

History's Strongest Son-In-Law - History's Strongest Son-In-Law Living With The In-Laws

Chapter 41: Tian Heng Vomits Blood, New Heights

“Ah...”

Tian Fourteen cried in agony. His cry gave people goosebumps.

Then, he fainted.

Instantly, everyone's face twitched.

Everyone watching the scene felt the pain. It was as though their limbs were the ones suffering from the pain.

The warriors of the Black Clothes Gang felt it especially strongly. The other foster sons of Tian Heng froze.

They were sympathetic!

They felt disappointed!

How loyal were Thirteen and Fourteen?

However, when something terrible happened, they were the first people who had to take the blame.

Nobody suspected that the gang leader, who was perceived to be a righteous man, was actually so cold.

Today, he sacrificed Thirteen and Fourteen without any hesitation; what would he do tomorrow then?

“Would it be us? Definitely!”

Thirteen and Fourteen were the foster sons who Tian Heng was the proudest of. As compared to them, the others were extremely insignificant.

When necessary, Tian Heng would definitely sacrifice anyone without hesitation.

Instantly, the image of Tian Heng became tarnished.

If he used to be someone they looked up to, now, his reputation dropped drastically.

Today's actions caused the trust and loyalty of the Black Clothes Gang to collapse.

To put it simply, when the trust and loyalty were lost, it would be difficult to lead a team.

Besides that, there were countless passers-by.

In the past, Tian Heng was an arrogant and powerful individual. However, he was forced by Shen Lang to break the legs of his foster sons?

His reputation was tarnished!

Moreover, the incident would soon spread throughout Xuanwu City. Then, many people's fear of Tian Heng would drop, and Tian Heng's reputation would immediately plummet.

Today's scene would be a disaster, a life humiliation of Tian Heng.

Tian Heng gritted his teeth. "Shen Lang, are you satisfied now?"

Shen Lang said, "This is about it. Gang Leader Tian, you must remember the words I said yesterday very clearly. I really mean it when I say something."

Yes, of course.

He remembered it so well that it was ingrained in his memory.

From now on, how much price must he pay to make up for the loss today?

He really did not expect that in his entire life, he would lose to this pretty boy, Shen Lang.

Who would expect Shen Lang to be able to accomplish that!

However, Tian Heng still had a chance.

As long as he sucked up to the Governor sufficiently, once he helped the Governors destroy the Earl, he would become the deputy City Lord. Everything was worth it.

As long as he had the power, nobody cared about loyalty.

However, he had to swallow the shame today.

He would wait for revenge!

Shen Lang said, "Gang Leader Tian, it is rather late, we are almost done with our business."

Tian Heng's expression changed drastically.

What? It has not ended yet?

"I already broke my foster son's legs in front of the public, and it has not ended yet?"

"Shen Lang, don't force me!" roared Tian Heng.

"Didn't I win 19,000 gold coins in your casino?" Shen Wan said, "give me the money. Soon, my wife will come and call me back for dinner."

Instantly, Tian Heng's blood boiled, and he was about to explode.

He couldn't pay up.

He had already lost about 10,000 gold coins. The inventory of the casino was almost depleted, where could he go to find so much money?

It was impossible for him to pay up unless the Earl came and asked for it personally.

Shen Lang said, "Of course, I am a cool person. What can I do if you cannot pay up? I can't force you to sell your wife. You can pay me 2000 gold coins first, and pay up the rest in the future. How's that?"

Shen Lang guessed that 2000 gold coins were the most the casino could pay at the moment.

Tian Heng did not know how someone could take things so extremely.

"Dear God, why don't you strike a person as shameless and despicable like Shen Lang with lightning?"

Shen Lang said, "Gang leader Tian, hand over 2000 gold coins and write a receipt for the rest of the money, then I will let this matter off for today. Or else I will be unable to control my hands and legs, and if I walk into your casino again, that would be awkward."

Then, Shen Lang looked at the sky and said, "It's late. My wife must be anxious. It will be bad if the food turns cold."

Tian Heng couldn't pay up the 2000 gold coins since it was the last straw to defeat him.

He would not pay up even if he quarreled with Shen Lang in front of the public.

However, at this moment, he heard a voice.

"Pay him..."

That was Zhang Pu's voice. It came from the second story of the casino.

He was standing upstairs, watching this scene unfold.

Zhang Pu said, "The Earl of Xuanwu's family has strict family rules. The Earl is old-fashioned and stubborn; the money earned from gambling is the filthiest of them all. If Shen Lang brings it back, the Earl of Xuanwu will be extremely disappointed in him and may probably beat him up."

Zhang Pu was right.

If Shen Lang lost money in the casino, it would be a great defamation to the Palace of the Earl's reputation.

However, if he won money and brought the money back, the reputation of the Palace of the Earl would be even further defamed.

"As a hundred-year aristocrat, why are you using such a despicable and lowly method to earn money?"

"How shameless has the Jin Family become?"

Tian Heng taunted about it and knew that Zhang Pu had a point. He said coldly, "Alright, I will pay!"

"Come, Young Master Shen Lang earned money in my casino, pass 2000 gold coins to him now."

A moment later, his foster sons carried a box over with 2000 gold coins inside.

"Where's the receipt?" asked Shen Lang.

"I will write it," replied Tian Heng.

However, everyone knew that the receipt would not give Shen Lang any money.

After writing the receipt, Tian Heng passed it to Shen Lang and said, "Young Master Shen, are you satisfied now?"

Shen Lang took over the receipt and looked at it carefully.

Then, he opened the box and took a handful of gold coins, enjoying the amazing feeling of holding the hefty coins.

The gold sparkled and nearly blinded the rest.

Tian Heng sneered, "Take it, take it, I will wait for the Earl of Xuanwu to break your legs."

