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Chapter 525 23: The Final Betrayer

Night falls on the silent village.

After the day's farm work is done, the local villagers return to their villages, spurred by the sound of the bell.

Some attend night school, while others enter workshops to work...

In the past two months, Bai Shasheng has nearly maximized every minute he could use.

By day, he does farm work, organizes teams to patrol and train in the mountains...

By night, he studies or joins workshops to produce weapons and ammunition...

Only in the deep night do the exhausted villagers finally return home to rest, only to repeat the routine the next day.

If one doesn't see it with their own eyes, it's hard for Yan Xi to imagine that these mortals, who love to shirk, also have such a side of exerting themselves to the fullest.

Through his interactions with Bai Shasheng, Yan Xi quickly understood why these mortals would push their potential to such an extent.

Because they are idealists, just like Bai Shasheng.

The villagers from the surrounding areas are not just ordinary mortals brought together randomly.

They are followers who have been drawn by the ideas and future Bai Shasheng preached during his travels and lectures.

Compared to those still foolish and ignorant mortals, these seekers have already sprouted the seed of rebellion and know what they should do in the future.

They may not be well-educated or have broad horizons...

But they firmly believe that Bai Shasheng is the one destined to lead them to change the fate of mortals.

"To know, to understand, and then to fight for it..."

Walking slowly along the village paths with Yan Xi, Bai Shasheng's tone remained calm as always.

But this time, Yan Xi faintly heard a hint of pride in his voice.

This was a side of Bai Shasheng that Yan Xi had never seen before—a side where he no longer suppressed his true nature.

"He... should indeed be so proud!"

As Yan Xi deeply gazed at Bai Shasheng's back, this thought suddenly flashed through their mind.

Indeed, Bai Shasheng is Heaven's favored child!

Even if he lacks the aptitude for cultivation, even if his ideals are not accepted by the mainstream...

He is still the one destined to change the world!

"They are the seeds you have gathered..."

"Even if they are just a small flame now, one day they will illuminate the whole world."

Suddenly, Yan Xi kept in step with Bai Shasheng, muttering in a tone full of warmth and laughter.

"I believe in you, you will surely illuminate this world like the Sun Star Monarch!"

Upon hearing this, Bai Shasheng turned to look at Yan Xi, somewhat surprised.

Then, he followed by smiling and extended his hand towards Yan Xi.

"No, I will go one step beyond the Sun Star Monarch and completely change the world's order!"

"Yan Xi, will you stay with me and change this world together?"

Caught in the moment, Yan Xi instinctively grasped the hand Bai Shasheng extended.

"Of course I will, why else do you think I'm here?"

With an exceptionally bright smile, Yan Xi never regretted meeting Bai Shasheng.

Never in the past, not now, and never in the future.

"Can you tell me what you plan to do next?"

"I know you must have the next step planned, don't try to fool me."

As the two of them slowly disappeared into the night, Bai Shasheng's reply lingered in the air.

"The next step is to find more comrades who share our ideals."

"Believe me, we are not the only mortals resisting the old order in this world..."

"Who is our enemy? Who is our friend?"

"Which enemies can be won over? Which enemies must be eliminated?"

"These are the questions we need to figure out for our future."

"Only by uniting all the strength we can unite can we win the final victory!"

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Half a month later, at the entrance of the Golden Crow Sect on Nine Peaks Mountain.

Yu Wei, wearing an Evil Ghost Mask, silently appeared on the road up the mountain.

As if anticipating this, Haoguang also appeared on the mountainside, ahead of the crowd of disciples.

Thus, when these familiar yet estranged comrades met again, the clouds in the sky seemed to thicken.

"You're the last one."

With cold eyes falling on Haoguang, Yu Wei slowly drew a lotus-shaped long sword from the Void.

"So it was you!"

"I knew only you could be so reckless in this world."

Seeing the long sword in Yu Wei's hand, Haoguang sighed, recognizing their identity.

In the great battle of the past, this woman wielding a lotus-shaped long sword had slain countless powerful enemies for the Sun Star Monarch.

At the same time, her obsession with the Sun Star Monarch was the deepest of all.

Everyone knew she loved the Sun Star Monarch, to a near-maddening extent.

Sadly, the Sun Star Monarch's heart held only all living beings.

Even though he clearly saw Yu Wei's affection, he couldn't bring himself to lay down the burdens of the world and wholeheartedly accept her.

"I didn't expect the Star Monarch's most loyal follower to backstab him at the last moment."

Gazing coolly at Haoguang, Yu Wei's words were not a probe.

Or rather, Yu Wei never liked probing; her style was always straightforward.

"..."

Haoguang opened his mouth as if to say something.

But facing Yu Wei's murderous intent, he ultimately refrained from too much justification.

Because he knew that from the moment she stepped onto the Golden Crow Peak, only one of them would leave alive.

"You're not even going to explain?"

"Do I mean so little to you?"

Yet seeing Haoguang's expression, Yu Wei seemed even more infuriated.

She had pursued the truth for two hundred years, with countless speculations, but never guessed that the traitor would be this man before her.

"The Star Monarch always saw you as a brother, I never wronged you..."

"Why?"

"Why did you betray the Star Monarch at the last moment!?"

This was a conclusion Yu Wei never anticipated, which is why she chose to confront Haoguang last.

Yu Wei had found and killed all the surviving witnesses from that time, yet none were the traitor who dealt the fatal blow to the Sun Star Monarch.

In the end, despite her disbelief, she had to shift her suspicions to Haoguang.

"Because... I am just a mortal."