

Bodyguard 1091

Chapter 1091: Visiting at the Mountain

The duo were only left impressed and shocked at this point- it seemed like Naipao had sacrificed quite a lot to train here!

The mountain path was only jagged at first- the path that followed was smooth and flat. The closer they got to the gates of the sect, the better the path- they were now walking on well-paved and maintained roads right now.

“We’re here!” The young man pointed at the mountain door some distance away, “You two may be friends of Brother Naipao, but according to the sect rules, everyone must register before entering!”

“Alright!” Pinliang didn’t dare step out of place here- this was, after all, a place full of unimaginable power!

Pinliang and Naipao made their registration and had a strength checkup- after it was clear that the two weren’t suspicious, the young man allowed them in.

However, with the sort of strength present within the sect, no one was really worried about an invasion- only idiots would invade an ancient sect. This was also one of the most evil of the ancient sects, as well.

This was something stronger than even hidden houses, and even other Wulin sects had to watch themselves around this sect... Of course they wouldn’t worry about any attackers! Rules were rules, however, and this had become a tradition.

Upon entering the mountain door, Pinliang saw many of the disciples training martial arts, making those sounds you saw on TV- it made one envious!

“These are all outside disciples, the normal students that are below even me- they had all just registered,” The young man explained faintly, as if seeing what Pinliang was thinking, “Their talents are lacking, and so they can only practice some rough physical techniques right now- they aren’t willing to suffer for strength, either, so there’s a limit to their success.”

“Oh...” Pinliang nodded, “Then Naipao...”

“Naipao is in the inner sect, and is now the personal disciple of Master You Kuangniu!” The young man was clearly envious.

“Kuangniu Master?” Pinliang blinked.

“He’s the one who taught us our kungfu- our master is extremely strong!” The man said respectfully, “He once killed a Wulin Sky class practitioner with one fist!”

“Ha? That powerful??” Pinliang breathed, shocked- from his view, Mystics were already invincible beings- yet there was someone here who could kill a Sky class? Wasn’t that basically god? The thought made him extremely excited- if Naipao learned even the basics of this monster’s techniques, then Lin Yi would just be his plaything!

"Hmph, of course! This is the chairman supreme of our sect- this isn't a joke!" The young man said gleefully. Of course, his words did have some bragging aspects to it, although Pinliang had no idea.

He was very shocked, but his friend Xiaofu was different- he was grinning widely with happiness! Never would he have thought that Naipao's sect would be this powerful!

After all, that time when Heibao Bro almost died from Lin Yi's attacks caused Xiaofu to develop a form of trauma, since the man seemed to be an extremely powerful person. Yet- it seemed that his sect really was powerful indeed, it was just that Heibao was just too weak!

Pinliang, on the other hand, was thinking about something different! What he thought was that since Heibao Bro was able to turn himself from a normal man to a Golden class early phase just using the arts of his sect, that meant that the sect that those arts belonged to had to be a powerful one!

It came at the cost of his life force, but this wasn't something that other sects would necessarily be capable of doing. As a result, Pinliang had placed immense hopes on Naipao! Of course, he never explained any of these thoughts to Xiaofu.

A bit of walking later, the three reached a place where the rivers flowed beautifully and the mountains soared high- there were flower fields everywhere, but no person here.

Of course, this place was pretty, but Pinliang felt a shiver he'd never felt before- it made him really uncomfortable! Xiaofu was feeling the same as well, as if he was trembling!

"We're here!" The young man walked over, his face a little pale as well- he must be feeling whatever it was that the duo was feeling too, "Brother Naipao is practicing right there at the front- the evil energy here is quite thick, and my strength isn't enough to withstand it- this is as far as I can bring you!"

"Ah? It's so eerie and cold here, if even you can't enter, of course we wouldn't be able to, either!" Pinliang said carefully, "Big Bro, maybe you could call out to him, tell him to pause his training for a bit?"

"No- interrupting Naipao's training will result in severe consequences for me- I wouldn't dare!" The man shook his head instantly, "If you want to, you can call out to him- but if he were to blame someone, I really wouldn't be able to shoulder it!"

"I... Alright!" Pinliang nodded, "But can you tell me first where he is?"

"There he is!" The man pointed some distance away, "There's Brother Naipao!"

"Ha?" Pinliang froze and looked in that direction- what he saw really sent a shiver down his spine! What his eyes perceived was just a bundle of blackness!

In the beautiful grasslands was a black object- if one didn't look properly, they would think that it was a boulder! The fact that the man was claiming this to be Naipao really troubled Pinliang, "Big Bro, you're saying that he's Naipao?"

"Yes..." The man nodded.

"Oh..." Pinliang found it absurd, but he still called out to the black object, "Zhang Naipao!"

Naipao was training, and he frowned when someone interrupted him- he was a bit pissed! After all, no one was supposed to do that when he was training, even when the grandmaster himself sent someone, they always waited until he was done!

But this voice really did seem similar- he opened his eyes, thinking that this might really be who he thought he was- he got up excitedly, swinging his hand and removing the black object around him...

At that point, Pinliang and Xiaofu found out that what was surrounding his body's surface, was actually black wasps, poisonous ones!

What shocked them was the fact that Naipao's body was still covered with them, and yet none of them seemed to have stung him! Other than some blackness on his body, there was nothing wrong with him at all!

Chapter 1092: You Got Scammed

"Liang Bro!" Naipao stood up and rushed towards the owner of the voice- he was clearly excited!

"Naipao!" Pinliang wasn't expecting a bunch of wasps to be covering Naipao- the image really embedded itself in his heart, and he was getting quite excited! It seemed that Naipao's training really wasn't the typical type!

Seeing them re-acquaint themselves, the young man backed off as well. He called Naipao 'young brother Naipao', but Naipao's position and strength were already far beyond his- the two only had age in common at this point!

"Liang Bro, you came to see me!" Naipao was quite excited- he thought that he'd only be able to see Pinliang after he left the mountain, and that he wouldn't get to see him again during his training! The fact that Pinliang came to visit really touched him.

"You're my bro- you're training hard and enduring pain here for me- of course I'd visit you!" Pinliang said solemnly. He'd already learned the skill of obtaining loyalty- now that he knew how useful Naipao would be in the future, he'd naturally treat him well.

"Liang Bro, don't say that! You're the boss, you always will be- if it weren't for you, my entire family would have been done for right now! My life belongs to you, and if you told me to go East, I'd never dare go West!" Naipao said seriously.

"Good, that's very good! Naipao, I was right to have faith in you!" Pinliang patted Naipao's shoulder, very glad, "Right- what is this kung fu you're training? It's so scary- the atmosphere around here is chilling, too!"

"I'm practicing the Wasp Absorption Arts! I use the venom from the wasps to increase my strength level!" Naipao explained, "The qi energy in the common world is too thin and dissipated- it would take too long to improve using conventional methods! The Day After Day Sect of ours is considered a dark sect, so we use absorbing venom as a way to rapidly increase our strength. This is a little different from regular qi absorption, but it's just that ours is a lot more tough and painful!"

"I see!" Pinliang nodded. So that was why the Kuangniu master guy was so tough, killing a Sky class- so there was a reason behind that! The arts they practiced was different from proper sects- they were dark arts!

"But won't the official proper sects come cause you trouble?" Pinliang asked, not hiding his thoughts in front of Naipao- he could see that the guy was clearly loyal to him already.