After receiving the money, the prouder Shen Lang would suffer the most when he returned to the Palace of the Earl.

This would be an irreversible damage to the reputation of the Palace of the Earl. Tian Heng could imagine how angry and disappointed the Earl would be after seeing the gold coins.

However, Shen Lang's expression suddenly changed from a smirk to one that was extremely serious.

He said righteously and slightly emotionally, "Why will I take a mere 2000 gold coins seriously?"

"Tian Heng, how many people have become bankrupt after going to your casino and caused their families to break apart? How do you bear to watch that?

"I, Shen Lang, view wealth insignificantly. I came to your casino not to earn money, but to teach you a lesson and to take revenge on behalf of thousands of families, to be a righteous person.

"Father-in-law always told me to love citizens like my own son. Today, I didn't teach you a lesson for myself, but rather, it is for the entire population.

"I will not take any single cent. All of this money should be returned to the public!"

Shen Lang grabbed the gold coins and threw it towards the onlookers.

"Dear all, the money belongs to you."

Shen Lang threw the gold coins around.

Instantly, everyone nearby went crazy.

2000 gold coins, it was a considerable sum.

Shen Lang threw all of the money to the residents of Xuanwu City.

The few hundred people went crazy.

After ten minutes, Shen Lang finished throwing all the 2000 gold coins.

Was that... considered as throwing one's money around?

It felt so good!

"Hail Shen Lang!"

"All hail the Palace of the Earl!"

All of the residents nearby shouted.

Meanwhile, Tian Heng could not stop this from happening.

He was about to explode!

Not only did Shen Lang force him to break his foster sons' legs, but Shen Lang also used his money to buy people's trust?

Not only did Shen Lang insult his character, but he also insulted his intelligence?

Tian Heng had been holding it in all along. However, he could no longer stay in, and instantly, the anger exploded within his body.

With a sharp pain, he could no longer hold it in and spat out blood.

"Shen Lang, from now on, we are sworn enemies!"

"Sworn... enemies!"

When he said that, Tian Heng nearly fainted.

Meanwhile, when Zhang Pu and City Lord Liu Wuyan saw this, they were stunned.

"What on earth... he could act like that?! What a cunning pretty boy!"

Chapter 42: Beat the City Lord Too, Winner Takes All

Zhang Pu and City Lord Liu Wuyan looked at each other.

The City Lord definitely had to make a trip after hearing about such a significant event.

That was because... he was getting profits from the casino too.

However, with his identity, it was not good for him to show his face in public.

Zhang Pu looked at Shen Lang's handsome face and remembered how he chased him away.

That was merely a few days ago, but it seemed like a long time had passed.

Shen Lang was still a moron back then.

Why did he become so shrewd now?

"Sir City Lord, it's such a mess now, do you think Shen Lang could cause a disaster amidst this happiness?" asked Zhang Pu suddenly.

City Lord Liu Wuyan nodded and said, "Yes."

He was enemies with the Earl. Naturally, he would be enemies with Shen Lang.

Zhang Pu said, "Now, a few thousand people are picking up money around Shen Lang. If any stampede happens, it shouldn't be our problem, right?"

City Lord Liu Wuyan said, "Of course not."

Zhang Pu said, "If Shen Lang accidentally gets trampled and gets crippled, it should be a normal occurrence, right."

Liu Wuyan said, "Yes."

Looking at such a chaotic situation, if any stampede happened and injured Shen Lang, he could only blame it on himself.

If the Earl wanted to put the blame on someone, he could not possibly blame the thousands of people around. Didn't he love the citizens like his children?

Moreover, he could not blame it on Tian Heng and the rest. He had already fainted.

Liu Wuyan suddenly said, "Since it is a stampede, many people, up to hundreds, may die. By then, both Shen Lang and the Earl would be blamed for it."

Hearing that, Zhang Pu became stunned.

He wanted to make use of this opportunity to sabotage the Palace of the Earl for killing a hundred people?

Zhang Pu looked at City Lord Liu in shock.

He only wanted to take this chance to sabotage Shen Lang. However, the City Lord wanted to take this opportunity to kill dozens of lives and destroy the Palace of the Earl of Xuanwu.

F*ck, a scholar was indeed more cunning than a warrior!

Wasn't he afraid that karma will hit his descendants?

Then, both of them nodded.

They decided to make use of this rare opportunity to create a huge event to sabotage the Palace of the Earl.

Trampling on Shen Lang would just be done along the way.

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"All hail the Earl!"

“All hail Young Master Shen!”

The thousands of villagers were still cheering outside.

More than ten warriors, who were dressed in plain clothes, blended into the crowd from all directions.

They squeezed their way through the crowd to Shen Lang.

They would make use of the excuse of snatching the gold coins as an excuse to create chaos.

Then, they would push the four warriors around Shen Lang away, step on Shen Lang, and crush his balls.

After that, chaos and stampede would happen.

A disaster would take place and kill dozens of people. They would then put all the blame on the Palace of the Earl.

The plan was extremely cunning!

However, Shen Lang sensed the danger.

With such a crowd, it was effortless for a stampede to happen.

Moreover, more than ten strangers were squeezing their way through toward him.

Because of his memory, he could memorize many people's faces.

He turned towards the casino.

Today's event was so dramatic. If Tian Heng's supporters did not appear, it would be abnormal!

These ten people were obviously not Tian Heng's followers.

They wanted to create an even bigger disruption and disaster.

“Quiet, everyone, stop moving,” Shen Lang shouted.

At this moment, all the gold coins had been distributed. He was at his most potent and influential moment.

After hearing what Shen Lang said, the thousands of citizens stopped moving and looked at Shen Lang.

The ten warriors became very obvious since they were still moving closer to Shen Lang.

