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Chapter 311 Shameless Edict!

"Lady Luo, please receive the decree."

The eunuch spoke tremblingly.

At this moment, he didn't dare to show any arrogance in front of Luo Qingtong.

Now he finally understood that no matter how weak the Luo Family was, or how unpopular Luo Qingtong, the future Fifth Prince Consort, was, as long as this title existed, everyone had to bow respectfully before her.

So what if the Tianyu Royal Family disdained her?

Could they disgrace themselves by telling the world that everyone can bully Luo Qingtong?

That absolutely cannot be!

Therefore, no matter how much the people of the Tianyu Royal Family disliked her, everyone outside knew that if the Tianyu Royal Family wanted to deal with Luo Qingtong, they couldn't disrespect her openly.

Luo Qingtong liked this feeling of disgusting them.

The gold-lettered signboard of the Tianyu Royal Family was so useful, of course, she would make good use of it!

As for the underhanded tricks behind the scenes... whoever is not afraid of death can bring it on!

The eunuch respectfully presented the decree.

Luo Qingtong glanced at him indifferently and raised her hand to receive it.

"You want the Tiger Talisman?"

Luo Qingtong looked at the decree in her hand and laughed.

These people of the Dongli Royal Family really dared to ask.

First, they stripped Old Master Luo of his role as Commander of the Three Armies, and now they want the Tiger Talisman to gather all military authority in their own hands!

It seems they couldn't possibly take Old Master Luo away thus they are preparing to forcefully snatch it under the name of the Royal Family?

Old Master Luo's Dissipate Technique just gave them an excuse to completely seize the military power in their hands!

However, the left, middle, and right armies of Dongli Country, known for their illustrious reputation, are the sword of the nation!

It was built solely by Old Master Luo!

The old man devoted countless efforts to turn Dongli's military into a powerful force!

Among the surrounding countries, although Dongli may not seem prominent, it is top-notch in military strength!

The fame of Old Master Luo alone could deter the surrounding nations from invasion!

Back then, King Dongli, holding Old Master Luo's hand, wept with gratitude.

Now that something has happened to Old Master Luo, the Royal Family jumps at the opportunity to pick the fruits!

All those words in the past must have been eaten by dogs!

Luo Qingtong's voice was cold, and the eunuch didn't dare to raise his head, only shrinking his neck as he said: "The authority of the Commander of the Three Armies should originally belong to the Royal Family. Previously, the King highly valued the Marquis and entrusted him with the nation's weapon, but now..."

"Now my grandfather has dissipated his power and can no longer be entrusted with this responsibility, thus the Royal Family is forced to reluctantly take back the military authority. Is that what you mean?" Luo Qingtong's voice was faint, yet eerily chilling to those who heard it.

"In any case, all this is not because the Royal Family covets the authority of the Commander of the Three Armies and can't wait to seize it, motivated by greed, but because they are left with no choice, right?"

"My... my Lady..."

The Imperial Attendant deeply bowed his head.

Luo Qingtong's words were too straightforward.

So straightforward that it was just short of pointing at the Royal Family's noses and openly cursing them shameless.

How could he dare to respond?

Even if it's indeed the truth, he couldn't speak as unreservedly as Lady Luo did!

The Royal Family still needed to save face, otherwise, why would they find a bunch of reasons to rightfully ask Old Master Luo to hand over the authority of the Three Armies?

The previous reprimands were all because of this issue.

It's just that before the Royal Family could find a good excuse, Old Master Luo had an incident, which saved them the trouble of searching for other reasons!

But these words could not be said out loud!

Not only could they not say it, but they also had to try their best to hide it, pushing the blame to Old Master Luo and the Luo Family!

Proving that Old Master Luo was unqualified to command the armies, that they were forced to take over!

"Hmm." Luo Qingtong chuckled lightly.

"Grandpa Chu, you see, this is the reward for my grandfather's loyalty to the country."

She said, throwing the decree in front of the attendant.

"Let's go! Take me to the Three Armies Martial Arts Arena, I'll give you the Tiger Talisman!"

The smile on Luo Qingtong's lips was devilishly mischievous.

You want the Tiger Talisman, right?

She'll give it!

Just afraid they can't handle it!

Chapter 312 Heading to the Three Armies Martial Arts Arena

"Ah!"

Old Master Chu and the Imperial Attendant both thought that Luo Qingtong would not accept this imperial edict.

After all, her attitude was so obvious, showing such disdain for the Dongli Royal Family.

Moreover, the Imperial Attendant had already prepared himself to be thrown out.

However, after Luo Qingtong tossed the edict onto his body, she suddenly spoke such words.

The dumbfounded Imperial Attendant stared at Luo Qingtong, taking a long while to comprehend what had happened.

