

Strongest As 571

Chapter 571: Bitter Ten Years

Ye Mo waved his hand, "No problem."

"Grandpa! This-" As Xiao Ku saw that Ye Mo could even see when his grandpa would be dying, he rejoiced. If Ye Mo could really cure his grandpa's condition then their family could finally be freed.

"I was rude before," Meng Jiushan interrupted his grandson. He knew what his grandson was going to say, but it was better for him to say it. However, he was a little embarrassed.

Ye Mo continued, "Master Meng, I said I will treat you, and so I will. If I didn't want to treat you, nothing you said would change anything."

"Yes, I am just too desperate. You must not call me master anymore, though, I don't deserve that title. If you don't mind, just call me by my name." Meng Jiushan said.

"In that case, Mr Meng, tell me about your condition. What I'm bewildered about is that your essence is very potent and you have no disease, so why are you still like this?" Of course Ye Mo wouldn't say that there was death chi around Meng Jiushan.

Meng Jiushan looked troubled and immediately asked, "Would you have the time to come to my place and have a chat?"

Ye Mo knew what Meng Jiushan meant, but he really didn't have time, so he said, "I am very sorry Mr Meng, I'm a busy person. After I land in Hong Kong, I will be going back immediately. Although the business under me isn't big, there are still some things for me to do. If you are willing to say it, then please say it here and now. If not, then I can't help you."

Although Ye Mo could check Meng Jiushan's meridians, he knew that this wasn't a physical disease, so checking Meng Jiushan's meridians wouldn't help that much.

Although it involved some important secrets, Meng Jiushan clenched his teeth and explained the Meng family's situation, "The reason for my condition is simple. Our Meng family has always only had one son a generation, and no one has ever lived past their 60's. Everyone dies for sure on their 60th birthday. According to the family records, there have been seven generations already, and still this curse is yet to be broken.

There's still half a month left before I reach 60, so when Doctor Mo said that I have half a month left to live, that is when I knew that you are a capable man."

Ye Mo frowned - there was such a thing? If this was a man-made curse, what means would that require!

"In that case, please give me your hand so that I can check your meridians," Ye Mo thought for a long while and said.

Meng Jiushan's meridians were calm and normal. Even after checking it with his chi, Ye Mo didn't find anything abnormal.

Ye Mo was only more confused, but he had the feeling that he was overlooking something specific. For now, it would seem that death chi couldn't be cured that easily through physical means.

Although Ye Mo could easily dispel the death chi, that would only save Meng Jiushan himself. According to him, all the sons of their family's every generation had this condition.

Wait- Meng Jiushan's blood contained faint spirit chi. He had almost missed that. How could a fortune teller have spirit chi inside his body?

"How is it, Doctor Mo," Meng Jiushan asked desperately, seeing Ye Mo sunk into contemplation.

Ye Mo didn't reply and said to Xiao Ku, "Give me your hand too."

After looking at Xiao Ku's meridians, Ye Mo started to get the gist of the situation. Xiao Ku also had some faint spirit chi inside his body, but actually a little bit more than Meng Jiushan.

"Mr Meng, have you and your grandson eaten the same type of unique fruit?" Ye Mo asked. His heart was beating fast. If this concerned a spirit fruit, then he would be earning big.

Meng Jiushan looked shocked and saluted with his fist after a while, "How did you know, Doctor Mo? Our family does have a special type of fruit, but it should be safe to eat. It has been passed down from our ancestors, and before we learn our fortune telling art, we need to open the spirit, and for that we need to eat the fruit."

Meng Jiushan forgot to speak softly, because he was so shocked, but he wouldn't care even if others heard. Quite a few people knew about their fruit tree, but only people from the Meng family could eat the fruit. Others who tried would die for sure. Many people knew of this.

"Is it somehow related to with our fruit tree?" Meng Jiushan then asked.

Ye Mo thought, 'If it really is a spirit fruit, it should only make people live longer, and not shorter.' First, Ye Mo needed to confirm if their fruit was a spirit fruit. It should be a spirit fruit for sure if it had spirit chi in it, but the lifespan-reducing effect made him doubtful. He said, "That might not necessarily be the case, but please tell me the characteristics of the fruit."

Meng Jiushan trusted Ye Mo a lot already, and their fruit tree was no secret anyway.

"The maturing process of this fruit is completely different to that of normal plants. It blooms each year but never bares fruit. One must wait for 10 years of consecutive blooming before it bares three fruits. This fruit is very precious, but it's very bitter too - you can't even eat it. If you try to force it, you will only faint on the spot. So in the end, we started using honey to eat it and that way, we barely-" Ye Mo stopped Meng Jiushan.

Ye Mo was sure that this had to be the second main ingredient for his foundation establishment pill, the Bitter Ten Years. Even if Meng Jiushan didn't let him go to the Meng family, he would still go no matter what. If he let this opportunity pass by him, he wouldn't be Ye Mo.

"I can cure your condition, but I need to go to your house," Ye Mo said. Anything had to make way for his cultivation progress.

"Mom, look at those frauds behind us being really patient. They've been acting for so long, yet they're still going," the young woman commented in contempt.

The wealthy woman was dazed. She knew a lot about Meng Jiushan's legends. In the Meng family there had indeed never been males who lived past 60. They said that that was because the Meng family had leaked too many heavenly secrets and that it was divine punishment.

After hearing this, she immediately became certain that the two men weren't acting. They were really Meng Jiushan and a capable young doctor.

Besides, Meng Jiushan's air of seeming like an immortal Daoist really didn't appear fake. Thinking like that, the wealthy woman could no longer calmly stay seated. She got up and said to Ye Mo, "Doctor, could you help me as well? I apologize for what my daughter has been saying. She's a young student who doesn't understand a lot of things, please bear her no mind."

Ye Mo smiled, "Big sister, I don't dare help treat you, or else, police would come for me immediately."

Hearing the irony in Ye Mo's tone, the woman blushed and wanted to apologize again, but the young girl stopped her once more, "Mom, you still don't believe me. Are you really going to trust a fraud?"

The woman's face burst red, and she slapped away the hand of the young girl. She said with red eyes, "Xiao Yin, I know you're acting in my benefit, but do you really want to see me die. If it wasn't for Nan Nan, I might as well die, but now, I absolutely can't yet. You call Master Meng fake, a capable doctor fake. Money, money, money, is money really that important to you?! Can you even spend all the money you have now?"

"Mom-" That young girl was dazed. She didn't expect her gentle mom to become this angry.

Ye Mo didn't mind the two as he noticed that Luo Dongsheng had returned to his seat with an anxious complexion.

Chapter 572: Simple Scam

By then, most people had started coming back to their seats, but that fat man still hadn't come back. Ye Mo estimated that it wouldn't take much longer before a flight attendant found out. And obviously, it was no good that Luo Shengdong was acting like that. Other than his facial expression, everything else about his body said that he had killed the man.

Meng Jiushan wasn't very happy about being interrupted, but knowing that other people were also worried about their condition, he thought it to be understandable.

"I'm sorry, doctor, I'm really sorry, but I can't die yet. There's some people I can't leave behind, please help me," the middle-aged woman begged Ye Mo.

Because she was so anxious, her voice was inevitably getting louder, and the people around her all looked over. At this moment, a flight attendant walked over as well and said apologetically to the woman, "Madam, please fasten your safety belt and don't leave your seat except for in the case of an emergency."

Ye Mo rubbed his head. He really didn't feel like having everyone looking at him, so he said, "Big sister, please sit down and then we can talk."

The middle-aged woman sat down.

"I do charge a fee, and it's going to be very expensive. If you're not willing to spend money, you shouldn't ask for my help." Ye Mo wasn't too nice, but he wasn't heartless either.

He had a good impression of the woman, just not so of her daughter.