Shen Lang wanted to stop them now? It was too late!

Tian Heng had already vomited blood and fainted. Now, there was only Shen Lang left as a prominent figure.

Once a stampede happened, there would be massive casualties.

The person who was responsible for this would be only Shen Lang and the Palace of the Earl.

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Shen Lang took out the loan receipt from Tian Heng. 17,000 gold coins were written on it.

Although he couldn't get the money back, 17,000 gold coins was a very astonishing number.

"This is the 17,000 gold coins that Tian Heng owes me," Shen Lang said loudly, "I will not take any of it for myself.

"Where did Tian Heng's money come from? Where did the money from the casino come from?

"That money all came from the residents of Xuanwu city. Therefore, the 17,000 gold coins belong to all of you."

Shen Lang raised up his loan receipt and said, "This money is what Tian Heng owes everyone in Xuanwu City."

"I will pass this loan receipt to the City Lord and ask him to help all of you get back your money. I will not take any single cent or touch the money. I will use all of this money to help the poor families in Xuanwu City."

"All of you have to believe that City Lord Liu Wuyan would do justice for you," shouted Shen Lang.

After saying that, Liu Wuyan's expression changed.

"What the f*ck!"

How did the arrow point to him?

The ten over warriors who were pretending to be ordinary citizens continued to squeeze toward Shen Lang.

Step on Shen Lang and create a large-scale stampede...

However...

Shen Lang suddenly started to run.

He ran like a whirlwind to the casino before pushing it open.

City Lord Liu Wuyan did not say anything and wanted to flee from the back door.

“City Lord, so you are indeed here...”

Shen Lang purposely shouted as though people could not hear him. Then, he rushed forward and pulled his sleeves.

“Dear all, our City Lord is indeed here.”

He called the residents to head over his direction.

Instantly, the residents crowded over and saw Liu Wuyan.

The City Lord was in shock and looked extremely awkward.

Then, he rushed into the casino and pushed open the door.

Liu Wuyan, the City Lord of Xuanwu City, was standing inside in shock.

“F*ck, despicable Shen Lang, you were just saying that you wanted to look for me at the Residence of the City Lord, and now you barged in.”

At this instant, the warriors outside stopped moving.

If only Shen Lang was present, then a large-scale stampede would be the responsibility of Shen Lang and the Palace of the Earl.

However, if the City Lord was present...

Then sorry, but he was the most influential person in Xuanwu City. The responsibility would definitely be his and Shen Lang would not be the primary person to be blamed.

Therefore, the initial plan was put to a halt abruptly.

After such a huge event happened, the City Lord definitely had to go over as he... got money from the casino too.

City Lord Liu Wuyan did not expect Shen Lang to rush in and expose him in front of the residents.

After that, Shen Lang respectfully handed the loan receipt to City Lord Liu Wuyan and said earnestly, “City Lord, this loan receipt is the hope of many poor residents of the Xuanwu City. You view them as your own children, so I will hand over this responsibility to you.”

Then, the residents looked at Liu Wuyan.

“The 17,000 gold coins could save countless poor families,” Shen Lang said, “I am a person with a low profile, I don’t think I can get the money back. However, you, the City Lord, is the leader of the city. If you are willing to help these people get back their money, then Tian Heng will be forced to return the money.”

When he said that...

Tian Heng, who initially regained slight consciousness, nearly fainted again.

The loan receipt of 17,000 gold coins was written anyhow.

He couldn’t return the money.

Unless the Earl came over to get the money. However, even if the sky fell, the Earl would not come over to get the money.

Therefore, the loan receipt was merely a useless piece of paper.

Yet now...

He had to pay?

Zhang Pu and Liu Wuyan began to tremble.

This... Although this casino looked like Tian Heng owned it, most of the profits went to the two of them.

Tian Heng’s loss was their loss more than ever.

The City Lord’s eyes twitched, and he smiled and said, “Rest assured, I will definitely not let you down.”

“I will donate 17,000 gold coins to the poor families of Xuanwu City. Meanwhile, I want to give this task to the City Lord officially,” said Shen Lang, “do you promise that you will help the countless poor residents get back the money?”

What will the City Lord do?

Could he say no?

He was being watched by the public!

Shen Lang had brought this issue up a notch and called the money the live-saving money for certain families.

If the City Lord did not obey, then rumors of him would spread about how Tian Heng and the City Lord were in cahoots to protect the casino.

Why else would the City Lord hide in the casino?

By then, the person who lost his reputation would not only be Tian Heng.

The City Lord smiled, but he felt terrible.

The snake's bite sank deep into his flesh.

"Shen Lang, you are like a poisonous snake!"

However, there were countless pairs of eyes watching them. Not only must the City Lord maintain his composure, but he also had to smile.

"Of course. Rest assured, Young Master Shen." Liu Wuyan, the City Lord, smiled earnestly.

"Thank you, City Lord," Shen Lang bowed down and said, "it is getting late. I will take my leave first. Goodbye, City Lord."

In the admiration of countless people and several expressions of hatred, Shen Lang boarded the luxurious carriage and left.

He had won today's battle extremely satisfyingly.

From today onward, he would leave behind a legend in Xuanwu City.

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In the Palace of the Earl of Xuanwu...

The Earl walked back and forth in the hall anxiously and looked out occasionally.

"Jin Zhong, is Shen Lang not back yet?"

Jin Zhong replied, "Not yet, master."

The Earl said again, "The person who went to check up on him has not returned too?"

Jin Zhong replied, "No, master."

The Earl said, "Are there enough people sent to protect Shen Lang and act accordingly in case of emergency?"

Jin Zhong said, "There are more than ten people, it should be enough,"

The Earl looked up at the sun in the sky and was even more anxious.

He had already regretted his decision to let him go, although he did not say it out loud.