Even when Luo Qingtong stood up and approached him, he was still foolishly kneeling there, maintaining a frightened and bowing posture.

Clearly, he was prepared to bow and beg for mercy.

"Let's go," Luo Qingtong said indifferently.

Her lotus-like skirt hem lifted gently, fluttering past the Imperial Attendant as she stepped forward.

"Yes..." The Imperial Attendant was trembling with apprehension, not understanding what Luo Qingtong meant.

After the previous lesson, he did not think this meant Luo Qingtong was ready to compromise...

He felt that Lady Luo's words carried an ulterior meaning.

But now, with the Luo Family in decline, Old Master Luo having dissipated his cultivation, and Luo Qingtong merely carrying the title of the future Fifth Prince Consort without sufficient cultivation to support the Luo Family, how could she prevent the Royal Family from taking back the Tiger Talisman?

After all, this time, the Royal Family had the moral high ground.

The incident with Old Master Luo gave them a legitimate reason to reclaim the Tiger Talisman!

If Luo Qingtong refused, the Dongli Royal Family could accuse the Luo Family of selfishness and not considering the nation's interests.

By then, either the cultivation-dissipated Old Master Luo would be forced to come forward, confess his crimes voluntarily, and hand over the Tiger Talisman.

Or the Dongli Royal Family, after a bout of chastisement, would directly use force and seize the Tiger Talisman.

Either way, whether one or the other, the Luo Family's century-old reputation for loyalty to the nation would be ruined!

Thinking this, the Imperial Attendant felt that Luo Qingtong must have recognized these points, thus she had no choice but to compromise!

Yes! It must be so!

The Imperial Attendant thought so, subconsciously wanting to puff up his chest.

But at that moment, a look from Luo Qingtong swept over him...

Even though he knew she couldn't see, a chill inexplicably ran down his spine, and the arrogance that had just risen was instantly deflated.

— No matter how much Luo Qingtong compromised, with her status as the future Fifth Prince Consort, she could still thrash him.

Thinking this, the Imperial Attendant instantly became obedient.

As Luo Qingtong left, he followed her with a trot, his face showing a fawning attitude.

Just fearing that Luo Qingtong might kill him if she was displeased.

After all, this was a lord who acted with impunity!

The edict delivery was done, and if he were to be killed now, it would be in vain.

Could he really expect the Dongli Royal Family to trouble Luo Qingtong over this?

Thinking this, the Imperial Attendant became completely docile in an instant, not daring to cause any mischief or show any bravado.

Thus, when Luo Qingtong stepped out, a strange scene unfolded before everyone.

The Imperial Attendant, who had previously arrived with overwhelming arrogance to deliver the edict, was now nodding and bowing like a subservient dog following Luo Qingtong's side, his extremely cautious demeanor dumbfounding many onlookers.

Wasn't it said that the Luo Family was already in decline? And that Lady Luo wasn't favored by the Tianyu Imperial Family, so why was this Imperial Attendant's attitude towards her so ingratiating and respectful?

Could the rumors have been mistaken? Or was Lady Luo truly skilled in her methods?

After all, they had seen the eunuch knocking his head on the floor earlier, although he looked very unwilling.

A group of people watched as Luo Qingtong and others walked away.

It wasn't until Luo Qingtong and the others were far away that someone suddenly slapped their forehead and exclaimed loudly: "The Three Armies Martial Arts Arena! That's the way to the Three Armies Martial Arts Arena!"

Chapter 313 The "Pitiful" Luo Qingtong?

It's the Three Armies Martial Arts Arena!

What are Luo Qingtong and the others doing there?

Old Master Luo isn't even present!

Wait a minute!

When that Imperial Attendant was being beaten just now, he kept shouting that they were here to deliver a royal decree!

Could it be that this decree is related to the military power of the Three Armies?

"Damn! Is the Royal Family planning to reclaim the military power of the Three Armies? Isn't this too shameless?"

Someone couldn't help but cry out.

"Exactly, the Three Armies are the fruit of Old Master Luo's painstaking efforts, built solely by him, not knowing how many resources he poured into it from above! Now that Old Master Luo has just had an incident, the Royal Family wants to take back the military power, isn't this too excessive?"

"Right! The entire Dongli Country knows that Old Master Luo did everything for the Three Armies. Because of this, the Luo Family doesn't even have their own private army to this day!"

"Most of the Luo Family's resources were used by Old Master Luo to subsidize the Three Armies! The first strong army of today, how much of it is owed to Old Master Luo's contributions, the Royal Family's actions are really disheartening."

"Yes! Looking at the major countries around us, the only aristocratic family of the first class without a private army is probably just the Luo Family! They are still related by marriage to the Tianyu Imperial Family! Their status is so much higher than those first-class aristocratic families from Lower-class Countries, yet they don't have a formal private army! This is almost unbelievable!"