"Proper Sects?" Naipao smiled, "Liang Bro, you're talking about those scenarios in Wulin novels, right? These proper sects are actually very concerned with benefits in the real world- they have no time to come cause us trouble, they have better things to do! They're busy enough as is! These so called proper scets, too- they have many things that can't be seen in the light. According to what I know, the big and famous Sky Elixir Sect burn and kill stuff just like any bad guy, they do a lot of bad things!"

"I see..." Pinliang didn't understand the world here, but it seemed that he had thought too far- they may be a dark sect, but they were very strong! He was just afraid that Naipao would become a public enemy of these proper sects, and that Lin Yi might join hands with them if he couldn't fight Naipao alone, purging the evil of dark sects and stuff like that... It seemed like it wouldn't be a problem at all then.

"Then the arts you're practicing now... The Wasp Absorption Arts? What's your strength level now?" Pinliang asked.

"Liang Bro, this Wasp Absorption Arts is just a supplementary technique- my main practicing is called the Chrysanthemum Master Arts, the passed-down treasure of our Day After Day Sect! I'll become invincible once it's completed!" Naipao had absolutely nothing to hide from Pinliang.

"Crysanthemum Master Arts?" Pinlaing froze- this was such a cool name, it sounded so full of power!! "Pao, you think we can practice that too?"

"Of course, but its a really tough process. Here's the secret book that details what I'm training," Naipao put out a string-binded book- If Pinliang really wanted to practice this, it really wasn't difficult to do it at all with the position Naipao was in at this sect.

Pinliang didn't think that Naipao would just give this to him like that without hesitation- he quickly opened it to take a look.

The first page made him jump back in shock!

'One Who Intends to Practice This Art Must Castrate Oneself!'

Pinliang started sweating. Seriously? Becoming a Eunuch?

"Pao... Could it be..." Pinliang pointed carefully at those words on the first page.

"Correct!" Naipao nodded, sighing, "I'm an eunuch now!"

"Ah? I... I guess I'll pass then..." Pinliang shook his head, backing off fast, "Just one best friend training this is enough, I'll have to rely on you from now on!"

"No, Liang Bro- I was too reckless back then- you can flip on..." Naipao said as he pointed at the book.

"Um... Okay..." Pinliang nodded and flipped to the next page.

'Even After Castration, Success is not Guaranteed.'

"Um..." Pinliang couldn't believe this- there was a success rate on this thing? Even becoming a eunuch couldn't guarantee it. Then what if he failed to learn it, would he have become a eunuch for nothing??"

"There's more!" Naipao pointed at the book again.

"Ugh..." Pinliang flipped again, and on the third page...

'Even Without Castration, Success is Possible.'

Pinliang's eyes went wide, "No way- Pao, you got scammed??"

"Well, you can say that... But you can't call it a scam!" Naipao smiled bitterly, "Training dark arts would easily make you go over the edge if there's too many distractions. The distraction of lust is especially powerful- it meddles with your mental state! Kuangniu Master said that he almost went over the edge because of love back then, so there are benefits to my castration. I'm now completely focused on training, and since I still have a younger brother to pass on my name, I'll be able to fully pledge myself to helping you, Liang Bro! Something like a girlfriend is all baggage!"

Chapter 1093: No Choice But to be Sserious

After hearing Naopao's words, even someone as materialistic and calculating like Zhong Pinliang felt moved- this really was a true brother, a true friend! He patted him on the shoulder, "You really are a true brother! As long as you're okay!"

"I've understood it long ago- if it weren't for my brash rushing into the castration without hesitation, I wouldn't have been noticed by Master Kuangniu and get accepted as his official disciple, teaching me Wasp Absorption Arts- it's why I became so strong so quickly!" Naipao shook his head casually, "Liang Bro, to gain something you must lose something- my talent isn't bad, but if it weren't for my decisive castration, I wouldn't be in the position I am, standing out from all my fellow disciples!"

"Oh, Naipao- your talent's not bad?" Pinliang was a bit surprised. Practitioning required talent, he knew this clearly- he didn't expect that Naipao would have talent in it?

"Yes, practicing dark arts requires talent, but according to Master Kuangniu, the more dark and evil your personality, the easier it is to practice dark arts. The Wasp absorption arts, for example- it can't be practiced by righteous people!" Naipao said.

"Haha, looks like we really are the best at being bad!" Pinliang grinned, "So it seems I'll be quite suited to this training as well, but just the thought of letting a bunch of venomous wasps sting me is too much! I'll let it be for now! Right, Naipao- what's your strength level right now?"

"I'm currently a Golden class late phase peak- I'll be able to break through soon, and when I'm a Mystic, it'll be Lin Yi's death sentence!" Naipao said confidently, "At that point, I'll leave the mountain and help you with your revenge, Liang Bro!"

"No, you musn't!" Pinliang jumped, in shock from the fact that Naipao was this strong already, and the fact that he couldn't let Naipao die!

“What do you mean?” Naipao blinked.

“Pao, as far as I know, Lin Yi is at least Mystic early phase right now!” Pinliang said, “Plus, there was a Mystic mid phase physical practitioner that even lost to Lin Yi and got crippled by him- we can’t be careless!”

“Ah?! When did Lin Yi become that strong? Wasn’t he Golden mid or late phase when I left?” Naipao blinked, not expecting Lin Yi to have gotten stronger as well.

After all, the natural and official way was to take in the qi of the natural world, and that was extremely slow, especially in the natural world, where the qi was thin! He shouldn’t have been improving at the same speed as Naipao who was using the dark arts, let alone the fact that Lin Yi was in the city.

How did he train??

“Yes!” Pinliang nodded solemnly, “It’s true, Pao- Lin Yi is this strong, so a Mystic early phase would be easily crippled by him- we must be careful! Before we clearly identify the strength of our opponent, we can’t go about this carelessly! We need to wait until it’s a guarantee that we have the strength to instantly kill Lin Yi- only then can we act! From what I know, this bastard Lin Yi not only crippled someone at his own strength level, he’s even able to fight opponents at a higher level! He’s a really difficult opponent!”

“He’s that strong??” Naipao’s eyes turned a lot more serious – he understood clearly what type of person Pinliang was- he wouldn’t just put himself down and praise others for no reason- this must be really serious! And so, Naipao became more serious as well!

“So it seems that unless I’m a Mystic late phase, or even Earth class... Only then will I have enough strength to guarantee my victory! I’ll have to stay on this mountain for a longer time!”

“Yes, we can only endure before we have a guaranteed victory!” Pinliang sighed, “To tell the truth, Pao, I really am in quite dire times right now- I’ve got many enemies, but I have to endure!”

“Oh? More enemies?” Pinliang’s words gave Naipao a pause, “Liang Bro, what’s wrong?”

“Your Liang Bro got his kidney cut out!” Pinliang said, “Now I’m a one-kidney man!”

“What? Liang Bro, your kidney was cut out? Who did this!” Naipao said, shocked and stunned.

“You wouldn’t know even if I told you. It’s fine, I’ll tell you about all my enemies when you return- you just need to know that I’m in a very sad spot, you need to work hard!” Pinliang said, trying to motivate Naipao by telling him how sad he’s been.

“Don’t worry, Liang Bro! I’ll work harder, and get into Earth class!” Naipao swore.

“Yes, now that we’ve seen you, Xiaofu and I are confident already- we know that the day of our revenge is near!” Pinliang nodded, “By the way, do you have anything you need here?”

