyuan Grass!"

Qin Fang chuckled. He intended to tease them a bit, but since Monk Wukong asked, he had no need to hide it and answered with a smile.

"Hiss~~~"

Hearing Qin Fang's words, Monk Wukong and the others, who were indeed quite expectant, couldn't help but gasp, notably Monk Wukong, Song Qingshan, and Sakura.

Evidently, merely hearing the name, they understood the origins of this herb...

"Spiritual Medicine?"

Ji Xiang was a bit slow to react, perhaps due to his background, but seeing the responses from the others, he quickly caught on and instinctively asked.

"That's right, a middle grade spiritual medicine!"

Qin Fang nodded affirmatively.

"Alive?"

Ji Xiang was still in a bit of a daze, finding it hard to believe and asked again.

Spiritual medicine, even before the world changed, was a tremendously valuable herb, and the unveiling of each spiritual medicine could lead to great conflicts.

With the current dramatic changes in the world, spiritual medicines have almost vanished, with only a few ancient sects perhaps retaining one or two...

Moreover, there's the possibility that the spiritual medicine itself has died, and its seeds have yet to mature...

Every spiritual medicine almost always has a owner, with a vast and powerful force behind it overseeing and nurturing it... It's simply impossible for it to be released to the outside world!

Even news of the spiritual medicine would be tightly sealed, to avoid drawing disaster upon the forces guarding them!

Wild spiritual medicines are even scarcer, nearly impossible to find, barring some forbidden zones inaccessible to humans, perhaps containing some spiritual medicines, other places frequented by people simply wouldn't have any...

If before, a spiritual medicine would provoke a major battle, now... a single spiritual medicine could drag the entire martial world into a bloody storm.

Even someone like Miyamoto Musashi, almost at half-step Grandmaster Level, was willing to abandon easily attainable power for the sake of a spiritual medicine, illustrating the immense allure of spiritual medicine.

"Alive..."

Qin Fang nodded.

"Holy crap! You're a beast..."

Hearing Qin Fang's answer, Ji Xiang was stunned for quite a while, then angrily cursed, utterly defeated by Qin Fang's unbeatable luck.

A living spiritual medicine, such a thing is truly a rare encounter!

But it just so happens that this spiritual medicine didn't end up in the hands of ancient factions like Shaolin, Kunlun, or Tang Sect, nor in a second-tier major faction like the Six Great Holy Lands in Japan, but rather fell into the hands of the Musashi School, a minor faction considered mid-level even among ninja sects...

The most crucial part is that it seems the Musashi School has always kept this information under wraps, with only the Sect Master knowing about it all along...

Yet even so, Qin Fang unexpectedly got involved, first taking down Miyamoto Musashi, then breaking into the Musashi School's treasure repository, and conveniently stealing this spiritual medicine...

Moreover, Qin Fang took Kawada Musashi along as well, so what he took from the Musashi School's treasure vault is known only to the people in front of them.

People like Hattori Hisanari from the Iga School and even those from Asama Shrine have no way of knowing... the treasure vault was blasted to ruins, making it impossible to find any clues!

"Don't worry, good things are, of course, for everyone to share, you won't miss out..."

Qin Fang smiled, speaking nonchalantly.

A living spiritual medicine is also very useful to them, but he wouldn't hoard it, especially since he still held the even better Peerless Elixir Golden Dragon Saliva.

The benefit of Lingyuan Grass is that it's still alive and can continue to grow; although its efficacy is slightly lesser, as long as it doesn't die, it can continuously produce some spiritual liquid or bear Lingyuan Fruits, which is obviously much better than the finite Golden Dragon Saliva.

"Of course, we can't let it be easy for you, kid, so many good things make people drool..."

Ji Xiang and the others said with a laugh.

It was just casual talk, and no one took it too seriously.

Their company had managed to come this far, truly like brothers through life and death. Although Lingyuan Grass was exceptionally precious, Qin Fang was never stingy, which they trusted.

"Old Qin, what are your plans next?"

The Lingyuan Grass business was merely a simple interlude; soon, with calm minds, everyone started racking their brains for the upcoming plans.

The matter with the Musashi School was settled; although Qin Fang and others' identities were exposed, few truly knew them.

With both Kawada Musashi and his son deceased, it seemed besides a hooligan leader in Sapporo, no one else knew their true identities.

No one knew, so with a change of appearance, even if they appeared openly in Sapporo, no one would recognize them.

But the issue was, this was a bit contrary to their plans and goals...

Qin Fang was somewhat troubled as well, as this time things had gotten out of hand. Not only had they offended the Iga School, but also killed one of their Grandmaster Peak strongmen.

Because of this, Hattori Hisanari would never let it go easily... Qin Fang wasn't afraid of this Japanese martial arts genius, but the vast power behind him left Qin Fang, alone and unsupported, feeling very helpless.

"Miss Sakura, I wonder what your thoughts are?"

Thinking of this, Qin Fang's attention turned to Sakura in the crowd, who always seemed a bit out of place among them.

After all, she wasn't one of them, and each of them felt a slight rejection towards her...

"Are you really planning to participate in the Priest's trial?"

Perhaps because of all the things they had gone through together, Sakura, although not acknowledging herself as Qin Fang's ally, no longer felt much hostility.

Especially with a few special events occurring, Sakura was deeply intrigued by this enigmatic man...

As the saying goes, once a woman becomes curious about a man, falling for him is just around the corner!

For this statement, Qin Fang's maidservant Qin Zi deeply agreed, so she remained as alert as possible towards Sakura, yet still couldn't stop someone else's thoughts.

Eventually, feeling helpless, she could only watch and let it be.

"Exactly!"

Qin Fang nodded, speaking affirmatively.

The Priest's trial is a very promising opportunity; though full of danger and thorns, it's a very viable pathway to complete the ultimate mission.

