

Oh My God 1621

## **Chapter 1621: Neighbors Who Can't Agree**

Shen Yuanbiao said, "The spread of the rumors depends on what the other party wants, such as 'thoroughly investigating the actions that led to Universe Corporation's rise.' These words are nothing more than an exaggeration and cannot be counted.

"Has the other party put forward a request that is more realistic and can be supported by the public?"

"Yes."

Shen Yuanbiao responded, "Now, the Azure Alliance has proposed to thoroughly investigate the Red Creek Project.

"At first, the natives of the Other World attacked the Red Creek Project, which led to the explosion of the crystal warehouse. Then, the project's serious deficits and the fact that real reserves of the Red Radiance Jade vein were much lower than expected were exposed.

"Now, the nine mega corporations have proposed to abandon the Red Dragon Army and march into the middle and lower reaches of the Raging Tiger River to exact revenge on the Other World's natives. Whether this 'corporate war' will be successful or not, it will squeeze out and consume an astronomical amount of resources, which will have a far-reaching impact on all the citizens of Dragon City.

"Therefore, the Azure Alliance has suggested that the investigation of the Red Creek Project should not be conducted by Universe Corporation alone, or by the descendants of the nine great cultivation families from the relevant departments. Instead, a more open and extensive investigation team should be established. The members should include at least one-third of the superhumans from poor families and one-third of the ordinary people who have not awakened their supernatural powers. They should be forensic doctors, auditors, accountants, chemists, trace experts, and criminal investigators. Moreover, the results of the investigation should be exposed on social media in real-time every day. Only then would the public be convinced.

"This proposal received a lot of support on the Internet. More than 90% who voted on many websites supported the Azure Alliance's initiative to set up such an investigation team.

"In fact, the ordinary superhumans, who gathered on the streets for the underground black market and clamored to purchase cheap cultivation resources, have also changed their slogan. They want to thoroughly investigate the Red Creek Project, and they're demanding 'truth and justice.'"

"Yes, that's it."

Shen Yuanbao closed his eyes and let out a long sigh. "The underground black market matter is ultimately a small issue that's not that serious. They'll deal with a few of the staff members first, then the higher-ups will come forward and apologize. After that, the nine great cultivation families will each spend some resources to temporarily silence the troublemakers, and the matter will slowly pass.

"Investigating the Red Creek Project is the real goal.

“The Azure Alliance wants to take this opportunity to seize investigation rights, supervision rights, and even jurisdiction over the nine mega corporations!”

“So, it really is Lu Siya’s doing?”

There was a glint in Shen Yuanbiao’s eyes. “We ended up underestimating that witch. How can her methods be so ruthless?”

“No, it’s not Lu Siya!”

Shen Yuanbao opened his eyes abruptly. The brilliance surging in his eyes was like a blue flame triggered by the leakage of natural gas in the depths of a glacier.

“Lu Siya is indeed one of the few outstanding figures among the younger generation who can compare to Meng Chao.

“But she’s still too young.

“You showed me a lot of ‘evidence’ earlier. If it weren’t an old person who has fought for Dragon City for at least thirty to fifty years like me, it would have been impossible for him or her to do all this.

“So, it can’t be Lu Siya. At least it can’t be Lu Siya alone.”

Shen Yuanbiao was stunned. “It’s not her? Then who’s going against our Universe Corporation behind the scenes?”

Shen Yuanbao lowered his eyelids and pondered for a moment with a bloody smirk.

“The nine mega corporations are responsible,” Shen Yuanbao said faintly.

“Wh-What?”

Shen Yuanbiao was dumbfounded. “Aren’t we the nine mega corporations?”

“Wrong. Our Universe Corporation is only one of the nine mega corporations.”

Shen Yuanbao said, “Among the nine mega corporations, there are eight other ones besides us.

“If I’m not wrong, the one who exposed the shocking insider information should be someone from the other eight mega corporations, or even a few of them.

“Lu Siya’s reaction was just very fast. After she saw all the shocking insider information, she thought that she had found the weakest link among the nine mega corporations, so she launched a surprise attack on us.”

“This, this...”

Shen Yuanbiao was puzzled. “Why? What will the other eight mega corporations gain from exposing such shocking insider information?”

“Obviously, they’ll gain something.”

Shen Yuanbao smiled. "Let me ask you. If the Azure Alliance were to take the lead and set up a special investigation team with one-third of the superhumans and one-third of the ordinary people to investigate everything related to the Red Creek Project, do you think we would be able to accept it?"

"Of course not!"

Shen Yuanbao's expression clearly became unnatural.

