

## Overlord 751

### Chapter 751: I Advised Her

In the tent, Tong Yunshu looked at Qin Huai'an with a resolute gaze and fearlessly asked, "Senior, did you call me here to persuade me to back out of this emotional competition?"

Qin Huai'an was silent.

Indeed, that was his intention.

Tong Yunshu said, "If it's about this matter, my stance is very clear. I will not give up on Yang Fei of my own accord. From the beginning to the end, in my heart, Yang Fei has always been a man worth fighting for.

I see your granddaughter, Qin Yanyang, as a rival, and whoever Yang Fei ends up with will be determined by our respective abilities to win him over.

Although from your elderly perspective, what I'm doing may seem somewhat unethical, when faced with someone I like, I won't give up so generously.

What Qin Yanyang considers to be his faults, I, Tong Yunshu, do not see as significant errors. She cannot tolerate the slightest flaw, but I, Tong Yunshu, can forgive certain shortcomings and imperfections in Yang Fei. I love him for his virtues, and therefore, I can tolerate his mistakes."

Qin Huai'an stared blankly at the woman before him, suddenly feeling worried.

This woman's appeal to men was simply too strong.

She wouldn't nitpick over the mistakes made by men, but instead, she would always remember their good points.

If he were Yang Fei, he might also feel that being with Tong Yunshu would be more comfortable.

Qin Huai'an started to worry about Qin Yanyang.

With Qin Yanyang's stubbornness and tenacity, she definitely wouldn't take the initiative to make amends with Yang Fei, and she wouldn't forgive him even if he apologized and admitted his wrongdoings.

In this case, it seemed impossible for the couple to mend their relationship.

And Yang Fei wasn't lacking in women.

Not to mention whether other females would be attracted to Yang Fei's charm, just Tong Yunshu alone, if she devoted herself to staying by Yang Fei's side, after a long time, he might slowly let go of his marital feelings toward Qin Yanyang.

Qin Huai'an's brow furrowed, his heart filled with concern.

Ever since that day when he was ambushed, Qin Huai'an had stepped into the Half-step Divine Travel Realm, and with him holding a high position and being in the Innate Realm for many years, he exuded a mysterious and powerful aura to others.

Seeing him frown, Tong Yunshu felt an inexplicable sense of oppression.

A chill ran through her heart, and she thought Qin Huai'an might want to kill her, becoming nervous as the True Yuan in her body began to circulate on its own.

Qin Huai'an noticed the flow of True Yuan in Tong Yunshu's body and came back to his senses. Seeing her extremely nervous, he couldn't help but give a bitter smile, "Relax, girl, I'm not so petty as to lay a hand on someone of your generation.

As you said, what you're doing may seem morally wrong, but it's not against the law."

Tong Yunshu breathed a sigh of relief, thought of the laws of the Divine Continent, and gave a bitter smile, "If we were to really investigate, I have also broken the law, as Qin Yanyang is a military person."

Qin Huai'an was taken aback, then let out a wry laugh.

Indeed, his granddaughter was a military person. Her marriage being interfered by a third party, in a strict sense, meant that the third party could be held legally responsible.

But clearly, Qin Yanyang would not do that, and neither would the Qin family.

They could not afford to lose face.

As proud as Qin Yanyang, the fact that she had been cheated on was already a great humiliation, but her pride and confidence made her feel that a loss was a loss, and she would admit it as such. She would never seek retribution for such a matter, as she was not one to brood over grievances.

"Don't worry, the Qin family is not so petty, and we will not hold you accountable. Moreover, with Yanyang's character, she wouldn't make things difficult for you," Qin Huai'an said, to alleviate any fears Tong Yunshu might have.

Tong Yunshu fell silent.

Ever since she was rescued, Yang Fei had been telling her about the quarrels between him and Qin Yanyang, and deep inside she felt both happy and a twinge of guilt.

But at this moment, the guilt in her heart outweighed her happiness.

No matter what, for the marriage between Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, she, Tong Yunshu, was truly an interloper.

If it weren't for her, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang definitely wouldn't have fallen out, and their union was seemingly made by heaven.

But despite the guilt, Tong Yunshu had no regrets, nor would she give up for this reason.

Because she knew that when she and Yang Fei were rolling in the sheets, there was no deep affection between him and Qin Yanyang.

She even regretted another thing, regretting that she didn't seize the victory to demand Yang Fei divorce Qin Yanyang. That way, without Qin Yanyang falling in love with Yang Fei, she would not have been hurt by the emotions.

It's a pity I didn't have the courage to do so back then.

As a result, I gave those two the chance to develop gratitude.

"Well, as for the emotional issues between you young people, this old man can't manage and can't understand anymore. Do as you wish." Qin Huai'an waved his hand, somewhat listless.

He was heartbroken for his granddaughter. He originally wanted to meet Tong Yunshu and persuade her, but after talking for a while, he found he just couldn't bring himself to utter the words of persuasion.

The Tong family girl was also a person with a hard fate. She stood firm, believing she hadn't done much wrong, and thus my persuasion would be futile.

Could I even threaten her with power?

Such an act was beyond Qin Huai'an.

Tong Yunshu glanced at Qin Huai'an and after a moment of thought said, "Elder, may I make a phone call to Qin Yanyang?"

Qin Huai'an was taken aback, looking at her with puzzlement.

Tong Yunshu's gaze was resolute as she said, "I think during this critical period, she shouldn't have a falling out with Yang Fei."

A flash of insight sparked and then disappeared in Qin Huai'an's eyes as he looked deeply at Tong Yunshu.

This woman from the Tong family seemed to be not so simple after all.

Qin Huai'an genuinely liked Yang Fei as his grandson-in-law, but emotionally, he naturally leaned more toward Qin Yanyang.

After Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang had a falling out, what Qin Huai'an wanted most was for them to reconcile, as it was crucial for the current situation.

But setting aside the current situation, with his fondness for his granddaughter, he also harbored some discontent with Yang Fei for betraying her.

However, in this grand era, nothing could be detached from the current circumstances.

The future development of the Qin family, with the help of Yang Fei, would certainly be like adding wings to a tiger.

After all, behind Yang Fei stood Huang Chengcheng.

Regarding this old friend he had known for decades, Qin Huai'an had never been able to completely see through him, but he knew that this friend was definitely not as simple as he appeared to be.

Qin Huai'an could understand the crux of it, and Qin Yanyang could naturally see through it as well.

But Qin Yanyang stubbornly refused to listen, still unwilling to forgive Yang Fei.

And now, Tong Yunshu had also seen through this point and reminded me, which made Qin Huai'an more vigilant.

"What do you want to talk to her about?" Qin Huai'an took a deep breath and asked Tong Yunshu.

Tong Yunshu replied, "I want to persuade her."

Qin Huai'an fell silent for a while, then slowly shook his head, "It's no use. Moreover, she's not in a position to communicate with the outside at the moment. You will have a chance to meet her if the opportunity arises."

Seeing Qin Huai'an did not grant her request to talk to Qin Yanyang, Tong Yunshu did not persist and said, "Elder, you should rest. I will take my leave."

Qin Huai'an waved his hand, and Tong Yunshu withdrew.

In the tent, Qin Huai'an's thoughts were unsettled for a long time.

After a while, he adjusted his mindset and stepped out of the tent.

Looking at the distant teleportation gateway, his mind finally calmed down.

The future landscape of the Divine Continent hinges on the outcome of the battles within.

To force Yanyang to do something she doesn't want to for the future of the Qin family, that's not what Qin Huai'an desires.

Moreover, he understands Qin Yanyang. Even if he tried to force her, she would not bow her head.

The only thing that might make her yield, perhaps, would be the unification of the Divine Continent.

If that young man could influence the restoration of the unification of the Divine Continent, maybe she would make concessions.

Alas!

## Chapter 752: Zhu Tianshou's Breakthrough

Divine Continent, Imperial City.

The door of an independent quadrangle courtyard outside the sixth ring tightly closed.

Inside the courtyard, Zhu Chengyou and Zhu Chengpeng, two brothers, leaned against the entrance door, their faces shadowed by gloom. However, whenever their gaze occasionally drifted towards a room inside the courtyard, a glint of anticipation would burst from the depths of their eyes.

Since the cataclysmic change, the Zhu Family had suffered a brutal war.

In that fierce battle, their father, facing three prepared Innate Realm masters and fighting one against three, had protected them and helped transfer the family's junior members.

However, the enemy was simply too numerous, and as soon as they fled the house, they were surrounded by the waiting foes outside.

In the ensuing mayhem, despite the Zhu family juniors' bravery and readiness to fight, how could they possibly match their adversaries?

Those enemies were not only from the National Security Department but also included masters from several renowned Hidden Sects' aristocratic families; for a secular Martial Arts Family like the Zhu Family, the enemy's strength was overwhelming.

Among the enemies, the masters from Zhuge and Duanmu families were ruthless and merciless. In the resistance, more than a dozen members of Zhu Family were killed, the others were either seriously injured or captured.

Zhu Chengyou and Zhu Chengpeng, whose abilities were still passable, had fought their way out of the encirclement with their father's protection and escaped.

They still remember how, after evading the pursuit of several Innate Realm experts, their father was severely wounded, hanging by a thread.

After more than a month of moving from place to place, hiding and evading their enemies, while seeking news of their family members, they finally confirmed that the Zhu family had been taken to the Deep Blue Prison in Imperial City. Therefore, together with their father, they came to Imperial City and have been hiding in this quadrangle courtyard, quietly waiting for the right moment.

Over the past month, Zhu Tianshou's injuries had largely healed.

This was thanks to the Genetic Liquid Medicine sent by Yang Fei after the first batch of products from Yunwu Mountain was released.

