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Chapter 441 The Situation is Not Optimistic

After she got the property deed and keys to the shop, despite it being a rather 'unclean' crime-ridden shop, Cheng Suxin was still very happy and excited because it was her first real property since she arrived here!

Cheng Su wanted to share this joy with someone, but the person closest to her wasn't there, and her excitement immediately diminished significantly.

Qi Taiguo, when will you come back? I miss you so much!

At this moment, Qi Taiguo was also busy deploying an intensive military operation with his comrades to eradicate the Village of Sin.

According to the map, the village lay against the mountains and faced the river. If their strategy was ill-conceived and they accidentally alerted the enemy, it was highly likely that the biggest ringleader would escape into the mountains.

In this freezing cold, once he fled into the mountains, even searching would be difficult, let alone capturing the ringleader.

What Qi Taiguo feared the most was whether someone would tip off Big Head, thereby rendering all their planning useless?

As he surveyed the tent, Qi Taiguo's gaze drifted across everyone present. Maybe it was his own impatience, but he couldn't help feeling like everyone there was an enemy spy, the eyes and ears for someone behind the scenes. Yet, whether there truly was a mole or not, he had no way of knowing.

He really wasn't sure if he was being overly paranoid.

"Commander Qi, what do you think?" the commander called for Qi Taiguo's attention, asking for his input on the operational plan.

"I have no objections," Qi Taiguo said.

According to reliable intelligence, since the New Year was approaching, the villagers who had been away began to return one after another. Firstly, they wanted to reunite with their families for the upcoming holiday, and secondly, they wanted to seize the moment to engage in some major criminal activities during this lean period.

Their plan was to deploy police and military forces while these criminals were engaged in their major crimes, surrounding the entire village with an encircling attack formation like the character "回" (return), executing a surprise pincer strategy to capture both the criminals and their ill-gotten goods.

Since the Village of Sin was also involved in a major crime in a neighboring province, the eradication operation this time was a collaboration between the two provinces, with the firm intention to completely take down the Village of Sin.

"Everyone, let's be spirited. Once we take down this task, you can all go back home and get ready to celebrate the New Year with your wives!" the commander exclaimed, clapping his hands.

"Yes!"

As the meeting ended, Qi Taiguo stayed behind to address his concerns with the commander.

"Subordinate wonders, could our combat plans be leaked to the enemies' ears by an insider? Would our operations thus be interfered with and end up futile? And alert that person?" Qi Taiguo asked with a stern face.

The commander gestured for him to sit down and said, "Comrade Qi Taiguo, I understand what you mean. You are naturally cautious and always think one step ahead of others, but I can assure you that the troops involved in this operation are clean. However, this time is a golden opportunity. Whether or not we can ferret out the rebels, our primary objective is to eradicate the Village of Sin and restore peace to the people. Everything else must come after that. Do you understand? At worst, we will uproot the village. And this band of highwaymen has already drawn the attention of our national leadership. Even if there was such a person, would he still dare to protect them?"

By this, he also meant to remind Qi Taiguo to prioritize the main objectives.

Qi Taiguo's brows furrowed slightly, and he stood at attention: "Yes!"

Only then did the commander nod, "Go and rest up. Up next is a tough battle!"

Qi Taiguo stepped out of the tent, looking up at the dusty sky, where a stretch of dark clouds loomed ominously. Deep in his heart, there was not the slightest bit of optimism about the situation ahead.

Was it really as the commander said, that everything would go smoothly?

To uproot a village, to arrest a few people—if the big fish escaped, couldn't they find a new village and start all over again as lords of their domain?

Qi Taiguo sighed deeply, his military boots heavily crunching down on the crisp snow, as if trying to crush something beneath them.