As a big shot in charge of Universal Corporation's core business, he undoubtedly knew how many hidden secrets the Red Creek Project had. Such information was not meant for outsiders. He had also obtained a lot of benefits from the Red Creek Project and knew that the crystal warehouse's explosion was definitely not as simple as it looked.

Once the matter was thoroughly investigated, he could be burned at any moment.

"One-third of the superhumans from poor families and one-third of the ordinary people make up two-thirds of the total. That's an absolute majority!"

"Such a prejudiced and biased special investigation team can't possibly come to a fair and just conclusion. It will only make our Universe Corporation a lamb at the mercy of others!" Shen Yuanbao replied.

"That's right."

Shen Yuanbao said, "Universe Corporation must not be a lamb for slaughter!"

"The problem is that the Azure Alliance has taken advantage of the underground black market and won a majority of the ordinary superhumans' support. No matter how low their realms are, they have the absolute advantage in numbers. As the saying goes, 'more ants can kill an elephant.' With so many regular superhumans gathered together, they are a force that cannot be underestimated.

"What if they talk amongst themselves and set up such a special investigation team to enter the Red Creek Valley and even Universe Corporation's headquarters building to carry out a so-called investigation? What should we do then?"

"Let them try!"

Shen Yuanbao snorted coldly. His slightly square face revealed the domineering air of a cool elder brother. "Universal Corporation's headquarters building is definitely not a place where they can come and go as they please!"

"Then we have to make a move." Shen Yuanbao sighed.

"They are forcing our hand," Shen Yuanbao said.

"If we really make a move, will Universal Corporation be able to gain the advantage?" Shen Yuanbao asked.

The question instantly exposed Shen Yuanbao's menacing aura.

"It'll be difficult."

Shen Yuanbiao said hatefully, "It's not a matter of whether we can win or not. The key is that this is the f\*cking information age. Everyone goes out with at least three or five cameras on them."

"In terms of fist power, the scums of the Azure Alliance are certainly not our match. But if we actually have a conflict with this so-called 'special investigation team' and the conflict is recorded and posted on the Internet, we're finished!"

### **Chapter 1622: Discovering a Clear Sky**

"That's right. If we lose all decorum, it won't be good for the Shen family or Universe Corporation."

Shen Yuanbao said, "Then, will it be good for the Azure Alliance to fight us?"

Shen Yuanbiao was slightly startled. He contemplated for a while and slowly shook his head. "If the Azure Alliance lose all decorum with us, they won't be able to gain anything."

"To put it bluntly, the Azure Alliance consists of a bunch of scoundrels. They know that we won't dare to make a move in public, so they're putting on the appearance of wanting to uphold justice to win the people's hearts."

"If they really force us into a dead end and everyone starts a real fight, we will definitely beat the Azure Alliance to a pulp!"

"Yeah, the Azure Alliance may look aggressive, but they're actually just a motley crew. If they start a fight, no one will be able to gain anything. Lu Siya is a smart person, so she won't this issue."

Shen Yuanbao said, "Then tell me, who can take advantage of them?"

"This..."

Shen Yuanbiao was taken aback for a long time. Suddenly, a light flashed in his eyes. "The other eight mega corporations!"

"That's right!"

Shen Yuanbao sneered. "Currently, the nine mega corporations are all having a headache over the newly established Azure Alliance. They want to suppress it, but no one is willing to take the initiative and make the first move."

"After all, the Azure Alliance has the public's support. On the surface, they are just making a grand proposal, so there's no reason to disagree."

"If any mega corporation dares to clash with the Azure Alliance, they will lose the public's heart even if they win. Their brand image will plummet, and they might even fall apart and close their doors due to public criticism."

"Coincidentally, the assassination attempt on me has put Universe Corporation in a huge crisis. It has also made many people feel that the Shen family has become a weak puppet that they can manipulate."

"That's why these guys deliberately exposed my dirt and lured the Azure Alliance to launch a fierce attack on Universe Corporation."

“In their opinion, to protect itself, Universe Corporation would never compromise and allow the Azure Alliance to set up a ‘special investigation team’ to touch the Red Creek Project or even enter its headquarters.

“As such, it would be easy for Universe Corporation and the Azure Alliance to cross the line and have a life-and-death battle.

“Regardless of the battle’s outcome, whoever wins or loses, in reality, both sides would suffer heavy losses.

“As for the other eight mega corporations that have been hiding behind the scenes to watch the show, they can wait until we fight each other and they profit. Then, they can pretend to stand up for justice and clean up the mess. They can even tear Universe Corporation into pieces and temporarily feed the Azure Alliance’s poor superhumans with our blood. From there, they can continue to develop and grow without danger!”

Shen Yuanbiao was a little dumbfounded, and anger gradually appeared on his face.

“Those b\*stards!”