Just a week ago, Zhu Tianshou suddenly told his two sons that he had had an epiphany and needed to go into seclusion for a while, asking the brothers to act as his protectors.

Upon hearing this news, Zhu Chengyou and Zhu Chengpeng were shocked, then overjoyed.

Their father was already at the Innate Realm in his cultivation. With his newfound realization, could it be that he was about to step into the higher Divine Travel Realm?

The brothers had long discussed the prospect of their father advancing to the Divine Travel Realm.

After being secretly plotted against by Zhang Wenfeng years ago, Zhu Tianshou had been bedridden for seventeen years. Although his Physical Body Realm progress halted, those seventeen years had tempered his spirit, willpower, and mental strength far beyond those of his peers.



The Divine Travel Realm focuses on cultivating the Divine Soul Thought Power.

Although it had been less than a year since Zhu Tianshou got back on his feet, his experiences were rich, having participated in many battles alongside Yang Fei.

Especially this time, being besieged by three Innate Realm masters from Hidden Sects, and leading his two sons to fight their way out of the siege, he sustained severe injuries. Yet, this struggle at the brink of life and death led to his epiphany.

Furthermore, the use of Genetic Liquid Medicine to repair his physical injuries, though his Physical Body Realm had not yet recovered to its peak, had invigorated him with new vitality due to the Genetic Liquid Medicine. This made him feel that his physical condition was even stronger than before.

"Big brother, do you think father could make a breakthrough this time?" Zhu Chengpeng couldn't help but ask.

This was the seventh time he had asked the same question.

He couldn't stop himself from asking it nearly every day.

Zhu Chengyou slowly shook his head, "I don't know, but since father has gained some insight, he will surely make progress. As for whether he can step into a higher realm..."

Before he could finish his sentence, his heart suddenly skipped a beat.

The next instant, Zhu Chengpeng also sensed something and abruptly looked up into the sky.

There was nothing in the sky.

Yet the brothers felt an illusion of being watched from high above.

Zhu Chengyou's whole body surged with energy, as if facing a formidable enemy, staring intently into the sky.

Zhu Chengpeng did the same, reaching towards his waist and grabbing the hilt of his Soft Sword, his expression grave.

"It's me."

Just then, a faint voice reached the brothers' ears.

No, the voice seemed to directly enter the depths of their souls.

The two brothers were startled at first, then overjoyed.

Zhu Chengpeng couldn't help but call out, "Father, is that you?"

Zhu Chengyou immediately shot him a glare, hushing him with, "Keep it down."

Zhu Chengpeng immediately closed his mouth and cautiously swept his gaze around the surroundings.

"No need to worry. I have just checked the surroundings; it's very safe," Zhu Tianshou's voice once again reached the ears of the two brothers.

The brothers immediately relaxed, filled with immense surprise and joy as they both rushed toward the room where Zhu Tianshou was in seclusion.

As they reached the door, it opened automatically without anyone pushing it.

There were no lights on in the room, and in the dimness, all that could be seen were a pair of eyes emitting a weak glow, akin to moonlight.

The two brothers met those bright eyes and felt a tremendous shock in their hearts, as if they were being seen through in a ridiculous way.

Only then, aided by the faint moonlight, did they see a figure sitting cross-legged in the center of the room—it was their father.

"Father, have you... did you have a breakthrough and enter the Divine Travel Realm?" Zhu Chengpeng, who was more restless by nature, immediately asked.

Zhu Chengyou also looked expectantly at his father.

Zhu Tianshou gave a slight smile and nodded at his sons: "This time, it was truly a blessing in disguise."

Zhu Chengyou and Zhu Chengpeng were overjoyed, both trembling slightly with excitement.

Their father had entered the Divine Travel Realm; this meant that the Zhu Family now had a top-tier powerhouse, which was a monumental event capable of changing the family's destiny.

Zhu Chengyou couldn't help but say, "Father truly is a man of extraordinary talent. With such a cultivation talent, you will surely ascend to even greater heights one day."

"Exactly, Father, you're too amazing. Bedridden for over a decade, and upon waking, you broke through the Innate Realm. Now, in less than a year, you've stepped into the ranks of the Divine Travel Realm. Such a speed of cultivation is unparalleled in the world," Zhu Chengpeng said excitedly.

Zhu Tianshou felt a bit proud of himself as well.

But he quickly steadied his emotions, gesturing with his hand, "This rapid ascent into the Innate Realm, aside from the ten-plus years I spent diligently nourishing my spirit, which made my spiritual power incredibly strong, is mostly thanks to Yang Fei."

Zhu Chengyou and Zhu Chengpeng were taken aback.

Yang Fei had cured their father, allowing him to stand up again, a kindness they acknowledged and always remembered.

But how did Yang Fei relate to their father's breakthrough into the Divine Travel Realm when he wasn't even here?

Seeing the expressions on his sons' faces, Zhu Tianshou explained, "Firstly, it was due to that Genetic Liquid Medicine. Without it, I wouldn't have recovered from my injuries so quickly.

Not only did it help me heal, but it also changed my constitution to some extent. To put it in scientific terms, my genes have evolved somewhat, making me stronger overall than before.

Secondly, Yang Fei once taught me a technique for nourishing the heart and spirit. This technique, the most authentic of the Taoist Nourishing Heart and Calming Spirit methods, can nourish the spirit, open up the Sea of Consciousness, and refine the Divine Soul Consciousness.

For the past half-year, I have been diligently nurturing my Divine Soul. After being injured, I had an insight and felt the signs of the Sea of Consciousness opening, hence I chose to go into seclusion. Unexpectedly, in just seven days, the Sea of Consciousness Space was opened, and I grasped the true essence of Divine Soul Consciousness, thus stepping into the Divine Travel Realm.

You could say, without Yang Fei, there would be no me today. The debt I, Zhu Tianshou, owe him is growing ever greater, so much so that it could not be repaid in this lifetime."

By the end, Zhu Tianshou suddenly raised his head, looking at his two sons, "Have you heard any news about Yang Fei these days?"

Zhu Chengyou shook his head, "No. We're wanted now and dare not travel around. We also can't easily contact our old friends. Moreover, with Father in seclusion, it was vital, so we haven't left this place."

Zhu Tianshou nodded slowly after hearing this.

Zhu Chengpeng asked, "Father, what do we do now? Now that you have entered the Divine Travel Realm, can we go and save our family?"

Zhu Tianshou furrowed his brows slightly, thinking. Suddenly, his brows lifted, and he looked toward the direction outside the courtyard.

"Who's there?"

Chapter 753: Secret Alliance

"Brother Zhu, there's no need to be nervous, it's me."

A voice entered the courtyard, not particularly loud, as if speaking in a hushed tone, yet it clearly reached the ears of the three members of the Zhu Family.

Zhu Chengyou and Zhu Chengpeng immediately became very tense, but Zhu Tianshou revealed a hint of surprise and asked, "Brother Wang, what brings you here?"

As he spoke, a figure suddenly appeared atop the courtyard wall and then, the person descended into the courtyard.

The visitor was Wang Chengcuo.

The two exchanged glances and greeted each other with the customary Martial Arts World salute.

Because of Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, when Yang Fei had gone to Japan, to make amends, Wang Chengcuo and Luo Yong were assigned by Qin Yanyang to assist Yang Fei. At that time, they had spent some time with Zhu Tianshou in Japan, thus they were acquainted.

In fact, the two had known each other from their younger days. However, once Wang Chengcuo stepped into the Innate Realm and became a National Guardian Level strongman, holding a high position in the military, and although Zhu Tianshou was immensely talented, anticipated to be the next Innate Realm strongman, he had been sabotaged and confined to his home bedridden, thus they hadn't crossed paths much for many years.

Lately, after Zhu Tianshou stood up again and entered the Innate Realm thanks to Yang Fei's treatment, and because Wang Chengcuo had once aligned with the wrong side due to his good relationship with Zhang Wenfeng, their situations felt somewhat reversed when they reunited. Wang Chengcuo did not dare to take Zhu Tianshou lightly anymore.

Today, as the Zhu Family was being besieged, although Wang Chengcuo's family was not affected, he was stirred by a call from Luo Yong, combined with the recent disappointing performances of the Chu Family Faction, leading Wang Chengcuo to develop new ideas.

"Did Brother Wang come specifically to find me?" Zhu Tianshou looked at him and asked.

Wang Chengcuo nodded and said, "Indeed."

Zhu Tianshou paused momentarily and then stepped aside halfway, inviting with a gesture, "Brother Wang, please come in. Tea, please."

Zhu Chengyou immediately nodded. After Zhu Tianshou and Wang Chengcuo sat down in the room and the lights were turned on, Zhu Chengyou brought in the brewed tea and placed it beside them.

Zhu Tianshou waved his hand, and Zhu Chengyou left the room, closing the door behind him.

"After the Zhu Family's ordeal, I had some people secretly inquire about it and found out that the members of the Zhu Family were being detained in Deep Blue Prison, but the whereabouts of Brother Zhu and your sons remained unknown. I had some old friends help out, and we finally tracked you down," Wang Chengcuo started.

Zhu Tianshou saluted with his fist and said, "Thank you, Brother Wang, I will keep this in my heart."

Wang Chengcuo waved his hand and said, "Brother Zhu still seems to be guarded against me."

Zhu Tianshou smiled and replied, "We had no enmity in the past and have no grievances recently, why would there be any guard?"

Wang Chengcuo sighed and said, "Perhaps because my Wang Family was once very close to the Zhang Family, and you benefited from Qin Family and Yang Fei."

Zhu Tianshou nodded silently and stated, "Considering these relationships, it's true that we can't establish a very deep bond."

Wang Chengcuo was momentarily taken aback, not expecting Zhu Tianshou to be so direct.