Another thing he took into account was that he could tell the woman was wealthy from her clothes and jewelry. It would be fine to make her pay up. If she didn't want to pay, or if she was scared of getting scammed, then he would save himself the trouble.

Hearing this, everyone listening in from the side had that look of realization that said, 'So in the end, it's still about money.'

Meng Jiushan knew of Ye Mo's power, and he knew that masters usually wouldn't do things for free, so he thought it normal for Ye Mo to ask money. But asking for money on the spot ruined the 'master' image, so he would usually perform his services first and then his clients would pay him with whatever they could.

And this woman was already certain that Ye Mo had great power. Otherwise, Meng Jiushan wouldn't have believed him.

Hearing Ye Mo ask for money, the young woman had an extreme look of disgust on her face. She opened her mouth to speak but eventually didn't say anything.

"Of course I will give money, but I don't have that much cash on me. I will make sure you receive it after we get off the plane," the woman quickly nodded.

Ye Mo immediately said, "Just give me your card and it's password."

"Sure, sure." She took out a gold card from her bag without hesitation, "The password is 765690, there's three million inside, and you can take up to 10 million from it. If that's not enough-"

Ye Mo took it and waved his hand, "That'll do." Actually, these few 'millions' were in fact merely a few hundred thousand USD, so Ye Mo really didn't think much of it.

"You-" The young woman glared at Ye Mo.

Ye Mo didn't even look at her and said to the woman, "Give me your hand."

The young girl couldn't do anything to Ye Mo, so she looked at the wealthy woman and called out, but that woman only gave her back a look of disappointment and sadness. She ignored the young girl and gave her hand to Ye Mo.

The young woman saw this and made up her mind to get the people in her family to freeze the card as soon as possible.

The people around admired Ye Mo for tricking a few million out of someone in the blink of an eye, and he hadn't even diagnosed the patient yet.

Now they wondered how the young fraud would fulfill his lie.

Ye Mo put his finger on a meridian and checked it with his chi. He immediately found out what had happened to the middle-aged woman.

There was a mutation in the blood vessels in her brain, which had brought about a mutation to all the blood vessels in her body. The vessels were all covered with small black dots. It would be very hard for modern medicine to cure that. After she got this disease, she would have at most only a few months left to live and even then, she would be tortured by the disease a few hours each day.

And not some usual torture - her entire body would be in pain. Normal people wouldn't be able to endure it. Luckily, her cerebral neurons hadn't been damaged or she wouldn't even have been able to keep thinking properly. Ye Mo had some sympathy for the woman. The hospital wouldn't be able to cure this, but Ye Mo could do so in an hour.

Although he could do it right now, Ye Mo didn't. He didn't want to expose himself on the plane.

Considering that, Ye Mo took out some things from his pocket and took twenty minutes to draw a charm on the chair.

No one knew how he could fit so many things in his pocket. After he finished, he put the things back in his pocket.

Meng Jiushan looked in shock. He didn't expect Ye Mo to really be curing a disease through charms. Meng Jiushan believed in charms -he could make a few simple ones himself- but he had never seen life saving ones. In that instant, Ye Mo became all the more mysterious to him.

Ye Mo gave the charm to the woman and said, "This is a perversion and sickness removal charm. Put this on your head at 5 a.m. tomorrow. When the charm turns to ashes, you will be fine."

"Huh?" Although the middle-aged woman really believed in Ye Mo, she was still dazed at Ye Mo giving her a charm.

Even if she put that on her head a thousand times, it wouldn't turn into dust for many years. Thinking about this, she asked, "Um, doctor, I want to ask how long it would take to turn into dust?"

Ye Mo looked at her, "According to your condition, it should take around 30 minutes. The dust will actually be the poison inside your body, so you mustn't just throw it away casually. Find a remote location to bury it."

At this moment, many people applauded Ye Mo for being an expert in scams. People thought he would be trying to cure her on the spot, yet he used such a method to delay time. By the time the lady found out it was all fake, he would be nowhere to be seen.

Finally, someone couldn't keep watching and said, "Young man, doing such things is immoral. You took her card, and you're just going to give her a charm?"

Ye Mo scanned this person and said casually, "We mutually agreed on this, what has this got to do with you? By the way, although I can cure your condition with a charm too, I won't sell it to you even if you give me a hundred million."

"Haha, I'm sick too now? You're really funny," the middle-aged man retorted.

Ye Mo said plainly, "Yep, you have a very hard-to-cure heart disease."

"You!" the man wanted to get up and fight Ye Mo but was stopped by some people beside him. He had such a strong body, yet this young fraud said he had a heart disease? Bullsh*t!

Then, the middle-aged man said to the woman, "Big sister, you need to be careful of frauds, there are too many of them these days."

The woman smiled but didn't reply. The man could only shake his head. He realized he wasn't really minding his own business.

At that moment, Ye Mo saw a flight attendant start to ask around about the empty seat.

Chapter 573: Assistance

Soon two undercover airline police officers appeared, and the captain of the plane spoke through the microphone, "Dear passengers, welcome aboard our flight, this is your captain speaking, my name is Yu Yeming. I regretfully have to inform you that there has been a murder aboard this plane. A passenger was killed in the restroom, so in order to ensure everyone's safety, please don't leave your seats right after the plane lands."

The plane immediately erupted into chaos. Everyone became anxious afraid that there might be people trying to hijack the plane.

Ye Mo scanned Luo Dongsheng; although he was clearly nervous, he was much better than most passengers.

But Ye Mo immediately judged that this Luo Dongsheng had no potential to be a killer - he was still keeping that gun on him.

Ye Mo shook his head. Why keep the gun after killing the target? That was asking to be caught. But then, he considered Luo Dongsheng might have a reason for keeping the gun. The flight attendant on his side was pushing a trolley anxiously, and it seemed like he had wanted to use the trolley to relocate the gun, but for some reason, a different flight attendant found out about the situation sooner than he'd expected.

He should've dealt with the gun immediately. Maybe he was afraid of leaking his fingerprint? But couldn't he have washed it with water? Or was it impossible to just wash fingerprints away with water. But then the dead person would have his fingerprints on him anyway, right?

Suddenly, Ye Mo remembered that his fingerprints were also still on the gun, and he cursed. He wasn't scared of anyone, but this flight was sensitive, and if anyone investigated, they might find out that he was Ye Mo. If the US knew that Ye Mo had gone to San Francisco, they might suspect him for the robberies.

Meng Jiushan was the only other person who knew who the killer was, but he didn't seem to even hear the captain's words as he carefully asked Ye Mo all sorts of questions.

Although he was more interested in the Bitter Ten Years, Ye Mo was also interested in Meng Jiushan's fortune telling art.

Hearing the conversation between the two, the wealthy woman wanted to ask more questions, but she was afraid Ye Mo would be annoyed at her, and so she didn't say anything.

But she didn't talk to her daughter anymore. One could see how disappointed she was at her.

After the murder, the atmosphere on the plane became weird. People all focused their attention on the people next to them, fearing that they were sitting with the killer.

A few more policemen appeared. No one wanted to be suspected, so those who wanted to go to the toilet also resisted the urge to go.

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A few hours later, the plane landed at Hong Kong International Airport. The passengers got off and had to go through a temporary detector that was set up.

The detector would sound an alarm if any weapons were detected. Luo Dongsheng obviously realized that, and his face looked pretty bad. According to his plan, the pistol should have been moved away already. He didn't expect the murder to be exposed that early.

As Ye Mo saw this, he knew that Luo Dongsheng had no way of hiding the gun, so he could only take the gun and put it in his ring when they got off the plane together.

When Luo Dongsheng walked past the detector and no alarm sounded, he started suspecting his own ears. He was dazed for a moment as people on the side pushed him before he walked into the foyer subconsciously. He felt the place where he had put the gun, but it was gone. He suspected that he might've left it on the seats, but he couldn't go back and check anymore.

