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Li Er and the rest were outside the bungalow in the west part of town and knocked on the main door.

Nobody responded to them verbally, but the main gate suddenly opened.

HUU...

A chilly wind immediately blew past them.

Shortly after that, Ye Fan's low voice rang quietly, "Come in. I've been waiting for you guys for a long time now."

Ye Fan sat quietly in the living room.

A beautiful lady sat by his side.

The fragrance of warm tea filled the entire place.

Since Ye Fan had guests, Ye Xi-Mei went upstairs because she didn't want to interrupt their serious discussion.

But Qiu Mu-Cheng remained downstairs and sat next to Ye Fan.

She didn't say a word and just quietly made

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tea for him.

The rising steam from the teapot covered Qiu Mu-Cheng's mesmerizing face and made her look even more dreamy than ever.

As the old saying went, heroes were attracted to magnificent swords, while beauties were attracted to heroes.

The only person in Jiangdong who was worthy of being called a hero was probably Mr Chu.

The four who had come to Ye Fan's place greeted the husband and wife sitting before them.

Besides Li Er and Lei San, Wu Wei-Tao had come along with one of his personal bodyguards.

Wang Jie-Xi had not come because he had just taken over Jianghai from Chen Ao, and there were many things he had to attend to personally.

Chen Ao had been taking care of Jianghai for more than ten years now, so Wang Jie-Xi couldn't just take over everything because



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Mr Chu said so.

There were many things that Wang Jie-Xi had to resolve on his own.

Ye Fan nodded and acknowledged their greeting.

But he didn't even look at them and just kept his head lowered as he sipped his tea.

"Mr Chu, Mayor Wu has come here to visit you personally and this is the sort of attitude you show him? Aren't you even going to get him a seat?" asked Wu Wei-Tao's personal bodyguard coldly as he looked at Ye Fan with a displeased expression on his face. Unlike Li Er and the others who were used to Ye Fan's arrogant and icy attitude, the bodyguard frowned and clearly took offense.

"Xiang, watch what you say!" Wu Wei-Tao's face paled as he spun to stare at his bodyguard, Sun Xiang.

"Mayor Wu, why should I? Even though Mr Chu is the leader in the corporate circles, he shouldn't be so disrespectful towards you. You are the government official who takes care of the people in Yunzhou and so you

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are the officially recognized and rightful leader of the city of Yunzhou,” Sun Xiang argued back sternly because he couldn’t stand Ye Fan’s snobby behavior.

“You...” Wu Wei-Tao’s face had already turned a whiter shade of pale when he heard these words.

Li Er and Lei San’s faces were livid as they glared at Wu Wei-Tao.

What the heck was wrong with this Wu Wei-Tao? Why on earth did he bring an idiot along?

But while the three older men were afraid that Sun Xiang would make Ye Fan angry, Ye Fan started chuckling.

“Mu-Cheng, could you help me to get two chairs for Master Er and Master San?”

Qiu Mu-Cheng nodded and quickly brought two chairs over for Li Er and Lei San.

Wu Wei-Tao and Sun Xiang were left standing by the side.

“Mr Chu, what do you mean by this? Aren’t





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you afraid that...”

“Enough!” Wu Wei-Tao cut him off angrily when he saw that Sun Xiang wanted to protest this matter. “Nobody will call you a mute even if you don’t say anything!”

“But Mayor Wu...” Sun Xiang felt injustice for Wu Wei-Tao. He didn’t see why Lei San and Li Er were provided with seats while the two of them had to remain standing.

“If you say anymore, I’ll throw you out of here!” Wu Wei-Tao was about to faint from his anger.

If he had known that Sun Xiang would shoot his mouth off, he wouldn’t have brought this idiot along.

Li Er had called him earlier that day and wanted him to come along to pay Mr Chu a visit and ask what Mr Chu intended to do.

Wu Wei-Tao had planned to do the same thing, so he quickly agreed to accompany Li Er.

But since Wu Wei-Tao had offended Ye Fan before and was afraid that Ye Fan might try

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to bash him up, he decided to bring a bodyguard along with him.

He had hoped that Sun Xiang could protect him, but now, this bodyguard of his had only made things even worse by offending Ye Fan further.

But of course, Wu Wei-Tao had other intentions for bringing Sun Xiang along besides getting him to serve as protection.

Once Wu Wei-Tao lost his temper, Sun Xiang shut up.

The two of them just stood sadly in front of the table.

Li Er and Lei San's faces started twitching when they saw this.