"Alas! The incident with Old Master Luo is precisely when the Luo Family is most unstable, and the Royal Family is not only failing to support and maintain them but is so eager to take control of the Three Armies into their hands, which is truly despicable."

Everyone couldn't help but sigh.

If the Luo Family had always been oppressing the common people, acting arrogantly, and using the military power of the Three Armies to do whatever they wanted, perhaps these people would applaud the Royal Family for reclaiming military power.

But the Luo Family has always been fulfilling their duties, and Old Master Luo has been loyal, upright, and transparent throughout his life. Even with a marriage to the Tianyu Imperial Family, he has never flaunted his royal relations, nor has he ever looked down on anyone.

In Dongli Country, from the common folk to the Dongli Royal Family, almost everyone has been graced by Old Master Luo's benevolence.

Especially the Royal Family, the creation of the Three Armies was entirely the result of Old Master Luo's personal effort, pouring his whole heart and soul into this weapon of the state.

Old Master Luo's loyalty is evident; he has never looked down on Dongli Country because of the marital ties with the Tianyu Imperial Family, and has been wholeheartedly loyal to his country, rooted here.

He hasn't had the slightest arrogance or presumptuous behavior, nor any fault towards the Dongli Royal Family, always respectful!

Now, with an incident suddenly occurring, to end up with such a fate, everyone couldn't help but sigh for the Luo Family.

"Alas, I used to say that the Luo Family was worrisome, that misfortune was near, but I did not expect it to come so quickly! The Royal Family's action of kicking them while they're down is also too rapid! The Luo Family really is pitiful!"

"Yes, especially Lady Luo, the distinguished future Fifth Prince Consort of the Tianyu Imperial Family, the legitimate daughter of the Luo Family, to have fallen to such a state of being oppressed by others. The Tianyu Imperial Family is really too hateful! Our Royal Family is really too disappointing! Just because of a few words from the Tianyu Imperial Family, they treat the Luo Family like this!"

Someone couldn't help but speak out angrily.

That is the pillar of their Dongli Country!

The King is really too shortsighted.

However, those who know the inside story are clear in their hearts that this is not a matter of the King being shortsighted, but that he had long been coveting the military power of the Luo Family Army!

Previously, the Luo Family had the support of the Tianyu Imperial Family, so he did not dare to act recklessly.

Now that the Luo Family has obviously offended the Tianyu Imperial Family due to the annulment, he naturally couldn't wait to reach out for power!

His insensitivity and ingratitude are clear to see!

At this moment, the "pitiable" Luo Qingtong is under the careful escort of the Imperial Guards, hurrying to the Three Armies Martial Arts Arena!

Chapter 314 Sixth Prince Cheng

Meanwhile, at the Three Armies Martial Arts Arena.

It was another day for the military exercise of the Three Armies.

This was a rule set by Old Master Luo in the past, that regardless of whether there were hostilities or not, the Three Armies must assemble on time at the Martial Arts Arena for drills to maintain their fierce combat capabilities!

The entire expansive Martial Arts Arena, covering thousands of square meters, was now neatly filled with people.

Sixth Prince Cheng stood spiritedly at the spot where Old Master Luo usually watched the Three Armies drill, surveying the scene below with unspeakable pride in his heart.

"Do you see? These troops below, they will soon belong to our Royal Family! After decades, the major power of our Royal Family had been in decline, but today is finally the day to restore our prestige!"

King Dongli sent people to the Luo Family to demand the Tiger Talisman of the Three Armies. Naturally, he was aware of it!

Recently, as Old Master Luo was bedridden and not appearing, he had been acting on behalf of Old Master Luo to inspect the Three Armies Camp.

However, in reality, Sixth Prince Cheng only had the responsibility of guarding the Royal Guards, and had nothing to do with the Three Armies Camp.

With his strength and military talent, he was not qualified to replace Old Master Luo as the overall charge of the Three Armies Camp.

But after Old Master Luo became confined to his home, the Dongli Royal Family forcibly took control of the Three Armies Camp in the name of the nation's critical weaponry not being lightly entrusted to others, and edged out the deputy commander arranged by Old Master Luo.

Claiming that the other party was not fit to lead the Three Armies Camp.

During the absence of Old Master Luo, everything was taken over by the Royal Family!

Even a pig could see their wolfish ambitions.

But with Old Master Luo absent, the commanders of the Three Armies lacked a pillar, not knowing what to do.

Especially in the past few days, the news of Old Master Luo's Dissipate Technique, as spread by Luo Xinning's words, has shaken the Three Armies all the more.

The Royal Family became even more excessive.