The flight attendant who was on Luo Dongsheng's side was very worried too, so when she saw Luo Dongsheng being fine, she was overjoyed. Before Ye Mo left, he heard Luo Dongsheng say to the girl that they should go check out Luo Yue.

Ye Mo nodded. It seemed like Luo Yue was quite famous, which was good to attract all sorts of capable people.

Although they knew the culprit was amongst the passengers, they didn't have any incriminating evidence, and almost everyone had gone to the toilets, so no one knew when the fat man could have been killed.

The passengers couldn't be kept there, not to mention that there were important people among them, and they couldn't be held back there for some dead merchant, so after a simple interview, everyone left.

Before Luo Dongsheng left, Ye Mo put the gun back on him again.

Before the wealthy woman left, she expressed her gratitude to Ye Mo many times. Although she hadn't been cured yet, she could tell from Ye Mo's eyes that Ye Mo hadn't scammed her, yet that young girl was getting more and more impatient.

Due to Meng Jiushan's case popping up suddenly, Ye Mo had to go to the Meng family to see the Bitter Ten Years. Hence, he followed Meng Jiushan to their house. The Meng family had been in the Hu Zhong province in the past, but they moved to Hong Kong during the Cultural Revolution.

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After Luo Dongsheng and that flight attendant left the airport, they took a taxi to Hong Kong Miao Pu. Although it was very chaotic there, that was where the housing was the cheapest.

After getting off the taxi it was already 10 p.m., and the flight attendant asked, "Dongsheng, how was your pistol not found? I was so worried! Luckily, you actually had a way to hide your gun."

Luo Dongsheng was very worried and said immediately, "Ying Zi, it's best if we leave this place as soon as possible. Come with me to Luo Yue, I heard that the city lord of Luo Yue is very powerful. We can go there. Luo Yue is open to the world now, and they need all sorts of capable people to go and welcome Chinese settlers."

"Why? Didn't you say we would go after finishing up everything here? Besides, I still want to get my end-of-the-year bonus," Ying Zi said.

Luo Dongsheng shook his head and said, "I suspect they might know I was the culprit by now, because I might have left the pistol on the seats."

"What?" Ying Zi's face changed drastically. If the pistol was left on the seats, then they would be caught through the fingerprints for sure."

Suddenly, Luo Dongsheng felt his pockets and said in a daze, "At the checkpoint, I searched many times through my pockets, yet I didn't find it on me, so why did it suddenly appear now?"

Ying Zi said, "Could it be that you were too nervous and didn't feel it?"

Luo Dongsheng shook his head, "There's no way, it's not like it's just some piece of cloth. Furthermore, the detector would've detected it."

The two looked at each other for a long time before saying at the same time, "Someone is helping us!"

"Dongsheng, let's go to Luo Yue, I don't want to live here, anyway. I want to live a peaceful life." Ying Zi suddenly made up her mind.

"Okay, let's go to Luo Yue." Luo Dongsheng also made up his mind.

At the same time in a 5-star hotel in Hong Kong, that wealthy lady was holding her charm with an absent mind.

Her young daughter carefully went outside, calling back home to tell about the card-scam and request for the card to be frozen.

"Mom, I already told you: don't believe this. A charm thingy should be able to cure you? Is that possible? The US hospitals all agreed you should stay there for extended diagnosis. We should go back to the US after we deal with the family business," the young girl said. She was still not happy about her mom being tricked and still refusing to listen to her.

Chapter 574: No Medicine for Regret

That middle-aged woman carefully put away the charm and sighed, "Xiao Yin, there are a lot of capable people in China. My dad once told me, 'Qinghui, you shouldn't underestimate anyone nor should you blindly follow others. Sometimes, the ones who can help you best might be those who casually pass by you.'"

"Mom, grandpa comes from the old society-" Before she finished, she was interrupted.

"Xiao Yin, call me aunty from now on and don't call him grandpa. If the Shen family people hear that, they will gossip about it. The words I said on the plane were a bit over the line. Please don't take it personally. Nan Nan- Sigh, never mind. Nan Nan has his own fortune." The woman's tone was melancholic.

Xiao Yin was dazed. She suddenly thought that it wasn't right for her to have let the people in the family freeze the card. Even if the money was scammed, it was what Aunty Qinghui wanted herself.

Sensing the sadness in the woman, Xiao Yin suddenly said, "Mom, you'll always be my mom in my heart. I'll call you aunty in front of others from now on, though. Don't worry, we'll go back home and prepare a bit, but then we'll go to the US for treatment. I believe you can get better for sure. As for Nan Nan, don't worry, I can take care of him."

The middle-aged woman waved her hand. After a long pause, she said, "No matter whether I get better or not this time, I won't go back for treatment anymore. Nan Nan is also a part of the Shen family, so he can stay there. But I've clearly been in the mortal world for too long - I shouldn't keep thinking about these things."

"Mom, you-" Xiao Yin looked at the middle-aged woman and saw how strong her decision to become a nun was.

The middle-aged woman didn't talk for a while and fell into silence.

"Argh!" Xiao Yin suddenly screamed and fell to the ground.

"What's wrong Xiao Yin?" The middle-aged woman woke up from her reverie and quickly helped Xiao Yin up.

"My stomach hurts so much!" Xiao Yin screamed.

At that moment, both the middle-aged woman and Xiao Yin seemed to remember something, and they looked at the clock on the wall at the same time. It was 12 a.m., midnight.

The young doctor on the plane had said that her stomach would be hurting for two hours.

"I'll call a doctor." The middle-aged woman saw the young girl rolling on the bed in pain and was very worried.

"No, Mom," Xiao Yin pulled the her mother's hand, "That person said it would only go on for two hours. I should be fine after two hours. We'll see tomorrow."

The middle-aged woman believed Ye Mo's words and Xiao Yin's current situation proved that the young man's words were right. Wasn't he a magical doctor? She sighed - if Xiao Yin hadn't treated him like that, then perhaps he could have saved her this pain.

Xiao Yin felt her pain get better and asked, "Mom, could it be that he purposely made my stomach hurt?"

"Xiao Yin, don't say that. That young magical doctor didn't even touch you - how could he make your stomach hurt?" The middle-aged woman was clearly a bit unhappy.

"Yes, mom, I know. I truly hope he is as capable as this makes him seem. Maybe you can really get better-" Suddenly, she stopped. Did she really think like that so easily?

She clearly knew what she thought before. She was sure that that guy was a fraud and never held the faintest believe that he would be able to cure Aunt Qingkui's condition. That's why she froze the card. But now, she was doubtful too. How would a fraud know her stomach would hurt tonight?

After a long while, Xiao Yin crawled up and said, "Hmm, I'm fine now. My stomach doesn't hurt anymore."

The both of them looked at the clock, and it was 2 a.m. It had been exactly two hours.

"Mom!" The young girl called out. The two looked at each other for a long while without speaking. Everything that young man said was confirmed. If it was just a guess, then his luck was too absurd.

"Mom, why don't you putting that charm on your head and trying?" Xiao Yin suddenly really wanted to see if that charm would work.

The middle-aged woman shook her head, "It's not 5 a.m. yet. He said it must be 5 a.m., so I'll wait 'till then."

Xiao Yin didn't argue for once and nodded.

Three hours went by quickly and it became 5 a.m.

The middle-aged woman picked up the charm and put it on her head reverently. She wanted to lie down to prevent the charm from falling, but when she put the charm on her head, she felt it get stuck to her head automatically.

Before she could think about anything else, her body started to heat up. There was a pins and needles kind of sensation all over her body. There were clearly many things the eye can't see being sucked away by the charm. She couldn't see it, but she could feel it.

"Mom, how is it?" Xiao Yin also looked astonished, seeing that the charm wasn't falling off.