However, to Japan, Qin Fang and his group were undoubtedly outsiders... Even though Hattori Sanzo and Qin Zi were considered Japanese, they weren't qualified for the Priest's trial.

To resolve this hassle, the only person Qin Fang could seek help from was this Holy Woman of Sakura, who had stayed by his side.

"I can help you!"

Sakura stared intently at Qin Fang, their gaze locked for quite a while before she softly spoke, her tone rather grave.

"But I have a condition..."

However, before Qin Fang could breathe a sigh of relief, Sakura's tone shifted, adding this sentence.

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Sakura's expression was extremely solemn, clearly agreeing to this matter wasn't something that could be easily settled with just a few words.

There might be incredibly unimaginable interests involved... it's just that Qin Fang and the others don't know the insider details, so they can't imagine it...

"What are the terms?"

Qin Fang was also a bit surprised, but after a moment of silence, he couldn't help but ask.

No matter what, since Sakura had already agreed, it indicated that this matter wasn't completely non-negotiable, so setting conditions was understandable.

Like in business, Qin Fang could quote sky-high prices, and Sakura could bargain down to earth...

"Help me kill someone..."

Sakura seemed a bit hesitant, but finally gritted her teeth and spoke.

"Kill someone?"

Hearing this condition, Qin Fang couldn't help but feel stunned, seemingly not expecting such terms.

However, Qin Fang didn't say much, he just asked calmly, "Who?"

Sakura's own strength was not weak, she was already a Semi-Grandmaster level expert, and her future achievements could be even higher. Reaching the Grandmaster level would not be too difficult, and even the Great Grandmaster level was not impossible.

As the Holy Woman of the Hokkaido Shrine, even if she failed in this Great Priest competition, there was still a significant chance she would become the Sect Master of the Hokkaido Shrine.

She would also become one of the six Deacons under the Great Divine Priest of the Dao Shen Sect, who were all almost Great Grandmaster-level experts...

But even so, Sakura seemed lacking in confidence when it came to killing this person, as if she could only kill this enemy after becoming the Great Divine Priest of the Dao Shen Sect, truly reaching that supreme status...

Even when Sakura showed such an expression, Qin Fang was extremely curious about her enemy, seemingly wanting to know his name.

"Amaterasu!"

Sakura gritted her teeth and then muttered a name.

"..."

Qin Fang was full of anticipation waiting for the answer, but when he finally heard this name, he couldn't help but be at a loss for words.

"Who is he?"

Because Qin Fang had never heard of this person, he even deliberately turned to look at Hattori Sanzo, but unfortunately, he also shrugged helplessly, shaking his head vigorously like a drum, clearly never having heard of him either...

"He is the Japan War God, and the top expert in all of Japan!"

Sakura seemed to anticipate Qin Fang and the others' reaction, then simply introduced, "Very few people know his name, and even fewer people have seen him... except for the Sect Masters of the Six Great Holy Lands and some Red-robed Priests of the Dao Shen Sect, no one else knows of his existence!"

"..."

For this introduction, it was basically no different from saying nothing, as if this person existed in legend.

Qin Fang even doubted whether Amaterasu truly existed... maybe he had died long ago.

"Old Qin, Amaterasu indeed exists..."

But before Sakura could speak, Monk Wukong suddenly spoke unexpectedly, and his expression was very ugly, glaring at Sakura, seemingly having the intention to strike her down.

"Who exactly are you?"

Without explaining too much to Qin Fang, Monk Wukong stared intently at Sakura and shouted in a fierce tone, indicating that this Amaterasu's identity was definitely not simple.

"He is my enemy... my whole family died at his hands! Is this explanation... enough?"

Sakura, however, showed no defense, instead openly stating.

After all, it would be useless even if she defended; Monk Wukong was already a Grandmaster-level expert, killing her wouldn't be too difficult, so it was better to be straightforward.

Monk Wukong said nothing further, retracting his murderous aura, but when his gaze fell on Qin Fang, he gently shook his head.

It was clear he wanted to tell Qin Fang that Sakura was very unreliable, and her words shouldn't be trusted too much.

"Amaterasu... Japan's top expert! Do you think I have the strength to kill him?"

Qin Fang definitely received Monk Wukong's reminder, but he continued talking with Sakura, if only to find out about Amaterasu's information, which was worth the inquiry in itself.

"I think you have the potential... I consider this an early investment!"

Sakura appeared quite straightforward, and bluntly stated that Qin Fang didn't need to act now, it was just a long-term goal.

"If I agree now, and later on find I'm not strong enough, can I give up?"

Qin Fang smiled, jokingly asking.

"Of course! This condition is not mandatory, you can take action when you feel capable of doing so..."

But what was unexpected was that Sakura seemed even more relaxed than him, as if this condition was just mentioned casually and not taken seriously at all.

However, from the fleeting murderous intent in her eyes, it could be seen that she indeed harbored hatred towards Amaterasu.

"Alas, what a pity..."

Qin Fang attempted to use the Mind Reading Technique on Sakura, but unfortunately, it failed. This woman's strength was formidable, and her mental resilience far exceeded that of ordinary people, so much so that the Mind Reading Technique still had no effect even now.

But Qin Fang found it quite normal. With Japan's top expert as her enemy, the pressure Sakura endured was imaginable...

Without a mental resilience far beyond an ordinary person's, she would have likely been crushed by this immense pressure long ago.

"Since this is the case, I might as well graciously comply..."

After some consideration, Qin Fang felt that this condition seemed to impose no real constraint on him, so naturally, there was no reason not to agree.

If in the future his strength reached the level where he could fight Amaterasu, Qin Fang wouldn't mind eliminating Japan's top expert either.

But if his strength didn't reach that level, then Qin Fang wouldn't bother fulfilling this condition and would simply pretend it didn't exist...

"I will also handle your matter as soon as possible! However, I may need to return to the Divine Palace for a while..."

Upon hearing Qin Fang agree, Sakura nodded slightly and said, "If you don't trust me, you can also place a restriction on me..."