Zhu Tianshou looked at him and said, "I assume Brother Wang didn't come here just to reminisce. Please, feel free to speak your mind."

Wang Chengcuo gave a wry smile and nodded, "Brother Zhu is indeed straightforward. Since that's the case, I won't beat around the bush. On this visit, my Wang Family and the Luo Family, where Luo Yong belongs, wish to truly make our stance clear and pledge loyalty to Qin Family and Yang Fei. Since you, Brother Zhu, have a great relationship with Yang Fei, we were hoping you could help facilitate a communication."

"It seems you have Yang Fei's contact details," Zhu Tianshou intentionally added.

In fact, after the upheaval, Yang Fei's communication devices seemed to be tapped or suspended, and he had remained unreachable.

As expected, Wang Chengcuo gave a wry smile and replied, "After the great change, we were no longer able to contact Yang Fei."

Zhu Tianshou looked at him and said, "To my knowledge, during this upheaval, your Wang Family and Luo Family also opted to support the Chu Family Faction."

Wang Chengcuo said, "I'm not in control of my own fate. Brother Zhu, don't you know where the old homes of the Wang Family and the Luo Family are located?"

Zhu Tianshou nodded silently.

The locations of these two families were all within the sphere of influence of the Chu Family Faction.

The incident happened suddenly, and with the support of the Hidden Sect's power, Wang Chengcuo and Luo Yong would have to be foolhardy to lead their families in opposition.

It was understandable.

But he could not make a decision now as he was unable to contact Qin Yanyang and Yang Fei, and he could not verify the loyalty of the Luo Family and the Wang Family.

After a slight pause, Zhu Tianshou said, "If your two families are truly committed to joining us, knowing Mr. Yang as I do, he would give you a chance. Brother Wang has also seen the potential of Brother Yang; following him, the Wang Family will undoubtedly reach new heights."

Hearing this, Wang Chengcuo felt greatly relieved.

He had come here just to get a stance from Zhu Tianshou. Now that he had received an answer, he felt relieved and began talking about the real business, "Brother Zhu, to show our sincerity, Brother Luo and I have decided to do something significant. We had reservations due to fears of insufficient manpower, but now with your participation, Brother Zhu, the chances of success in this operation are much higher."

Zhu Tianshou asked curiously, "What do you plan to do?"

"Break out of prison!" Wang Chengcuo declared. "Deep Blue Prison."

Upon hearing this, Zhu Tianshou's expression changed: "Deep Blue Prison?"



"Yes, almost all those who have been controlled are detained in Deep Blue Prison. If we can rescue these hostages, many senior leaders in the south will feel much less pressured, without any concerns," Wang Chengcuo said. "As far as I know, the people of the Zhu Family are also held there, and Brother Zhu, you certainly wouldn't want your family members to continue suffering there, would you?"

Zhu Tianshou nodded, "Of course, I also want to rescue them. But with our current manpower and overall combat strength, I'm afraid it's impossible. There are simply too many strong individuals from the Hidden Sect, and their strength is too formidable."

Wang Chengcuo replied, "Brother Zhu, you seem to have been out of the loop lately; there are some important things you don't know about."

Zhu Tianshou's eyes brightened upon hearing this: "Oh, what significant event has happened recently?"

Wang Chengcuo took out a mobile phone, opened the official media website, and handed it to Zhu Tianshou.

Zhu Tianshou looked at the phone with a puzzled expression.

Soon, he showed a shocked expression and looked up at Wang Chengcuo, saying, "Is this all true?"

"Absolutely true," Wang Chengcuo declared.

Zhu Tianshou's face showed signs of excitement, "If this is true, then... then those people from the Chu Family are truly foolish to have made such a terribly bad move; they've directly sabotaged their chances of victory. By losing public support, even if the Hidden Sect forces behind them eventually win, those who will ultimately take power won't be them, but someone else."

"That's why now is the best time for us to break into the prison. Also, there's something else you don't know, Brother Zhu," Wang Chengcuo said.

Zhu Tianshou asked, "What is it?"

"The reason the Chu Family Faction made such an atrociously bad move is that the forces supporting them are not the entirety of the Hidden Sect. It is said that there has been strife within the Hidden Sect, and thus, almost all the top experts supporting the Chu Family Faction have returned to the Hidden Sect World. Consequently, people like Chu Shiguang have gone into hiding because without the protection of those top Hidden Sect experts, they fear being beheaded by Qin Yanyang," explained Wang Chengcuo.

Zhu Tianshou couldn't help but stand up, "Is this information reliable?"

"It came directly from Brother Luo's mouth, and moreover, one of Qin Yanyang's subordinates confirmed it. The reason why the Luo Family and I decided to use rescuing the hostages from Deep Blue Prison as our deed to show loyalty to the Qin Family and Yang Fei is also due to that subordinate of Qin Yanyang," Wang Chengcuo explained.

Zhu Tianshou said, "Take me to meet him."

Chapter 754:

Late at night, at the rooftop of a building within a certain district of the Third Ring of Imperial City.

Zhu Tianshou came here alone, following Wang Chengcuo.

Zhu Chengyou and Zhu Chengpeng, the brothers, originally wanted to come along, but Zhu Tianshou, cautious as he was, worried about deceit, so he asked them to stay behind, and after he followed Wang Chengcuo and left the courtyard, he secretly transmitted a message to the two brothers, telling them to hide first.

The situation was unclear at the moment. Although Wang Chengcuo seemed sincere, no one knew if he still harbored other intentions, so Zhu Tianshou dared not take risks.

As for him following Wang Chengcuo alone to this building, firstly, he was bold because of his martial arts skill, and secondly, the prison break plan that the other party mentioned truly tempted him.

When Zhu Tianshou arrived near the building, he could feel that there were quite a few people watching him, which Wang Chengcuo reminded him were their own people. This startled Zhu Tianshou a bit, but he quickly calmed down.

Leaving aside whether Qin Yanyang's subordinates still had people undercover in Imperial City, the Wang Family and the Luo Family are first-class aristocratic families of the Divine Continent Martial World, with numerous disciples, many of who hold important positions in various departments across the Divine Continent.

Now that the Wang and Luo Families had chosen to switch sides and wanted to make a move on Deep Blue Prison, it was not surprising that these people gathered here.

Upon reaching the rooftop and just stepping out of the elevator, he saw Luo Yong and a middle-aged man smiling and waiting outside the elevator entrance.

"Brother Zhu, you're indeed alive," said Luo Yong as he took the lead, smiling and sizing up Zhu Tianshou.

Zhu Tianshou nodded at him, then his gaze fell on Hu Lizhong.

Hu Lizhong was also sizing up Zhu Tianshou.

This was the first time they met.

However, Hu Lizhong, as a high-ranking official of the Military Department, had plenty of information about Zhu Tianshou, a significant figure in the Divine Continent Martial World, and recognized him instantly.

Zhu Tianshou, on the other hand, scrutinized Hu Lizhong with an evaluative look and asked, "On the way here, I heard Brother Wang mention you. You're Major General Hu Lizhong, right?"

Upon hearing this, Hu Lizhong smiled and eagerly responded, "Yes, Mr. Zhu, hello, I am Hu Lizhong."

Although he was a military man, he still greeted Zhu Tianshou with a bow, adhering to the customs of the Martial Arts World.

Zhu Tianshou looked at him several times and remarked with mild surprise, "The Military Department really is a place full of hidden dragons and crouching tigers. I didn't expect Major General Hu to also have the cultivation of the Innate Realm."

Hu Lizhong hurriedly said, "I was able to step into the Innate Realm thanks to the help of Mr. Yang."

Luo Yong and Wang Chengcuo had also been secretly shocked when they saw that Hu Lizhong was of the Innate Realm cultivation, especially Wang Chengcuo who was fairly familiar with Hu Lizhong. He knew Hu was like Chu Tianshu previously, both had Ninth Grade Energy Transformation Realm cultivation, but because they had been tempered on the battlefield, these few Ninth Grade Energy Transformation Realm officials from the Military Department had combat strength comparable to Unique Tier masters such as Tong Yan, Feng Tianzong, Guman Zhao, and Chai Song.

Yet, although these men had combat strength of the Unique Tier, it was extremely difficult for them to advance into the Innate Realm.

However, this time when Wang Chengcuo and Luo Yong saw Hu Lizhong, they felt that he had already reached the same cultivation realm as them, which left them shocked. But they quickly accepted the fact because they had personally witnessed on the Xu Family's island how Mr. Yang had helped the three Xu brothers step into the ranks of the Innate Realm.

Mr. Yang's Acupuncture Technique was truly miraculous in assisting martial artists by helping them break through bottlenecks, seemingly with divine efficacy.

And coupled with the miraculous effects of the Genetic Fluid, it could be said that with just these two methods, Mr. Yang had enough to make all the martial artists in the world worship him, and they would find ways to ingratiate themselves with him.

Wang Chengcuo and Luo Yong had the determination to lead their families from the light into the shadows, not only because of the situation the Chu Family Faction created, but even more because they appreciated the enormous benefits that following Mr. Yang would bring to them and their clans.

Zhu Tianshou, upon hearing Hu claim this, also silently believed his identity, but he still harbored some doubts and asked, "Can you contact Mr. Yang?"

Hu Lizhong shook his head and said, "Not at the moment."

Zhu Tianshou's brow furrowed.

Sensing this, Hu Lizhong gave a slight smile and said, "Mr. Zhu, are you worried there might be something wrong with my identity?"

Zhu Tianshou smiled indifferently, not denying it.

Hu Lizhong said, "Now that the situation is unclear, Mr. Zhu's suspicion towards me is normal. However, we are currently in the center of Imperial City, and recklessly contacting the Qin Family in the south may get us discovered. My identity really isn't that easy to prove now."