He should not have let Shen Lang leave. That brat did not know his limits and rushed forward to go against Tian Heng. It would not be wrong if he had lost, but the worry was that he would suffer a significant disadvantage.

Moreover, Tian Heng had Zhang Pu and City Lord Liu Wuyan behind him.

He was afraid that not only would Shen Lang lose but also create trouble.

He had yet to return. He probably created trouble.

Chapter 43: Son-in-law, You Are Outstanding!

The Earl really regretted it.

He was still too concerned about his image. He did not want to break his promise and, therefore, let Shen Lang leave.

However, who knew that Shen Lang would finish memorizing the entire book overnight? He could only unground Shen Lang.

The Earl's wife comforted him and said, "Hubby, there's no loss for young people like him. Moreover, Tian Heng would probably not dare to hurt Lang'er; he can't possibly beat him up."

The Earl said, "Tian Heng has Liu Wuyan and Zhang Pu as his supporters. One of them is old and cunning, while the other is extremely cruel. Shen Lang is a young brat who doesn't know the severity of problems. He thinks he is merely facing a gang leader. I am not afraid of him losing, but I am worried that he will fall into their trap and cause greater trouble."

Of course, the Earl had not completed his sentence.

That would happen once Shen Lang fell into Tian Heng and the others' trap; he would cause the Palace of the Earl to suffer with him.

However, he would definitely not say this out loud. Shen Lang was merely a young man. He could not bear the blame for this.

The Earl's wife said, "Youngsters have to explore to realize the evilness of the world. This experience will make it easier for you to discipline him in the future. Lang'er is a man with ideas. He has to figure out things by himself; you cannot forcefully tell him to do things."

The Earl said coldly, "Then I shall let him suffer greatly so that he can learn his lesson in the future."

The Earl's wife said, "He is still young, I hope that he knows not to go overboard and think that just because he has gotten the favor from the Governor, he can afford to offend us."

According to the Earl, if Shen Lang wanted to go against Tian Heng in Xuanwu City, he would definitely suffer terribly.

That was because he was not only facing Tian Heng but also Zhang Pu, the Xu Family, and Liu Wuyan.

The only question would be how much he would suffer.

Liu Wuyan was definitely smarter and knew his limits. He would definitely not intentionally take things to the extreme to anger the Palace of the Earl.

Once Shen Lang lost and returned, the Earl would take that opportunity to teach him a lesson, in case he did not know his limits and continue making the same mistakes in the future.

However, at this moment, a figure ran in quickly and knelt on one knee. "Greetings, master and madam."

He was an expert of the Palace of the Earl, Jin Hui. There were over ten people who the Earl sent to protect Shen Lang secretly. Jin Hui was the leader.

The Earl said, "How is it? How did Shen Lang suffer? Did Tian Heng hurt him?"

Jin Hui gave a strange expression and said, "Master, madam, young master... won completely! He nearly made Tian Heng bankrupt. He made him break Tian Thirteen's legs and Tian Fourteen's arms and legs in front of the public. Moreover, he caused Tian Heng to vomit blood."

After hearing that, everyone became stunned.

The Earl and his wife looked at each other for a while before saying, "How... how is this possible?"

"Exactly, how was that possible?"

Shen Lang was alone and had to face a prominent character like Tian Heng, who had many supporters behind him.

Xuanwu City was their territory.

"Zhang Pu and Liu Wuyan did not interfere?" asked the Earl.

Jin Hui replied, "Zhang Pu and Liu Wuyan were cunning. They wanted to hurt the young master during the chaos by creating a stampede and then putting the blame on the young master and the Palace of the Earl of Xuanwu."

After hearing that, the Earl and his wife stood up immediately.

“Were the two of them really so crazy?”

The Palace of the Earl had already been very well-behaved and did not interfere in any regional affairs.

“So how did it end?” the Earl said coldly.

He could not imagine how Shen Lang, a live-in son-in-law, could face such a dangerous situation.

Jin Hui said, “We were already ready to save the young master. However, we did not expect him to turn the situation around, and not only did he salvage the crisis, but he also sabotaged the City Lord, causing him to forcefully smile and swallow the embarrassment.”

The Earl could not believe that and asked, “What’s happening, tell me the details.”

Then, Jin Hui said the entire process of how Shen Lang won in the casino.

“What?” The Earl was mad. “He dares... dares to go to the casino? And he won so much money to boot? Did he take the money back? If he dares to take the money back, the reputation of the Palace of the Earl would be ruined.”

If Shen Lang took the money he won from the casino back, the rumor would spread throughout Yue State very quickly.

The Palace of Xuanwu’s Earl was about to go bankrupt, so they needed their son-in-law to win money in a casino.

That would be detrimental to the reputation of the Palace of the Earl.

Jin Hui shook his head and said, “No, the young master did not take any gold coins back. He distributed all the money to the citizens of Xuanwu City. Moreover, he said he did not gamble because of money but to fight for justice and for the residents of Xuanwu City. Tian Heng’s casino caused countless people’s families to break apart. He wanted to return the money back to the residents.

“He said that the Earl viewed the people like his own children. He was inspired by you and could not bear to see the citizens getting sabotaged by Tian Heng and, therefore, stepped in to help. He did that purely because of justice.

“Countless people were shouting ‘all hail the Earl,’ and they viewed the young master as a hero.”

Urgh!

The Earl was speechless.

This brat took this opportunity to help build a reputation for the Palace of the Earl?

The Earl's wife was amazed. She could imagine how charismatic Shen Lang was.

Good son-in-law!

Good boy!

After that, Jin Hui elaborated on the details about how Shen Lang managed to salvage the crisis and sabotaged City Lord Liu Wuyan.