He growled. “They actually want Universe Corporation to charge forward and fight the Azure Alliance to the end for them?”

“No, Big Brother, we can’t fall into their trap!”

“But, the Azure Alliance’s aggressive stance is too much!”

“Big Brother, if the Azure Alliance insists on establishing a special investigation team, what should we do? We can’t open the door and let them investigate as they please, right?”

“Of course not!”

Shen Yuanbao coughed lightly and spoke seriously. “Dragon City is not facing a temporary, partial, or individual problem right now but a general problem caused by the eruption of conflicts that have been ignored and covered up over the past few decades.

“Meanwhile, the special investigation team led by the Azure Alliance will only investigate the problems related to the Red Creek Project. How will that be enough?

“If we want to investigate as well, we have to get to the bottom of it. We have to cut open the nine mega corporations, dig out their hearts, livers, lungs, and kidneys, and do a good job. We have to look into everything thoroughly and find a clear sky!

“Ah Biao, come up with a plan with your subordinates. Hold a press conference and spread this message—Universe Corporation has always been responsible for defending the Dragon City civilization. Everyone in the company treats themselves as the battle sabers of the human civilization, and we’re ready to contribute everything to the entire civilization at any time.

“Of course, there will always be dead branches in every tree. Universe Corporation’s development today involves all aspects. There are at least hundreds of thousands or even millions of people in the upstream

and downstream industrial chains. They depend on us for a living. Are there a few unfilial children and outlaws mixed in? That's something that no one can say for sure.

"Therefore, we welcome reasonable supervision and even investigation from the citizens.

"The entire Universe Corporation is very shocked by the serious accident that recently happened in Red Creek Valley. We also attach great importance to it and are determined to investigate it to the end. No matter how high the rank of the black sheep is, we will find him at all costs and bring him to justice.

"However, we don't know the truth because we are on this mountain. There are many problems that Universe Corporation alone might not be able to solve 100%.

"Hence, we welcome the Azure Alliance's proposal 100%.

"No, not 100%, 120%.

"Because we think that the Azure Alliance's special investigation team should not only investigate the problem regarding the Red Creek Project but also investigate the crystal mines of several other mega corporations outside Monster Mountain Range and near Red Creek Valley. They should be thorough, as they will surely be enlightened!

"Isn't there a saying that when you find a monster among the ruins, there must be at least ten monsters lurking nearby?

"Who can guarantee that other crystal mines around won't face the same problem as the Red Creek Project?

"Who can guarantee that only the crystal mine under Universe Corporation's a\*\* has far fewer reserves than expected?

"Who can guarantee that we are the only ones whose management isn't strict enough and staff is enriching himself while the managers of other companies are as clean and transparent as water?

"The Red Creek Project has already met with an accident. No matter how we investigate it, we will only be able to fix the problem if the sheep dies. Isn't it more important to take precautions against the crystal mines that have not yet met with an accident?

"Also, regarding the underground black market, we have to investigate it to the best of our ability. Don't just focus on Universal Corporation. After all, the core of Universe Corporation is the mining and refining of crystals. Genetic medicine is not our main business. The real tycoons who can call the shots in the underground black market are not surnamed Shen, are they?!

"Also, did a Shen do all the things that happened decades ago? Was the first bucket of gold that I dug out stained with blood? Have all the leaders of the other eight mega corporations been pure white lotus flowers and righteous heroes? Have they really not made any mistakes on their miraculous paths?"

### **Chapter 1623: Dying When He Shines the Brightest**

Shen Yuanbiao was dumbfounded. "Big-Big Brother, what did you say?" he stammered.

Looking at his expression, Shen Yuanbiao almost doubted whether his wise and mighty big brother had gone crazy after suffering a series of heavy injuries.

“I said, either we don’t investigate at all, or we investigate thoroughly!”

Shen Yuanbao sneered. “It’s not that easy to pin all the blame on the Shens!”

“But, this, this...”

Shen Yuanbiao was still at a loss, or rather, he pretended to be at a loss.

“Don’t you understand?”

Shen Yuanbao snorted coldly. “If the scope of the investigation is limited to the Red Creek Creek Project, we will become the target of public criticism. The other eight mega corporations won’t help us out of the situation. They may even add insult to injury and stab us in the back.

“After all, if Universe Corporation falls, their market and profits will be astronomical. Even if they can only get one-eighth of it, some people will be tempted.

“And we can’t compromise with the Azure Alliance. At least we can’t be the first to compromise. That would also be a sign of weakness.

“Besides, I think the Azure Alliance is in a difficult position now.