Zhu Tianshou remained silent.

After he entered the building, he had released his powerful perception and found that apart from the three people in front of him, there were no other Innate Realm masters.

With his current Realm, it was impossible for these three to detain him. However, the fact that he had stepped into the Divine Travel Realm was still unknown to outsiders. Therefore, if the three had other ideas, it was understandable that they think they could handle him three against one. That was why he dared not take anything lightly and couldn't fully trust these three people.

After a brief silence, Hu Lizhong slapped his forehead and said, "I've got it."

As he spoke, he took out a cell phone, logged into the Military Department's dark web, and pulled up the news footage of him being wanted by the Central Battle Zone.

After looking at it, Zhu Tianshou trusted Hu Lizhong a bit more, but still had some doubts—after all, many things on the internet could be faked.

Hu Lizhong fiddled with his phone for a while longer and then pulled out a few photos taken with Yang Fei at Yunwu Mountain's Base.

"Take a look at these. Although photos can now be edited and Photoshopped, these are the only things I have to prove my identity," Hu Lizhong told Zhu Tianshou.

After seeing those photos, Zhu Tianshou nodded silently and said, "Since I have come, it shows that I have given you a certain level of recognition."

The group all sighed in relief.

Zhu Tianshou said to Hu Lizhong, "Brother Wang mentioned that you and Yang Fei encountered several Hidden Sect experts, which proves that the forces of the Hidden Sect World are not united but that there might be some Hidden Sect powers that would support Yang Fei and the Qin Family?"

Immediately, Hu Lizhong nodded, "That's right, I know very little about the Hidden Sect, but Brother Yang has been to the Hidden Sect World before and is quite familiar with several of the super-strong there. They have discussed cooperation, and a consensus has already been reached.

Originally, I was with them, but the situation on Meishan Mountain was too peculiar. Concerned about my weak strength and fearing that I might encounter trouble, Brother Yang had me wait aside. Then, a fierce war erupted there, and I happened to meet Luo Ping, so I joined up with the people from the Luo and Wang Families."

"Where is Yang Fei now? Do you know where he went?" Zhu Tianshou asked further.

Luo Yong said, "According to the news my cousin Luo Ping learned, not long after Yang Fei and several strong individuals were chased away by the troops led by Chu Tianxing that day, they made a sudden counterattack. They entered a transmission channel and broke into the Hidden Sect World."

Zhu Tianshou's expression changed, "Went to the Hidden Sect again?"

He remembered that the last time Yang Fei went to the Hidden Sect, he was almost detained there, and if it weren't for Qin Yanyang's desperate rescue, Yang Fei wouldn't have made it out. Now, he had gone in again.

Thinking of the attraction of Yang Fei's Taoist identity to the Hidden Sect World, Zhu Tianshou couldn't help but worry internally.

Seeing Zhu Tianshou's concern, Hu Lizhong said, "Mr. Zhu, there is no need to worry. Brother Yang seems to have a good relationship with those Hidden Sect supers, especially one of them whose daughter suffers from a serious illness and needs Brother Yang for treatment. So, he won't be in danger."

"Yes, based on Brother Yang's personality, he wouldn't take unnecessary risks," Wang Chengcuo added.

The corner of Luo Yong's mouth twitched, but he remained silent.

In his memory, Yang Fei was someone who liked to take risks.

However, this wasn't the time for such comments, so he changed the subject, "Brother Zhu, your family is also detained in Deep Blue Prison, let's discuss the prison break. If we can rescue those hostages held in Deep Blue Prison, it would be a tremendous boon for the Qin Family side."

Hu Lizhong said, "The key is to break the current stalemate. As martial artists, during this time of national crisis, we should do something for the unification of the Divine Continent."

True to his military background, upon hearing this, Zhu Tianshou, Wang Chengcuo, and Luo Yong all felt a surge of fiery blood within them, igniting a robust flame.

They resolved to let the world know, those who break the martial law do not deserve the title of 'hero'.

The true greatness of a hero is in service to the country and the people!

Chapter 755: Tang Shuwan

It was the same late night.

Over Kunlun Mountain Death Valley, a helicopter flew in from outside and hovered above the campsite.

The cargo door opened, releasing a cable.

Someone descended from above along the cable, landing in the chill valley.

Qin Huai'an personally went to greet them.

Among the few who came down from the helicopter, there was one whose white hair betrayed his age to be at least in his eighties.

However, the old man's spirit appeared exceptionally good.

Upon seeing Qin Huai'an, the elder's spirits lifted instantly, and he hurried over, standing straight and giving a standard military salute, "Tang Zhenbang pays his respects to the senior officer. It's been many years, sir... You seem to have never changed."

Qin Huai'an laughed heartily, patted the old man on the shoulder, and said, "Young Tang, I heard your health hasn't been good in recent years, and I thought you wouldn't live much longer. But now, it seems the rumors were false, you're still looking robust."

Upon hearing this, Tang Zhenbang immediately said, "Speaking of that, I must thank your grandson-in-law. If it weren't for his medical intervention, I'm afraid I wouldn't have had the chance to see you ever again."

"Oh? What happened?" Qin Huai'an was surprised, not expecting Yang Fei to have this connection with Tang Zhenbang.



Hit by the cold wind, Tang Zhenbang couldn't help but shiver and said, "Senior officer, my bones aren't as robust as yours. Let's find a sheltered place to talk slowly. I have come here with an important matter to discuss with you."

"Oh, yes, of course, look at my memory. Come, follow me to the tent. We can have some hot tea and chat at ease." Qin Huai'an hurriedly led Tang Zhenbang toward his tent.

Tang Zhenbang's son, Tang Zheng, glanced at the middle-aged man beside him and said in a low voice, "Brother Sun, let's go."

This man was Sun Changning; he nodded and followed the two elderly men to the tent with Tang Zheng.

Meanwhile, Tang Shuwan took advantage of the night to enter Imperial City.

In the Divine Continent Martial World, the name Tang Shuwan was not well-known. Even the registry of the Martial Artist's above the Energy Transformation Realm in the Military Department did not contain the name Tang Shuwan.

But very few knew that Tang Shuwan once had a very good friend in Imperial City, with whom she had spent a few years and had received guidance in martial arts.

Her friend's name was Duanmu Qing.

And the department she belonged to was called Divine Continent Overseas Travel.

As a member of a special and secretive department, Tang Shuwan worked overseas most of the time, with very few chances to return.

Even now, as the world situation was undergoing significant changes and Divine Continent was falling apart, she, as an overseas worker, still stood firm at her post, dutifully protecting Divine Continent.

This time she returned to Imperial City because her region of responsibility overseas had experienced numerous significant upheavals which, she speculated, would inevitably affect the situation in Divine Continent.

She returned to report for duty, but discovered that her own department had also been affected by the crumbling situation. Although the department's members were still performing their duties, there was a lack of initiative in the leadership. Therefore, she returned to see if she could meet with the high-level officials in person and report what she knew directly to them.

Meanwhile, from the moment she stepped into the country, tense news about the standoff between the two domestic factions, through various media and information from the Tang family, reached her ears.

She was filled with concern for the future of Divine Continent.

Divine Continent had been highly unified for thousands of years, and its current disintegration was a situation no descendant of Yanhuang wanted to see.

Moreover, with the overseas situation changing drastically, the true enemies of Divine Continent were overseas, not domestic. Thus, it was imperative to end the fragmentation soon, or else their generation would become historical sinners of Divine Continent. In death, how could they have the face to meet the ancestors of Yanhuang?

Tang Shuwan arrived at the headquarters building.

Although it was late at night, as one of the most secretive special departments of Divine Continent, some people were still working here.

Tang Shuwan showed her identification, and the on-duty staff members showed their respect, welcoming her in immediately, serving tea, and waiting upon her with caution and care.

Soon, an elegant-looking middle-aged man approached, seemingly just roused from sleep.

"Hello, Ms. Tang, my name is Ning Yuanxing, I'm on duty today," the man walked up to Tang Shuwan and extended his hand.

Tang Shuwan rose to her feet and shook hands with him briefly, saying, "What about Minister Qian? I called him, but couldn't get through."

Ning Yuanxing said, "The minister isn't in Imperial City, he has already gone to the Northeastern War Zone military base."

Tang Shuwan frowned.

She thought of the news she had heard after returning to the country.

Occupying a position without fulfilling its duties!

At that moment, Tang Shuwan was filled with disappointment.

But her gaze quickly became resolute again.

It was at times of crisis that those with true aspirations could not give up.

In Divine Continent, there was no shortage of hypocrites, non-contributors, and traitors, but there was even less shortage of valiant individuals willing to shed blood for the sake of their nation.

Although Tang Shuwan was but a woman, her veins pulsed with the earnest blood of revitalizing Divine Continent.

She thought of that incredible woman from the Qin Family.

I am not alone in my path!

Seeing Tang Shuwan's furrowed brow, Ning Yuanxing felt a slight heaviness in his heart, his expression changed a few times, and he cleared his throat softly, reminding her, "Ms. Tang, if you have any important matters, you can tell me, and when Minister Qian calls, I will report to him truthfully."

Tang Shuwan glanced at Ning Yuanxing and suddenly asked, "Are you from the Ning Family?"

Ning Yuanxing was startled and met Tang Shuwan's gaze; after a pause, he nodded and said, "Yes."

"So many people have moved to military strongholds to hide, yet you stay here; it seems your status in the Ning Family isn't very high," Tang Shuwan said.

Ning Yuanxing felt both annoyed and embarrassed; he couldn't help but clench his fist, and the True Qi within his body circulated, revealing that he also had the Cultivation of the Energy Transformation Realm Lower Three Grades.