Jin Hui continued, "Young master forced Tian Heng to write a loan receipt which wrote 17,000 gold coins. He took the receipt, rushed into the casino, and passed it to the City Lord, asking him to claim the money from Tian Heng and pass the money to the poor in Xuanwu City.

"By doing that, not only did he destroy Liu Wuyan and Zhang Pu's scheme of creating a stampede, but he also diverted the problem to the City Lord.

"Tian Heng vomited blood on the spot."

The Earl and his wife could imagine how pissed off Liu Wuyan was, but they also knew that he could not do anything.

After a long time, the Earl said, "This brat is really shrewd."

His wife said, "The evil needs to be taught a lesson by another evil. I think Lang'er's personality is great. He is so filial."

They did not expect Shen Lang to go against Tian Heng alone.

Not only did he not suffer any loss, but he even won.

Tian Heng, a strong regional power, had his reputation forcefully ruined as he vomited blood.

City Lord Liu Wuyan was also sabotaged.

They really did not expect their son-in-law to be so amazing!

The Earl was proud and relieved but also irritated at the same time.

"Although the bastard won, it was too risky."

The Earl was still worried.

"Moreover, this bastard would probably become more daring in the future," said the Earl, "no, I have to take this opportunity to suppress his arrogance. Dear, you have to act along with me, or else this bastard would become too arrogant."

The Earl's wife said, smiling, "Don't worry, hubby, I will punish this brat with you."

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When the sun was about to set, Shen Lang returned.

He discreetly entered the Palace of the Earl and was about to sprint to his room.

He definitely could not bump into his father-in-law.

He had won today, but after all, he went to a casino. It was a daring move.

Moreover, at the critical moment, although he won, his father-in-law was a conservative individual and would not take risks.

Therefore, his stubborn father-in-law would definitely punish him.

Shen Lang did not desire to run into this situation and secretly hid in his room. He wanted to pretend to be ill for a few days.

However...

Just as Shen Lang opened his door, he saw his father-in-law's handsome but strict face.

Shen Lang was speechless.

"Father-in-law, as an Earl, you waited for me behind the doors?"

"That's humiliating for you!"

"Oh, the gambling god is back?" said the Earl expressionlessly.

"Father-in-law, since when did you learn to speak like that?"

Shen Lang was panicking internally but appeared calm and obedient.

He did not say anything and stood upright.

"Father-in-law, I did something wrong!"

The Earl roared, "Shen Lang, you are really daring. You said you know how to win against Tian Heng, I thought you would use some smart moves, but you went to the casino. You are the first person from the Palace of the Earl who entered such a..."

Before the Earl could finish his sentence...

Shen Lang bowed and said, "Father-in-law, I will not do that in the future anymore."

“Do you know your actions today...” The Earl pointed at Shen Lang with trembling hands.

Shen Lang went forward and placed the Earl’s finger on his forehead.

“Father-in-law, I will never step into the casino again,” said Shen Lang sincerely, “it is all my fault. Please don’t get angry and hurt your body.”

“You, you...” The Earl trembled in anger.

“What a brat... since you knew that you made a mistake, why must you continuously stop me from completing my scolding.”

Shen Lang was acting obedient but actually had terrible motives.

“Father-in-law, you are right, I will definitely follow your instructions in the future!” said Shen Lang.

At this moment, his mother-in-law walked forward and calmed the Earl by patting his chest continuously. “Alright, alright, stop being angry. Lang’er is still young; you can speak to him nicely. Moreover, he had good intentions but used the wrong method. Stop scolding him.”

The Earl was speechless. He had not even started scolding Shen Lang but was already stopped.

What did his wife say earlier? She would scold the brat together with him to prevent him from becoming rebellious in the future.

The Earl’s wife remembered what she had promised the Earl earlier on and pretended to be strict, “Lang’er, you are not allowed to enter the casino in the future. If you dare to go again, I will punish you, understand?”

“Yes, mother-in-law!” Shen Lang’s tone became nicer.

His mother-in-law said, “Alright, Lang’er, you must be hungry, come and eat.”

“Okay!” Shen Lang said.

His father-in-law was speechless. That... that was it?!

Chapter 44: Wife, I Am Wrong!

“Dear, a kind mother would bring up a son who fails!”

“However, you were meaner to your biological son, you hit him whenever he did something wrong.”

“Why aren’t you treating your son-in-law the same way?”

“Just because he is handsome? Just because he is good at sucking up to you?”

Seeing how Shen Lang looked extremely obedient in front of his mother-in-law, the Earl became furious.

“You brat, do you think I can’t do anything to you?”

The Earl said, “From today onward, Shen Lang, you are grounded again.”

Ah?

Shen Lang became stunned. Wasn’t he just released?

The Earl said, “You can move around in the palace, but you cannot leave the palace. Do you get it?”

Shen Lang said nervously, “Father-in-law, when... until when will I be grounded?”

The Earl said, “Until I can be assured that you won’t cause trouble.”

This condition was too vague.

Shen Lang said, “Father-in-law, why don’t you say a condition? Once I fulfill it, I can be released. For example...”

“No such thing as memorizing or studying. There shall be no conditions...” said the Earl hurriedly.

Once he heard the word “condition,” the Earl remembered some bad memories.

Then, the Earl said, “Stop trying to find ways to get out. From today onward, you shall stay inside the palace. I will release you when I feel that you won’t go out and create trouble.”

“Father-in-law, you have changed, you used to be very straightforward! Why are you so scheming now?”

The Earl had learned his lesson!

Yesterday, he just grounded Shen Lang and asked him to memorize “The Family Instructions of Master Jin.” He thought that he could keep Shen Lang in his house for a month or two.

However, who knew that he would finish memorizing it overnight. The Earl had to let him go because he could not break his promise.

However, he did not expect Shen Lang to cause such huge trouble when he left.