“I believe that the Azure Alliance doesn’t want to completely fall out with the nine mega corporations. It just wants to use the underground black market to show its strength and attract more supporters. That way, its proposal will be approved by the Survival Committee without issue, and that will increase their influence greatly. Then, in the Survival Committee’s next election, they’ll probably choose a few more members from the Azure Alliance.

“The problem is, the shocking inside story of the Red Creek Project has been exposed. On top of that, there’s my attempted assassination, as well as people with ulterior motives, who are secretly fanning the flames. Countless pairs of eyes are staring at the Azure Alliance to see if they are brave enough to uphold justice.

“If the Azure Alliance cowers at this point, they will be nothing more than a group of people who bully the weak and fear the strong in the eyes of the ordinary citizens. They are just fishing for fame.

“Therefore, even if the Azure Alliance knows that lifting the lid off the Red Creek Project might lead to unpredictable consequences, they can only bite the bullet and persevere.

“Alright, since they want to play all aspects, we might as well play a big game. I want to see if the fire will continue to burn until the other eight mega corporations and cultivation families get involved. These people who want to watch the fire from the sidelines and reap the benefits will still be as immovable as a mountain!”

Shen Yuanbiao somewhat understood.

However, he was plagued by even greater worry.

“Big Brother, if we do this, won’t it cause too much of a ruckus?” Shen Yuanbiao asked nervously.

“How can we get the nine mega corporations to firmly unite if the ruckus isn’t big?”

Shen Yuanbao coughed lightly. He lowered his head and looked at his slightly shriveled and heaving chest. It was as if he was talking to his younger brother and also himself. “While I’m still alive, I still have the strength to make a scene. Of course, I have to solve all these problems for you. Otherwise, once I die and rely on you, won’t Universe Corporation and even the Shen family become lambs at the mercy of others?”

“Big Brother...”

Shen Yuanbiao looked really anxious. “Big Brother, you have already cultivated to the point of transcendence and sainthood. You can at least fight for Dragon City for another thirty to fifty years. There’s no need for such talk!”

“Forget it. You don’t have to comfort me.”

Shen Yuanbao sighed softly. “I know my own body the best. Over the past decades, there have been mountains of corpses, seas of blood, raining bullets, and cruel practices that have pushed me past my limits. I’ve already tortured this body that’s riddled with holes. It’s time for it to rest!”

“A year ago, I was the first Deity Realm fighter to rush into the monster civilization’s ultimate lair in the depths of the Hidden Mist Domain. I acted like a crazy demon, who was not afraid of death. Do you know why?”

“Hehe, to tell you the truth, it was not because I was stupid or because I was so noble that I was willing to sacrifice everything for the Dragon City civilization.

“It was because I was aware that my peak had long passed, and my cultivation life was coming to an end.

“Every day, I feel my heartbeat grow weaker than the day before.

“Every day, I can find a new wrinkle and a new color spot on my face using my extraordinary vision.

“Every day, I can feel my spiritual meridian, which was originally unobstructed like a flowing river, gradually become stagnant or even blocked. In the past, I could instantly trigger my ultimate skill like a knee-jerk reaction, but now, it takes me half a second to prepare, and I can barely activate it.

“All these facts repeatedly tell me that I am already old. No matter how much I take care of myself, just like Battle God Lei Zongchao, who locked himself in an airtight turtle shell, it’s impossible for me to return to my youth and peak. I can only watch myself grow old, die, and decay bit by bit.

“No, that’s not the life or end that I want.

“That’s why I was the first to charge at the monster mastermind. While I was still able to fight, I fought it to my heart’s content. Even if I had died on the spot, I would have died without regrets!

“Sigh, thinking about it carefully, I really should have fought harder back then and perished together with the monster mastermind on the spot. That way, I wouldn’t have to face today’s dogsh\*t trouble, and the public would have a higher opinion of me, right?”



Shen Yuanbao looked heartbroken and regretful.

Shen Yuanbao and Meng Chao exchanged glances. Both of them seemed enlightened.

“Life and death are determined by fate, while wealth and honor are determined by heaven. Back then, for a can of beef produced on Earth, you and I risked our lives with others. Who would have thought that we could live so long and create such a big business?”

Shen Yuanbao sighed. “How many of our old brothers and old friends who fought with us back then, and even our enemies who were once extremely strong and arrogant, have all fallen into pools of blood between the broken walls? In terms of strength and strategy, how much stronger can we be than them?”

“In the end, God has treated me well. I, Shen Yuanbao, have been able to get to where I am today for a long time. The only things I’m worried about now are you, the Shen family, and Universe Corporation.

“Forget it. Let’s not talk about these useless things. The younger waves of the Yangtze River will overtake the older waves. My children and grandchildren will have their own blessings. Perhaps I really shouldn’t think too highly of myself. Without Shen Yuanbao, the sun will still rise as usual tomorrow!”