He looked at Tang Shuwan with an unfriendly gaze and said sternly, "If there's nothing else, Ms. Tang, please excuse me, as I won't be at your service."

Tang Shuwan said, "Although your status in the Ning Family isn't high, being able to preside over this special department at such a time, you should still be able to exchange a few words with the Ning Family's upper echelons, right?"

Ning Yuanxing's heart stirred, and looking at her, he asked, "What message do you want to convey to the Ning Family's higher-ups?"

"Tell Ning Shucheng I want to see him, the sooner the better," Tang Shuwan said with a determined look.

Ning Yuanxing's expression changed, and seeing Tang Shuwan's determined look, as if she wasn't joking, he asked doubtfully, "Are you sure?"

"Certain."

Ning Yuanxing pondered for a moment and took out his phone.

In front of Tang Shuwan, he dialed a number; shortly after, the call was answered, and Ning Yuanxing said, "Shucheng, someone wants to meet you, yes, her name is Tang Shuwan, right, she's here in our office, okay, alright."

While speaking, Ning Yuanxing handed the phone to Tang Shuwan, "He wants to speak with you personally."

Tang Shuwan took the phone and said in an even tone, "It's me."

Ning Yuanxing looked at Tang Shuwan with interest, suddenly recalling a past event.

It had happened more than twenty years ago.

Initially, the family had pressured Ning Shucheng to marry a woman from the Sun Family, but Ning Shucheng had declined in front of her, nearly causing friction between the Ning and Sun Families.

There were rumors at the time that Ning Shucheng had turned down the well-educated and beautiful Sun Family woman because of another woman.

But only a few knew who the woman Ning Shucheng had liked back then was.

At that moment, as Ning Yuanxing considered the tone of his cousin on the phone, as well as Tang Shuwan's attitude when speaking to Ning Shucheng, a high-ranking military figure, he couldn't help but speculate about something.

Chapter 756: Sleepless Night

Late at night, 3:40 AM, Northeastern War Zone.

Chu Shiguang woke from a nightmare and, in pain, rubbed his forehead before lighting a cigarette and walking to the window.

The window had high-strength bulletproof glass, and the sealant was excellent, providing great sound insulation; still, Chu Shiguang could faintly hear the harsh wind outside.

Being a seasoned Martial Artist and veteran, Chu Shiguang had long adapted to harsh conditions, but having been stationed in the Central Battle Zone in recent years, he still had an innate resistance and aversion to this hostile environment.

After the split happened, Chu Shiguang hadn't expected the situation to turn out as it had.

The Qin Family's supporters were far more numerous than he had anticipated.

But that was not the issue in his eyes. As long as they had the support of those powerful individuals from the Hidden Sect, it wouldn't take long to erase all influential figures from the Qin side from this world. Then, the other three major battle zones would be headless dragons, easily taken over by them.

What he never expected was that, at this crucial moment, Zhuge Cang, Duanmu Wuwang, and others would abandon them and return to the Hidden Sect World.

When he learned of this, Chu Shiguang and others were dumbfounded.

Damn it.

Did they think this was child's play, to be taken so lightly?

This was a major event, inciting a split in the war.

At such a critical juncture, instead of pursuing their victory and eliminating the dissenters, they all ran back to the Hidden Sect, creating a deadlock in the Divine Continent. Was this some kind of joke?

Chu Shiguang and other leaders of his faction were dumbfounded on the spot, and lately, they'd been contemplating death.

The assessments on various media platforms were unbearable to read.

Endless curses, calling them national disasters and national criminals, every conceivable label of crime was affixed to them.

Of course, they were not afraid of being cursed behind their backs, and even if they were labeled as national criminals in the history books in the future, they could be indifferent.

All they wanted was the ultimate victory.

However, with the loss of the covert support from the powerful forces of the Hidden Sect, they discovered that under this stand-off condition, they had no chance of winning.

Especially since Qin Yanyang now held the upper hand in public opinion, making their situation extremely passive.

Most importantly, without the protection of those super powerful individuals from the Hidden Sect, facing Qin Yanyang and the elite forces of the Military Department under her control, all their top-level figures, including himself, were restless and afraid of being beheaded, such that almost all their top leadership had been moved to military strongholds.

Could Chu Shiguang not see that this was a losing move?

Yet he had no choice.

According to reliable intelligence, not long after they moved to the military strongholds, Qin Yanyang had led an elite group secretly into Imperial City.

That woman was indeed as resolute as they had predicted, carrying out a plan to behead them.

Although it was very risky for her, she went through with it.

And their side, indeed anticipating this, did not make the decision to strike back, but instead went into hiding.

They had lost the initiative.

Soon, Chu Shiguang finished his cigarette.

He looked up at the window. Outside it was pitch black, without a trace of light.

This couldn't go on any longer.

With the continuous escalation of public opinion and as Qin Yanyang's team stayed longer in Imperial City, many people and events could be influenced by her. Although their own mid and high-level executives were safe, if their grassroots foundation were to be breached, then no matter how grand the edifice, it would collapse in an instant.

The more he thought about it, the more Chu Shiguang found himself unable to sleep.

After pondering for a moment, he walked over to the bedside, picked up the internal phone.

He dialed a series of numbers. The phone rang for a long time, but nobody answered.

Chu Shiguang slightly frowned.

Though it wasn't the right time to make a call, as a military man and Martial Artist at such a crucial moment of life and death, the person couldn't possibly be sleeping that deeply.



He dialed again.

Still, no one answered.

After some thought, Chu Shiguang dialed another number.

This is that person's mobile number.

If you say this person isn't in the room and didn't receive the call, then shouldn't the mobile be with them?

Indeed, after a few rings, a deep voice came from the other end, "Brother Shiguang, you're still not sleeping at this hour?"

"I slept for a while earlier but woke up again because I couldn't sleep," Chu Shiguang said bluntly.

"Is there something you needed to call about?" asked the voice on the phone.

Thinking about the two previous calls that went unanswered, Chu Shiguang asked, "Aren't you in your room?"

"Hmm, I couldn't sleep either, just walking around outside."

"Where are you? I'll come to you. There's something we need to discuss face to face," Chu Shiguang said.

On the other end of the phone, a middle-aged man with thick eyebrows and large eyes and a square face was holding the phone and slightly furrowed his brow.

Although the man was middle-aged, he was robust and tall, dressed in military attire, with an exceptional aura, especially his vigor, which many men in their twenties and thirties couldn't match. He looked vigorous and imposing, a truly manly type of man.

His name was Ning Shucheng, the youngest of the five children of Old Man Ning. Yet in the second generation of the Ning Family, Ning Shucheng was the most excellent, recognized as the leader among them.

At that moment, Ning Shucheng was in a modified special vehicle, speeding away from the military base.

He was going to meet someone.

He hadn't expected Chu Shiguang to call him at this time and even ask to meet him.

With one hand holding the phone, he lifted his wrist with the other to check the time.

"In forty minutes, I must leave for a surprise inspection of the camp, does it have to be discussed face to face?" Ning Shucheng asked.

"Forty minutes will be enough," said Chu Shiguang.

Ning Shucheng patted the driver's seatback and when the driver turned to look, he gestured to turn around.

Understanding, the driver immediately turned the car around.

"Alright, come to the east side of the training field," Ning Shucheng said before hanging up the phone.

The identity of the person he was about to meet was special; if Chu Shiguang knew, he would certainly become suspicious during this sensitive period.

Since it wouldn't take long for Chu Shiguang to arrive, he decided to meet him first.

Thinking this, to be safe, Ning Shucheng composed a text message and sent it out to avoid receiving calls from the other party while he was still with Chu Shiguang.

Soon, he arrived ahead of time at the guardhouse on the east side of the training field.

After a few minutes, Chu Shiguang also arrived.

Outside, the cold wind was howling. Though both men were martial artists who feared neither the cold nor the heat, the sound of the wind was still affecting their conversation, so Ning Shucheng said, "Let's talk in the car."

Hearing this, the driver stepped out, leaving Chu Shiguang and Ning Shucheng alone in the car to talk.

"What's it about?" Ning Shucheng asked in his typical straightforward manner.

Chu Shiguang said, "We can no longer continue to wait; it's too passive, and it's easy for the enemy to break through our mid and lower defense lines. Once we lose the support of the people, it will be difficult for us to recover in the future."

Ning Shucheng nodded and said, "I know, but right now, apart from starting a direct war, we have no better way to turn around the situation. From the moment those people from the Hidden Sect left, we have been at a disadvantage, unless we dare to take a huge risk and start a war directly."

Chu Shiguang frowned and said, "Even if we start a war directly, we don't have a chance of winning."

Ning Shucheng remained silent.

It was an undeniable fact.

Neither of them had expected the Qin Family's ability to mobilize support to be so strong as to have control over all three major battle zones.

The key issue was that they had never planned to start a full-scale war from the beginning.

Even if they won such a war, all they would get was a Divine Continent in need of regeneration, and facing the current international rivals, the Divine Continent couldn't afford to fall back anymore; otherwise, the future would be even more dangerous.

"I'm really disappointed with those people from the Hidden Sect!" Ning Shucheng couldn't help but complain.

Chu Shiguang, who deeply shared the sentiment, nodded and said, "Although that's the case, if we want to turn things around, we still have to rely on them."

"What do you want to do?" asked Ning Shucheng.

Chu Shiguang said, "Go find them."

Chapter 757:

Ning Shucheng looked at Chu Shiguang, "Seek them out?"

He nodded, "This is indeed a method, but since they left without a single word, taking away most of the elites, and still haven't returned after so many days without any news, will it be useful for us to see them?"