... Even though he won and did an excellent job.

However...

It was too dangerous!

The Earl had always been conservative and could not take risks.

Moreover, he was anxious that Tian Heng would attack Shen Lang.

However, he would definitely not say that out.

If Shen Lang knew that he was worried about Shen Lang, Shen Lang would become even more arrogant!

"Listen up, everyone. From today onward, the young master shall not leave the Palace of the Earl. If you see him leave, make sure to pull him back, get it?" said the Earl loudly, "until I release him."

"Roger!" everyone replied in unison.

Then, they looked at Shen Lang with a strange gaze.

They were definitely gloating over his misery.

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The Earl's son, Jin Mucong, was reading a military book.

He was beaten by his mother that morning. He felt that he was beaten because he read the book "Classics of Poetry."

That was because that book had many poems about boy-girl relationships.

Therefore, he decided to read about the military instead.

That should be a correct move.

"Father and mother definitely hope that I can take-over them in the future. Therefore, I should please them if I read a military book."

Indeed, after a short while, his parents walked in.

"Father, mother, I am reading a military book. I will definitely follow our ancestor's words and study well!" said the son of the Earl.

"Stop reading, get down on your stomach!" said the Earl's wife.

After a moment, the couple pressed the fatty onto the chair.

The man used a whip while the woman used a ruler.

They began to hit him.

“Ah, why? Did I make a mistake because I read a military book? Why am I beaten up for this?” howled the son.

He had really done nothing wrong and was reading the book obediently, although he did not absorb anything.

Why were they beating him again?

“Ah, ah, father, mother, why are you beating me again?”

The Earl and his wife did not reply to him. They left after the beating.

Their son was left speechless.

In fact, the Earl and his wife came over to beat him up because they felt like it.

That was because the wittier Shen Lang was, the more stupid their son appeared to be.

The Earl wanted to punish Shen Lang initially, but before he could scold him, he was stopped. Moreover, his wife was biased and helped Shen Lang. He definitely had to vent his anger somewhere.

Therefore, he vented his anger on his biological son.

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Shen Lang returned to his room.

Mulan, who was wearing her armor, was standing in his room.

“You’re back, have your dinner,” said Mulan.

Shen Lang was stunned and said, “Mulan, why are you wearing armor at home?”

Mulan said, “If anything happens to you in the city, I will rush over with the soldiers.”

Shen Lang was astonished and felt a gush of warmth within him.

Although Mulan sounded extremely emotionless, Shen Lang was extremely touched when he heard that.

“Come, I will remove your armor for you and let’s eat,” said Shen Lang gently.

Mulan was stunned. Then, she opened her arms and allowed Shen Lang to remove her armor.

“Thank you, dear, for waiting for me at home and worrying about me,” said Shen Lang.

Mulan said, “No worries. Today, you won, and I am pleasantly surprised. However, before doing anything in the future, you have to think twice. Think about father, mother, and me. We are all worried about you.”

“I know.” Shen Lang was even more touched and hugged Mulan gently with both arms.

Mulan was astonished and stiffened up a bit. However, she did not stop him.

That was because Shen Lang’s hug was really gentle and full of love.

“Hubby, where are you putting your hand around me?”

Shen Lang immediately pulled his hand back and spoke with a straight face, “Sorry, dear, you can’t blame me. Your skin is too smooth, I didn’t do that on purpose.”

“Hmm, never again,” said Mulan.

Shen Lang said earnestly, “I swear, if this happens again, you can chop off my hand.”

After three seconds...

Mulan grabbed Shen Lang’s hands and said thoughtfully, “Hubby, a man should keep his promises. I think I should chop off both of your hands.”

Shen Lang said, “Dear, I was simply joking. How can you take a man’s words seriously? You would rather believe that a 100-year-old man was cheating on his wife than whatever a man says.”

Mulan looked at her husband’s handsome face and could not believe how thick his skin was.

“Let’s eat!” Mulan left Shen Lang and went to the table.

Mulan was confident that if Shen Lang was not handsome, she would have beaten him.

After the meal, Mulan washed up and took a sip of rose tea.

Instantly, her mouth became aromatic. However, Shen Lang could not touch her.

Then, she wore her armor again.

“Dear, where are you going at such a late time?” asked Shen Lang.

Mulan replied, "I am leading the cavalry to patrol the sea borders."

Shen Lang could not bear to see that.

Mulan said, "Hubby, stay at home and don't create troubles."

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In the Earl's son's room, the fat boy was being tutored.

It was a Mathematics lesson.

The imperial examination did not have a Mathematics examination. Therefore, even though Mathematics was one of the six skills of a scholar, most of the scholars did not study it.

However, aristocrats placed emphasis on this subject, especially the old generation of aristocrats. That was because it was advantageous and made one appear smarter.

Jin Mucong sighed. "Teacher Xu, why am I suffering like this? In the past, when my parents beat me, they had a reason. Now, they stopped giving me a reason."

The 'Teacher Xu' he was addressing was Xu Wenzhao, the most famous Mathematician in Xuanwu city.

Xu Wenzhao had an essential role in the Palace of the Earl. Not only was he the Mathematics tutor for Jin Mulan and Jin Mucong, but he was also responsible for the expenses and trade of the Palace of the Earl.

He was one of the Earl's assistants and the manager of the Palace of the Earl. He had been in charge of the monetary issues of the Palace of the Earl for more than twenty years.

"Teacher Xu, do you think I am not the biological son of my parents?" asked the Earl's son.

Xu Wenzhao smiled and continued his work.

His job was significant. The expenses and the income of the Palace of the Earl had to go through him.

Therefore, he had a rather important role in the Palace of the Earl.

Xu Wenzhao stopped writing, and Shen Lang's face flashed past his mind. Instantly, a terrible thought flashed past his mind.