“Nothing, I have everything I need. I only train every day, there’s nothing else to do,” Naipao shook his head.

“Alright, we’re really relieved to see you, Naipao- we’ll leave you to your training! We’ll see you again someday!” Pinliang said.

“Alright, I’ll walk you guys down the mountain!” Naipao nodded.

“Man, there aren’t any cars here, it’s quite tiring to walk back like this!” Pinliang sighed. He had only one kidney now, and evidently wasn’t as healthy as he used to be.

“Liang Bro, I’ll bring you down!” Naipao said casually.

“Bring me down?” Pinliang blinked.

Naipao smiled. With one arm each, he grabbed Pinliang and Xiaofu, squeezing them close to his sides, and charged down the mountain!

Pinliang and Xiaofu jumped in shock- they didn’t know Naipao was this strong now, running this fast with two people at his sides!

Naipao was just a Golden class late phase- they realized now just how much Lin Yi held back when dealing with them before, otherwise they’d all be dead already!

Yu Ren was quite troubled these two days, always frowning as he hid his situation from his wife and daughter. He wished so much for everything to have been a dream, but he knew that it wasn’t- Scorpion even came to the market to look for him today, telling him that it was his last day before he had to pay up!

He sighed loudly as he looked at the run down furniture of his house, unsure of what he should do.

If dying would solve everything, he really would be willing to just die! But he couldn’t, because if he did, his wife and daughter would be caught and suffer an even worse fate!

Chapter 1094: Debts at the Door

“Dad, what’s wrong?” Yu Yuanyuan seemed to notice that something was up with her father- he was always frowning and putting on a bitter face when at home, and not even a smile crossed his face- this wasn’t him at all!

While they were always poor and always tired, they’d always have a good time at night after dinner, when his father drank a bit watching the TV. Yet now, he only drank and sighed all the time- this wasn’t the sort of light happy drinking she was used to!

He sighed loudly again- how was he supposed to tell his daughter!

“Dad, what’s wrong? If there’s something on your mind you could always tell me- I’m your daughter, I can help share the burden!” Yuayuan said seriously as she sat beside her father.

“Yuanyuan, I’ve failed you, I’ve failed your mom!” Yu Ren couldn’t take it anymore- he had to tell the truth today! Today was the last day, the little scorpion would come knocking his door to collect debt at any second now, there was no more hiding!

“Dad, why are you saying things like this suddenly? How did you fail me and mom?” Yuanyuan startled at her dad’s reaction and looked at her father curiously.

Yuren’s wife was a part-time cleaner- she went to a wealthy family to do nanny today so she wasn’t home yet. There were only Yu ren and his daughter in the house now.

“Yuanyuan, your dad was deceived to join the underground arena and lost five hundred thousands....” Yuren lowered his head, depressed.

“What? DAD, what did you say? You lost five hundred thousands?” Yuanyuan widened her eyes looking straight at her father in disbelief. “Dad, tell me you are joking right? How could we afford a five hundred thousands debt?”

“Indeed we didn’t have five hundred thousand if we do, I wouldn’t be this stressed out already! This five hundred thousand was loaned by the underground arena...” Yu ren said with a bitter face.

“Dad, what was going on? How could you get money from them?” Yuanyuan was suspicious- she knew that her father was a good man, he didn’t even have bad habits like gambling, how could he lose a total five hundred thousand out of the blue? There must be something behind the cause?

“Ah... this... it’s complicated, it’s like this...” Yuren finally opened up- he wasn’t intending to hide the reason from his daughter from the beginning so he told her daughter everything from how he went to the arena to getting greedy to losing until there was no return.....

“Dad, these people are from the underground, their business is illegal! Besides, boxing arena alone is illegal, we can report this to the police. I believe the police will wipe out the entire arena and catch all of them up, so you don’t have to pay up the debt anymore!” Although Yuanyuan was just a normal worker, she knew law- she knew that underground arena, or gathered gambling were illegal.

“Yuanyuan, you’re too naive!” Yuren waved his hand and shook his head. “If I dared to report this to the police, do you think I will still sigh and do nothing now? These people act as an organization, they aren’t alone- they kill people without even blinking their eyes! When someone died, they just fed the corpse to the crocodile. These people are merciless- they will do anything! If I were to report this to the police, for sure, the police will sabotage their nest but how about us? They would surely never let us go that easily!”

“This...” Yuanyuan was young but she understood what her father meant. The underground arena wasn’t an individual existence, there was a larger hidden force behind the scene backing them up- even if the nest was sabotaged, the organization was still there to mess with them giving them the life of hell!

Besides, from his father’s words, she learnt that these people were demons that were cold-blooded- they would come back for them no doubt!

“Yuanyuan, tell me what should dad do right now? I shouldn’t have listened to others that time, otherwise, we wouldn’t be in this difficult situation!” Yuren sighed and said helplessly.

There was a knock on the door when both of them were conversing- the knock was loud and violent.

Yuren jumped from the shock- it must be the little scorpion! He started to sweat.

“Dad.... is it mom? Has she returned...” Yuanyuan concerned.

“No, it must be the people from the underground!” Yuren hesitated and confirmed. “Yuanyaun, don’t make a noise, we pretend that there isn’t anyone home- let’s hide for today and think of a solution now!”

Yuanyuan nodded, horrified.

“Knock knock knock —” the knock was getting louder and louder. “Dead Old Yu, open the door quick! I know you are inside!”

“Dad, what should we do, I’m petrified...” Yuanyaun might seem brave and not afraid of injustice but when injustices knocked on her door, she would be afraid naturally.

“Don’t talk, as long as we hide inside the house, they could do nothing against us. Our security door is strong enough to prevent them from entering!” Yuren comforted softly while wiping the sweat from his forehead.

“Oh...” Yuanyuan nodded.

But just when Yuren finished his line, a deafening “Peng” was heard then the sound of metal tearing sound came next. The voice from outside could be heard more clearly now.

“Dead old Yu, since you’re not opening the door, we are coming in ourselves! You think a mere stupid security door could stop boxer Li from entering? It’s nothing to him!” Little scorpion entered the house cockily.

Yuren looked at them, stunned! He couldn’t believe the security door couldn’t even withstand a hit and was defeated- there was a hole created by boxer Li’s punch! Now, they couldn’t pretend anymore since people had already entered!

“Dad... what should we do?” Yuanyaun was also dumbfounded by the scene. In her conscious, she could never understand this logic, how could a person break the security door with his bare fist? What monstrous strength was that!

“We could only walk step by step now...” Yuren sighed helplessly- there was nothing he could do anymore, was there? If he insisted on gambling that day, things like this wouldn’t even happen, it was too late for regrets!

“Dead old Yu, do you think that hiding inside the house will help? Today is your last day to pay up your debt if you don’t pay up after twelve, hehe, guess we’ll have to use the alternative method then!”

“Scorpion bro, there really isn’t any money in this house...” Yuren sobbed while he walked out from the room to see little scorpion and a huge muscled man standing in his house!

“It has nothing to do with me, I’m here to collect the debt!” little scorpion hmped. “If you don’t have money to pay up, guess you’ll have to join the game to compensate! Choose yourself, you only live once!”

Chapter 1095: At least not Completely Brainless

"This... scorpion bro, please let me go, I'm already this old, who knows what will happen going up the stage? I might even die at one hit, right?" Yuren looked at the little scorpion and said softly.