"We have to try anyway. We need to tell them about the current situation in Divine Continent. Once we fail, it won't be as easy for them to launch a surprise attack like they did last time," said Chu Shiguang.

"But have you considered that their sudden return might mean that the situation within the Hidden Sect is more severe than we imagined?" Ning Shucheng suddenly remarked.

A weight settled in Chu Shiguang's heart.

He had thought of this possibility, but had been reluctant to face it. Now that Ning Shucheng directly brought it up, his expression revealed deep concern.

That was what he feared the most.

A few days ago, an incident occurred at Meishan Mountain. It was said that powerful figures from the Hidden Sect had infiltrated and clashed with our people.

And Yang Fei was among those individuals.

This was enough to indicate that not all factions within the Hidden Sect were united. It seemed that part of them were unaware of what Zhuge and the Duanmu aristocratic family were doing in Divine Continent Country, and they might choose to stand with Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang.

With Yang Fei and the other powerful figures from the Hidden Sect returning to the Hidden Sect World, it wasn't hard for Chu Shiguang to imagine that some conflict must have erupted within.

The strong figures who supported them and who hadn't come out might be dealing with problems inside the Hidden Sect.

Ning Shucheng had also considered these points, and he said directly, "For those factions in the Hidden Sect, controlling Divine Continent is not deemed a difficult task, so they will prioritize resolving their internal disputes. It won't be too late for them to come out and stabilize the situation in Divine Continent once the internal threats are dealt with."

"But we can't afford to wait. If we delay further, the situation will surely spiral out of control," Chu Shiguang said.

Ning Shucheng nodded, "Yes, we can't afford to delay."

"That's why I suggest we should meet with them," Chu Shiguang said, looking at Ning Shucheng.

Ning Shucheng fell silent.

Chu Shiguang was startled, "What's wrong? Do you think my suggestion isn't right?"

"No, your proposal is good. It's just that I'm worried it will be pointless. If the factions in the Hidden Sect are already embroiled in internal strife, then they will have no time to care for us. To them, it doesn't matter whether they control us or someone else to govern Divine Continent in the future. The principle remains the same," Ning Shucheng said.

Now it was Chu Shiguang's turn to fall silent.

He was also regretful.

The power of the Hidden Sect was too dominant.

Initially, he thought it was a cooperation, but any decision they proposed was worthless. Those strong figures made all the calls, treating them like puppets.

As Ning Shucheng had said, to those people in the Hidden Sect, it didn't matter who helped them maintain the growth and operation of this country.

"But we can't just keep dragging this out." Chu Shiguang spoke anxiously, "The Qin family girl is decisive. As long as she finds a small opportunity, she'll tear open a gap and force us into a corner, step by step."

A sharp glint flashed in Ning Shucheng's eyes, and after a moment, his face showed frustration as he said slowly, "We are not without the strength to fight back. It's just unfortunate that after making the decision to evade, our image in the eyes of the mid and lower-tier personnel has collapsed. In just a few days, many departments have nearly lost control. Old Master Qin Huai'an once held positions in all departments, and he left behind an exceedingly broad network."

"Yes," Chu Shiguang sighed helplessly as well, but he quickly revived his spirit and said, "But we haven't lost yet. The Qin family wouldn't dare to launch a direct war. In this way, if they want to slowly erode our power, they will need time. If we go to the Hidden Sect for help now, just bringing over some strong figures to preside will stabilize the situation."

Seeing him bring up the matter again, Ning Shucheng nodded, "Alright, we'll do as you say."

Chu Shiguang nodded, "Shall we go together?"

Ning Shucheng shook his head, "Neither of us is suitable to go in person."

Chu Shiguang thought for a moment and then nodded, "True, if people from the two major war zones don't see either of us, it will cause great turmoil in the military."

The two discussed for a while, and in the end, decided that someone from the Duanmu Family would go.

After all, the Duanmu aristocratic family had close ties to the other Duanmu aristocratic family.

Ning Shucheng checked the time and said to Chu Shiguang, "I need to go."

Chu Shiguang nodded, "Alright, I'll go have a talk with Elder Duanmu Han."

Ning Shucheng nodded, "But we can't let him go personally, with him and Zhang Wenfeng here, many people can be at ease."

Chu Shiguang showed his understanding, opened the car door, and stepped out.

Seeing Chu Shiguang get out of the car, Ning Shucheng's driver promptly got into the vehicle and, following Ning Shucheng's instruction, drove off.

Half an hour later, the car left the core area of the war zone base.

After another fifteen minutes of driving, dawn broke, and a hint of daylight appeared in the eastern sky.

Up ahead, a helicopter was parked at the prearranged spot.

Ning Shucheng got out of the car, straightened his military attire, and asked the driver to wait in the car, then he quickly walked toward the helicopter.

As Ning Shucheng approached, the helicopter's doors were opened, and the two pilots exited voluntarily, moving to the side.

Ning Shucheng boarded the aircraft and closed the door.

Inside the plane, Tang Shuwan was seated in the back row. Glimpsing Ning Shucheng coming in, her eyes flashed with a bewildered look, as her thoughts seemed to travel back many years.

"It's been a long time," Ning Shucheng said to Tang Shuwan with a complex expression.

Tang Shuwan slowly nodded, "Yes, thirteen years."

"Didn't expect you to remember so clearly," Ning Shucheng murmured lowly.

Tang Shuwan offered a faint smile and swiftly changed the subject, "Is the Ning Family really intent on splitting Divine Continent?"

Ning Shucheng immediately shook his head, "No, the current situation in Divine Continent is not something anyone wishes to see, and it was unforeseen by us."

"But now we are facing a standoff and division between the north and the south," Tang Shuwan stated.



Ning Shucheng had no reply.

Indeed, whether it was the Ning Family, the Chu Family, the Sun Family, the Duanmu Family, or other forces that supported them, their initial intentions were good; none of them intended for Divine Continent to end up in the current state.

But the reality stood starkly before them, rendering any rebuttal weak and pale.

"I understand you, you would sacrifice everything for this country, so if there's a chance to reunify this country sooner, you would fully support it, right?" Tang Shuwan looked at Ning Shucheng and posed the question.

Meeting her clear gaze, Ning Shucheng's heart sharpened.

Those eyes were still so clear, untainted, her heart, as pure as it had been, still holding the promise made in her youth.

And she had done just that.

Spending half her life on the edge of darkness, she protected this country.

Ning Shucheng felt some shame, ashamed to look into those pure eyes that had always maintained their original intent.

He lowered his head, fished out a cigarette and lighter from his pocket, but then seemed to remember something, halted his movement to light up, and just held the cigarette between his lips, saying slowly, "So, are you really here to lobby for the Qin Family?"

Tang Shuwan slowly shook her head, "I'm not here to lobby for any force, I've come to meet you on my own behalf. If I must say whom I'm lobbying for, then it's this country, for the billions of citizens of this country."

## Chapter 758: Essence

Facing Tang Shuwan's clear eyes, Ning Shucheng believed her.

Although the two had not become husband and wife, he understood her.

Just like she, being a woman of the Tang Family and the Tang Family being of the Qin Family's faction, had come alone to see him under such an extreme situation, it proved that in her heart, he was someone trustworthy.

"What do you want me to do?" Ning Shucheng slowly began.

Tang Shuwan said, "Convince the Chu Family, the Sun Family, and the people of the Duanmu Family to give up."

Ning Shucheng was startled, then chuckled lightly, slowly shaking his head and saying, "Do you know what giving up means? It means losing everything, even life. For such a big matter, there always needs to be someone to pay a price."

Tang Shuwan nodded and said, "I know, so I'm asking you to convince those who can be convinced, and as for those who can't, let them pay the price for this matter."

Ning Shucheng shook his head and said, "It's not that easy. Not to mention other families, within my Ning Family alone, many people cannot be convinced."

"What about you?" Tang Shuwan suddenly asked.

Ning Shucheng was silent for a moment, and then with a sigh he said, "If it could end all this sooner, I would spare no cost. But things aren't as simple as you think, even if we admit defeat and temporarily restore great unity, the future will still be very troublesome."

"Are you talking about the Hidden Sect?" Tang Shuwan asked.

Ning Shucheng nodded: "The Hidden Sect is like a sword hanging over the head of the Divine Continent. Should it fall, it will injure this country, or even destroy it. Without eradicating the threat of the Hidden Sect, there can be no talk of absolute peace and tranquility."

"Indeed, the threat of the Hidden Sect needs to be properly addressed, but what you are doing now is not solving the threat of the Hidden Sect, but fragmenting the Divine Continent; you are adding frost to snow," Tang Shuwan said.

Ning Shucheng gave a bitter smile: "To use the words of the Martial Arts World, for the vast majority of people, this matter is beyond their control."

Tang Shuwan nodded, not finding Ning Shucheng hypocritical at all. She said, "I understand, faced with the pressure of the Hidden Sect's powerful individuals, not many can disregard their own life and death, and are forced to make the wrong choice. But it is precisely for this reason that I say, as long as you are willing to bow your heads and give up, there is still a chance for redemption."

Ning Shucheng looked at her.

Tang Shuwan continued, "As long as we can end this unnecessary internal strife and division in the Divine Continent sooner, it would be a great deed. Let some people pay the price afterwards, and this matter will be over. Although it will cause many families to lose a lot, at least they won't have to bear an eternal curse, nor will all their family members be dragged down to suffer."

Ning Shucheng was silent.

He knew what Tang Shuwan was saying made sense.

If things could really be resolved this way, it would indeed save many lives.

But if both sides confront each other to the end, the losing side will inevitably suffer a massacre with blood flowing into rivers.

According to Tang Shuwan's words, all families could save many lives, leaving many seeds for the future.

For the current dire situation, it is not a bad option.