"We'll talk about that when the time comes..."

Qin Fang waved his hand, feeling there was no need to go to such lengths now, as Sakura had not yet left.

Then, Qin Fang deliberately sought out Monk Wukong, and the two went aside to chat. Naturally, the topic of conversation was about Amaterasu.

"Despite Amaterasu being not very old, estimated to be just around fifty, he is the most powerful expert in Japan... bar none!"

Monk Wukong seemed to highly regard this person, as Amaterasu's strength commanded Monk Wukong's admiration, even though he was an old Japan man.

"Twenty years ago, at just over thirty, he was already a grandmaster-level expert, having crossed the sea to the Dragon Country! Within three months, he consecutively challenged the Six Great Sects, defeated six grandmaster-level experts of the same level... with two deaths and four injuries... one of whom became completely disabled!"

However, when it came to Amaterasu's feats, Monk Wukong spoke through gritted teeth, "Including a senior uncle of mine at Shaolin..."

"Ten years ago, Amaterasu advanced to the Great Grandmaster Realm, once again visiting the Dragon Country, consecutively challenging experts from Kunlun, Shaolin, and the Snow Mountain Sect..."

Monk Wukong then continued with an even more thrilling account.

"What was the outcome?"

But as he spoke to this point, Monk Wukong suddenly paused, causing Qin Fang to anxiously inquire, since this was crucial.

"I don't know..."

Regrettably, Monk Wukong's answer was unexpectedly odd, as he shook his head, "No one knows the outcome of that battle..."

"However, after that, Amaterasu returned to Japan and has never set foot in the Dragon Country again!"

"What about those three experts?"

Qin Fang asked concernedly. With Amaterasu having returned to Japan, those three experts were in danger, and as a Dragon Country person, he naturally cared about them!

"My grandmaster completely sealed himself off and hasn't emerged since, and the two from Kunlun and the Snow Mountain Sect reportedly haven't been heard from either..."

Regrettably, Monk Wukong shook his head once more.

Shaolin's was a senior of his sect, so he was somewhat aware, but he didn't really know about the two from the Snow Mountain and Kunlun schools.

"Although Amaterasu hasn't re-entered the Dragon Country, his information has captured the attention of all factions within the Dragon Country. It is said that three or four years ago, he crossed that incredibly difficult threshold entering the... Supreme Realm!"

Monk Wukong followed with this shocking revelation.

"Except for a very few people, no one likely knows if this information is accurate... but presumably, it should be true!"

Upon speaking thus far, even Monk Wukong felt a deep sense of helplessness.

Monk Wukong, though very young and already at the Grandmaster Level, comparable to Amaterasu in his time, felt lacking in confidence faced with such an overwhelmingly powerful being.

"Supreme Realm..."

What Qin Fang was even more attentive to was this point.

He was well aware that above level 8 grandmaster, one reaches the pinnacle of humanity at Level 9, Supreme Realm, a status almost invincible in the world.

This represents an absolute qualitative leap, with individuals at this level almost existing as non-human beings...

The Great Grandmaster Level is already extremely terrifying, capable of striking down dozens with a wave of the hand, and the terrifying external true qi sweep can topple armies.

But the Supreme Realm surpasses even such experts by far, possibly even reaching the realm of terrestrial immortals...

"To have me kill such a master... must be joking, right?"

Reflecting on the promise he made, even Qin Fang felt it was a joke and was simultaneously relieved that the condition wasn't mandatory...

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Sakura's condition was indeed accepted by Qin Fang, but from the current perspective, mentioning this condition was more or less pointless.

As for Qin Fang himself, he wasn't particularly bothered, so he temporarily set it aside...

The group left the Musashi School and returned to Sapporo, found a place to stay, but didn't go back to look for Saburo Kohara.

Saburo Kohara used to be backed by the Musashi School, by Kawada Musashi and his son, but now... the entire Musashi School has almost been annihilated, leaving him like a lost soul.

This guy, although a figure in himself, might find a new patron to survive, but he is no longer reliable and most likely to betray Qin Fang and the others.

After all, this is an excellent opportunity for him to prove his loyalty... although doing so is extremely risky.

"Miss Sakura, the next matters are going to trouble you..."

Qin Fang and the group settled down, but Sakura had to leave. To have Qin Zi participate in the Priest trials, Sakura must return to the Hokkaido Shrine.

"Are you sure you won't put any restrictions on me?"

Sakura lightly nodded and then asked with some curiosity.

"Since I agreed to your condition, although I don't know when it can be executed, the basic trust is still necessary. Imposing restrictions on you would be too unreasonable..."

Qin Fang spoke boldly, lifting all of Sakura's restrictions, letting her go as if he wasn't worried about her turning against them at all.

Sakura turning against them is not impossible, and the possibility is even quite high. After all, Qin Fang's previous actions indeed made Sakura extremely angry.

Moreover, Sakura was clearly aware that Qin Fang had many unknown secrets in his hand and also possessed a living Spiritual Medicine, Lingyuan Grass.

Although she only heard Qin Fang say so, without actually seeing the medicine, she felt that what Qin Fang said was likely true.

Such a precious medicine, if known to the Hokkaido Shrine, would definitely make them dispatch all experts to siege Qin Fang and his group... they might even use hidden resources!

"Then I must thank Mr. Qin for his generosity..."

Sakura smiled charmingly, said nothing more, and lightly left Qin Fang and the group's residence, returning to the Hokkaido Shrine.

Of course, Qin Fang also restored her appearance, returning her to that stunning beauty...

Whether Sakura appearing so openly outside would cause any disturbance was no longer a concern for Qin Fang.

However, they wouldn't just remain idle either, and began making some preparations.

"What?"

When Qin Fang disclosed his plan, the brothers were all astonished.

"Old Qin, are you sure you want to do this?"