They dismissed the deputy commander and various leaders appointed by Old Master Luo one by one, replacing them with their own people.

At this moment, the Three Armies Camp has almost completely become a one-voiced authority of the Royal Family!

Being loyal to the king and patriotic, this was the creed instilled in the Three Armies Soldiers by Old Master Luo.

Therefore, even though they saw through the actions of the Royal Family and were filled with indignation, the commanders could only endure in silence.

With Old Master Luo absent, they were like dragons without a head, and the Royal Family was legitimately trying to control the Three Armies, leaving them no way to resist.

"Haha! Yes! Once the Tiger Talisman of the Three Armies is in our hands, we shall congratulate Sixth Prince Cheng on becoming the new candidate for Commander of the Three Armies! The Luo Family is already a thing of the past!"

"Yes, with the Old Master Luo's Dissipate Technique, there is no one to succeed in the Luo Family. The power of Commander of the Three Armies will naturally be in the hands of the Royal Family. Let us be the first to congratulate Sixth Prince Cheng on his grand ambitions here!"

A group of people surrounded Sixth Prince Cheng, their faces full of flattering compliments.

Who didn't know that the Luo Family was already on the decline, with Old Master Luo's Dissipate Technique leaving them without military power. The Luo Family could no longer turn the tide!

The flattery of the crowd made Sixth Prince Cheng's heart brim with satisfaction.

Just then, someone suddenly said: "It's just that I'm not sure whether the Luo Family will easily hand over the Tiger Talisman, after all, it represents the authority of the Commander of the Three Armies..."

"Hmph!"

The remark darkened the expression on Sixth Prince Cheng's face.

"Haha, not hand it over?" he sneered, "Now, the Luo Family has no say in the matter! Old Master Luo is already a useless person, a wasted person from using Dissipate Technique, what qualifications does he have to command the Three Armies? Is it depending on that group of old, weak, women and children of the Luo Family? Or is it relying on Luo Qingtong, the unloved future Fifth Prince Consort? They should take a look at themselves and see what they really are!"

No sooner had he spoken than the sound of rapid horse hooves suddenly echoed from outside the Three Armies Camp.

Chapter 315 Charge Through!

"Boom!"

The sound of horse hooves echoed thunderously upon the ground, deafeningly arrogant.

The earth itself trembled faintly.

"How audacious! Who dares to be so reckless!"

Sixth Prince Cheng was still on the high platform watching the Three Armies practice when he suddenly heard this earth-shattering sound of horse hooves and became instantly furious.

The site of the Three Armies Camp is a military stronghold.

All unrelated persons are forbidden to approach within three hundred meters of the camp.

And anyone within five hundred meters must dismount and proceed on foot.

This has always been the rule, one even King Dongli himself must follow.

Yet today, this bold sound of horse hooves completely shattered this rule, as well as the tranquility of the Martial Arts Arena.

"Boom!"

All turned their heads towards the direction the sound of the horse hooves came from.

A towering chestnut horse appeared first in their line of sight, followed by a flamboyant, fiery red.

This eye-catching red was as radiant as the morning glow on the horizon, like an eternally blooming fire lotus, and as resplendent as the burning clouds floating in the sky.

Such vibrant, beautiful, and heart-stirring colors were truly indescribable with words.

All could only gaze upon an unmatched jade-like visage, which unveiled itself atop that fiery red, as though myriad blossoms had burst into bloom.

"Luo Qingtong..." Gazing upon that face, even more radiant and unabashed than he remembered, Sixth Prince Cheng's expression instantly darkened.

What business does this woman have here?

Could it be that she intends to use her future status as consort to the Fifth Prince of Tianyu Royal Family to pressure him?

Humph!

Unfortunately, the military authority of the Three Armies is a matter of national importance; her impending status as the Fifth Prince Consort is utterly useless!

If Luo Qingtong insists on preventing him from reclaiming military power, that would be nothing but senseless troublemaking!

He has every right to forcefully take back the military authority!

And could ruin the Luo Family's century-old reputation in an instant!

With this thought in mind, Sixth Prince Cheng sneered coldly.

He stood up and walked to the railing of the platform, then shouted coldly to the soldiers at the camp entrance who were almost stupefied by the sight: "What are you all dazed for? This is a military stronghold, stop their horses!"

Luo Qingtong was truly seeking her own humiliation; daring to ride a horse to the Three Armies Martial Arts Arena, he would discipline her himself, giving both the Royal Family and himself a harsh catharsis!

As Sixth Prince Cheng thought this, his tone was merciless.

At his command, the soldiers at the entrance quickly came to their senses and instinctively started setting up the horse traps.

Simultaneously, they drew their weapons and advanced forward.

"Stop!"

They shouted in chorus.

In front of them, the Imperial Guards and the personal attendant were sweating cold bullets.