"Whoever tries to stop me is my enemy!"

After hesitating for a while, Xu Wenzhao said, "The reason why the Earl hit you is because of Shen Lang."

The Earl's son was shocked. "Why?"

Xu Wenzhao said, "Shen Lang had a bad reputation. He was evicted from the Xu Family because he had stolen the Xu Family's money and messed around with their servants. Then, he was married to Miss Mulan because she chose him, and the Earl could not object. He is annoyed and hence blamed it on you for being useless for making Miss Mulan marry a person with a bad reputation. That was why he hit you for the past few days."

Jin Mucong sat upright and said, "So that was the reason!"

Xu Wenzhao continued, "The Earl hit you again today because Shen Lang ruined the reputation of the Palace of the Earl by entering the casino. However, he won against Tian Heng, and since he was a live-in son-in-law, the Earl could not hit him. Therefore, he vented his anger on you."

The Earl's son was mad. He stood up and said, "Well, I finally found the reason why I was hit. It was because of that brat."

At this moment, the boy attendant beside Xu Wenzhao said, "Master, I saw Bing'er crying secretly today, and she didn't tell me the reason when I asked her."

The Earl's son said with more frustration, "It must be Shen Lang. Back then, he messed around with the Xu Family's servants; now, he is doing the same to our servants! How can a mere countryside man do this to me? I will not let you off."

Then, he rushed out.

"Shen Lang, I will kill you."

Then, the Earl's son asked, "How's Shen Lang's fighting skills?"

Xu Wenzhao replied, "He does not know martial arts. He is weak and pants after walking."

The Earl's son was furious and shouted, "Come, let's go and teach him a lesson."

Then, Jin Mucong brought several people and rushed to Shen Lang's place angrily.

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Chapter 45: Misery of the Son of Earl! Forgiving Handsome Shen

When Mulan left, Shen Lang was left in the study room alone.

He could not be grounded. He had to find a way to ask his father-in-law to return him his freedom.

That was because he had something significant to do in a few days.

However, when facing his father-in-law, he could not forcefully take measures. He had to plan appropriately.

At this moment, Xiao Bing ran in speedily and said, “Young master, bad news, you have to hide. The son of the Earl has brought people over to beat you up.”

Shen Lang was shocked.

The fatty Jin Mucong?

Come over to beat me up?

Xiao Bing said, “Young master, hurry up and hide. I will tell Madam.”

Shen Lang said, “No, don’t tell mother-in-law about this.”

Xiao Bing said, “Young master, the son of the Earl is a bastard. He doesn’t care about the things he does. If he beat you up, you will still suffer; even if the Earl punishes him in the future, it will be in vain.”

Shen Lang said, “Alright, I know what to do, you can head out first.”

“Young master, please don’t make foolish mistakes!”

Hearing that Shen Lang was not planning to hide, Xiao Bing stomped her foot.

“Hmph, you don’t appreciate my help; I shall not care about you then.”

Xiao Bing glared at Shen Lang and ran out. She decided to report to the Madam nevertheless.

The son of the Earl was a simple-minded man and did not know how to control himself. If he went overboard and injured Shen Lang, it would be terrible.

When Xiao Bing left, Shen Lang smiled.

If he could not deal with a fatty and had to hide, then he would not be able to continue hanging around in the Palace of the Earl.

Although he had not gotten in touch with Jin Mucong before, he knew him sufficiently well.

He was a simple-minded man and liked to boast.

It was effortless to deal with a person like him.

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Shen Lang held his calligraphy brush and started writing names on the white wall.

All these names were written with style and looked intimidating.

After a few minutes, he heard a few sounds.

The voice could be heard before the people were seen.

“Shen Lang, come out now. If I don’t beat you until your teeth fall off, I shall forgo my surname.”

“As a mere live-in son-in-law, you are so brazen. How dare you bully the servant of the Palace of the Earl? Xiao Bing is like my sister; how dare you bully her? Do you want to die!?”

Jin Mucong growled. He wanted to vent his anger on Shen Lang.

It was all because of Shen Lang.

Soon after, Shen Lang saw a fatty run in angrily as he held a metal stick.

More than ten people were guarding outside the door.

The son of the Earl wanted to beat Shen Lang, but they did not dare to do so. However, they could guard the exits for the son of the Earl.

After entering, Jin Mucong saw Shen Lang writing words on the wall while standing on a tall stool. He was writing the names of many people.

“Shen Lang, what are you doing? Get down now!”

Shen Lang continued. He would definitely not go down since he would get beaten if he went down.

Shen Lang said, “I am writing names.”

There were indeed many names on the wall.

Tian Thirteen, Tian Fourteen, Tian Heng, Lin Mo, Xu Qianqian, Zhang Pu, Xu Guangyun...

Jin Mucong was curious and asked, “Why are you writing their names?”

Shen Lang said, “These are all my enemies. I am afraid that I will forget, so I am writing their names on the wall. This helps to remind me to remember these enemies and for me to take revenge.”

After that, Shen Lang took out a calligraphy brush dipped into red ink and drew a massive cross on the names of Tian Thirteen and Tian Fourteen. The cross was extremely eye-catching like blood.

“What do you mean by the cross?” asked the son of the Earl.

Shen Lang replied, “I have already settled my grudges with them.”

The son of the Earl was curious about how big the grudges were that Shen Lang had to write their names on the wall.

Shen Lang said, “I have to remind myself every single moment to take revenge. Every morning, I will recite their names three times. Before I sleep at night, I will recite their names three times too.”

The son of the Earl shuddered uncontrollably.

The grudge must be so intense for him to do that. He must hate them to his core.

“What grudges do you have with Tian Thirteen?” asked the son of the Earl, “did he kill your parents or do something to your wife?”