Monk Wukong's face was serious, clearly considering this matter. After thinking for a while, he said, "Have you thought it through? Once exposed, we'll face the entire Japan Martial World's pursuit..."

"Are we afraid of their pursuit?"

Qin Fang smiled, unconcerned.

"That's true..."

Monk Wukong and the others laughed too. What they were doing had already severely offended the Japan Martial World, so being hunted by them was quite normal.

The reason they could still roam free was that their whereabouts hadn't been exposed, remaining safe for now.

"Although we don't fear these little devils, this matter needs long-term planning, after all... this time, the opponent is not such trash like the Musashi School but one of the Six Great Holy Lands..."

Monk Wukong was relatively more mature and prudent, leaning towards a cautious approach.

"Actually, there's no need for everyone to be so tense. I'm making this decision because I have insider information, otherwise... I wouldn't dare to do it even if I were beaten to death!"

Seeing the others so cautious, Qin Fang spoke with a smile.

"Insider information?"

Ji Xiang and the others became spirited immediately.

Without any leads, trying to take on such entities as the Six Great Holy Lands was like hitting a rock with an egg, perhaps there were some soft targets, but it was still highly risky.

But with insider information, it was a completely different story.

"I also got to know it from Sakura, it turns out..."

Qin Fang simply shared the insider information he obtained with the others, which astonished them into silence.

"As for the authenticity of this insider information, I'm not entirely certain either, but, well, there's no harm in checking it out..."

After sharing the insider information, Qin Fang naturally didn't forget to remind everyone that whether Sakura is trustworthy remains unknown, so the truth of the insider information also needs to be verified.

However, Qin Fang roughly knew that the information should be true... Although he failed to use the Mind Reading Technique at the time, he could vaguely make such a judgment.

After all, if Sakura really wanted to betray them, she could easily have disclosed their whereabouts to the Hokkaido Shrine, which would have benefited the Hokkaido Shrine, not...

"Old Qin, you arrange the action plan, we'll all listen to your command!"

Monk Wukong and the others naturally understood this principle, and all expressed their agreement, each appearing very excited, ready to go all out.

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Sapporo Ryoyu Hot Springs.

This is the most famous hot spring hotel in Sapporo, and if you want to soak in a hot spring in Sapporo, this is the best choice.

At this moment, Qin Fang and his group arrived here, but they had undergone quite a transformation...

"Young Master Kitatori..."

As soon as they walked into the hotel, a server quickly came up to them. Upon seeing Qin Fang's face, his expression changed immediately, but he suppressed his emotions and cautiously greeted him.

"Hmph~~"

Qin Fang let out a soft hum but didn't respond to him, while Hattori Sanzo behind him casually handed over some bills.

Indeed, Qin Fang and his group swaggered into this hotel, but they were no longer Qin Fang and his group from Dragon Country, but had turned into the long-missing Young Master Kitatori Kojirou of Anping Shrine.

The others also assumed different identities, with Monk Wukong and Song Qingshan becoming some dissolute followers around Young Master Kitatori Kojirou, Ji Xiang turned into Red Devil Asakura Ken, Hattori Sanzo became an inconspicuous old servant, while Qin Zi became a beautiful vase...

"Thank you, Young Master Kitatori, thank you, Young Master Kitatori..."

The server, initially scared pale and too timid to look up, suddenly became spirited upon receiving this handful of tips.

Although Young Master Kitatori Kojirou was difficult to serve and notoriously ill-tempered, he, just a mere server, could muddle through. Considering the tips, he decided to endure it, though he was puzzled about Young Master Kitatori Kojirou's improved temper!

Having accepted the money, his work became naturally more efficient, and the server took it upon himself to lead the way, guiding Qin Fang and his group to Young Master Kitatori Kojirou's room.

"Has my big brother returned?"

Qin Fang didn't care about the server's thoughts and calmly asked as they walked.

"Your big brother has returned... He should be soaking in the hot spring by now!"

The server showed his understanding promptly, as this master had a significant status and his movements were closely monitored by all hotel parties, so it wasn't surprising that this server knew as well.

"Hmph~~"

Qin Fang nodded, leaving it at that.

Under the guidance of this server, they arrived at the room previously occupied by Young Master Kitatori Kojirou. Although they didn't have a room card or key, the server respectfully opened the door for them.

Given Young Master Kitatori Kojirou's notable status, even the hotel manager wouldn't dare slight him, so opening a door was just a trivial matter.

If someone insisted on some principled stance, firstly, the hotel manager wouldn't spare him, and secondly, the ill-tempered Young Master Kitatori Kojirou would probably smack him to death...

Of course, the server received another generous tip when he left, which considerably brightened his mood, while he mumbled to himself, "Young Master Kitatori isn't always bad-tempered after all..."

Fortunately, Qin Fang didn't hear the server's thoughts; otherwise, he would certainly have mocked him, considering the real Young Master Kitatori Kojirou was long gone to hell.

"Old Qin, what's next?"

After the server left, Qin Fang and Ji Xiang conducted a thorough search to confirm that they weren't being monitored, and then the group sat down.

"Everyone split up and gather as much information as possible... However, don't touch Kitatori Kazuo; we don't want to alert the snake!"

Qin Fang briefly arranged the tasks, focusing on gathering intel for now. Their target was Kitatori Kojirou's older brother, Kitatori Kazuo.

Kitatori Kazuo had a notable status, being the grandson of the current Sect Master of Anping Shrine, Kitatori Shinichi, and the current favored successor of Anping Shrine.

Compared to Kitatori Kojirou's indolent and dissipated nature, Kitatori Kazuo was far more competent, ranked among the top three in his generation, and comparable to Hattori Hisanari...

Therefore, he was not only the predetermined successor for the next generation of Anping Shrine but also a popular candidate for the Great Priest...

And Qin Fang's target this time was him, planning to eliminate this prominent figure discreetly at such a critical moment...