After he spoke to that point, Shen Yuanbao carefully groped around his waist for a while. He took out a pouch that had been washed until it was white. He held it before his eyes and studied it for some time. Then, he slowly extended it toward Shen Yuanbao.

Shen Yuanbao’s pupils suddenly contracted into two needle tips, and his breathing abruptly became rapid.

#### **Chapter 1624: Personal Seal**

“This is my personal seal.”

Shen Yuanbao spoke in an exceptionally calm tone. “Ah Biao, in the past few years, whenever I went into seclusion to cultivate or recuperate, I would leave all the matters of Universe Corporation to you. It’s been hard on you.

“However, without this personal seal, you won’t be able to make a prompt decision on many issues. That would be too restrictive, and it would not be good for the development of the corporation.

“Within the Shen family, this is a seal of supreme power.

“I’m sure you’ve heard of the farce that happened at The Grand View of the Universe just now. Sigh, at this point, these kids are still scheming, fighting, and even betraying their family. They’re a bunch of short-sighted fools who can’t be helped!

“I’m extremely disappointed in them. I’ve decided that I’ll leave this personal seal in your hands. I’ll be most at ease if you’re in charge of the Shen family and Universe Corporation!”

Shen Yuanbao’s Adam’s apple bobbed. It was obvious that he wanted to say a few polite words.

“As a man, you should learn the principle of ‘not giving up when you’re doing the right thing.’”

Shen Yuanbao stared at his younger brother and said, "At this moment of life and death, this personal seal not only represents power and wealth, but it also represents trouble and responsibility. Ah Biao, you're not trying to shirk responsibility, are you?"

"Of course not!" Shen Yuanbiao blurted out and extended his hand.

He did not expect Shen Yuanbao to clench his fingers so tightly that he could not even break a finger.

"Promise me."

Shen Yuanbao solemnly said, "No matter what you do, you will protect the Shen family and Universe Corporation. You will not destroy our life's work with your hands!"

Shen Yuanbiao instantly appeared serious.

"Of course. I swear to God that I will do my best to develop the Shen family into the number one noble family in Dragon City by any means necessary!"

He took the seal from Shen Yuanbao's hand and lay it on his palm. He observed it carefully for a while before putting it back into his pocket on the inside of his clothes.

Shen Yuanbiao seemed to accept this decision in his heart. He took a light breath, and fine beads of sweat seeped out of his forehead.

"Go, I'm a little tired."

Shen Yuanbao closed his eyes and sunk his entire body, as well as most of his head, into the gene reagent. Only his nostrils and mouth were exposed to allow breathing. "You'll handle the matter of the press conference. As for whether the other eight mega corporations will make a move after the press conference, whether they want to discuss it with me or not, help me push all of them out. For the reason, just say that I'm heavily injured and I'm on the verge of death. Aren't those b\*stards all spreading rumors that I'm already dead? If I'm dead, so be it. Once I'm dead, who cares about the bloody flood? Haha, hahahaha!"

Shen Yuanbao's entire body was immersed in the gene reagent.

The glistening green reagent covered his facial features and his expression.

"Yes," Shen Yuanbao replied. Then, he wore an expression filled with gratitude and concern. Nodding at Meng Chao beside him, he turned around and walked toward the door.

When he reached the door, he could not help but reach out and press the spot where Shen Yuanbao's personal seal was. When he realized that the hard seal was still there, he confirmed that it was not a dream. His big brother had really handed over the symbol of the family and the corporation's supreme power to him.

Shen Yuanbiao wanted to grin so badly.

However, he was aware that this was not a suitable place to laugh.

He coughed heavily twice and pushed the door slightly open to prevent the Shen family disciples outside from seeing the situation inside clearly. Then, he squeezed his way out.

After Shen Yuanbiao gently closed the door, Meng Chao walked to the medical cabin, bent his fingers, and knocked.

Shen Yuanbao slowly stood up from the gene reagent with a mysterious expression on his face.

“The personal seal has been delivered to Shen Yuanbiao’s hands.”

Shen Yuanbao said, “I hope the tracking powder that you talked about is truly effective.”

“My tracking powder comes from the Turan civilization. It’s a top-grade product that combines ancient techniques and nanotechnology of the future. Even if your personal seal is only stained with a few milligrams, I can still smell it from a few streets away, Senior Shen.”

Meng Chao said, “The only question is whether Shen Yuanbiao will separate the personal seal from himself. For example, he could put the personal seal in a safe or something.”

“Absolutely not.”