The middle-aged woman didn't talk. She felt a lazy, warm sensation all over her body, and she didn't want to talk.

Half an hour later, she woke up abruptly as the charm slowly fell to the ground. It turned into dust which then didn't separate at all.

As the middle-aged woman witnessed that, she suddenly teared up. No one knew better than her that her condition had truly been cured. In a short 30 minutes, some magical charm had cured her.

After standing shocked for a while, the middle-aged woman took out a handkerchief and carefully wrapped the dust. The doctor had said it would be very poisonous and that it had to be dealt with carefully.

"Mom, it really turned into dust! Is it, is it-" Xiao Yin looked at the middle-aged woman in disbelief. She could feel her worldview get shattered.

She remembered that young man's words, "If I say that one charm I draw can instantly cure a person who has been in a vegetable-like state for many years, would you believe me? If I say that your stomach will hurt for two hours after we arrive, will you believe me?"

Funnily enough, her stomach really had hurt, and the charm did turn into dust.

"That magical Doctor Mo, he's a real master! He could cure my disease in half an hour, but the money I gave him isn't even 10% of the value of this treatment," Qingkui said.

Xiao Yin just murmured to herself, "It actually worked, actually wor-"

Suddenly, she said desperately, "Mom, he said he could cure even vegetable-like people with charms, Great Uncle has been-"

Before Xiao Yin finished, the middle-aged woman shook her head, "You can't meet such masters whenever you want, Xiao Yin. Sigh-"

At this moment, she suddenly realized why Aunt Qingkui had called it luck amongst luck to be able to see Meng Jiushan. It had been even greater luck to meet that magical doctor.

Yet she didn't even ask him for a charm, and instead, she called him a fraud.

She suddenly thought of the card. If that doctor went to withdraw money and found the card frozen, what would he think?

He must think the real fraud is Aunt Qingkui. Thinking about this, the young girl really regretted.

Hong Kong Meng Mountain Villa.

This villa was more famous than even the Mo family's Half-Mountain Mansion due to the Meng family being renowned as one of the three great Chinese feng shui families.

There were countless people wanting to ask Master Meng to look at feng shui or tell their fortune, but only those very significant people could actually invite him. Each time, they would treat him with the highest respect they could.

Yet today, Master Meng was carefully accompanying a young man in the Meng family mountain villa.

Chapter 575: Earning Big

At this moment, Ye Mo stood in the fruit garden of the luxurious mountain villa of the Meng family. Looking at the fruit tree in front of him, his mood swung from extreme excitement to deep disappointment. Why? Because the 3 meter tall tree in front of him was indeed a Bitter Ten Years Tree but due to neglect, it was on the verge of death.

Bitter Ten Years was something hard to find even in the cultivation realm. It was the hardest to find of the three main ingredients needed to make the foundation establishment pill. It was the rarity of this ingredient that resulted in the foundation establishment pill being so hard to get. It wasn't rare to find one fruit be sold for tens of thousands of spirit stones.

It was very hard for the Bitter Ten Years to grow. It only grew a centimeter each year. This one was obviously close to 300 years old, which was very rare.

The only pity was that even though it seemed to have been taken care of properly, its own spirit chi was dissipating, and thus it was near death. Even if Ye Mo wanted to save this tree, he would have to have spirit stones to build a spirit gathering formation. But even if he had spirit stones, he wouldn't be able to waste them for building formations - he would use them to cultivate.

But this also meant that the Meng family had quite the skills to be able to keep the Bitter Ten Years alive for 300 years.

There was a saying about the Bitter Ten Years, 'Ten years to bloom, one morning to bear fruit. Bitter in the heart, but sweet in its dao.' In the cultivation realm, you were only considered a proper cultivator when you reached the foundation establishment state. If one wanted to reach the foundation establishment state, the Bitter Ten Years was a must.

"Doctor Mo?" Meng Jiushan saw Ye Mo stand in front of the Bitter Ten Years and sigh in disappointment, so he called out.

Ye Mo looked at Meng Jiushan and said "This tree only has a few years left to live."

Hearing this, Meng Jiushan looked despondent and nodded, "Yes, you are right, Doctor Mo - this tree indeed doesn't have long left."

Ye Mo nodded and asked "How do you know this tree only has a few years left to live?"

"This is what my ancestors said, 'When this tree leaves the place it grew up, it will have lived for only 300 years.' There's only a few years left until those 300 years." Meng Jiushan felt sad. This tree was very important to the Meng family.

"Leave 'the place it grew up', so not its birthplace? This tree wasn't planted by your ancestors? In that case, how could you let it live for 300 years?" Ye Mo was bewildered - this was a miracle.

"Yes, when my ancestor first found the tree, it was less than 3 inches big, but he dug it out with 1 meter of earth and brought it away." Ye Mo understood now. With that much earth dug away, its growth wouldn't be affected, but after all these years, the nutrients from the original earth had all been absorbed, and now it was dying.

Then, Meng Jiushan said "When we moved it to Hong Kong, we dug 6 meters of earth around it and shipped it here. And now, there's no way for us to save it anymore."

Ye Mo suddenly considered something and asked, "Where did your ancestor find the tree?"

Hearing this, Meng Jiushan's face looked pained.

Ye Mo could tell he didn't really want to say it, so he immediately said, "I can cure your Meng family's disease as long as you can tell me where you found the tree."

The Bitter Ten Years must've come from a place with abundant spirit chi.

Ye Mo had some understanding of the Meng family's disease - it was caused by their ancestor wrongly eating the Bitter Ten Years.

The Bitter Ten Years couldn't be eaten with honey. If there was a lack of spirit chi, it was best made into a medicinal soup or pill. Otherwise it could cause a blockage of life force, despite making the person healthier. And if there was an abundance of spirit chi, the life force wouldn't be blocked.

If the Bitter Ten Years weren't withered, it would be hard for Ye Mo to cure the disease, but since it was withered, he only needed to dissipate the spirit chi blocking their life force. They wouldn't have to eat the Bitter Ten Years anymore anyways.

"Thank you, Doctor Mo." Meng Jiushan was waiting for these words.

"When our ancestor found the place, there were two of these trees, and one was already 5 meters tall-"

Ye Mo was shook, "Two?!"

One was already 5 meters tall then, so now that 300 years had passed, wouldn't that tree be 800 years old? An 800-years-old Bitter Ten Years! Ye Mo's heart burned with intensity. If he managed to acquire that, he would be earning big. A fruit from that tree would be worth more than 100.000 spirit stones!

Meng Jiushan could tell that Ye Mo was very interested in the tree and continued, "Yes, my ancestor could only take the small one, but he decided to go back later on to get the big one, but he couldn't find it. This was in the depth of the Duan Heng Ranges, in the sea of clouds. The ancestor said that he had seen a natural North Spoon Seven Stars formation, but our ancestors have been unable to find anything even after looking for 200 years."

Ye Mo calmed down a bit, but he definitely had to go to that place no matter what. Ye Mo said calmly, "Okay, now, recite your Meng family fortune telling art for me to see where the problem lies."

Ye Mo already knew where the problem was, but he was saving the entire Meng family, so he felt it reasonable enough to take something from them.

Meng Jiushan didn't doubt anything. He believed there was no way to learn the Meng family fortune telling art by just listening to it once. There were a lot of words that required explanation word by word, and sometimes, it took a whole day to explain one word.

The art formula wasn't long, about 10.000 words, but what shocked Ye Mo was that it was the closest thing to spirit chi cultivation he had ever encountered on earth. The 'difficult words' didn't bother Ye Mo at all as he knew much more than Meng Jiushan.

This art gave Ye Mo much more inspiration than the book he had seen at the Nine Moon Sect! He had understood a lot from it, and if he went back into solitary training now, he would even be able to have some breakthrough.