This was also the reason Qin Fang assumed the identity of the deceased Young Master Kitatori Kojirou, as only through this identity could he approach Kitatori Kazuo without arousing suspicion!

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Qin Fang knew almost nothing about Kitatori Kazuo. Besides the little bit of information from Hattori Sanzo, he was completely unfamiliar.

A completely unfamiliar opponent, one about whom he knew nothing, posed a huge challenge for Qin Fang.

However, Qin Fang wasn't worried or afraid of such a challenge; he was even a bit excited...

Because this opponent was worth Qin Fang's anticipation...

These candidates for the Great Priests, Qin Fang originally thought were just some powerful, exceptionally talented young experts.

But after interacting with Hattori Hisanari, Qin Fang realized none of these people were simple... even Sakura, who seemed easy for Qin Fang to capture, wasn't as simple as she appeared.

Though Sakura appeared ordinary, slightly stronger than a typical young person, it was because Qin Fang had unexpectedly subdued her, sealed her meridians at the start, and blocked her skills, giving her no chance to resist, so she naturally calmed down.

But now, she's unsealed and as free as a dragon in the sea or a tiger in the forest; her hidden potential could erupt at any moment.

For instance, this operation was entirely instigated and utilized by Sakura... otherwise, why did she purposefully leave such a message for Qin Fang?

Qin Fang was aware that Sakura was using him, but the problem couldn't be seen from just one side. From another perspective, it was originally something Qin Fang planned to do.

Since both had the same objective, whether it was being used was not as important... and through this use, Qin Fang became more wary of this woman, Sakura!

Qin Fang had blood on his hands, making him not much of a good person, but this beautiful Sakura, her heart... might not be any better than Qin Fang's! She might even be darker...

"Kitatori Kazuo, what tricks do you have hidden?"

Others had gone out to gather information, leaving only Qin Fang and Qin Zi in the room. It wasn't for some interaction between a man and a woman, but he was waiting for the right moment!

With little information on Kitatori Kazuo, yet he was as notable as Hattori Hisanari, he was surely not simple.

Hattori Hisanari's strength reached the Grandmaster level, and he held the Demon Blade Muramasa, possibly the legendary one.

For Kitatori Kazuo to be as renowned as Hattori Hisanari, he must have some unknown tricks, just unnecessary to show normally.

Hattori Hisanari could suppress Kawada Musashi with the Demon Blade Muramasa's sinister power, and Kitatori Kazuo likely wouldn't be much worse.

"Grandmaster Mid-Stage..."

Qin Fang calculated and felt a slight chill. Such level experts were formidable opponents indeed.

"Young Master, it's about time; we should go out..."

After quietly pondering for a while, Qin Zi came to inform Qin Fang.

"Let's go~~"

Qin Fang nodded and held Qin Zi's slender waist like water, leaving the room together.

They weren't leaving the hotel but planned to soak in the hotel's hot spring pool, something Qin Fang had the waiter arrange earlier. Now was the time.

"Young Master Kitatori, I'll be outside. If you need anything, just call me..."

Throwing a stack of cash, the waiter was eager to please and readily left the suite of the hot spring pool.

This VIP suite was the best in the hotel, and generally, even the wealthy couldn't enjoy it unless they were of status like Kitatori Kojirou.

Qin Fang benefitted from the face he was currently using... unfortunately, he wasn't interested in the hot spring, as he had other intentions.

"Young Master, let me scrub your back..."

Since they were here, Qin Fang didn't mind soaking for a while; it wouldn't affect his plans. So, Qin Zi offered to scrub Qin Fang's back.

In this private room, only a man and woman remained. People might imagine what could happen.

Especially in a country like Japan, not having something happen would be truly strange...

Unfortunately, Qin Fang didn't plan to have anything happen!

Even though he and Qin Zi were close to the point of breaking through their relationship, he didn't intend to drain his energy before getting down to business.

Qin Zi was quite well-behaved, knowing it wasn't the right moment, so she just diligently scrubbed Qin Fang's back... not with her hand, but with her voluptuous and perky figure!

This way of scrubbing the back was truly too seductive. An average man probably couldn't hold back... Qin Fang, being a normal man, could only helplessly roll his eyes at Qin Zi, without taking things further, merely enduring Qin Zi's teasing in silence.

Leaning against the edge of the hot spring, Qin Fang closed his eyes, his breathing became even, as if he had fallen asleep.

However, judging from his physical reaction, he was clearly still quite "awake," but Qin Fang was actually doing something else at the moment...

What was he doing?

Reconnaissance!

Almost next door to Qin Fang's private room, there were also people soaking in the hot spring, similarly a man and a woman.

The man's identity was not simple at all, surprisingly he was Kitatori Kojirou's older brother, the future heir of Anping Shrine, and a hot candidate for Great Priest, Kitatori Kazuo.

As for the woman... although she was almost unknown, Kitatori Kojirou clearly knew her!

Of course he would know her, because that woman, who was at least over fifty years old, turned out to be Kitatori Kojirou's mother...

Though Kitatori Kojirou and Kitatori Kazuo were biological brothers, they were of the same father but different mothers... However, the two grew up together and had a quite good relationship.

Kitatori Kojirou almost always considered Kitatori Kazuo his greatest support, even closer than his grandfather, Kitatori Shinichi.

Kitatori Kazuo also deeply cared for Kitatori Kojirou, being very protective of him... The reason Red Devil Asakura Ken was arranged as Kitatori Kojirou's bodyguard, although ordered by Kitatori Shinichi, was facilitated by Kitatori Kazuo!

As for the reason behind it, part of it was because of their brotherly bond, but more so it was because of Kitatori Kazuo's illicit love affair with Kitatori Kojirou's mother...

This was the inside information Sakura shared with Qin Fang before leaving, about Kitatori Kazuo... about his special relationship with this woman.

Kitatori Kazuo's mother passed away early, and it's unknown what kind of trauma he suffered, but his temperament became very twisted.