Shen Yuanbao said, “This personal seal was carefully carved from the most crucial part of the spine of an Apocalyptic Beast that I had killed with my own hands. I’ve stamped this seal on all the private documents I’ve signed, including my will.

“This personal seal is my incarnation. Whoever obtains this personal seal is basically my legal heir. This is a well-known fact in the entire Shen family.

“Shen Yuanbiao is a cautious person. On the surface, he doesn’t have any children. He doesn’t trust anyone. He will never put this personal seal in his safe. He will carry it with him day and night, all the time.

“Hence, as long as I lock on to the stamp, I will be able to track Shen Yuanbiao’s movements!

“Everything that I can do has been done. Now, I will have to rely on you, young friend Meng!”

“No problem. As long as I can track Shen Yuanbiao’s movements, I will be able to know where he goes and who he stays with. If he truly is the mastermind behind the scenes, he will gradually lose control as the situation escalates. He will certainly meet with the relevant people of the Blood Alliance and discuss the next step. By then, we will be able to track him down and catch him in one fell swoop!”

Meng Chao paused for a moment before continuing, “However, can you point me in a few directions for my investigation, Senior Shen? For example, which person does Shen Yuanbiao usually interact with the most, which is the most serious scandal Universe Corporation is currently facing, which required Shen Yuanbiao’s immediate attention, or who is the Shen family’s biggest enemy? It’s not a dispute over commercial interests, it’s purely a personal grudge, and so on. This way, my investigation can be more targeted.”

Shen Yuanbao stared at Meng Chao.

Meng Chao handed over the tablet that he was browsing through. “Just like this piece of news... It says that Senior Shen has killed innocent people in the process of his rise. Is it true?”

Shen Yuanbao glanced at it and retracted his gaze.

“Of course, I killed a lot of people.”

Shen Yuanbao sneered. “However, I only killed people in the competition for mining rights. Do you think that someone who’s qualified to enter the crystal mining industry and compete with me for a crystal mine is ‘innocent’?”

“These bullsh\*t articles only talk about one side of the story. They only talk about how many ‘innocent people’ I killed in the past. Why didn’t they include that those ‘innocent people’ were all tough, fierce, and murderous men or even superhumans? How many have they killed before I killed them? What about my brothers and the others who are competing for the crystal mines?”

### **Chapter 1625: The Tenth Supernatural Entity**

Meng Chao nodded. “I understand.”

Shen Yuanbao asked, “What do you understand?”

“I understand that your enemies are all over Dragon City, Senior Shen.”

Meng Chao said, “Anyone could be the mastermind behind the attempted assassination on you.”

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Shen Yuanbiao was efficient.

That night, he invited a group of media outlets that had a good relationship with Universe Corporation in his name and held a small-scale briefing.

Since the assassination attempt on Shen Yuanbao had already caused a storm in the city, Shen Yuanbiao did not need to hide anymore.

He openly admitted that the leader of Universe Corporation had indeed suffered a soul-stirring attempt on his life, and his injuries were not light.

As for the mastermind behind this world-shaking assassination, of course, he could not say that it was Shen Yuanbao’s former enemy or some unworthy descendant of the Shen family who had tried to usurp his power.

Shen Yuanbiao blamed all the crimes on the monster civilization.

“Although the monster civilization has been completely destroyed by the Dragon City civilization, some of the strange and secretive monsters have infiltrated Dragon City.”

Shen Yuanbiao told the reporters, “These monsters are no less intelligent than humans. They can change their appearance as they wish, and they also understand human language. They can even control the minds of humans through brain wave transmission.

“The Supernatural Entity that Meng Chao exposed and dealt with in the past was one of the best.

“The Supernatural Entity, Vortex, had the ability to mimic the appearance of humans and disguise as anyone.

“The Supernatural Entity, Earthquake, was a creature that had been mutated by a human scientist who implanted his consciousness into the body of a monster.

“Although they were all eliminated by Meng Chao, who can guarantee that there are no more Supernatural Entities or even existences that surpass them, in the midst of the crowd, corroding a large number of humans and turning them into ‘monster puppets’?

“As for the monster puppets’ purpose in assassinating my big brother, there’s no need to say more—who asked my big brother to take the lead and be fearless of death? He was willing to die for the sake of the Dragon City civilization. He was the first Deity Realm warrior to charge into the ultimate lair of the monster civilization and fight to the death with the monster mastermind!

“My big brother is deserving of his hero status in Dragon City. What else could make the monsters happier than letting such a hero die and suffer unjustified blame?”

Shen Yuanbiao’s logic could be justified.

Moreover, Meng Chao was highly suspicious of the claim that the nine Supernatural Entities were not all dead.

In other words, besides the nine Supernatural Entities, there were also the tenth and even the eleventh entities.