This was a blatant intrusion into the military camp!

"Miss, this..." Shall we dismount first?

The Imperial Attendant asked Luo Qingtong with a quivering voice.

The latter did not respond to him, only sneered and looked ahead.

The next moment, she fiercely yanked the reins.

Just as the attendant thought she would pull the horse to a stop and dismount, the chestnut horse beneath Luo Qingtong leaped into the air with an abrupt bound.

"All of the Luo Family's Iron Guards, charge through!"

"Boom!"

Upon Luo Qingtong's order, all of the Luo Family's Iron Guards who accompanied her tightened the reins of their mounts, leaping right over the heads of the soldiers attempting to block them, bursting through the camp's gates and rushing in!

"Luo Qingtong, you are out of line!"

Seeing this scene, Sixth Prince Cheng was so enraged that his face turned crimson, and he stood up with a slap on his chair.

Chapter 316 Their Choice

"I am here on behalf of the Royal Family to deliver the Tiger Talisman, what is there to be so presumptuous about?"

Luo Qingtong led a troop of Luo Family's Iron Guard, marching straight from the entrance of the military camp, passing directly through the congregation of Three Armies Soldiers on the square, and stopped in the middle of the square.

The procession, akin to Moses parting the sea, pushed a path through the ranks of the Three Armies Soldiers.

The well-trained soldiers of the Three Armies, compelled by Luo Qingtong's strong and brisk aura, spontaneously dispersed to both sides, allowing her and the Iron Guard to pass through.

"Luo Qingtong, you still dare to argue! The military camp is a sensitive area, who allowed you to barge in recklessly?"

Sixth Prince Cheng angrily roared, "Even if you are the future Fifth Prince Consort of the Tianyu Imperial Family, you cannot disregard the military rules of Dongli Country like they mean nothing, come—"

His words had just begun when they suddenly stopped abruptly.

Below, Luo Qingtong had hoisted a Tiger Roar Token high into the air.

"I told you, I am here to deliver the Tiger Talisman to the Royal Family."

Luo Qingtong's voice was calm, "But I felt, simply handing over the Tiger Talisman was not enough to demonstrate the Luo Family's sincerity. Therefore, I personally brought it here."

"Sixth Prince Cheng, the holder of the Tiger Talisman may enter the military camp at will without any restrictions, to avoid delaying military affairs. Is that not right?"

"Correct." Sixth Prince Cheng watched the Tiger Talisman in Luo Qingtong's hand almost greedily, taking a while before he realized what Luo Qingtong had said.

He, with a grim face, nodded slightly.

"Then there should be no issue." Luo Qingtong played with the Tiger Talisman in her hand, flipping it carelessly in her palm, her words filled with casual indifference.

"In that case, I'm not violating military regulations, right?"

"Right." Sixth Prince Cheng's face darkened further.

"However, now that the Tiger Talisman has been delivered, you should hand it over to me!"

He said, raising his hand in a grabbing motion, attempting to seize the Tiger Talisman.

"Hold on!"

Luo Qingtong raised her hand and withdrew the Tiger Talisman, making his grasp miss.

"Sixth Prince Cheng seems to be too anxious! Since I have brought the Tiger Talisman here, I do not plan to take it back!"

"This Tiger Talisman was originally acquired by my grandfather for the sake of Dongli Country, only thereby gathering the Three Armies under the wings of our Luo Family."

The smile on Luo Qingtong's lips was reckless yet cold.

"Were it not for the Three Armies dragging us down, my Luo Family's private army would have been even more formidable! I would love for the Royal Family to reclaim it!"

"However... Although the Tiger Talisman is something my Luo Family disdains to keep. There are still some things I need to clarify."

She said, her empty dark eyes sweeping over the officers and soldiers present.

"You all can see now, the Luo Family is in trouble, grandfather dissipated his power, and we are in a precarious situation. I will soon return the command of the Three Armies to the Dongli Royal Family."

"From then on, you and the Luo Family will have no further connections!"

"My grandfather will also no longer be your commander!"

"But at this moment, I want to ask, if you were allowed to choose now, how many of you are willing to stand behind the Luo Family and endure this predicament with us?"

Luo Qingtong sat upright on a red horse, her gaze calmly observing the soldiers of the Three Armies in the Martial Arts Arena.

These people, indebted to the great favors of the Luo Family, were cultivated by her grandfather.

It can be said, without Old Master Luo, the Three Armies wouldn't have the stature they have today.

Luo Qingtong wanted to see, at this critical moment of the Luo Family's misfortune, how many could remember past favours and were willing to risk their lives to reciprocate the Luo Family!

It was also an opportunity for them!

Chapter 317 Willing to Try Trusting

"Ha! A naive little girl indeed!"