When it came to young women, he never gave them a second glance, and even to beauties who threw themselves at him, he would directly snap their necks.

On the contrary, he was very interested in older women, and his tastes grew heavier... until over a decade ago when he got involved with his half-brother Kitatori Kojirou's mother.

This illicit relationship lasted for over a decade and was known only to a very few people, and Sakura found out about it under extremely coincidental circumstances.

Originally, she planned to keep this as her trump card, whether it was to deal with Kitatori Kazuo or to secretly ally with him, this was a good leverage!

However, given the Japanese's inherently perverted tastes, this kind of illicit love affair was quite abnormal but it wasn't enough to bring down Kitatori Kazuo; at most, it would just trash his reputation.

Still, the selection for Great Priest would never involve moral issues. Without enough strength, even a Saint shouldn't expect to become a Great Priest.

Let alone the fact that in the Dao Shen Sect, almost no nice guy could ascend to the position of Great Priest... in fact, it was almost always occupied by people with extremely radical characters!

With a scandal like Kitatori Kazuo's illicit affair, it was simply impossible to bring him down, so Sakura resolutely decided to have Qin Fang take out Kitatori Kazuo.

Providing this information to Qin Fang wasn't meant for him to reveal the scandal, but to emphasize one key point.

"Kitatori Kazuo's cultivation is an extremely rare art. When he releases his energy, during those three to five minutes, he is at his most vulnerable..."

This was the real inside information Sakura wanted to convey to Qin Fang.

Kitatori Kazuo was extremely cautious. Though he had many women, none besides this older woman could make him let his guard down.

Thus, to kill Kitatori Kazuo, one must seize the perfect timing! This old woman... was a crucial key!

"Not much in terms of combat skills..."

Although Qin Fang was lying in the hot spring, half-squinting his eyes and resting, seemingly completely relaxed, he was monitoring Kitatori Kazuo next door using a mini-map.

After a simple calculation, he realized that although Kitatori Kazuo was a Grandmaster-level martial artist, his combat skills in certain areas truly followed the Japanese's usual quick-gunner style.

The foreplay lasted over half an hour, but when it came to the real action, it didn't even last three minutes before immediately surrendering...

Perhaps it was partly due to the ferocity of the old woman, but Kitatori Kazuo couldn't escape Qin Fang's disdain!

After all, every martial artist's endurance and control were stronger than the average person. A fight lasting a couple of hours was not too difficult...

"Oh..."

Yet, just as Qin Fang was lamenting Kitatori Kazuo's pitiful combat skills, he suddenly noticed something unusual about the old woman...

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"Kitatori Kazuo... turns out that's all he is!"

Noticing the abnormality of this old woman, Qin Fang's face showed an extremely strange smile, and he no longer regarded this Kitatori Kazuo as particularly important.

Thinking of this, Qin Fang felt much more relaxed, but he couldn't help but sigh softly, looking somewhat weary.

"Young Master, what's wrong?"

Qin Zi was giving Qin Fang a massage and couldn't help but ask curiously when she saw Qin Fang's reaction.

"It's nothing..."

Qin Fang shook his head, enjoying the feeling of Qin Zi's tender little hands moving over his body, but he seemed to be not very happy.

"It's about time, let's go back first... inform the monks to return to their rooms immediately!"

After a moment of silence, Qin Fang also got up from the hot spring pool, appearing to no longer intend to soak.

"Not taking action?"

Qin Zi was taken aback, asking strangely.

According to their prior plan, she and Qin Fang would choose a suitable opportunity to directly kill Kitatori Kazuo... but now, Qin Fang seemed to intend to give up.

"Kitatori Kazuo is not worth worrying about, let's leave him for now..."

Qin Fang smiled, speaking indifferently.

In his words, there was much disdain for Kitatori Kazuo, as if he was reluctant to even mention this perverse guy.

Qin Fang and Qin Zi left the hot spring pool and returned to the hotel room. Before long, Ji Xiang, Monk Wukong, and others who received the message also returned together.

"Old Qin, what's the situation? Didn't we agree to take action?"

Ji Xiang's temperament was rather urgent, and he asked perplexedly as soon as he returned.

The few of them acted separately, not only investigating some situations about Kitatori Kazuo but also took a look at the personnel setup around Anping Shrine.

Moreover, they planned to coordinate from another direction when Qin Fang took action, to reduce the pressure on his side...

Similar to Hattori Hisanari, Kitatori Kazuo, as the heir of Anping Shrine and a popular choice for Great Priest, was protected by experts.

The only opportunity to act was when Kitatori Kazuo was fooling around with that old woman, having sent that expert away...

But now, once such a big commotion broke out here, that expert would certainly appear, and Ji Xiang and others' deceptive tactics would significantly reduce the trouble for Qin Fang.

However, though they were almost ready and could act at any time, instead of Qin Fang's action signal, they got a message to abandon the action and immediately return to the hotel room, which understandably puzzled them!

"Discovered a special situation, had to temporarily cancel the action!"

Qin Fang spoke gravely, evidently paying considerable attention to this special situation.

"What special situation?"

Hearing Qin Fang say this, everyone felt somewhat strange, noticing especially that Qin Fang's expression seemed a bit off.

"People from the Demon Sect..."

Qin Fang paused for a moment before slowly saying, "That old woman who hooked up with Kitatori Kazuo turned out to be from the Demon Sect..."

If it weren't for Qin Fang's scouting skills being exceptionally outstanding, probably no one would have thought that such a secret was hidden within.

Although that old woman hadn't been with Anping Shrine for an overly long time, she was Kitatori Kojirou's old mother, staying for at least two or three decades.

Being able to lurk in a place like Anping Shrine, one of Japan's Six Great Holy Lands, for so many years, that old woman's skills... were absolutely not simple.

Most importantly, it seemed that until now, her identity had not been exposed... instead, her position in Anping Shrine increased due to her relationship with Kitatori Kazuo's father and son.