"So what? If you die, you die," Little Scorpion said nonchalantly, "Men are mortal, if it's your time to die, you die!"

"You...." Yuren was pissed by Little Scorpion's provocation but he didn't have the temper to be angry, "Why not, if I follow you guys to the arena, you let my daughter and wife off the hook?"

Yuren was a good father- she knew that if her father were to enter the battle, only death awaited him- how could a common person with no training go up the stage? How were they on par with a trained boxer?

So Yuanyuan thought that if her death could exchange her parents' safety, she would gladly exchange for it!

"Yuren, are you guys brainless? We pay a boxer at most hundred to two hundred thousand for a fight, you think that you alone is worth five hundred thousand? Are you in your wildest dream?" Little Scorpion scoffed and said with disdain, "I even think that we are at loss sending all of you up the stage!"

"You.... you are being unreasonable!" Yuren panicked, if all of them were to send to the arena, there was surely no return!

"What if I am? What can you do, you don't even have money to pay up!" Little Scorpion snorted.

"I.... I...." Yuren thought that he really couldn't do something against a situation like this.

Until this point, Yuren couldn't help but sigh as he lowered his head further.

"Don't trouble my dad anymore, I'll pay up for my dad, just take me to the arena!" Yuanyuan couldn't bear to see his father's bitter face anymore as she stood up to defend him.

"You? You think you worth a lot? But little girl you do look pretty decent, okay, why not I sell you into prostitution, you can talk to me after earning five hundred thousand!" Little Scorpion looked at Yuanyuan and thought of a good idea.

"Ah-" Yuanyuan was speechless as she stared blankly at Little Scorpion- she didn't mind dying anymore but for her to be humiliated by men every single day... wasn't it a living hell?! It was worse than dying! Yuanyuan shook her head, "How can that do? I would rather die!"

"Hey, you know you can die! But even if you died, I will still bring your parents to the arena!" Little scorpion said nonchalantly, "Who are you threatening anyway?"

"You guys... how could you guys...." Yuanyuan's eyes were filled with tears- she found these people to be illogical. How could they be this tyrannical? However, she still didn't find her entering the prostitution a possible solution, either!

"Eh? This little girl isn't that bad actually? It suits my taste?" Boxer Li who hadn't spoken anything until now finally voiced out. He looked at Yuanyuan with his lecherous expression, "Not bad, not bad..."

Yuanyuan was no tier-one beauty but she was pure and she belonged to the type where other people wouldn't grow bored looking at them. Boxer Li had played with countless girls but he loved the pure ones the most, otherwise, he wouldn't be this spellbound by Yuanyuan's pureness and made such a complicated mess to get her!

However, he didn't look for Yuanyuan to play with him once or twice- he was looking to have her as his long term concubine. It would be better if she was willing to serve him at her own will, otherwise, it would be no fun and Boxer Li was not a big fan of forcing people.

"Oh? Boxer Li, you are interested?" Little Scorpion acted like he didn't know.

"En, I want her!" Boxer Li confessed loudly not intending to hide as he nodded, "Little girl, follow me, be my concubine and serve me- I will guarantee you life with luxuries and the amount of debt your father owes will be cancelled as well, what do you think?"

"Ah— I—" Yuanyaun was in a difficult position- of course she didn't want to agree to stay with a merciless evil man like him but did she have a choice? Yuanyuan didn't want to think but she knew that as long as she followed this Boxer Li, her parents could continue living and the obstacle would be resolved immediately!

"What are you murmuring?" Little Scorpion had his eyebrows furrowed, impatient, "I tell you, Yu Yuanyuan, you can either serve only Boxer Li alone or I will sell you to prostitution, the choice is yours, choose yourself!"

"I...." Yuanyuan lowered her head helplessly. Tears were flowing across her cheeks- she really didn't know what to do anymore! If she was given a choice, she would rather die but she knew that death wouldn't solve the problem- her parents would still suffer until they kick the bucket.

While Boxer Li was right, if she were to sacrifice herself- she could exchange the happiness of her whole family. Although she didn't want to serve a person as evil as Boxer Li, she knew that it was still better than being sold off into prostitution!

"Hmph! It's such a good offer and you're taking so long to consider?" Little Scorpion was impatient as he turned his head to Boxer Li, "Boxer Li, this girl doesn't seem to know what's right and what's wrong, why not we end this offer? There's plenty of pretty girls out there, why should we waste our time on this petty little girl? I'll get you a better one later, let's just sell her off! Just look at her reluctant face, how could she be of use when serving you in the future?"

"No need, I really want her!" Boxer Li waved his huge hand, "Little girl, you are Yu Yuanyuan, right? Let me tell you, I might seem like a rough man but I will surely pamper you. I guarantee your happiness after following me!"

"I...." Yu Yuanyuan hesitated and looked at his father.

At this moment, Yuren didn't feel good either, but what could he do? Facing people like Little Scorpion and Boxer Li, he had no strategy to counter this situation at all! The safety of his family was in their hands.

“Yuanyuan, what do you think?” Yuren was still a man with honour- he passed the choice to her daughter, “Three of us can die together as a family if you don’t want to do it, you really don’t have to suffer alone!”

“Dad, I... I... I will follow him then!” Yuanyuan made a long pause and agreed with tears in her face. She didn’t want to see her parents die, and now all she had to do was to serve this Boxer Li alone- it was the least of the evils, as long as her parents were safe, she was willing to make a sacrifice!

“Hey, you made the right choice, little girl, at least you are not completely brainless!” Little Scorpion was very satisfied with the outcome- he didn’t have to use a knife and gun to settle this issue, it was the best outcome he could ever ask for!

Chapter 1096: Er Goudan’s Secret

When Boxer Li heard this message, he was very happy. He thought that if he paid an unwelcome visit to Yu Yuanyuan, they would submit. He didn’t think that by just smashing down the security door, the Yu Ren father and daughter would be pissing themselves scared!

“What are you waiting for? Let’s get to it?” Boxer Lee watched the beautiful and delicate Yu Yuanyuan, his heart skipped a beat. He wanted to carry her to the bed immediately.

“Wait a minute, I’m not ready, I need a few days to prepare myself!” Yu Yuanyuan had decided that she would go with Boxer Li, but she hadn’t adjusted to her situation yet.

“You still need time to adjust?” Boxer Lee frowned. He wasn’t as patient with his urges, “You already agreed, so come with me! Or are you scheming something?”

“What tricks can I do?” Yu Yuanyuan spoke up, “The situation is under your control, there is nothing I can do. I just need time to recollect my composure. Just give me my time and I will willingly leave with you. I think that it would work better for you that way, unless you want to exert force?”

“Well, you make a good point!” Boxer Lee listened to Yu Yuanyuan’s reasonable words and sighed in relief. He doesn’t like to be forceful when he didn’t have to. As for Yu Yuanyuan’s request, it wasn’t unreasonable. Reluctantly, Boxer Lee agreed to it, “If you say it like that, then I’ll give you three days. Three days later, I will come pick you up as my bride!”

Yu Yuanyuan bitterly smiled and nodded, “Okay... three days, then I’ll see you in three days...”

“Good, what a straightforward response. Father-in-law Ren, now that we are a family. This house of yours isn’t livable. It is so run down, here is a hundred thousand yuan dowry money. You should find a hotel to live in and find someone to change the door!” Boxer Lee had prepared a hundred thousand yuan already.