The trip had not been a waste of time.

"Okay, I understand now. Call all the male members of your family over. I'll remove this disease for you." Because the tree couldn't live anymore anyway, Ye Mo didn't tell them to stop eating the fruits.

Meng Jiushan rejoiced that Ye Mo was willing to help. There weren't that many males in their family, only six, so Ye Mo didn't require much time to dispel the condensed spirit chi inside of them. As for the women in the Meng family, Ye Mo gave the family a recipe for making some medicine for that.

Eventually, Meng Jiushan took out a cheque with a huge sum on it, but Ye Mo rejected. Although it was a lot of money, it was nothing to Ye Mo. Moreover, he had already acquired quite a lot from Meng Jiushan.

"A master indeed!" Meng Jiushan saw that Ye Mo might have asked for 3 million from that wealthy lady on the plane, but he rejected the tens of millions on the cheque, and this changed his perception of Ye Mo greatly.

"The Duan Heng Ranges, North Spoon Seven Stars?" Why did that sound like the entrance Luo Xuan had talked about?

Chapter 576: Enough Foundation, Ready for Relocation

Jing City - this place wasn't far from North Korea, at the borderline of China. Even though it wasn't winter, Chinese New Year had just passed, but there was still a lot of snow.

It was March, early spring already, yet Jing City still had endless snowfalls. Most of the people in the city always stayed in their houses with their heater on, watching TV.

Ee Mei Mountain was the tallest mountain in Jing City. Although it sounded the same as Mount Emei in Sichuan, there was a huge fundamental difference between the two mountains. Ee Mei Mountain was constantly covered in snow. Except for some individual places and at special times, one couldn't see green anywhere.

At this moment outside a village at the foot of the Ee Mei Mountain, a stressed-looking young woman was walking arduously on the road. It seemed like she wanted to enter the village and take a break.

Her bulging stomach made it hard for her to walk, her steps were weak, and she was obviously powerless. In the end, she accidentally slipped and fell to the floor.

The woman used her hand to protect her stomach as she wanted to get up, but she failed again and again.

The snow was getting more and more intense, and there was no one to be seen on the small road.

'Hmm, why is someone laying on the snow?' A nun with a huge backpack thought in wonder, but she walked up to the woman very rapidly.

She looked at the woman on the ground and helped her up. She muttered to herself in shock, "Such a pretty girl, and she's not from here. Hmm, she's pregnant? Wait, it would seem she has cultivated ancient martial arts before but is just heavily wounded."

Without even checking the woman, the nun quickly carried her and the big backpack up Ee Mei Mountain as she ran even faster than before.

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Cultivation was truly a matter with no ending. As soon as Ye Mo came back and gave Xu Yuehua what he had to give her, he started cultivating again. He had understood some things useful to him from the Meng family's fortune telling art. In the turn of an eye, a few months passed.

But today, Ye Mo couldn't focus his mind anymore. He felt annoyed and restless. Ye Mo got up and checked his power and found that he was at the middle stage of stage five. He was quite happy that he had been able to improve in only a few months.

After Ye Mo came out, Xu Yuehua, Xu Ping and co. quickly came. Ning Qingxue arrived by Ye Mo's side on first notice too. Surprisingly enough, Ye Zifeng and Ye Ling also came.

Ye Mo felt strange and asked Ye Zifeng, "Zifeng, why have you come? What happened to the Ye family in Beijing?"

"Big Brother, we're brothers. I know grandpa is right, but if we hide in Beijing while Luo Yue is in hardship and come back after Luo Yue overcomes the difficulty, what kind of brothers would we be then? Brothers need to share hardship together too, not just the good times. Even Ye Ling knew to come help you, how can I fall behind?" Ye Zifeng's words touched Ye Mo. He knew that Ye Zifeng quite possibly might not be blood related to him, but he would always see Ye Zifeng as his blood brother nonetheless.

Soon, the entire management level of Luo Yue assembled at the meeting hall. They were preparing to discuss the complete relocation of Luo Yue Pharmaceuticals to Luo Yue City. Luo Yue had achieved some level of self-protection by now, and they believed that they were nearing the end of the US's patience.

Luo Yue was wealthy, and large amounts of assets flew into Luo Yue, but what shocked everyone was that no matter how big Luo Yue got, they just wouldn't enter the stock market. People could buy Luo Yue's products but not their shares.

And because Luo Yue had plenty of money, they had started looking for large military countries with weapons to sell for some transaction opportunities. Those countries only looked at money, and so they all accepted some form of dealings with Luo Yue.

But it wasn't like Luo Yue could buy all sorts of weapons left and right. Even if a country were willing to let Luo Yue buy their military-grade weapons, they would have to acknowledge that Luo Yue was an independent government first. That condition stopped a lot of countries in their tracks.

America, Russia, Germany, France and England were all powerful military countries.

The US couldn't admit Luo Yue's independence, nor would they sell weapons to Luo Yue, as they were just waiting for Luo Yue to mature before they would start trying to seize it.

Germany, France and England were all on the same team, and they knew what the US was thinking. Although they were interested in the money Luo Yue could bring them, they couldn't just casually sell Luo Yue weapons taking the US into account.

But Russia was different - they didn't care.

Although Russia wasn't as militarily potent as the Soviet Union had been, they had developed on a broader scale. While England, France and Germany were in the middle of hesitating, they admitted Luo Yue's independence without hesitation and simply sold their weapons to Luo Yue as they pleased.

Large amounts of money fell into Russia's reserves, while large amounts of planes, nuclear submarines and tanks went into Luo Yue.

Seeing this happen, Germany finally couldn't resist anymore. They didn't expect that some small Luo Yue would have that much power, gobbling up batch after batch of weapons. But to them, it was still a bit hard to admit Luo Yue's independence.

America immediately stood out to criticize Russia, saying that they were increasing volatile factors in the world, but Russia soon retaliated by saying that the US was the largest distributor of weapons in the world, so especially the US had no right to criticize Russia.

"Martial Brother, after making our latest nuclear weapon, we've modelled the explosion, and it shouldn't be weaker than any nuclearly armed country's weapons. Our newest intercontinental missile

can easily bomb the US. We have the ability to send a nuke right to their dinner table," Ye Xing said joyfully.

Ye Mo nodded. He was very satisfied with Ye Xing's capabilities, and he trusted him unconditionally.

"Ye Xing is right. Our greatest achievement is the newest nuclear reactor engine. Without the new computers and mechanical stations you bought, we really wouldn't have been able to produce it," Xu Ping nodded.

"Russia is giving us rather average things, so I think we still need to produce our own weapons. If you give me three years, I'm sure that Luo Yue will be the center of the world's military technology," Ye Xing said pridefully.

"Making weapons is a means, not the goal. Although weapons earn money, there are plenty of other things we can earn money with. For now, Luo Yue's population is too small. When our population reaches a couple million, then we can become truly independent," Ye Mo said.

Xu Yuehua nodded and said, "Many of those working at Luo Yue have moved their families here. Now, there's almost 200,000 people here. 60% of them are Chinese, and the rest comes from other countries around the world. We've also established airplane routes from many different countries, allowing those who want to move here to come for free."

"Okay, in that case, let's move Flowing Snake's Luo Yue here as well. It is time." Ye Mo was really pleased with how fast Luo Yue had developed. If the US still wanted to attack them, they would have to think about their chances first.

"Once we move Luo Yue here completely, the US will react. They might even attack Luo Yue at first notice and try to rob us of our things. We need to be ready for battle," Xu Yuehua said.

Luo Yue was already completely different from when they had first come there. Not only did they have the new air defence system, they also had Ye Xing's newly made electronic interference and GPS location systems. In fact, the electronic interference system might be seen as one of the main reasons why Luo Yue could be so confident.