"Hundred Flowers Demon Sect?"

Upon hearing Qin Fang's words, a sect immediately came to their minds.

Among the six major sects of the Demon Sect, besides the Hundred Flowers Demon Sect, it's hard to match any other sect...

"That's right! People from the Hundred Flowers Demon Sect..."

Qin Fang nodded, giving a very affirmative answer.

"That old woman is from the Hundred Flowers Demon Sect. Although she's hidden quite well, her strength... is also terrifying!"

Kitatori Kazuo's current position and power are partly due to his talent and diligence, and another part is related to this old woman.

The Hundred Flowers Demon Sect is the weakest sect of the Demon Sect, but its status has always been quite stable. Even formidable big sects like the Blood Demon Sect and the Sky Demon Sect have many disciples willing to marry female disciples of the Hundred Flowers Demon Sect...

It's not only because the female disciples of the Hundred Flowers Demon Sect are charming, beautiful, and possessed of astonishing bewitchment skills but also related to a secret technique from the Hundred Flowers Demon Sect.

The Hundred Flowers Demon Sect possesses a secret technique called Azure Dragon Spitting Water...

This is a secret technique that involves absorbing Yang Qi to supplement Yin, allowing the user's own strength to be enhanced by drawing the essence of Yang Qi from men into their bodies.

But precisely because this secret technique is excessively exploitative, many men have suffered substantial losses, resulting in the Hundred Flowers Demon Sect being pushed into the Demon Sect.

In reality, this secret technique isn't as evil as imagined; it's also derived from a kind of Yin-Yang harmonizing secret technique, similar to the Joyous Zen that Qin Fang cultivates.

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It's just that the people of the Baihua Demon Sect generally focus on absorbing benefits without giving back, which has led to this perception... Azure Dragon Spitting Water is an evil demonic secret technique!

Some even modified this secret technique to Azure Dragon Spitting Blood...

History is always written by the victors. The Demon Sect is called such not because they chose the name, but because it was labeled by the Righteous Alliance.

This old woman's status within the Baihua Demon Sect is not particularly clear to Qin Fang, but the secret technique of Azure Dragon Spitting Water is indeed cultivated to a very profound level.

Kitatori Kazuo's achievements today are closely related to this old woman; almost everything was carefully nurtured by her...

Perhaps because of this, Kitatori Kazuo is unable to leave this old woman, thus maintaining such an ambiguous relationship!

Evidently, even Sakura is completely unaware of this inside story, and everyone is played by this old woman.

"The Demon Sect suddenly stepped in... Could they be interested in the position of the Great Priest too?"

The sudden appearance of this old woman also made Qin Fang's plan a bit unpredictable; he wasn't sure if this woman infiltrated Anping Shrine by coincidence or if the Demon Sect planned to use this opportunity to meddle with the Dao Shen Sect...

The Dao Shen Sect is indeed immensely powerful, controlling the entire martial world of Japan with unimaginably vast strength, a force that cannot be underestimated even in the underground world.

However, when compared to the Six Paths of the Demon Sect, it pales significantly...

The Demon Sect, despite having only six sects, is a colossal entity capable of challenging the entire Righteous Alliance... The extent of its terrifying strength is evident.

For centuries, the major orthodox sects have been incredibly strong, such as Kunlun, Shaolin, Snow Mountain, Tang Sect, etc. Each of these sects is supremely powerful.

Any one of these sects could easily level a holy land in Japan...

Yet, despite the union of these powerful sects, they barely suppress the Six Paths of the Demon Sect and have never succeeded in annihilating it!

On the contrary, several orthodox sects have failed to eliminate the Demon Sect and were ultimately destroyed by it in retaliation... It is said that the once prominent Qingcheng Sect vanished this way!

Although the Demon Sect abruptly went overseas decades ago, disappearing without a trace, Qin Fang understands clearly that the Demon Sect still exists, merely lurking even more stealthily.

Recalling the past, Qin Fang eliminated the drug lord Han Long in Hong Kong Island, but the force did not collapse, instead falling into the hands of Witch Jiang Rou...

That was the first time Qin Fang realized that while the Demon Sect is underground, its ambitions remain vast, willing to spend many years planning in secret.

"Kitatori Kazuo has become a puppet of the Demon Sect, could this be part of their scheme?"

The old woman's strength is even superior to Kitatori Kazuo's, although not yet at the Master Level Peak, she's close enough.

Externally, Kitatori Kazuo seems formidable, but internally he has become this old woman's puppet.

This old woman represents the Baihua Demon Sect of the Demon Sect, and given Baihua's status in the Demon Sect, it's not hard to imagine a much stronger sect behind the scenes pulling strings.

"And they began planning thirty years ago, patiently waiting until now; this strategy is truly astonishing..."

Thinking of this, Qin Fang couldn't help but feel a surge of fear, as the people behind this are terrifying enough to make one's hair stand on end.

"Old Qin, what should we do next?"

Knowing the hidden secrets, Monk Wukong, who was somewhat aware of the insider story, had a grave expression.

He hails from Shaolin Temple, which has always been at the forefront against the powerful Demon Sect, standing firm as a beacon in the martial world.

Because of this, Shaolin Temple is extremely hostile towards Demon Sect disciples, who, in turn, desire nothing more than to annihilate Shaolin disciples...

Now, an old woman from the Demon Sect stands before them; what to do, what to do... this is indeed a troublesome matter.

"Kitatori Kazuo cannot be moved for now..."

Qin Fang's expression wasn't great either, but this decision can be settled for now.

They could kill anyone, but Kitatori Kazuo cannot be touched right now...

From the current known situation, Kitatori Kazuo is a puppet of the Demon Sect, not only strongly supported by Anping Shrine to ascend but also secretly pushed by the Demon Sect.

But if anything happens to Kitatori Kazuo, or if he is outright killed, it will certainly provoke the wrath of the Demon Sect!