Yu Ren wanted to refuse on the spot. He wasn’t the type to sell his daughter for money, he wouldn’t be able to forgive himself. However Yu Yuanyuan had brought back the money and stuffed it in her dad’s pocket, “Dad, just hold onto this...”

Yu Yuanyuan had given up hope, she only wanted to reap the best reward to leave behind for her family. She would feel better about it that way...

Boxer Xi and Xiao Luozi saw that the negotiations were successful, so they didn't dwell in the area any longer. They turned around and left Yu Ren's house, leaving Yu Ren and his daughter. They both sighed as they glanced at each other. Life was a struggle, and it was just too unfair.

Meanwhile in the West Star Mountain Village, Er Goudan had just finished his farming task, and immediately went to tell his father before rushing up the West Star Mountain!

West Star Mountain was surrounded by a rugged and mountainous terrain. Plenty of beasts go in and out of the area, and closer to the peak, more dangerous beasts appear. Even if the villagers went hunting, they do it at the foot of the mountain. They didn't dare go deep into the mountain area.

In West Star Mountain Village, there are only three people who dared to venture deep into the mountain area. One of them was the village doctor, Old Lin. The second person was the young companion by Old Lin's side, Lin Yi. The third and last person was Lin Yi's friend, Zhou Jiaming, also known as Er Goudan.

Halfway behind West Star Mountain Village, there is a nameless spring. It is there that Er Goudan splashed a handful of water into his mouth! His plan was to drink until he is full, it was through trial and experiment that he found out that the quantity didn't matter. The drink came with diminishing effects; the beneficial effects only persisted for a little while, then it disappeared over time.

Er Goudan had previously thought of a solution to his problem. He stored the spring water in a bottle. However, when the spring water moved away from the source, it lost its effect! Er Goudan felt helpless about his situation. There was nothing he could do to improve his situation, it was all due to his younger, naughtier self, that he stole and drank Old Lin's drug.

That was how he had poisoned himself with Gu. From that point forward, he had to rely on the nameless spring water. If he didn't drink spring water for natural energy after a while, then the Gu poison will start draining energy from his body. Eventually, the Gu poison will consume his body.

This was also the reason why Er Goudan couldn't travel too far from the spring.

Once Er Goudan drank his portion of the spring water, he would quickly run back to Old Lin's house.

After drinking the water, Er Goudan rushed to Old Lin's house to have his condition examined. At this time, Old Lin was currently examining a female elder villager's pulse. When he saw Er Goudan arrived, he signaled him to sit down while he waited for his turn.

Er Goudan was a frequent guest, he wasn't a stranger. He sat on the side to wait for Old Lin.

Old Lin was the only doctor for all eight villages in the ten mile radius. There was no modern comfort like a hospital in the surrounding area. If a villager was sick, they had to travel to see Old Lin. They didn't realize that Old Lin was a Miracle Doctor, they were just merely enjoying the luxuries of a Miracle Doctor's treatment at a huge discount.

"You have a common cold, symptoms of the flu. Do you want eastern medicine or western medicine?" Old Lin calmly asked.

“How much is it for eastern medicine? How much for western medicine?” Villagers have very little money, so they had to pay attention to their spending. They will choose whatever cost the least.

“Eastern medicine would be twenty, western medicine is fifty cents,” Old Lin didn’t bother to explain the benefits or side effects of each medicine. He was here to hide from his enemies and he wasn’t a saint.

“Then I’ll take the western medicine,” The female elder quickly decided.

“Fast Relief Cold Medicine pack, fifty cents per pack,” Old Lin pulled out a package from the cupboard to hand over.

Once the transaction was over, the female elder left.

Old Lin turned his attention to Er Goudan, “Er Goudan, are you here for Xiao Yi?”

“Yes, Grandpa Lin, Boss gave me a task to pick up medicine for him...” Er Goudan nodded respectfully.

“Are you finished with your tasks at home? Oh... is it already time for spring plowing already,” Old Lin went to grab medicine for Er Goudan, “Did you drink from the spring water today?”

“Grandpa Lin, I drank my daily dose for today,” Er Goudan nodded. There was nothing to hide between the two of them.

“Alright good! You need to remember that this: within three months you have to return. Otherwise, even I can’t save you,” Old Lin handed over a bottle of liquid medicine to Er Goudan.

“No worries, Grandpa Lin, I will remember important things like this. I have to rush back now!” Er Goudan quickly nodded, he didn’t dare to joke around with his life.

“Oh right, here is two thousand yuan, use it for traveling expenses,” Old Lin took out money from his pocket.

“I can’t take that...” Er Goudan was surprised. He didn’t think that Old Lin would give him a huge lump of money. Two thousand yuan in this small village can support a family for a year or two!

“In the city, there are expenses. It is your first time leaving the village, you need to be prepared,” Old Lin didn’t bother to explain the specifics, “Take it, it was also part of Xiao Yi’s instructions.”

Chapter 1097: Ask Your Boyfriend

The moment Er Goudan heard that it was part of Lin Yi’s intention, he didn’t hesitate to pocket the money. Aside from his parents, he only followed Lin Yi’s instructions.

“When you are traveling, you have to watch out for your safety. You are an honest person, I’m afraid of you getting scammed! You have the fighting basics down, so I’m not too worried about that. Remember whenever you are traveling, don’t believe in others so easily!” Old Lin warned.

“Haha...” Er Goudan scratched his scalp, he managed to force a smile.

“This is Xiao Yi’s current address and his contact number. Keep it safe. When you arrive at the city, contact him,” Old Lin handed over a piece of paper.

Er Goudan safely pocketed the stash of cash and paper, “Grandpa Lin, when am I leaving?”

“You are leaving tomorrow, I’ll help you book a ticket in a bit.”

The next morning, Er Goudan started on his journey. The whole time he was in the rain, he did exactly as he was told to do. He was vigilant of his surroundings the whole ride, and he didn’t talk with strangers unnecessarily. According to what he was told, there were a lot of scams going on in train rides. Er Goudan wanted his first journey to be as smooth as possible.

Song Lingshan had increased her power significantly, but it didn’t remain that way. It was unsustainable! Songshan City looks peaceful, but in reality, there were a lot of unsolved cases! Currently there were at least six cases of delinquents missing, five cases of construction workers missing after conflict, more than three cases of taxi hit and run, and two cases of fitness coach and students... There were also a dozen cases of a wide variety of missing temporary workers.

In total, it was close to thirty people missing!

That was just the amount of people that had been reported missing, there must be even more people missing than that amount. At the moment, there was no way of calculating it!

There was no common link amongst the missing people. It spread across different industries, but with so many people missing, it raised a concern with the higher ups. Even Yang Huaijun, who was away from the city, received news of this issue. He personally called Song Lingshan on the updates regarding the missing people’s cases.

Based on years of work experience and Song Lingshan’s instinct, something told her that this case wasn’t simple. These missing people had nothing in common with each other, and they had all never met. The similar feature was that all of these missing people were male, there were no females!

This could be coincidence, but Song Lingshan didn’t think it was a coincidence!

From first glance, these cases were just a simple missing person cases. They hadn’t escalated to the severity of malicious intent. The moment they found corpses was when the severity level increased.

Song Lingshan didn’t know where to start with the case investigation, but there must have been witnesses or informants that knew more about this issue! She just needed to find those people.

“Ding Ding Ding...” The office doorbell rang.

“Please come in!” Song Lingshan recomposed herself to her usual calm state.