Ye Mo suddenly got up and scanned everyone, "We will be moving all of Luo Yue Pharmaceuticals to Luo Yue, including the population of Flowing Snake. We have more than 200.000 people now. At the same time, let the 200 nautical miles of sea around Luo Yue also belong to Luo Yue!"

Chapter 577: Want War or Wealth

Xu Yuehua commented worriedly, "The Commonwealth Sea Laws state that the regional sea of a nation must be no more than 12 nautical miles. Wouldn't we be giving the US a reason to start the war that way?"

Ye Mo smiled, "We wouldn't be the only ones with a sea region of 200 nautical miles. Many countries have surpassed 200 miles. Luo Yue City is special too - we face the sea on three sides, so we need to increase our regional sea. Our main military power will be at sea. Besides, even if we don't assume even an inch of a regional sea, they will still start a war anyway, hence-"

Ye Mo looked at everyone sitting down, "As soon as Luo Yue Pharmaceuticals comes to Luo Yue City, we will immediately test the nuclear bomb. We need to flash our power in front of the eyes of those who have bad intentions for Luo Yue City. I will say now that no matter whether it's on my land or in my regional sea, I am the one who decides things."

"Yes, that's the spirit, I shall be the first to support you, City Lord!" Huang Yinian stood up excitedly. Ye Mo's words had gotten to everyone's hearts.

Luo Yue didn't have their own plane, tank, or gun production line. Instead, their first production line was a ship production line. The first product made there was their own carrier ship. This was a nuclear-powered carrier ship Ye Xing had designed in Northern Sand.

"Of course, we have the latest air defense system and electrical interference and positioning systems. Now, they can come anytime they want," Ye Xing said satisfyingly.

Ye Mo stopped Ye Xing, "Although we have made great progress in some areas, our overall military power is still far below that of the US. We're no match for them yet, but we merely need to have the

capability to threaten them and make them have some concerns. The situation is such that we shouldn't start a conflict, at least not yet. We don't have the necessary power yet."

Xu Yuehua nodded, "We're just able to compare our trump card with the mere superficial, openly visible portion of their power. Who knows what greater cards they have hidden. So I agree with City Lord's opinion. We're far from a match for the US at the moment, not to mention that they have a lot of allies. If we were to fight, most parties would be helping them."

"We'll definitely fight sooner or later, but we don't know what the fight is going to be like. Right now a few of our medical factories are making money, but once we start fighting, the costs will be huge. So increasing our tactical assets is still very important to us," Ye Mo said. He knew there was too little time left for Luo Yue. If they had a few years more, the US would only be a slightly large stepping stone for them.

Zang Jiayan continued, "We have stored quite some food already, and large amounts of usable factories, a lot of foreign factories too, have started operation. We just haven't reached an appropriate scale in the agriculture department yet."

Ye Mo waved his hand, "Food is a crucial tactical asset - we must prepare plenty. It's unrealistic to try to produce all we need ourselves. We're spending quite some resources on the upcoming war, and we don't have enough people. So once we start the war, we need to think of ways to earn money from and during it."

"Earn money from the war? Usually, third parties earn from the wars between two other parties, so how can we earn from our own war?" Ye Zifeng wondered.

Ye Mo smiled, "That's won't necessarily be impossible. Our electronic interference system is the best in the world, and no one can match it right now. We can sell that. Even though I haven't experienced modern warfare myself, I know that the focus of it is long-range battle with a great emphasis on accuracy. Fighting someone with a strong electronic interference system and a strong GPS, those countries dependent on electronic warfare would be in for a nightmare.

Although we have a small population and are on the disadvantage, numbers can be made up for in modern warfare. We just need to interfere with our enemies' attacks and efficiently locate their units. If our systems really are as strong as Ye Xing says they are, we'll have money to earn."

Ye Xing immediately got up to make his point anew, "Martial Brother, one can doubt my popularity with women but not my ability to build things. Once we have our production line for planes, I will build the strongest electrical interference machine on Earth!"

Everyone understood Ye Mo's words. He meant that they would show the capabilities of their product in this war and then sell it to other countries. If Luo Yue's interference machine could interfere with US missiles and other attacks, there was no way it wouldn't become famous.

Understanding Ye Mo's idea, Ye Xing quickly shook his head, "This isn't a mobile interference machine, though. We can only station it in Luo Yue. And although it is able to stop any attack from a weapon within 1 km and lock onto the weapon, it does use vast amounts of energy-"

"You used the extreme energy stone?" Ye Mo immediately understood Ye Xing.

Ye Xing smiled bitterly, "I didn't have any other choice. If I didn't make this thing, I wouldn't be able to sleep at night. The power of the US isn't something we can fight against with a mere two years of development. I'm sure that as long as we have enough missiles, we can strike down all the weapons they attack us with. Currently, our missiles are all imported from Russia, and even the intercontinental missiles were modified after import. We're still assembling our own missile production line.

Ye Mo could understand why Ye Xing had used the stone. Although it was precious, they couldn't just store it and not use it. It seemed like these stones were more precious than spirit stones. Ye Mo sighed. It looked like he would have to go to Northern Sand to get the other four as well.

"So that means we can't sell our interference system?" Ye Mo was disappointed.

"Of course we can sell it! We can modify it and change the energy source to fuel. This way, the range would be greatly reduced to only a few hundred meters, but at least then we could attach it to planes," Ye Xing smiled.

"Okay, then we'll sell this modified plane idea of yours," Ye Mo said. That would earn money for sure.

"That sounds good, but there are three other issues to it. First, the system needs our own engine to operate. Our engine is currently the best in the world. Of course, I can simplify it down, and even the

simplified version will shock the world. Second, we don't have a plane production line. Third, if we sell our interference system, it won't take long for it to be analysed and understood," Ye Xing said.

Ye Mo smiled, "I'm not afraid of that. No one can analyse or understand how our Luo Yue seals our pills as I have the ability to make those things unanalysable. Likewise, I'll just inscribe a sealing formation at the most important part of the interference machine. That way, if one tries to open the internal structure of the machine, the formation will destroy it.

So, we'll do it. CEO Zang, you can assist Ye Xing in assembling a plane production line. This is very important. Try to import things from other countries and modify it. That'll save some time."

"Big Brother, do you want the countries who intend to buy the interference machine to first admit Luo Yue's independence?" Ye Zifeng asked.

Ye Mo nodded. He wasn't afraid of the US, but if he wanted to survive on Earth, international status was very important. If no country helped him, then no matter how strong Luo Yue was, they wouldn't be able to live well.

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The US President gathered his cabinet and held a meeting. This was their second time having a meeting due to Luo Yue.

"Luo Yue took over Sai Na and is amassing a population from people all over the world. They are now mass-buying weapons. I think that if we weren't so far away from them, their Russian missiles would already be at our feet. I'm regretful about Senator Harry's suggestion to let them develop," the naval commander stood up and said.

Luo Yue was massively developing their naval power, and if they were to fight, the first battle would be at sea.

Chapter 578: The War About to Begin

"I think General Derrick is right. We shouldn't have let Luo Yue develop. We should've attacked Sai Na at first notice. I think that now, our main task is to attack and take back what is ours," the Minister of Defense said.

Harry frowned and didn't say anything, but the person next to him did "Harry's decision was right at the time. The reason why we didn't succeed was because those cunning bastards saw through our intentions and used the time we gave them to quickly develop. That's what caused the situation we have today."

"He's right. I knew a lot of people would see through what we were planning, but I didn't expect the merchants from Luo Yue to be able to see through it. This was my error. Since they already know about our plan, I don't think we need to keep waiting. I suggest we take action immediately," Harry said.

"I agree, Sai Na has countless treasures, including the new element we found. I suggest we immediately take military action and take back Sai Na and kick those criminals out. That place doesn't belong to them. Have we been planning for it for decades only for them to silently take it away?" someone else said.