Upon hearing Luo Qingtong's question, a sneer immediately replaced the sullen look on Sixth Prince Cheng's face.

She should take a good look at the current state of the Luo Family.

Anybody with a bit of sense wouldn't choose to board their sinking ship!

And now, she even has the nerve to ask these Three Armies Soldiers if they are willing to follow her...

Isn't that the biggest joke under the heavens?

In the Three Armies Camp, there are the best resources.

These people have already been cultivated by Old Master Luo.

Would they abandon such favorable conditions within the Three Armies Camp for the sake of a cripple?

Luo Qingtong is simply courting disgrace by asking these questions!

The plaza fell into an eerie silence.

After Luo Qingtong's remarks, everyone instantly quieted down.

Such silence could embarrass anyone, yet Luo Qingtong remained utterly unaffected.

She spoke indifferently, "No one, then? If that's the case..."

Just as she was about to give an order, a military officer standing not far away suddenly stepped forward with gritted teeth.

"I, Dong Yu, am willing to follow my commander!"

As he spoke, he fiercely ripped off the totemic emblem signifying his identity as a Three Armies Soldier.

"The commander has treated me with immense kindness; I am willing to follow the commander, return to the Luo Family, and face the difficulties together!"

"I am willing too!"

"I am willing as well!"

"I am willing!"

"I too am willing!"

"Me... me too am willing! Uh... You won't mind my low strength, right?"

Following Dong Yu's lead, one after another, officers and soldiers alike began to stand up.

Unexpectedly, the soldiers made up the majority of those who came forward.

On the other hand, apart from the few who followed Dong Yu, nearly half of the officers remained motionless.

These people, who had been nurtured by Old Master Luo and attained their current strength and achievements, were now unwilling to take a stand in the Luo Family's time of crisis.

Luo Qingtong watched all this unfold with a calm expression.

As more and more people stepped forward, the bloody light in her eyes flickered faintly.

Luo Qingtong had been prepared before arriving that perhaps not a single person would stand up today.

After all, staying in the Three Armies Camp seemed more promising than going to the Luo Family.

But she hadn't expected that so many people would actually stand up.

Although these people didn't even make up a third of the Three Armies Camp's numbers,

they were the ones who were willing to abandon everything to follow the Luo Family!

The efforts made by Grandfather back then were not in vain after all!

And not everyone in this world is ungrateful!

For some reason, witnessing this scene, Luo Qingtong suddenly felt a slight faltering in the beliefs she had been firm about in her previous life.

In her opinion, human nature is selfish.

When their own interests are involved, people can easily betray and forsake without hesitation!

Family bonds, friendship, love... All nonsense!

But now, those who had stepped forward gave her a glimpse of hope for humanity.

Perhaps... in her previous life, she had just been unlucky, and that's why she had encountered only those of poor character?

Should she... try to have faith in human nature?

These thoughts in Luo Qingtong's mind were fleeting, and she quickly suppressed them.

"Very well! You will not regret your choice today! Now, everyone who stepped out, gather around me!"

"As for the rest..."

The smile on Luo Qingtong's lips turned wicked...

With a fierce wave of her hand the next moment.

Chapter 318 Strip Them!

"Strip them!"

Luo Qingtong's voice was frigid.

"Strip off everything on them, every last bit!"

"What?"

The Three Armies Soldiers in the square were shocked.

Those who had already decided to stand behind Luo Qingtong and the Luo Family were bewildered.

They looked at Luo Qingtong and then at their former comrades beside them, who were equally astonished, unsure of what had happened.

They couldn't have misheard Lady Luo's orders, could they?

"Lady Luo?"

Even the Luo Family's Iron Guard who had followed Luo Qingtong here were shocked.

They had never expected Luo Qingtong to issue such a command.

And those Imperial Guards and the eunuch who had been left behind by Luo Qingtong and the others were so stunned by her words that they nearly fell off their horses.

Did they... did they mishear?

What did Lady Luo say?

What is she stripping?

"I said strip them bare!"

Luo Qingtong lightly flicked her riding whip. She sat majestically atop her chestnut horse, her demeanor soaring with an unyielding sharpness.

The girl who had just spoken in a tone of vulnerability about the Luo Family's plight suddenly seemed transformed, her aura fierce and piercing to the extreme.

"It's widely known that Dongli's Three Armies were established by my Luo Family!"

"The Luo Family has no private soldiers; we treated the Three Armies like our own children and nephews! My grandfather, Old Master Luo, spent countless efforts within the ranks of the Three Armies."

"Whenever new Spiritual Artifacts were acquired, my grandfather would be the first to let the Three Armies try them out!"

"As a Low-class Small Country, Dongli naturally has limited resources and power, and is one of the weakest among numerous small nations!"