“Captain Song, the traffic police sent another case over. It was a public bus driver, hit and run. It has been confirmed that the driver’s identity and vehicle registration number were all forged...” Liu Wangli placed a file bundle onto Song Lingshan’s desk after he pushed open the door.

“Oh? Liu Wangli, what is your view on the issue. This case and the previous missing people cases, is there a correlation?” Song Lingshan frowned as she glanced at the new folder.

“My gut feeling is that they all are related, but we don’t have any evidence of that connection,” Liu Wangli replied, “Captain Song, I feel that there is a big conspiracy brewing in the mix. We can’t take this lightly!”

“Yeah, my gut instincts tell me the same thing. Presently, aside from the missing people cases, everything is relatively peaceful!” Song Lingshan sighed, “If they didn’t go into hiding, then where are their bodies?”

“There is this key point, if they were murdered or trafficked, then there would be clues. However, that doesn’t seem likely at all. From the evidence so far, these individuals all willingly ran away, there was no coercion,” Liu Wangli spoke his thoughts.

“Secretly monitor the situation,” Song Lingshan nodded, it was as Liu Wangli had mentioned.

“Yes! Captain Song... there is something that I want to ask, but I don’t know if I should ask it...” Liu Wangli paused as he was about to exit.

“If you have something to say, then speak up,” Song Lingshan nodded for Liu Wangli to speak his thoughts.

“Captain Song, should we ask... your boyfriend if he has any information...” Liu Wangli hesitated with his suggestion.

“I will...” Song Lingshan frowned. She didn’t think that Liu Wangli would suggest to ask Lin Yi. This bothered Song Lingshan, but it came as a surprise because Liu Wangli had accepted Lin Yi as her boyfriend!

As of right now, Liu Wangli is Song Lingshan’s confidant. So she didn’t blame him, and his suggestion came from a good intention.

Liu Wangli didn’t speak further on the issue, he exited from Song Lingshan’s office. As for Song Lingshan, she was hesitating if she should dial Lin Yi’s number.

Meanwhile for Lin Yi, he was in the company of Fatty Lai, Guan Xuemin, and Kang Xiaobao, they were discussing the products for the conference and all other details. That was when Song Lingshan’s call came in.

Lin Yi signaled his company with a pause hand symbol, then he walked over to the window to pick up the phone call.

“Hello? Did something happen again?” Lin Yi saw Song Lingshan’s number and his attitude was blunt.

“Lin Yi, there is something that I might need your help with...” Song Lingshan hesitated.

“No free time, I’m busy right now!” Lin Yi hinted. Everytime he picked up her call, nothing good ever came out of it.

“Lin Yi, help me out, this silly girl would be very grateful for you...” Song Lingshan started sounding cutesy on the phone, “How about this? The next time you come over, I will make you something tasty to eat...”

Lin Yi was speechless, this Song Lingshan was very attached to him!

"I am starting to regret slightly. That last time at your house, I should've just let you go. Why does trouble follow you around?" Lin Yi was infuriated, but also laughed at this situation.

"Oh... Our next meeting won't be too long from now..." Song Lingshan's face blushed. She didn't get rejected so that was a good sign. It was just that Lin Yi was busy with his own work.

That meant something to Song Lingshan. There was a chance that Lin Yi likes her, so she thought to herself that she was still quite charming. Song Lingshan was encouraging herself, if she continued with her cutesy strategy, one day she would succeed in winning over Lin Yi's love.

"I'll give you one minute to tell me what you need to say!" Lin Yi didn't bother playing along.

Chapter 1098: Visitors From House Pi

"Okay... So the situation is like this... In Songshan City, there is a sudden increase of missing people's cases, with the majority of them being gangsters or taxi drivers. Most of them have committed misdemeanors right before they went missing..." Song Lingshan continued to explain her situation, "Lin Yi, can you help me gather some intel on this?"

"And where exactly would I go to inquire this intel?" Lin Yi frowned, "Aren't you becoming too reliant on me?"

"No..." Song Lingshan felt embarrassed when confronted like this. Undoubtedly there was some reliance that she had towards him. She felt that he was capable of anything. As long as she begged for it, then he would do it for her.

"Okay, fine. Is there anything more?" Lin Yi coldly asked.

"No... Nothing more..." Song Lingshan feels that she has to swallow her pride whenever she interacted with Lin Yi.

Lin Yi didn't say anything else and just hung up.

Song Lingshan still had things she wanted to speak about, such as how he was feeling after he had helped raise her power level. But, from the sounds of Lin Yi's attitude, she was able to determine that he was back to his rude old self.

Once she told the situation to Lin Yi, Song Lingshan still didn't feel satisfied. All her previous cases that she had solved had specific facts and details. However, these new cases were quite confusing. To top it off, Lin Yi doesn't seem to have any intention of helping, which added to her disappointment.

House Xiao these days were sulking over their former glory.

Without Uncle Pi backing them up, they were on borrowed time with their funds drying up. They were alienated to the point that even distant relative House Kang was avoided them, this was a critical break in relations!

Xiao Ji sat in the living room of his villa, as he sighed and contemplated about their family situation. Xiao Ben was also unable to help alleviate the problems in regards to their situation. Almost everything went from bad to worse condition. Now they even owed Lin Yi a lump sum of money. It was just that Lin Yi didn't come knocking down the door to collect yet, but House Xiao still didn't have the means to gather the funds!

"Brother, House Xiao's vast foundation, seems like it will come to ruins in our hands. I am unwilling to submit to this!" Xiao Ji had red eyes as he started tearing up. He hasn't slept soundly for a few days now, "It is all that bitch Gou Huli's fault. She had us provoke someone we shouldn't have. Then, she ran over Uncle Pi with her car. I want her dead now!"

With that said, Xiao Ji was infuriated and was going to take Gou Huli's life.

"Big Brother! Calm down!" Xiao Ben saw that his brother had the eyes of a crazy person. He had to stop his big brother from committing a crime, "Big Brother, what do you think you are doing? You should know better than fight internally. House Xiao is on the verge of falling apart. What use will it do to seek revenge on sister-in-law? Would it help us in anyway?"

Xiao Ben was more intelligent than his brother. So when his father, the House leader, was still alive, he did his best to pull support from relatives. However, when his father had passed away, he realized that all this internal fighting only expedited the collapse of House Xiao!

Even if his Big Brother, Xiao Ji, wasn't as bright, so most of the strategic planning and tactics came from him. The way he saw it, that was no difference from being the House Leader, so there was no significant purpose to continue fighting for that role.

"My Brother, I want to be calm, but how can I get calm? We are about to watch the Noble Houses call for a meeting. I suspect that our House Xiao will get expelled from the ranks of the Noble Houses during this meeting. Then House Xiao won't be a Noble House anymore..." Xiao Ji said with a depressed look, as he sat down.

"Big Brother, with our current situation like this already. Even if you kill Gou Huli, how will that help?" Xiao Ben waved his hand aside, "I'm afraid we will have to rely on House Wu. I don't know if those two bastards, Xiao Wangdao and Xiao Wangba, are reliable. It is questionable if their relationship with Wu Chentian is even stable. From the rumors I've heard, Wu Chentian and House Kang's Kang Zhaolong were on good speaking terms. I'm afraid of them provoking the situation!"

"Then what should we do now?" Xiao Ji was at a loss for ideas.