After all, in his apocalyptic nightmare, the monster civilization had evolved into many new types of monsters.

Compared with the traditional monsters such as the Demonic Halberd Pig, the Tyrant Mammoth, and the Crystalline Nine-headed Dragon, which were skilled at head-on combat on the battlefield, the new monsters were much stronger.

The individual combat abilities of these new monsters were often not worth mentioning.

Their appearance resembled that of a translucent earthworm or a slug, or a harmless little flower bud.

Even a One-star Superhuman at the Spirit Tattoo Realm could trample such a creature to death with one step if he poured spirit energy into the soles of his feet.

However, once such a new type of monster invaded the spine and the back of a human’s head, it would be able to completely control the human and turn him into its “flesh and blood machine.”

Although the direction of the Monster War had undergone a one-hundred-and-eighty-degree change because of Meng Chao’s rebirth, it was still possible that the new type of monster had already appeared.

Judging from everything that Meng Chao had experienced in his apocalyptic nightmare, when the monster civilization was destroyed more than a year ago, part of the new type of monsters should have already appeared. At the very least, they were already in the process of being nurtured.

Otherwise, how could Lu Siya explain it?

Meng Chao’s former closest comrade must have been eroded and controlled by the new monsters. As a result, she turned into a wild banshee that was beyond recognition.

Perhaps, the current Lu Siya was the tenth Supernatural Entity!

If that was the case, Meng Chao did not think that she would let go of the great opportunity to utilize the Blood Alliance to stir up trouble.

The attempt on Shen Yuanbao's life had set off a chain reaction that put Dragon City in a precarious state. That was the only way the secretive tenth Supernatural Entity and new type of monsters could find more opportunities to penetrate deeper into human society.

From this perspective, one could say that Shen Yuanbiao pretty much hit the nail on the head and revealed part of the truth.

Next, Shen Yuanbiao also told the reporters that his big brother had been heavily injured in the deadly battle with the monster remnants and fallen into a coma for a long time, hence he had almost been unable to deal with any matters.

However, during the short period of time when he was awake, he held his hand and asked him to tell the outside world that Universe Corporation had always adhered to the principle of "openness and transparency." He was willing to do anything, and he felt responsible for all his shareholders and consumers.

He had also learned that there were problems with several key projects that the corporation was carrying out, and he was in a hurry to return to the headquarters. That was when the monster remnants attacked him.

Since he could no longer handle the corporation's affairs, he begged the outside world to establish a fair, impartial, transparent, and professional third-party team to exercise the responsibility of external supervision. They should thoroughly investigate the cause and effect of the Red Creek Project's big explosion.

Not only that, but Shen Yuanbao also suggested that the attempt on his life was just a small test from the monster remnants. After that, the monster remnants would certainly launch an extremely sinister and fierce attack on the major forces of Dragon City.

It was possible that the humans controlled by the monsters had already invaded the nine mega corporations.

All the mega corporations and cultivation families were in danger.

Therefore, Shen Yuanbao proposed that the third party should be as large as possible and have as high an authority as possible. Aside from investigating the truth behind the Red Creek Project's explosion, they should also help the other eight mega corporations, and check all kinds of risks as well as hidden dangers. They needed to dig out the monsters that were dressed in human skin!

The proposal stunned the seasoned reporters.

Even though the briefing was done during Shen Yuanbiao's private dinner, the news at the banquet spread throughout Dragon City in just half an hour, setting off a storm of public opinion.

It was the first time that many ordinary citizens had heard about the existence of the "monster remnants."

When they thought about the mysterious tenth Supernatural Entity and the monsters under it that were wearing human skin, it was likely that the monsters were lurking around them. The citizens could not help but be alarmed.

While the conflict between humans and monsters had surfaced again, the conflict between humans had naturally lessened a lot.

Shen Yuanbao had been the first to charge into the monster civilization's final lair and fight to the death with the monster civilization's mastermind because he was simply ferocious in battle. In return, the monster remnants were targeting and ruthlessly retaliating against him.

Such a "truth" also made Shen Yuanbao's image in the eyes of the ordinary citizens much more majestic.

Shen Yuanbao even took the initiative to suggest that he would bring in a third-party team to investigate the Red Creek Project. That made it more apparent that he had a clear conscience and did not suffer any losses!

### **Chapter 1626: Waking Up**

"It seems that Shen Yuanbao really doesn't know anything about the Red Creek Project's schemes. Even he has been kept in the dark!"

"That's right. Shen Yuanbao is a pure warrior. He devotes all his time and effort to cultivation and combat. Of course, he left the mundane business of his enterprise to others to deal with. It's quite normal for others to gradually ignore his instructions!"