Qin Fang isn't concerned about Anping Shrine itself; he even dared to assassinate Kitatori Kazuo, showing this point clearly.

But the Demon Sect, Qin Fang now doesn't dare to provoke... feeling deeply powerless against this colossal entity.

After all, this was a sect able to confront the united Righteous Alliance composed of Shaolin, Kunlun, Tang Sect, Snow Mountain, and numerous orthodox sects, and after decades of recuperation, its power has reached an absolute peak.

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Otherwise, the Demon Sect wouldn't have set its sights on the terribly powerful Dao Shen Sect...

It was precisely because of the Demon Sect's involvement that Qin Fang couldn't make a lethal move against Kitatori Kazuo; if they angered the Demon Sect, they would be in serious trouble.

If it really got to that point, Qin Fang's journey in Japan would be over, and they would have to retreat home to safety.

The disciples of the Demon Sect had always been few, but almost every one of them was an elite among elites, a genius among geniuses. They had a significant number of Grandmaster-level experts, and quite a few at the Great Grandmaster Level...

They were never short of the legendary Supreme experts either...

Qin Fang wasn't foolish enough to know that provoking the Demon Sect was not wise, and he would never intentionally court disaster.

"If we're not killing Kitatori Kazuo, then what are we staying here for?"

Ji Xiang, although not fully understanding what Qin Fang and Monk Wukong were worried about, felt sure that the Demon Sect was frighteningly formidable, making it unwise for them to act against Kitatori Kazuo now.

"If we can't kill Kitatori Kazuo, we can still target others..."

Qin Fang smiled mischievously as he spoke.

"Don't forget, our current identity is as people from Anping Shrine, and my current name is Kitatori Kojirou!"

Just the expression on Qin Fang's face was enough to show that he had some wicked plan in mind, and when he said this, every person in Ji Xiang's group had eyes gleaming.

"I've heard the people from Sakata Shrine are staying not far away?"

Qin Fang casually muttered, seeming like idle chatter yet with an underlying motive.

"Indeed, the people from Sakata Shrine are staying just over the mountain..."

Ji Xiang replied with a sly smile and a wandering gaze, having checked the situation over there thoroughly.

The Liangye Hot Spring Hotel was quite large, and the surrounding area was its domain. The complex was built along the mountain, divided into several sections.

Perhaps due to this priest trial, many experts had flocked to Sapporo City, and several factions had chosen to group closer to the Hokkaido Shrine at Liangye Hot Spring Hotel.

Being one of the Six Great Holy Lands, Anping Shrine and Sakata Shrine occupied the two best courtyards of Liangye Hot Spring Hotel...

As Qin Fang and the others had assumed the identity of Kitatori Kojirou, they naturally stayed on the Anping Shrine side, opposite Sakata Shrine's residence...

"Sakata Shrine seems to be much stronger than Anping Shrine! Their heir seems to be called... Tian Gang Chunyi!"

Qin Fang might not know much about the inner workings of Japan's Martial World and the secrets of the Six Great Holy Lands, but he was clear on the names of the heirs that the holy lands had introduced.

Now, among the young experts of the Six Great Holy Lands, Qin Fang had met Hattori Hisanari from Asama Shrine, Saintess Sakura from Hokkaido Shrine, and his fake identity's brother Kitatori Kazuo...

The remaining three were Tian Gang Chunyi from Sakata Shrine, Fukuda Motohumi from Mantian Shrine, and Inoue Yuichi from Dazhu Shrine!

Since Qin Fang couldn't reach Mantian Shrine and Dazhu Shrine for the time being, lacking suitable opportunities to act, Sakata Shrine, which was right next door, presented plenty of chances.

"Let's go scout the road... Although we can't move against Kitatori Kazuo for now, the identity of Kitatori Kojirou shouldn't be wasted!"

Determined, Qin Fang decided to go ahead with the plan, although with some adjustments since the original idea was foiled.

The target to act upon changed from Kitatori Kazuo from Anping Shrine to Tian Gang Chunyi from Sakata Shrine.

Thus, Qin Fang and his group cheerfully drove the hotel's electric cart towards the mountain, under the guise of "sightseeing."

Upon leaving, Qin Fang had specifically notified a certain expert from Anping Shrine staying behind, just in case of emergency.

Put simply, they planned to call for Anping Shrine's backup after causing major trouble...

Moreover, Qin Fang had conceived an even more malicious plan that was already in progress!

Kitatori Kojirou had been dead for several days, done personally by Qin Fang, and the body had been left to dry out...

Of course, the corpse was stored in the Props Box, and due to the freeze of time inside, when taken out, the body still retained a slight warmth, as if it had died not long ago.

With Kitatori Shinichi's love for Kitatori Kojirou and his stubborn character, once he discovered his beloved grandson dead at Sakata Shrine's hands, the outcome could be unimaginable.

Would there be a war between the Holy Lands? It was an unknown possibility.

And Qin Fang could take this opportunity to successfully escape, almost like reverting back to being invisible... fading into the crowd once more!

"Old Ji, I'll entrust this task to you..."

While Qin Fang and the others were leisurely heading up the mountain, Ji Xiang was assigned a task to scout ahead.

Compared with Anping Shrine, where they could gather intel internally, they knew next to nothing about Sakata Shrine.

Although Sakura had mentioned some insights, those were related to Kitatori Kazuo and didn't cover Tian Gang Chunyi...

But Qin Fang vaguely knew that Sakata Shrine ranked second among the Six Great Holy Lands, right after Hattori Hisanari's Asama Shrine. However, among the six candidates, Tian Gang Chunyi's ranking was lower than Hattori Hisanari's, only fifth, slightly better than Sakura.

Nonetheless, Qin Fang wouldn't underestimate Tian Gang Chunyi.

Having experienced Sakura's prowess, Qin Fang knew that none of these candidates were easy to deal with, and Tian Gang Chunyi was no exception!