However, Ning Shucheng knew that things were not so easy.

As he had said earlier, not to mention other families, even their Ning Family alone could not just give up and admit defeat so directly.

Even if many in the family would support him, just as many would oppose him.

Tang Shuwan saw the difficulty Ning Shucheng was facing, so she revealed the most crucial piece of information: "I have come back this time because the situation overseas has changed significantly. Heaven has gradually gained control of the situation, and the Western World, having previously suffered from disasters, has been greatly impacted. In order to defend their dominance, they have decided to embark on the Eastern Conquest."

Ning Shucheng's expression changed drastically upon hearing this, surprised he said, "What? An Eastern Conquest? Is the message reliable?"

Tang Shuwan nodded.

Unable to contain himself, Ning Shucheng stood up, but the space in the helicopter was limited, so he sat back down again.

He finally understood why Tang Shuwan had come alone to see him, knowing full well the situation was beyond hope.

This matter was indeed very serious.

A few moments later, Ning Shucheng asked, "Has the Qin Family been informed?"

Tang Shuwan slightly pondered, then shook her head and said, "I don't know, but given the Qin Family's intelligence system, they should have received the news."

Ning Shucheng said, "Even if we know, it's useless. If Heaven dominates the Western World, and they launch an eastern campaign, it will be like a hundred years ago and will initiate a dark war. This kind of war can't be contended with by mere mortal forces, and in the end, we would still have to seek help from the Hidden Sect."

"Therefore, the most important thing right now is to unite and jointly resist foreign clans. But now, the Divine Continent is consumed with infighting, how similar is this to a hundred years ago?" Tang Shuwan said with a troubled heart.

The Divine Continent had not easily freed itself from feudal shackles, slowly reviving amidst suffering, and just when it seemed about to emerge as a global superpower, regaining its former glory, this situation arose.

This deeply pained Tang Shuwan. Despite knowing her influence was limited and her power was small, she still refused to give up and was trying to do whatever she could.

Ning Shucheng's expression also became extremely solemn.

If he had previously thought Tang Shuwan's persuasion was somewhat naive and laughable, now he had no choice but to take her advice seriously.

As a soldier, patriotism was ingrained in him.

That was precisely why Tang Shuwan had come to see him.

This trust touched him, and combined with the severe international situation, made him feel he must do something, must end the current situation sooner.

At this moment, Ning Shucheng's phone rang.

He glanced at the number and answered the call in front of Tang Shuwan.

After a brief moment, Ning Shucheng's face revealed an exasperated yet amused expression, "Are you certain the information is reliable?"

"Absolutely, I saw it with my own eyes."

Ning Shucheng said, "Alright, keep on watching, I understand."

After hanging up, Tang Shuwan, whose hearing was exceptional and had overheard the conversation, gave a slight smile and said to Ning Shucheng, "It seems your camp is not very united."

Ning Shucheng gave a bitter smile and said, "No wonder they play politics; they never put all their eggs in one basket."

"That's one thing, but could it be that there are already underlying issues within your ranks? With the Sun Family's political insight, they might have foreseen your end and thus made changes accordingly?" asked Tang Shuwan.

Ning Shucheng fell silent.

Whether it was the people from the Hidden Sect or their decision-makers, they had all made mistakes leading the situation to become increasingly unfavorable for them.

Perhaps the Sun Family had seen this and, feeling there was no chance of winning, sought another path.

Tang Shuwan said, "Although the Sun Family will be greatly diminished by doing this, by realizing their wrongs and attempting to make amends, the family can still retain a significant part of its power. No one knows how the future will unfold. For them, as long as the people and the family's legacy persist, there is hope. After all, every dynasty needs people to govern it."

"Our Ning Family is not the same as the Sun Family," Ning Shucheng said in a low voice.

Tang Shuwan's heart sank and she nodded, "It's different, but the Qin Family is not the former Zhang Family. Besides, you are well aware of the Qin Family's attitude toward the Hidden Sect. So the future is not about your struggle with the Qin Family, but about how to unite against the Hidden Sect's power and prevent them from dictating everything."

Ning Shucheng said, "We can't stop it. The Hidden Sect's power is too strong. Now that Heaven, the Hidden Sect, and Penglai from the Three Realms have all made a significant move into the world, the future will be the era of the aristocratic families."

Tang Shuwan frowned and said, "This is a regression of history, impossible."

Ning Shucheng laughed upon hearing this, "What do you think is the difference between the governments of modern nations and the eras of old ruled by Gate Valve Clans? The former Zhang Family and now the Qin, Chu, Sun, Ning, Duanmu families—don't each of these have massive influence? Across the seas globally, which country isn't influenced by powerful capital?

Yes, they don't call themselves Gate Valve Clans, but rather capital. It's just a change of name, a new packaging. And the so-called democracy, freedom, and equality that the world touts are nothing more than beautiful lies told by the rulers to deceive the lower classes.

The essence of this world has never truly changed since ancient times. Human history has always been a cycle of repeating itself. One narrative collapses and is replaced by another, constantly demolished and rebuilt, nothing more."

Tang Shuwan sighed silently, finding herself at a loss for words.

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"Even so, it's better for the ordinary people to plan this world than for those Hidden Sect powers to decide everything," Tang Shuwan said after a long silence.

Ning Shucheng slowly nodded in agreement, "That's correct. The people from the three great Hidden Lands are more rigid in their thinking. If they were to lead the world, the lives of the common people would indeed be worse."

Tang Shuwan looked at Ning Shucheng and asked, "So was my visit today helpful to you?"

She was seeking Ning Shucheng's stance.

Ning Shucheng fell into silence once again.

The double-dealing of the Sun Family left him with little hope for his side's victory, but the Ning Family was indeed different from the Sun Family, making the decision very difficult.

Especially since just yesterday, the family's patriarch had spoken to him about having an escape plan.

With the world in upheaval, as long as the Ning Family had an army, even if they didn't stay in Divine Continent, they could still dominate a territory overseas, slowly develop, and establish their own kingdom.

Just then, a slight tremor suddenly came.

Both of them were mildly startled.

The helicopter was indeed vibrating.

Then, the vibration became more and more apparent.

The next instant, a dazzling light came from the east, and as the two turned their heads, they saw a white halo.

The towering mountain ranges couldn't block the spread of that bright light.



Ning Shucheng and Tang Shuwan, staring at the screen of light, were dumbstruck. Both were powerful Martial Artists, with exceptionally strong mindsets, but at this moment, they couldn't help but tremble lightly out of control.

They both understood what this light meant.

Nuclear explosion!

Only a nuclear weapon explosion could wield such terrifying power.

"Is it Japan?" Tang Shuwan's heart trembled with fear.

Ning Shucheng's expression became extremely solemn, "That side has always been in a standoff with the Federation troops; conflict was inevitable, and now it has really erupted. But who launched the nuclear weapon?"

"Could it be that the Federation is once again carrying out a nuclear strike on Japan?" Tang Shuwan thought of the two nuclear bombs from the last century.

Ning Shucheng slowly shook his head, "Japan has been secretly developing over the years; they possess nuclear weapons. Thus, who was in control of this explosion still needs to be verified. But regardless, with this explosion, the global situation will enter an unprecedented period of tension, and the Third War could break out at any moment. I need to return to my unit right away."

As he spoke, he saw the driver who had escorted Ning Shucheng over jumping out of the car, running toward the helicopter with a grave expression, the implication unspoken.

Knowing Ning Shucheng was about to be busy, Tang Shuwan did not insist on staying, "With the global situation changing so quickly, if Divine Continent can't unite, no single power will be a match for Heaven and Penglai Immortal Realm. If the Ning Family really plans to develop overseas away from Divine Continent, I fear such an action would not only face pursuit from all sides within Divine Continent, but also, no international powers would acknowledge your existence, let alone allow you to dominate a region as your own kingdom. Shucheng, I know you will make the right choice and not let the entire Ning Family bear an eternal curse, plunging into the abyss."

Ning Shucheng paused for a moment, then gave Tang Shuwan a meaningful look before pushing open the helicopter cabin door and jumping out of the aircraft.

Tang Shuwan watched Ning Shucheng get into the car and drive away, and with a helpless sigh, she said to the returning helicopter pilot, "Let's go back."

Just as the helicopter took off, a dazzling white light flared up again in the distance, and after a while, a muffled explosion sounded from afar.

In Tang Shuwan's mind, the image of the world map surfaced, the locations of the two explosions were slightly different, but they were likely both near Japan Island.

If she had not guessed wrong, the explosion sites would be two important bases of the Federation troops.

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Along the southeast coast of Divine Continent.

Three massive ships were sailing from the northeast direction toward Binhai International Port.

Upon one of the massive ships, Monica Cavendish stood on the stern deck, gazing into the distance towards the east with a somewhat solemn expression.

By her side were several powerful retainers from the Cavendish family, tasked with ensuring Monica's safety.

Besides them, more than a dozen Asian-faced martial arts experts looked in the same direction with shock and awe.

They were the expert retainers of those tycoon families from Korea, with the mission, not only to escort these three great ships of wealth but also to protect many young masters and mistresses of the tycoon families.

Several days ago, when Li Xuanyu received that text message from Sun Xingyu, with her understanding of Sun Xingyu and her accurate judgment of the current situation, she knew that the frenzied nation would surely make a mad move, rendering all small countries and islands in East Asia and Southeast Asia unsafe.

Thus, Li Xuanyu decisively contacted Qin Yanyang and obtained permission for protection.

Without any delay, Li Xuanyu secretly communicated with the high-level members of other Korea's tycoon groups and transferred the assets as quickly as possible.

On Qin Yanyang's side, they were extremely efficient, even directly sending a spokesperson for the Cavendish family in Asia to assist in person.