These were the only reasons that caused Shen Lang to be like that.

Jin Mucong had heard about Tian Thirteen and Tian Fourteen before. They were powerful people with excellent martial arts skills.

Shen Lang said coldly, “Tian Thirteen had once threatened me, and I asked Tian Heng to break his legs. His legs are now broken into fragments.”

Ah?!

The son of the Earl shuddered even more and said, “What about Tian Fourteen?”

Shen Lang snarled, “He is more detestable. My grudge with him is extremely deep. Not only did he threaten me, but he also pointed his finger at my head. I hate people who point their fingers at my head. Therefore, both his arms and legs were broken.”

“Ah...” Jin Mucong saw that his metal stick was pointing at Shen Lang and quickly kept it.

He was utterly astonished.

Just... just because of that...

“Shen Lang, you wrote their names on the wall and read them three times every morning and night...”

“Just how narrow-minded Shen Lang is?”

“Are you, are you a devil?”

“I have never seen someone who bears grudges like you.”

He saw Shen Lang look at himself from head to toe and moved his hand that was holding the calligraphy brush.

Jin Mucong asked, “Why did you leave such a huge space on the wall? Why don’t you fill the entire wall with all their names?”

Shen Lang smiled coldly. “We have long lives. Who knows if I will have more enemies? I kept this space so that I can add on to the list.”

The son of the Earl shuddered.

Tian Thirteen and Tian Fourteen merely threatened him and pointed their fingers at him and had their arms and legs broken.

“If I hit Shen Lang, won’t he kill me?”

Moreover, looking at Shen Lang’s posture, he seemed to be ready to write Jin Mucong’s name on the wall.

Shen Lang asked, “Why are you looking for me?”

“Oh, nothing, nothing...” The son of the Earl threw away his metal stick and smiled. “I am too full from dinner, so I came out for a stroll.”

Shen Lang said, “I thought I heard someone say they wanted to beat me up?”

“No, who shouted that? Who dares to beat the young master of the Palace of the Earl? Do they want to die!?” said the son of the Earl, “er... you can continue writing the names. I... I will take my leave first.”

Then, Jin Mucong fled. His movements were so agile that it was a complete contrast from his massive figure.

Shen Lang laughed uncontrollably. What a stupid guy.

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After Jin Mucong ran out, he bumped into the person he was most afraid of.

His mother, the wife of the Earl.

“Well, you really dare to come and beat Shen Lang, huh?” said the wife of the Earl angrily. She pinched his ears and dragged him out. “If I don’t beat you to death today, then you are not my son.”

The son of the Earl shouted in pain, “Mom, mom, I didn’t beat him, I didn’t beat him yet.”

“Didn’t beat him yet, that means you were planning to?” said the wife of the Earl, “looks like I haven’t beaten you hard enough today. Rest assured, Jin Mucong, I will grant you your wish. Your brother-in-law just did the Palace of the Earl justice today and you want to beat him up? I don’t have a son like you.”

The son of the Earl said, “Mother, how did you come so quickly? How did you know?”

The wife of the Earl said, “Xiao Bing came and told me about it. I didn’t believe it initially, but now I know that you are so rebellious and daring.”

The son of the Earl cried.

“Xiao Bing, I came over to beat Shen Lang to do you justice.”

“However, you betrayed me.”

“I treat you like a sister, but you treat me like an enemy.”

Jin Mucong cried out loud.

“Heavens, what mistake did I make in the past; why do you have to punish me like this?”

He knew that he would probably be crippled for half a month after this beating.

He knew his mother well enough. Although she looked extremely graceful and gentle, Jin Mucong knew that there was a tiger within her. Moreover, she was skilled in martial arts.

If she said that she would beat him up until he was crippled, she meant it.

At this moment, Shen Lang walked out.

“Mother-in-law.”

The wife of the Earl changed her tone and expression immediately. Earlier on, she was as harsh as winter when talking to her son, but when talking to Shen Lang, she was like the warmth in the spring.

“Lang’er, rest assured, I will teach him a lesson for you.”

Shen Lang said, “He merely came to chat with me earlier on, We didn’t quarrel or fight. Please forgive him for this once.”

“Really?” said the wife of the Earl gently.

“Yes,” replied Shen Lang.

“Pa!”

The wife of the Earl slapped the back of Jin Mucong’s head; he almost fainted from the slap.

Shen Lang was wondering if the son of the Earl became stupid because of the beating of his mother.

“Look, your brother-in-law is so nice to you; he even helped you. You bastard,” said the wife of the Earl, “however, Lang’er, you don’t have to help him. I will have to beat him today to teach him a lesson. In the future, he will then know to respect you.”

After saying that, the wife of the Earl started beating her son up.

She slapped him non-stop.

Although she slapped him at the spots that had more flesh, Jin Mucong was trembling and was about to collapse from the beating.

Shen Lang became pained after watching it.

“Mother, please forgive me, please forgive me!”

Shen Lang went forward and stopped her. “Mother-in-law, please stop, take care of your body. How about allowing me to talk to him instead?”

The wife of the Earl instantly changed her gaze to a gentle gaze when she looked at Shen Lang.

“Lang’er, you are indeed filial and forgiving.”

Then, she said to Shen Lang, “Lang’er, you are his brother-in-law; help me punish him. If he doesn’t listen, you can hit him. I will go and sleep first.”

The wife of the Earl turned and left.

Jin Mucong heaved a sigh of relief.

He managed to survive; it was not easy!

Who knew...

The wife of the Earl suddenly turned and pinched Jin Mucong’s ear. “You dare to sigh? What do you mean? Are you trying to rebel?”

Shen Lang was about to cry after watching this. It must not have been easy for Jin Mucong to survive until today.