80% of the people at the meeting agreed to immediately declare war on Sai Na.

The President frowned. It's not that he didn't want war, but there had been another even bigger discovery.

"Everyone, I'm also very regretful about Sai Na, and this is our fault. But according to the FBI, Luo Yue isn't as simple as we thought. Mr Leo, please explain the situation." The President looked at a fat white man who was the head of the FBI.

Usually he didn't come to these meetings, but he did today which meant that there was indeed important news for everyone.

Leo shook his flab and said seriously, "One year ago, we sent five people to China to retrieve a certain woman from the plane the Black Sun Empire hijacked. Only she knew about our men on the plane, yet a

year later, we haven't gotten any news from any of them. None of them ever came back. The men we sent were four mutants, one of them even being a level three lightning mutant."

Leo looked around and continued, "Then, we found the Black Star Island the Black Sun Empire abandoned. This seemed like just some private island, yet we found that that place was their main base for technology. On the island, we found a sealed vault. After testing it, we became certain that it had been meant for the storage of gold, but all the gold was gone.

We found some of the most advanced technology on the planet in and around the vault, yet still all the gold had been taken away. I'm sure they didn't do it themselves - they wouldn't have to dig underground and break through walls to access their own gold."

"Leo, you mean that Luo Yue did that?" someone asked in shock.

Leo nodded and said, "Yes, we suspect them strongly. That chase from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean also seems to have led to Sai Na."

The President said very seriously, "Many of you here might not yet know that we lost more than four thousand tonnes of gold from our reserves in one night. And the US banks all lost a few hundred million dollars in one night as well. The hole at the site was very smooth, in exactly the same style as the ones we found in the gold vault at the Black Star Island."

"What?! Our gold reserves have been robbed?"

The meeting room immediately burst into chaos.

"If Luo Yue really has such a potent weapon, I think it could inflict a huge blow on our airforce and navy."

Leo said, "Before, it was just a suspicion. We also doubted whether Luo Yue could make such a powerful weapon - perhaps the route of the chase ending close to Sai Na was just a coincidence. And although we lost our gold, it didn't have to have been caused by Luo Yue. It wouldn't be easy for anyone to ship away that much gold, much less from a heavily secured fortress.

I carefully interrogated every troop that guarded the fort, and it's very unlikely that it was an inside job. The hole was supposedly made from the underground, so I checked the earth there, and there was indeed somewhat of a loosened up path to the outside. The robber might have used a hightech way of getting in. In any case, our surveillance systems were tricked and our gold stolen."

"If this technology really belongs to Luo Yue, then the weapon that sliced the patrol boat might have been made by them too. If their weapons are that advanced, I think we would be facing a very hard battle."

"Leo, if the FBI suspects Luo Yue, why don't you send people over to investigate? Luo Yue is taking in people from all over the world, don't tell me you can't get in. Perhaps even I can go in." Harold from the NSA was unhappy.

Leo knew how Harold felt and said with a bitter smile, "Remember what I said before? Our mutant department sent 5 members to China to take that woman back. And recently, we sent 57 people to Sai Na, yet again, none of them came back. Other than a few photos of busy construction works, we got nothing back."

"Aren't you the so-called most powerful investigation bureau in the world?" one senator scorned.

Just as the President wanted to say something, a new report was sent to him. After reading it, he immediately got up, "Luo Yue is moving to Sai Na, and the citizens from Flowing Snake will also be moving to Sai Na. Everyone?"

"Then there's nothing left to say. I suggest we immediately send our mothership and lock Sai Na down," the naval commander said.

The President obviously agreed, but they still had to make precise battle plans to ensure everything went right. It would be best if the Commonwealth Union could first announce they would investigate Luo Yue and then send its army. That would be much better than the US having to send their army straight away.

Harry knew what the President wanted and also got up, "I agree, but we need to contact Ethiopia and Kenya first so that they seal off Luo Yue's retreat on land. I think we should let the Commonwealth

Union bring up this battle plan, and then we can form a multinational army. Before we fight, I suggest we tell Luo Yue to move out of Sai Na first, of course, there's no way they would."

"Although I also support going to war, if Luo Yue really has that weapon of mass destruction, we would be in for some bad luck," someone said.

"If they really have the capability to produce such a weapon then we should only seize Sai Na even quicker! It'd be a pleasant gift, just like their pills," Harold smiled.

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Chinese New Year had just passed when suddenly in only one night, Flowing Snake returned to being the barren place it had been before.

A new round of war broke out in the world.

Under the US's strong requests, the Commonwealth Union gathered a multinational army to kick Luo Yue out of Sai Na.

The US believed that Luo Yue had taken their land and were bringing great instability to world peace by buying weapons en masse. Every member of the Commonwealth had the responsibility to put in effort for world peace and kick Luo Yue out of Sai Na.

When this statement was made, the whole world was shocked.

Chapter 579: Luo Yue's Stance

The International Federation was an international organization made up of all the countries in the world, with peacekeeping being just one of its functions.

When the US proposed to kick Luo Yue out of Sai Na by force, they didn't expect that the International Federation wouldn't completely pass their proposal. Of the five greatest countries, China simply passed on voting, but Russia actually voted contra any military action against Luo Yue.

As long as there was one vote contra, the proposal couldn't be passed. Like that, the US wouldn't be able to send troops to Sai Na blatantly.

Russia had only gotten some weapon deals from Luo Yue, though. Were they going to get on the US's bad side for a few hundred million dollars? It wasn't the Cold War period anymore, there was no need to get on the US's bad side for a mere Luo Yue who only had 200.000 inhabitants.

The way Russia did things was very strange, but three days later, because of the US's strong request, the International Federation held a vote for the second time, and what surprised everyone was that Russia also passed on voting this time. Like that, US could legitimately send an army to Luo Yue.

No one knew why the Russians had changed their decision. But that wasn't too important, and a week later, an alliance with the US as the head of it declared war on Luo Yue in the name of freedom and democracy.

26 countries and a total of 120.000 troops, with the US's army forming 90% of it. Most countries hadn't voted and had sent their troops only after being given some special conditions by the US.

There were 50.000 ground troops, 30.000 navy marines, an airforce counting 10.000 men, and 30.000 men's worth of special assault squads. There were 380 tanks, 600 armored vehicles, 350 jets, 200 helicopters, and 70 ships.

According to the battle plan they had made, the Union Army would come to Sai Na from the Indian Ocean, meanwhile the ground troops would attack from the border with Ethiopia and Kenya. This would result in two battlefields and was called the swing tactic.

Its purpose was to make the enemy unable to deal with the attacks on both sides and force them to the middle. They wouldn't be able to get away, and so eventually they would have to surrender. The reason why they used this tactic was because the US didn't want any of Luo Yue's high-level technical personnel to escape.

Perhaps, surrendering without conditions was the best choice of action for Luo Yue.

The day the Union Army was mobilized, the greatest betting organization opened a bet for the war. The bet was on how long it would take for the army to take over Sai Na. The odds for Luo Yue winning were 1:100.

No one believed Luo Yue would win, so even if the odds were 1:1000, no one would bet on Luo Yue. Yet randomly, a certain piece of news shocked the world: an anonymous person had bet 500 million on Luo Yue winning.

This caught the attention of the media and made Luo Yue and this anonymous person a bit more mysterious. What shocked the world even more was Luo Yue's reaction to the war.

Luo Yue declared war on the US. Xu Yuehua said on Luo Yue's news channel that Luo Yue had nuclear power and was going to test their first warhead close to South Africa. If anyone dared attack Luo Yue, Luo Yue wouldn't mind using their nuclear weapons.