With the Cavendish family's pass, the regions of the sea along the way, which were blocked by the Federation, were also unobstructed, and the three giant ships arrived at the coast of the Divine Continent's inner sea in no time.

Initially, Li Xuanyu's decision met with lots of skepticism within the Han Chaebol Group, and even the young masters and mistresses who followed the three military ships had resentments deep in their hearts, unwilling to leave Korea, which they regarded as heaven.

But now, beholding the two nuclear explosions capable of shocking the world and feeling the distant void roar induced by the shockwaves from afar, all their resentments turned into relief.

The people of that island nation were truly insane, having gone to such extreme lengths to actually use globally banned nuclear weapons.

Just like in the last century, once this country sparked a war, the first to be eradicated would certainly be the neighboring countries and islands.

Korea was undoubtedly one of the most dangerous countries and regions in the world right now.

Leaving Korea to come to the Divine Continent, this superpower nation, indeed made the young masters and mistresses and the wealthy ladies of these tycoon families feel considerably more at ease.

Monica stood at the stern, gazing into the horizon, with a deep sorrow flashing through her beautiful azure eyes.

She was a pacifist and was highly resistant and disgusted by the current situation.

However, since the Heavenly Entrance event, the entire Western world had undergone significant changes.

Ordinary people couldn't reach these things, but as an important member of the Cavendish family, Monica was well aware that the future world was bound to fall into chaos, and even if a full-scale war did not break out, the true darkness was inevitably approaching.

And now, with Japan's crazy actions, it seemed likely that a full-scale war would also erupt.

In such a case, given the number of nuclear weapons controlled by the major powers of the world, human civilization could suffer a catastrophic blow.

Yet faced with all of this, Monica could only feel a deep sense of powerlessness.

As the spokesperson for the Cavendish family in the Asian region, she originally held an exalted status, wielding immense power and able to mobilize enough resources to influence the development of many events.

But now, she felt no different from ordinary human beings.

In times of peace, capital could govern everything.

In troubled times, especially in the face of the fervent race of the island nation, it seemed that capital had also lost its right to speak.

However, although Monica's eyes carried deep sadness and concern, a glimmer of hope still flashed through them.

Japan not only had the Hawks but also the Dove Faction.

Despite the current situation where the Hawks seemed to have an absolute advantage, as long as the Dove Faction still existed, it would surely play a significant role one day in the future.

Monica then slowly turned her head and looked towards the Divine Continent.

In the face of Japan's crazy actions, the global situation entered a highly tense and special period.

Whether the world will descend into chaos now depends on the Divine Continent.

#### Chapter 760: Whirlwind and Waves

"Japan has gone mad, openly defying the United Nations ban and using nuclear weapons to destroy two major Federation military bases. This is a blatant provocation against the Federation, and the Federation will resolutely launch a devastating strike and retaliate,"

"The race that disrupts world peace should have vanished from this world long ago. We strongly condemn the actions that incite global conflict."

"As recorded in the history of the Divine Continent, the Japanese are a despicable, greedy, perverted race..."

News outlets around the world were reporting on Japan's launch of nuclear strikes.

In response to Japan's mad actions, the voices of the world's media were almost unanimous, full of denunciation, condemnation, and cursing.

Of course, some media expressed a different view, believing that the real reason behind Japan's mad actions lies with the Federation.

For decades, the Federation's military presence has greatly provoked Japan and numerous other countries.

These small nations have been harassed by the stationed troops all along, their people oppressed by the soldiers, and over the long term, this has caused a deep-seated fury within these nations' populace, even giving rise to a genetic hatred and resentment towards the troops. Their current frenzy of counterattacks is retribution for decades of oppression, which is understandable.

Not to mention, this view found recognition and support among many people all over the world.

Of course, the mainstream media still opposes the Japanese using nuclear weapons to disrupt the Earth's balance.

Within the Divine Continent Country, Qin Yanyang once again issued a public announcement.

"The ambition of the Japanese has existed since ancient times. Now that they have launched nuclear weapons and broken the encirclement of the troops, they are like a bloodthirsty wolf with red eyes, ready to tear at the Great Divine Continent with its gaping maw.

At this critical moment, the Great Divine Continent should unite as one and collectively face outward. The land of the Divine Continent must not allow any foreign powers to step in like a century ago."

Accompanying the announcement issued by Qin Yanyang's side, domestic public opinion was highly unified.

All major media platforms were of one mind, all calling for unity in the Divine Continent to face outward together.

The public even organized demonstrations spontaneously, calling for unity, asserting that the north and south are one family, and condemning the Chu Family—the chief culprit behind the division of the Divine Continent.

For a time, the Chu Family became the target of public criticism.

Of course, at such a crucial moment, the northern media were not idle either. They also supported Qin Yanyang's view of facing outward together, but they retorted against the public opinion attacks guided by the southern media, explaining that the biggest reason for the division was not them, but Qin Yanyang and the power of the Qin Family behind her.

A verbal battle in public opinion was inevitable.

However, comparatively speaking, the voices calling for unity and a collective external stance overwhelmingly dominated.

In just one morning, public opinion had exploded to unprecedented levels.

After midday, because the southern population was larger and the Qin Family had initially guided public opinion to criticize the Chu Family, they had a certain advantage. Moreover, after Japan's incident, Qin Yanyang personally made a public statement calling for a joint external approach, gaining her even more support from the ordinary grassroots public.

The most important thing was that the last time the Chu Family took the high-ranking elite and their families into hiding, it left those in the lower and middle classes behind, which bred resentment. Furthermore, over these days, Qin Yanyang, through the intelligence department's infiltration of these lower and middle classes, gradually led many of the citizens within the Chu Family's jurisdiction to express dissatisfaction with their rulers.

A dike collapses because of an anthill, a towering building falls due to its foundation.

The general public is the true basis.

When the Chu Family, fearing beheading, took their high-level officials and their families into hiding, those untransferable supporters in the lower and middle classes had already sown the seeds of complaint in their hearts.

If you abandon us at a critical moment, then what reason do we have to support you?

"The Chu Family are rebels of the Divine Continent."

"For their own selfish interests, they caused the Divine Continent to crumble, heinous criminals of the nation!"

"The Chu Family must immediately cease resistance, admit their crimes, and surrender, to avoid the division of the Divine Continent. It is not too late to mend the fence after a sheep is lost."

"Chu Shiguang is unvirtuous, hand over the military authority of the Central Battle Zone immediately."

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In the northeast, within the military fortress of the battle zone.

Chu Shiguang, along with others from the Chu family, watched these public opinions unfold through their mobile phones and the military base's television.

Seeing public sentiment growing increasingly uncontrollable and developing in an unfavorable direction, members of the Chu Family panicked.

Many smart people in the Chu family realized there was a problem right away.

Something's not right!

Why mention only the Chu Family?



You could say it's an alliance led by the Chu Family, but you can't just mention the Chu Family alone.

Clearly, the Duanmu Family, the Sun Family, and the Ning Family were also involved.

Many of the Chu Family's high-ranking officials are still hiding in the camps controlled by the Ning Family.

Why only talk about the Chu Family without mentioning the Ning Family?

A sense of immense fear surfaced in Chu Shiguang's heart.

He knew if this continued, the Chu Family would truly be doomed.

Although he had considered the term "victors are kings, losers are outlaws" from the beginning, and the bleak future the Chu Family might face should they fail,

he never imagined things would turn out like this.

How did it become a matter involving only my Chu Family?

If we continue to let the Qin Family guide public opinion, the Chu Family would become the sole scapegoat without even needing to be defeated by the Qin Family, and would be sent to the public judgement stand by the other three major families.

Chu Shiguang and many of the high-ranking members of the Chu Family understood that this was Qin Yanyang's overt plot.

This formidable woman was creating internal conflicts within their ranks by such means, and causing the other three families to be under the illusion that by pushing the Chu Family out to confess, then bringing the Divine Continent back under unified rule, they would be off the hook.

Such a vicious move!

The high-ranking members of the Chu Family, including Chu Shiguang, felt a chill down their spines.

Chu Shiguang, trying to steady his nerves, immediately called Ning Shucheng, Ning Zhongze, Sun Youning, and Duanmu Ci, requesting an emergency meeting.

The rest of the families' high-ranking officials understood exactly why Chu Shiguang was so eager to call an internal emergency meeting.

However, as everyone was united in this cause, to maintain morale, none of them refused.

Soon, everyone gathered together.

Aside from those from the four major families, Zhang Wenfeng was also present.

Within the four major families, it wasn't just a single representative each.

For instance, with the Ning Family, it was usually Ning Zhongze attending such meetings, but today Ning Shucheng was also present.

In the case of the Sun Family, besides Sun Youning, there was an elder named Sun Chuanguo, whose status in the Sun Family was extraordinary. Although he had retired, his influence remained immense.

In addition to Duanmu Ci, the mighty Innate Realm powerhouse and true Family Head of the Duanmu Family, Duanmu Han, made a personal appearance as well.

Clearly, like the Chu Family, these other families took the current situation very seriously and felt it was necessary to sit down together and discuss it properly.

After the meeting room doors closed, Chu Shiguang stood up, bowed to Zhang Wenfeng, Duanmu Han, and Sun Chuanguo, showing the utmost respect, and then took the lead, saying, "Everyone, the current situation is greatly unfavorable to us. We must make changes, do something. Otherwise, the longer we delay, the more support that girl from the Qin Family will gain, and it will greatly hinder our actions in the future."

Sun Chuanguo lightly tapped his finger on the table, producing a 'tut-tut' sound, and looked at Chu Shiguang, saying, "Shiguang, speak up if you have any good suggestions."

Everyone nodded in agreement and turned their eyes to Chu Shiguang.