"No matter what, we have to continue living our lives! Tomorrow, I'll check out the situation. It is not possible for us to open a small restaurant to maintain our standard of living. We will have to wait for another opportunity for that!" Xiao Ben felt as if he was truly the House Leader, but he didn't have the joy that normally came with being a leader. He felt sick about his situation.

In the middle of their conversation, the doorbell on their villa rang.

"Who could it be, visiting at this time?" Xiao Ji looked blankly.

With the current situation with House Xiao, there shouldn't be anyone coming to pay a visit. Xiao Wangdao and Xiao Wangba had our house keys, so they couldn't be the ones ringing the doorbell.

“Could it be that Lin Yi has come to collect?” Xiao Ben frightened as he made his way to the door.

If Lin Yi came, they can only meet him head on. However, standing by the doorway was a stranger’s face. It was someone they’ve never met before!

“You are...” Xiao Ben asked the stranger’s identity.

“This is House Xiao?” The young man casually and slowly asked.

“Yes, but who are you?” Xiao Ben questioned the young man’s attitude. There is a saying that even a tiger can be bullied. With the current situation of House Xiao, they didn’t dare to stir up trouble with anyone. Xiao Ben had maintained a calm, and restraint demeanor as he asked the question.

“Brother Pi?” the young man asked after confirming that this was House Xiao.

“Brother Pi?” Xiao Ben wasn’t able to come to his senses quick enough. Then he realizes “You are looking for Uncle Pi?”

“Yes, where is he? I heard that he was beaten into a vegetative state?” The young man had an angry look! Uncle Pi was expelled out of House Pi, but he was still a blood relative of the hidden household House Pi. To be beaten to a vegetative state, House Pi couldn’t turn their head away from this insult!

This decision didn’t come from the young man, it was decided at a committee meeting with House Pi’s family members. In the end, the elder grandpa as his position of House Leader solidified the decision.

The young man’s name was Pi Zhishan, he was the oldest grandson. As for the silent person next to him, it was his cousin, Pi Zhihai, and was the second uncle’s son. Their reason for visiting was mainly to see the world and society, with Pi Zhishan in charge.

Pi Zhishan and Uncle Pi had never met before. Uncle Pi had committed a severe crime in the family when he was a young man. People from House Pi are known to be prideful, so this young man couldn’t turn away from this injustice.

The purpose of their visit was to bring Uncle Pi back and execute their second mission!

“You... you are relatives of Uncle Pi?” Xiao Ben’s face lit up. In his heart, he saw the opportunity in this. Perhaps, there might be a chance to save House Xiao afterall!

Chapter 1099: Escape Punishment

“Yes, aren’t you going to welcome us in?” Pi Zhishan coldly commanded Xiao Ben.

“Please come in, please make yourself at home!” Xiao Ben didn’t dare to make an enemy of people from House Pi. From Pi Zhishan’s attitude, it didn’t seem like he was joking.

Xiao Ben opened his villa door widely. He had to give Pi Zhishan and Pi Zhihai a warm welcome.

“If you didn’t have any relations with Uncle Pi, I would’ve kicked down this steel door!” Pi Zhishan coldly voiced his thoughts.

His purpose for this visit was to display his strength so that House Xiao would cooperate with him. So Pi Zhishan kept his superior stance throughout the whole interaction!

“This...” Xiao Ben didn’t know how to react. Even if they were relatives from House Pi, weren’t they being a little too cocky? The moment they arrive at someone’s house, they wanted to be destructive already? Their mansion door was specifically designed to prevent break-ins, so how could they just kick it down?

“Well, you don’t sound like you believe me?” Pi Zhishan turned his head.

“I... I believe you!” Xiao Ben knew that if he wanted House Xiao to rise again, then he needed as many allies as he could gather. He didn’t dare bicker with Pi Zhishan.

“Hmph!” Pi Zhishan glanced at the stone lion in the garden. Then he turned to Pi Zhihai and said “Zhihai, destroy that stone lion, it’s an eye sore!”

“Yes, Big Brother!” Pi Zhihai walked over to the stone lion and with one hand motion, he split apart the stone lion into a pile of rubble.

“Gasp-” Xiao Ben took a deep breath of cold air! He was infuriated with the attitude displayed by the young man, Pi Zhishan. He thought that the young man didn’t show any sign of respect, especially since he was just a messenger. Seems like he was losing his ability to judge a person’s worth!

Aspirations isn’t determined by age. These two young men’s skill and ability isn’t inferior to Uncle Pi! That must mean they were also martial artists!

That was when Xiao Ben turned his frown upside down, “Both of you are wonderful individuals. The stone lion was definitely an eye sore! This is a second-hand mansion, so when I moved here I wanted to throw that stone lion away. It was too heavy for us to move it so we just left it. I have to thank you two for giving us a hand!”

Xiao Ben had to lie about it. That stone lion was actually store bought and shipped over for this mansion. It had feng shui properties in it’s position in the mansion. However, in order to please Pi Zhishan and Pi Zhihai, he could only lie about it.

“Oh it was effortless,” Pi Zhishan calmly replied. They walked into the mansion and sat in the living room sofa.

Xiao Ji didn’t leave his spot in the living room, but he could see it clearly through the door. He had the same initial thought as Xiao Ben when he saw the young man. Their hubris attitude meant that they had the ability to back their words. He didn’t dare to act superior or show his anger.

“How can I greet you veteran fighters? I am House Xiao’s leader, Xiao Ji. I grew up with Uncle Pi watching over us...” Xiao Ji almost made a mistake with his greeting. It sounded too fake.

However, Pi Zhishan wasn’t bothered by it. This was exactly the effect he had wanted. He wanted people from House Xiao to know fear. Then, he can execute the second part of his plan.

“I am Pi Zhishan, that is my younger brother Pi Zhihai. We are from hidden household House Pi!” Pi Zhishan self introduced after sitting down.

Hidden House Pi? Even if House Xiao was the last Noble House, they were familiar with the hidden houses. They had heard of House Pi before! This hidden house has a strong fighting force, but no one knew that Uncle Pi was from the hidden house!

When they realized this, Xiao Ben and Xiao Ji felt excited. Facing the people from House Pi, opportunity and risk both existed on the same spectrum! If they were able to ally with House Pi, then House Xiao could rise up from the dead! The key factor though was why did people from House Pi come out today? It was highly plausible factor that it was due to Uncle Pi's injuries!

However, Uncle Pi was more injured by Gou Huli's crash. As a superior House Pi, they could easily seek revenge on House Xiao. Who would stick their neck out for House Xiao?

"Oh, it is young master Pi!" Xiao Ben didn't hesitate to respectfully greet them. He didn't dare to use his age and status as an Elder to toss that around. In his head, he was thinking of all the possible reasons for this peculiar visit.

Pi Zhishan nodded at the respect he was given, "Right, where's my Uncle Pi? Tell me exactly what happened!"

Xiao Ben and Xiao Ji's heart skipped a beat as they looked at each other in the eye. This visit could turn sour real fast, now that it was established that their reason for visiting was Uncle Pi's injuries.

Xiao Ben hinted at Xiao Ji to let him handle the explanation. Xiao Ji was grateful, because if he had to do it, then he would mess it up!

"So... the situation is like this..." Xiao Ben didn't dare to leave out any facts. He didn't lie in front of these veterans because it would be a bad start if they were to cooperate together. House Xiao might even be in a worse condition if House Pi found out that there were lies! So Xiao Ben told the truth, even the part where Gou Huli had ran over Uncle Pi with her car!