"It was my grandfather, the Marquis! He thickened his skin and asked the Tianyu Royal Family for exquisite Armor sets...exceptional weapons, Upper-class Armor, and fine food!"

"Whatever the Luo Family's average descendants eat, you would eat the same! Whatever resources the Luo Family's average descendants enjoyed, the outstanding among you in the Three Armies would have access to as well!"

"Your individual strength, every piece of armor, every weapon, every grain, every medicine...all came from the Luo Family!"

"Now, the Tiger Talisman of the Three Armies must be returned to the Dongli Royal Family! Naturally, all the gifts bestowed by my Luo Family must also be reclaimed!"

As Luo Qingtong spoke, she lifted her delicate, jade-like face.

Gleaming radiantly, her complexion seemed to emit a warm glow under the blazing sun, indescribably dazzling.

"Since you have no further connection with the Luo Family, you have no right to use our possessions any longer!"

"In the future, Dongli's Three Armies will naturally have the Royal Family's sacrifices!"

"Now, strip them!"

At Luo Qingtong's command, the Luo Family's Iron Guard and those who had stepped forward to ally with the Luo Family all snapped to attention, and immediately began to close in on the Three Armies in the square.

"Sorry, my comrades, no offense! Lady Luo is right; previously we were led by our Commander, and naturally all our livelihoods were taken care of by the Luo Family. Now that the Commander has changed! Everything on you should also be returned!"

Dong Yu and the others wore scornful expressions, feeling an unspeakable elation in their hearts.

Just moments ago, they were feeling oppressed by the plight that had befallen Old Master Luo and the Luo Family.

They stepped forward because they could not bear to see the Luo Family humiliated and unsupported!

Yet they did not expect Luo Qingtong to act so boldly and willfully!

This move was exactly what they had hoped for!

Strip these people bare, reclaim all that the Luo Family had bestowed, and let them and those of the Royal Family go to hell together!

Chapter 319 Forceful and Overbearing

The Royal Family wants to reclaim military authority over the Three Armies Soldiers?

Very well!

Then leave them nothing but a hollow skeleton!

Without the excellent weapons provided by the Luo Family, without those top-quality resources obtained from the Tianyu Empire...

What's the difference between the so-called mighty Three Armies and those private armies of the aristocratic families outside?

It was only at this moment that everyone realized why Luo Qingtong gave up the Tiger Talisman so decisively!

It turns out, from the beginning, she had been ready, determined to not make life easy for the people from the Dongli Royal Family!

Desperately longing to take the strong army meticulously built by the Luo Family into their own hands, they abandoned all pretense of dignity; as soon as Old Master Luo faced trouble, they aggressively pressed on.

Sima Zhao's heart is known to all—he who has an obvious and ulterior motive!

But Luo Qingtong directly pulled the rug out from under them.

Want the Tiger Talisman, do they?

She'll give it to them!

But as for the entire Three Armies Camp, she's going to strip it of its layers before leaving!

Those ungrateful wretches who have completely forgotten the kindness of the Luo Family and sided with the Dongli Royal Family at this juncture, she doesn't want any of them!

Just wait and see if they still have a foothold in this world after losing everything given by the Luo Family!

The cold sneer of Luo Qingtong!

"Luo Qingtong! You wouldn't dare!"

Watching the Luo Family's Iron Guard advancing towards the Three Armies, Sixth Prince Cheng, seated in the viewing stand, couldn't hold back anymore, veins throbbing on his forehead as he suddenly stood up.

He never expected Luo Qingtong to pull such a move!

Thinking the Tiger Talisman would easily fall into their hands and the Three Armies would be fully under control, it was unthinkable for Luo Qingtong to defy the Royal Family's command to surrender the Tiger Talisman.

But now, indeed, Luo Qingtong has not defied the order—she is certainly going to hand over the Tiger Talisman...

However, she... she is going to strip bare the entire Three Armies Camp!

Even sparing none of the possessions of the soldiers!

Without all these, is the Three Armies Camp still the Three Armies Camp? Is it still the foremost mighty armed force of Dongli?

I'm afraid they won't even measure up to their own Imperial Guard!

With this thought, Sixth Prince Cheng immediately perceived the grimness of the situation.

Luo Qingtong's move was ruthless!

Without various equipment, weapons, and resources, taking over the Three Armies would be nothing but a heap of junk—merely a burden!

Upon thinking this, Sixth Prince Cheng became anxious all at once.

"Heh. What wouldn't I dare to do?"

Luo Qingtong sat aloft a jujube-red horse, her face arrogantly graced with a taunting smile as she looked at him.

Her eyes were an empty void of darkness, but the smile on her lips was indescribably sardonic and frosty.