Mr Chu wasn't just a good fighter. He was also really good at making life difficult for others when he wanted to. Or at least this tactic had clearly worked very well on Wu Wei-Tao.

But it wasn't the time to laugh about such things.

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After hesitating for a moment, Li Er broke the silence first. “Mr Chu, what do you intend to do in the near future?”

Lei San nodded as well. “That’s right, Mr Chu. If you have any plans, do let us know in advance and we can get prepared first.”

Since Ye Fan had killed Lu Ming-Feng and Xur Shao-Hua, the older men figured that Ye Fan already had a plan to deal with the impending counterattacks from the Lu and Xur families.

“Plans?” Ye Fan just laughed quietly. “I don’t have any plans. There’s no need for any plans.”

“But...” Li Er and Lei San paled at these words and tried to advise him, “Mr Chu, it’s better to plan for the future ahead. The Lu and Xur families are really extremely powerful and have a lot of resources on hand. If we don’t make plans ahead of time, we’re definitely going to suffer severe losses.”

Ye Fan didn’t seem bothered at all. He just lifted his teacup, took a sip, then scoffed. “Extremely powerful? I’ve provoked so many



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supposedly powerful people all these years. Every time I do so, someone would come along and tell me all about how those people are extremely powerful, have influential family backgrounds and can control the world.”

“But what happens in the end? In the end, all these so called super powerful people either surrender to me or disappear. In short, they’re all gone. Only I remain seated here, leisurely drinking my tea,” said Ye Fan in a very calm and composed manner.

But the other men in the room could hear the arrogance and authoritativeness that was contained in Ye Fan’s seemingly calm and nonchalant words.

Li Er and Lei San didn’t know what to say after Ye Fan said all this. They didn’t have an immediate reply for him.

“Oh my, this is the Mr Chu we know, alright. Only Mr Chu could possibly have the boldness to say something like this,” laughed Sun Xiang. He couldn’t hold himself back at all.

That low laughter sounded rather sarcastic.

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“But I wonder if Mr Chu knows what sort of enemies you’re facing this time. Do you know who they really are and what they are really capable of?” Sun Xiang asked in return.

“No idea,” replied Ye Fan without hiding anything from them.

The other men felt their eyes twitch violently.

After going through so much, it turned out that Mr Chu didn’t even know anything about the Lu and Xur families?!

They were really curious as to where Mr Chu got the confidence to fight these powerful Yanjing families from, since he didn’t seem to even know how powerful they were.

Was this man really just consumed by pride and was just living in a world of his own?

The other men felt their hearts turn cold from fear almost instantly.

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The older men in the room suddenly felt that perhaps Chen Ao was right after all.

Perhaps it was true that Mr Chu was really too audacious for his own good.

But of course, they didn't dare to say any of this and just kept this thought to themselves.

But just because some of them didn't dare to say it out loud didn't mean nobody was willing to talk about it.

Sun Xiang laughed immediately when he heard Ye Fan's response.

"I knew it. You have no idea what powerful people you're facing, and you have no idea what sort of people you've provoked? It doesn't matter, I can tell you about them right now. Mayor Wu has brought me here today precisely to tell you about how powerful the Lu and Xur families are. I'm here to help you to see reality squarely in the eye."

Sun Xiang paused for a moment before he continued, "Before I retired from the army, I was with the Jiangbei military. I was

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fortunate enough to gain the favor of the Jiangbei commander and was his guard for ten years. But because of a severe injury, I had no choice but to retire from the military. But Mr Chu, do you know who the commander I followed for ten years was?"

Sun Xiang scoffed coldly, glanced at Ye Fan and declared, "It was Xur Shao-Hua's father, Xur Hai-Sheng!"

What?

Li Er and the rest shuddered at these words and their faces immediately paled.

"Are you...are you saying that Xur Shao-Hua's father is the...is the commander of the Jiangbei military?!" Li Er and Lei San were shocked beyond belief.

They knew that Xur Shao-Hua and Lu Ming-Feng came from powerful backgrounds, but they didn't expect their background to be this impressive.

A commander of a military zone had to be at least a major general, right?

"That's exactly what I'm saying," said Sun



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Xiang with a nod. "Commander Xu is a lieutenant general with a few hundred thousand troops at his command and protects a significant part of China."

Both Li Er and Lei San couldn't help but gasp at these numbers.

They suddenly realized that the Xur family of Yanjing was a lot more powerful than they had imagined.

Sun Xiang wasn't surprised by their reactions at all.