With Luo Yue's declaration, the US grew furious. They didn't expect Luo Yue to grow this troublesome in such a short while. For some stupid extra gains, they had allowed Luo Yue to grow so strong. At the same time they were also worried. Even if they could blow Luo Yue to pieces, if Luo Yue dropped even one bomb on their country it would be catastrophic. The US also suspected that Luo Yue's nukes had been supplied by another country, either China or Russia.

The whole world was shocked. Some small countries that had also joined the war were scared. They weren't afraid of the US having nukes, but they sure were afraid of Luo Yue having nukes. If they cornered Luo Yue too hard, Luo Yue really might just throw a nuke at them. Even if Luo Yue was eventually annihilated, they wouldn't be able to handle the losses.

Nine countries quickly left the union.

The second day, a huge mushroom cloud appeared, and the world was sunk into silence. Another five countries left the union.

Although the amount of soldiers in the army stayed mostly the same, this was a blow to morale.

The Union quickly held another meeting. No one thought that some entrepreneurship would be able to obtain nukes in a mere year of development.

Although the International Federation requested Luo Yue to participate in the meeting, Luo Yue refused without hesitation. They wouldn't mind coming, but the Federation would have to admit Luo Yue's independence first, and their army would have to retreat.

The US was angry. They couldn't possibly retreat - if they were so easily scared off by just one nuke, how would they remain the police of the Pacific Ocean?

So what if Luo Yue had nukes? They had them too.

"We must wipe them clean before they can react!" someone ordered.

The US government was irate, but the people didn't agree. When they found out that Luo Yue had nukes and had the capability to detonate it from far away, a mass protest began. The people didn't agree to sending the army to the other side of the ocean to invade a new country that had nukes and had nothing to do with the US.

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When the International Federation invited Luo Yue to the meeting once more, Ye Mo just sneered.

This was just like the battles among sects on Luo Yue Continent. When a new sect arose, the other sects would gather together to pressure the new sect. If they couldn't get from it what they wanted, they would just annihilate the new sect.

But if they went there and found that the sect leader was absurdly powerful, the pressure tactics would be turned into meet-and-greets.

Power, no matter where, no matter when, was still the most important. Ye Mo sighed, he wouldn't even be able to find a peaceful place to live without power.

Although Luo Yue requested for the retreat of the Union Army, the order was never made. At the same time, the Union Army under Sai's lead was in the Indian Ocean already, and it would be half a day before they reached Luo Yue's regional sea.

The whole world's attention was gathered on Luo Yue, and by the time it became known that the third meeting had resulted in nothing, the first fleet of the Union Army entered Luo Yue's sea. When the first missile was fired at Luo Yue, the war began.

Chapter 580: Not a Battle on Equal Grounds

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There was no probing or any small-scale attacks.

Luo Yue's nuke had touched the US's bottom line, and they wrought lightning fast attacks upon Luo Yue. 120,000 elite soldiers attacked Luo Yue from three sides.

In their eyes, Luo Yue was a lamb waiting to be slaughtered. They would be taking over Luo Yue in the shortest time and break all records. If Luo Yue didn't have any nukes, perhaps they would have taken it slowly.

The Union launched a full-scale attack.

"Report - our radars are being strongly interfered with. We cannot lock onto targets."

"Report - their interference system is jamming our systems. We cannot make precise attacks."

"Report - their interference system is too strong. Our electrical systems are unable to operate."

"Report - my plane has been locked on by their radar."

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The command center of the Union Army was dumbfounded. Since when could any new startup company make such strong military interference systems?

Modern warfare meant electronic warfare. If the opposition's interference rendered them unable to lock onto targets, then how could the battle even be fought? And their planes were getting locked on to, what would happen next was obvious.

The commanding officer at the command center was sweating. They had planned on lightning fast warfare, the favorite tactic of Germany in WW2. Yet now, the command officer could only stand dazed. Even Russia wouldn't have been able to have such a strong interference system. Their planes were strongly interfered with very soon after they took flight, how were they to fight like that?

If Luo Yue had made such an interference machine, would the nukes then also be theirs?

Thinking about this, Peter immediately ordered, "Retreat, retreat immediately!" But his order was a little late.

All the planes that Luo Yue's radar had locked onto became blind, and they hadn't even arrived above Luo Yue yet.

Rumble rumble- Ye Mo saw countless anti-air missiles light up the sky in red as fighter jets were taken down accurately all over the place.

The jets could muster no resistance under such strong interference, and the pilots could only rely on their own skills to dodge the missiles.

The jets had no choice but to try their luck and shoot some missiles at random but even if they aimed well, the missiles would be stopped by the Space Shield Defense System.

The troops who hadn't reached land yet watched the fireworks in the sky in utter shock. Since when did the world have such accurate missile systems?

Ye Mo sneered. He knew he wouldn't need to worry about these planes. Although Luo Yue didn't fly even a single plane themselves, Ye Xing hadn't been bluffing indeed. Ye Mo was sure that Ye Xing's interference machine and radar system were unbeatable in this world.

Ye Mo was even more sure that Ye Xing was also not from this world, but the difference between him and Ye Mo was that he had lost a lot of his memories.

This electrical interference battle made the Union Army defenseless. The missiles Ye Xing had modified were not only faster, they also had a longer range and were more accurate.

"F*ck, you want to invade Luo Yue with this garbage radar and electronic system? I overestimated you! You wasted one of my extreme energy stones, what a disappointment!" Ye Xing looked at the falling jets and felt bored.

"It would seem that my help isn't needed in this area," Ye Mo said to himself and disappeared. He knew that although Luo Yue had spent a lot of resources developing their navy, the navy was still Luo Yue's weakest spot. What he needed to do at the moment was to go annihilate the Union Army's naval power.

Ye Mo knew that it was impossible to capture 80 ships, so he just sliced them open right in the middle.

The nuclear submarines also didn't escape the same fate and in a short while, Ye Mo had annihilated 20 ships.

Countless soldiers struggled on the ocean surface. They hadn't even seen their opponent and already lost 20 ships, what weapon was this? At this moment, Luo Yue's ships neared the Union Army and announced that those who surrendered would not be killed.

The captain of one guard ship was extremely furious and immediately ordered to attack. But before the cannons of his ship could be raised, it was destroyed by an unknown weapon.

One missile submarine was also sneaking up on Luo Yue's fleet, yet before they could fire any missiles, it was sliced in half by Ye Mo. The intense water pressure ripped the people inside into pieces.

Ye Mo flew out of the sea and took an essence chi pill. Good thing he had concocted some, or he would've been running out of chi.

If not for Ye Xing's help, Ye Mo was sure that he wouldn't have been able to stop the Union Army's attack.

Seeing his ships be taken out by an unknown weapon one by one, Sai's face was green. His ship's scan wasn't finding anything within 100 nautical miles from Luo Yue!

Huang Yinian felt very satisfied. If not for Ye Mo telling him not to fire at carrier ships, he wouldn't have been able to resist the temptation to throw a couple of missiles over.

Although he didn't know why the enemy's ships were sinking one by one, he knew it was related to the mysterious City Lord Ye Mo and Ye Xing.

Although Luo Yue didn't fire any large amounts of cannons or missiles, a few were still being sent out every once in a while, sinking the struggling soldiers into the sea.

These people were demons! They didn't even let the drowning soldiers live. Sai didn't dare send out any of the remaining jets on the carrier, because he knew that they would just serve as target practice to Luo Yue.

This wasn't a battle on equal levels. Before the battle, they had been sure that it wouldn't be a battle on equal grounds, but they had thought that they would be the ones at the higher level, yet the reality was exactly the opposite.

No one could've thought that Luo Yue would actually be that strong. Luo Yue's electronic warfare power was out of this world - they had designed something beyond their age.

This was humiliating. The commander had never fought such a humiliating battle in his life. He was sure that no one could have expected Luo Yue to be this strong. If Luo Yue had any great ambitions, then...

Sai didn't dare keep thinking.