"I am taking back what belongs to my Luo Family. I would like to ask Sixth Prince Cheng—is there something wrong with this? Don't tell me the Prince believes that even after the Royal Family has reclaimed the Tiger Talisman, my Luo Family should still labor thanklessly to support the Three Armies, right?"

"Moreover, the responsibility of sustaining the Three Armies should rightfully be borne by the state treasury! My Luo Family has been loyal and endured this burden for many years! Now, it is time to take it back!"

Luo Qingtong's words left Sixth Prince Cheng utterly speechless.

Unable to find a single word of rebuttal.

Luo Qingtong's words were impeccably rational; no one could fault her at all, even if they argued till the end of heaven.

The Dongli Royal Family wants the Tiger Talisman, and she has given it!

But the possessions of the Luo Family, she intends to take back!

After all, the Luo Family was never obliged to sustain the Three Armies!

Not a single aristocratic family is expected to dig into their own pockets to fund the state-run and Royal Family's Three Armies!

Yet, things were not supposed to be like this!

Sixth Prince Cheng felt bewildered.

How could things have turned out this way?

Wasn't the Luo Family supposed to accept their fate meekly, and present the Tiger Talisman with both hands, allowing them, the Royal Family, to possess the Three Armies entirely, and become the absolute controller of Dongli?

The Luo was in a weak position; weren't they supposed to allow themselves to be manipulated willingly?

How come this Luo Qingtong is acting so tough and arrogant?

Chapter 320 Anyone Who Dares to Strike Will Be Crippled!

Sixth Prince Cheng couldn't fathom the situation at all.

As his face turned ugly, a group of Luo Family's Iron Guard and the soldiers from the Three Armies who chose to follow the Luo Family were closing in on those aligned with the Dongli Royal Family.

"Don't come any closer!"

Finally, unable to bear it any longer, a commander made a gesture of resistance.

"I don't care if these items belong to the Luo Family or not, they're ours now that you've given them to us! You can't take them back!"

"Right! Once given to us, by what right do you reclaim them? This is impossible!"

"Exactly! Brothers, we can't let the Luo Family's people slaughter us at will!"

For their own interests, these people had completely forgotten their shame, and after shamelessly speaking such words, they even thought about raising hands against the Luo Family's Iron Guard and other followers of the Luo Family.

Screw their Luo Family's commanders! Their own interests were what mattered most!

The armor and weapons on them, which one wasn't top-notch? With these, they could outperform any other army!

Without these items, what difference was there between them and those outsiders?

The retained soldiers from the Three Armies were very aware that without these items given by the Luo Family, the Dongli Royal Family would definitely not value them anymore!

It was even very likely that they would be treated as trash and a burden!

Moreover, they themselves could not endure falling from their elevated and much-admired status.

The reason they betrayed the Luo Family to follow the Royal Family was precisely because they didn't want to give up the favorable environment and treatment of the Three Armies, wasn't it?

They must not lose these items they wore!

Not just that, the resources in the Three Armies Camp, the Luo Family's people wouldn't be allowed to take them either!

Thinking this, the people appeared fiercely aggressive, ready to make their move.

However, the moment their aura rose, it collapsed instantly, their bodies turning limp, completely unable to muster any strength.

"This!"

They were horrified in their hearts.

Before they could react, they were already collapsing to the ground, no matter how they struggled, they couldn't get up.

What was even more terrifying was that they felt the energy inside their bodies disappearing little by little.

This disappearance wasn't obvious, but the sensation of the energy trickling away was extremely tormenting.

It made one constantly aware of their disappearing strength and utterly powerless to stop it.

"What... what is this?"

"My strength! Ah!"

Someone cried out in disbelief.

Lying on the ground, their faces filled with incredulity.

How could their strength...

Luo Qingtong's eyes, cold and bloody, watched this scene.

Did these people think that she would come to this Three Armies Camp completely unprepared?

Betrayal was one thing, but to actually delude themselves of raising hands against her Luo Family's people!

They can just wait as their strength dissipates bit by bit, completely becoming useless!

This process would be very slow, allowing them plenty of time to regret everything they had done!

"A powerful Three Armies? Pfft!"

Luo Qingtong scoffed lightly.

Those who were ungrateful like this, dare call themselves strong?

Without her Luo Family's support, these people were less useful than mud!

She was too lazy to even lift a hand, afraid of dirtying herself!

"I advise you not to make a move. Otherwise, bear the consequences yourselves," Luo Qingtong said coldly.

If they did not act, these people could still retain their strength.

If they did act, then wait to become completely useless!

Hearing this, the soldiers from the Three Armies shrunk back, no longer daring to make the slightest move, only to let Luo Family's Iron Guard rush forward, stripping everything off their bodies, along with their armor!