Anybody would be too afraid to even sleep once they heard that they had provoked a general with hundreds of thousands of soldiers at their command.

But to his surprise, Ye Fan didn't seem bothered by this at all.

Instead, he lifted his teacup so that his wife could refill it.

Sun Xiang frowned at this and continued to speak somewhat sarcastically, "But of course, Mr Chu is the King of Jiangdong and you might not care about a general. But

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what about the patriarch of the Xur family, Xur Jun-Lin? Old Master Xur is a very respectable man who used to be the deputy commander under one of our country's founding generals. In terms of seniority, only one person in all of China is senior to him."

"Most importantly, Old Master Xur was a military instructor back in the day. Our three best special troops, the Warring Wolves, the Flying Leopards and the Black Tigers were all trained up by Old Master Xur. Even though the old man has already retired, he's still holding an honorary position in these three troops. You could say that as long as he says the word, the thousands of soldiers in these troops will come here to execute you," said Sun Xiang in a stern voice. His low voice quietly echoed in the living room.

HUU...

A cold wind began to blow outside the house.

The billowing night wind rushed through the living room like the spirits of the dead.

Li Er and the other two men were already on the brink of despair from their fear, and even



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Qiu Mu-Cheng's arm started trembling while she poured them tea.

But Sun Xiang wasn't done talking.

"They have two generals in the family, Mr Chu. I'm not sure if you still think that you can continue drinking your tea so leisurely in a few days' time," said Sun Xiang with a light chuckle.

These words were clearly a jab at the arrogant declaration that Ye Fan had made earlier.

But before Ye Fan could answer him, Sun Xiang went on, "But of course, all that I've said is with regard to the power that the Xur family has. As for the Lu family, I'm don't know much, but I do know one thing. The patriarch of the Lu family, Lu Cang-Qiong, is the only man in all of China whose seniority and prestige is above Xur Jun-Lin!"

BOOM!

These words struck Li Er and Lei San like a bolt of lightning. Both of them were instantly rooted to the ground.



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Before this, Li Er and Lei San thought that the Xur family was probably the more powerful one and had the most impressive history among the powerful Yanjing families.

They didn't expect the Lu family to actually be one level above the Xur family.

The Xur family had two generals and a few hundred thousand troops and the best special troops of the nation at their command. But the Lu family had turned out to be even more powerful than all of that.

What were they going to do now?

Li Er and Lei San were really going to pee themselves now.

They realized that this time, Mr Chu had really brought a catastrophe upon them.

Li Er had initially thought that Mr Chu had been so confident in killing the two young men because he had a plan for how to deal with their families.

But now, Li Er and Lei San didn't have hold out anymore hopes for Mr Chu.

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After all, how was someone from the countryside of lowly birth going to fight with such a powerful and influential clan?

Could his bold words do anything? Obviously not.

They had lost all hope now.

Li Er looked up at Ye Fan and his voice trembled, "Mr Chu...I think...we'd better run."

"As long as we're still alive, we can still make a comeback. At most, we'll return to Jiangdong after ten years have passed, and nobody would think otherwise of us. Besides, Mr Chu, Chen Ao called me earlier and he hopes that you could escape from Jiangdong for the time being to avoid this attack. You've just heard about how powerful the Xur and Lu families are. We are no match for these people," Li Er tried his best to persuade Ye Fan.

According to the Thirty-Six Stratagems, running away at the first sight of danger was a good plan.

Besides, they were now as good as waiting for death to befall them if they stuck around

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in Jiangdong.

The cold smile on Sun Xiang's lips intensified when he heard Li Er's terrified words.

He looked like he was mocking Ye Fan for doing something that he would live to regret.

But Ye Fan was calm compared to all the other fearful men in the room.

His striking features remained as still as the waters of a lake, and there was no ripple of emotion at all.

There was still that faint and nearly undetectable smile on his lips.

That tiny smile carried self-confidence, authority and an arrogance that disdained all else.

Ye Fan finally looked up at Li Er, then at Sun Xiang, then at everyone else. His lips curled upwards and he shook his head as he laughed.

"Run? Why should I run? They are the ones who should be running. They were the ones



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who didn't know how to teach their children to behave, and they were the ones who trespassed into Jiangdong. These people are the ones who provoked me first and tried to kill the people closest to me.”

“Merely killing the two youngsters and not annihilating their entire clan is already an act of mercy on my part. If they learn from this and keep themselves in check, then this matter is over. But if they still want to seek revenge and attack me further, then don't blame me for drenching Yunzhou in blood!”



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