"I apologize for my wife. That woman is a terrible driver. I will bring her over so you, young masters, can punish her!" Xiao Ben didn't dare to defend Gou Huli. He wanted to make it look like it was Gou Huli that screwed over House Xiao.

"No need!" Pi Zhishan waved his hand to stop Xiao Ben from going. As a representative from House Pi, he wanted to discuss with House Xiao some big plans. To start off the negotiations strong, he had to display that they were superior to them, so the negotiations can go according to their plan. This way, House Xiao would be willingly enslaved to House Pi.

Pi Zhishan wasn't that old, but he started off at a young age learning from his grandpa. He had learned psychological tactics in dealing with people. Which was why he was so hubris, but also had the strength to back up his attitude.

"From what you have said, it would seem that Gou Huli is responsible. However, this responsibility is only secondary!" Pi Zhishan calmly replied.

"Thank you young master Zhishan for your forgiveness!" Xiao Ben was able to sigh out in relief. If House Pi wanted an excuse to wipe them out, then this was one of the reasons they could do so. House Pi was not a house they could mess with.

“However, don’t get so excited too fast! House Xiao can escape death, but you can’t escape punishment. You have to be responsible for the aftermath!” Pi Zhishan smirked.

Chapter 1100: Cooperation

“This... Of course! We will bear all responsibility!” Xiao Ben couldn’t deny their wrongdoing but he hoped that his respectful behavior could at least win him some forgiveness points.

“Then this is how it will go. I won’t bother with any bullshit, but House Xiao is in a bad situation. Even if you promise to take responsibility, what can you use as collateral?” Po Zhishan looked Xiao Ben and Xiao Ji up and down, “As of the current House Xiao, the only valuable thing left is your own lives. What else can you bring out?”

“You clown! Don’t you dare! Even if our House is in dire straits, you don’t have the right to judge us. It is my wife Gou Huli that ran over Uncle Fu, so what does that have to do with House Xiao? If you want to punish or kill, then I am standing right here. What do you want to do with me?” Xiao Ji was unable to control his anger when he heard Pi Zhishan’s terms.

“Big Brother!” Xiao Ben quickly rushed over. His brother’s anger issue made it easy to ruin the whole situation.

However, Xiao Ben didn’t add anything more to conversation. A loud smack can be heard. Xiao Ji’s face was red with a handprint. Even a tooth had fell out. Xiao Ben and Xiao Ji didn’t see what happened, they didn’t even know whether it was Pi Zhishan or Pi Zhuhai who had made the move...

After experiencing it firsthand, Xiao Ji realized that these two young men were both better fighters compared to Uncle Pi!

Thinking like that made Xiao Ji a little scared. He acted on impulse and allowed that to get the better of him. He wasn’t stupid enough to continue provoking his enemies, as he had witnessed the stone lion getting smashed by them. His facial expression changed to a look of embarrassment.

“Sorry young masters... I... was rude in my words...” Xiao Ji held onto his swollen cheeks.

“Take that as a lesson,” said Pi Zhishan. Against rude people like Xiao Ji, actions were more effective. Now, the negotiations would go more smoothly! Right now, with Xiao Ji beaten to submission, Pi Zhishan jumped right on it and said “Xiao Ji, you are a coward so I won’t bicker with you! Xiao Ben, you seem more intelligent, do you have anything in House Xiao that you can give to me?”

“That... there is nothing...” Xiao Ben didn’t want to admit that this was their situation. House Xiao was no longer the same as before, and Pi Zhishan was correct on his assessment.

“I couldn’t believe that House Xiao had fallen so far from its former glory. It was once at the top of all Noble Houses, so how did it become like this?” Pi Zhishan frowned from the condition of how the interior of the living room looked, “I don’t know if our House made a wrong decision to cooperate with you two pathetic beings...” as Pi Zhishan mumbled.

Cooperation? Xiao Ji and Xiao Ben looked toward Pi Zhishan. They were shocked by the sudden turn of events. Could it be that the hidden House Pi wanted to work with House Xiao? Then did that mean House Xiao had hope to rise up once again?

At this time, Xiao Ben quickly greeted, "Young Master Pi, do you mean that you want to work together with House Xiao?"

"Well, it was in our initial intentions. But as for if we could really cooperate, then that all depended on your result," Pi Zhishan coldly replied.

"Young master Pi, please enlighten us!" Xiao Ben cheerfully spoke up. As long as House Pi worked with them, then House Xiao won't have any problem holding its rank amongst the Noble Houses. No matter what, he had to find a way to work with House Pi, it didn't matter what sacrifices were required!

"Noble House Yu and hidden House Yu have their own personal connection, do you know about that?" Pi Zhishan looked at Xiao Ben's eager expression.

"Of course I know that, if it wasn't for the hidden house backing them up, Noble House Yu wouldn't have been able to be the number one house!" Xiao Ben was eager. Did hidden House Pi want to cooperate with House Xiao in the same way? Xiao Ben was eager about the endless possibilities!

"If hidden House Pi was able to support House Xiao, what could you do with that? In other words, how much compensation could you pay us back?" Pi Zhishan got right to the point!

House Pi as a hidden House have to follow the convention agreement rules set by the hidden houses many years prior. They were forbidden from interrupting with worldly affairs and could only focus on training. This was to limit them from using their powers to exploit commoners!

However, hidden House Yu went in a roundabout way to directly control the Noble House Yu. This way they had profit generating tool! As for the Noble House Yu, they positioned themselves as the leader of all the Noble Houses by relying on the hidden House Yu. In return, the Noble House Yu donates immense wealth and riches and it increases every year!

As for the events that happened with House Yu, it was all by chance. Other Noble Houses couldn't replicate it. After all, the hidden House Yu and Noble House Yu were originally one House. Later on, they were able to secretly establish communication. These evasive maneuvers were not something others could easily mimic.

Other Houses couldn't easily split off a branch from their own House. They could only stick with the fact that House Yu earned so much money every year! As long as they didn't piss off the witnesses to the hidden house convention agreement, then they would be fine. Those witnesses weren't just a symbolic gesture.

However, the witnesses and the group of sky class users all have vanished since that meeting. This convention agreement was the constraint to the hidden Houses. However, it wasn't as effective as before. As a result, even hidden House Zhao started making their move with the illegitimate child Zhao Qibing, to earn money in secular world!

Obviously, something as bold as breaking the rules was not something many were willing to do. However, such a roundabout method was still acceptable. Such as House Yu, until now they have earned many years of wealth, but nothing has happened to them yet.

Which was the reason why hidden House Zhao decided to make their move with Zhao Qibing meddling in worldly affairs. Since Zhao Qibing was an illegitimate son, he would never be able to set foot in House Zhao's main gate! But even if his blood wasn't pure, he was still a member of House Zhao's burden. As a result it was quite reasonable for House Zhao to provide a certain level of support to Zhao Qibing.

It was an open secret that Zhao Qibing was working to earn money in the secular world to send back to hidden House Zhao!

Now that House Yu and House Zhao have set the precedent for it, other hidden Houses didn't want to sit by idly. They were all thinking hard about how to dip their feet into worldly affairs to earn money! These hidden Houses might have strength, but they were actually quite poor!

Even if they didn't lavishly spend money everyday, every year they had to spend their treasury on valuable natural treasures and those were all worth a small fortune! And even if they didn't buy rare natural resources, they still had many mouths to feed!