"Universe Corporation is a product of Shen Yuanbao's hard work. What good is it for him to mess with Universe Corporation? From a certain point of view, Shen Yuanbao is the biggest victim here!"

"Speaking of which, Shen Yuanbao really deserves the title of 'fearless until his dying day.' A year ago, he was already a peerless expert who stood at the top of Dragon City. He had fame, status, and power. He could have slept on the merit list, but he was still the first one to charge into the monster civilization's ultimate lair. He stared at the monster civilization's mastermind and bombarded it with attacks. He fought the enemy for three hundred rounds, severely injuring the monster mastermind and winning the battle. That planted the seed for today's assassination!"

"Shen Yuanbao has always been like this. In the past, when he killed so many Apocalyptic Beasts, when was he never at the forefront of the charge?"

"Come to think of it, Shen Yuanbao has made such an amazing contribution to Dragon City, but now there are so many fictitious articles appearing on the Internet, discrediting this iron-willed hero. They've made people furious, and smoke is rising from their seven orifices. Are the people who write these discrediting articles and believe in them still human beings?"

"Perhaps they're actually not humans but monsters in human skin!"

Under Shen Yuanbao's secret operation, similar comments soon spread across the entire Internet.

Shen Yuanbao's battle video and the video of him not forgetting to encourage the citizens of dragon city to march forward when he was seriously injured also occupied the top ranks of all the major short video websites.

Moreover, through a special algorithm, it was pushed to the eyes of a large number of audiences at the first moment.

The effect of the traffic bombing was very obvious.

The vast majority of ordinary people were occupied with daily necessities. Their brains lacked sufficient space and computational ability to calculate certain things that the Deity Realm fighters like Shen Yuanbao could. For instance, the ratio of "light" and "darkness" on his body.

A minute ago, many ordinary people were still furious because of an article about 'revealing the truth.' They were furiously typing on their keyboards, they were shouting like a repeater, "The first bucket of gold for the Deity Realm warriors has been stained with blood! Dragon City is the Dragon City of all the citizens, not the Dragon City of Deity Realm fighters! We must curb the power of the Deity Realm fighters, break up the nine mega corporations, and stop the abnormal expansion of the nine noble cultivation families. Only by covering the sky with one hand can Dragon City welcome tomorrow!"

However, after they realized that the monster civilization had not been completely annihilated, that there were still many "monsters in human skin" moving in the crowd, and that they had been bombarded by a large number of battle videos of Shen Yuanbao, their attitude had undergone a hundred-and-eighty-degree change.

"It turns out that Shen Yuanbao has been wronged. Those so-called 'shady plots' are all lies!"

"The monsters are not completely extinct yet. The existence of the Deity Realm warriors is still necessary!"

"The surviving monsters are too sinister. They have opened up the battlefield from the real world to the Internet!"

Many of the people who were the first to "wake up" gained a sense of mission.

When many people gathered in the small circle to discuss the original sin that led to Shen Yuanbao's rise, as well as the growing gap between the peerless experts and the ordinary people, and the harm caused by the tearing of the race to Dragon City, these people would appear and lightly say, "You've all been deceived. The truth is this..."

Of course, not everyone would change their stance so easily.

But the so-called "whitewashing" was never about washing 0 points into 100 points.

It was enough if they could wash 30 points into 60 points, or even 50 points.

In less than half a day, a large number of Shen Yuanbao's loyal supporters had appeared on the Internet, and they began to have an intense confrontation with those who opposed Shen Yuanbao.



The former dismissed the latter as monster remnants, monster minions, and monster puppets, which was to defame the heroes of Dragon City and try to break the strongest defense line of Dragon City from the inside.

The latter criticized the former as the lackey of the nine great cultivation aristocratic families, which was an attempt to reverse history and drag Dragon City's civilization back to the dark era where everyone was naturally unequal. Some people were born to be nobles, and some were born to be ants.

In the fierce debate between the two sides, Shen Yuanbao was neither good nor bad, and the truth was no longer important.

On the other hand, no matter how hard the two sides argued, there was one thing that no one could deny.

It was that the remnants of the monster civilization did exist. At the very least, it was possible.

Even the other eight mega corporations and the noble families of cultivation could not deny that.

No one, not even a Deity Realm warrior, dared to stand up and boast, "The monster civilization has been completely wiped out. There is absolutely no 'tenth Supernatural Entity' or 'monsters in human skin.' There is absolutely no such thing!"

No one dared to make such a guarantee.

Otherwise, if the tenth Supernatural Entity and the monsters in human skin really existed and caused serious problems, those who made such a guarantee would be in a situation where they would never be able to recover.

In addition to being blamed by the public, he would also have to undergo the most rigorous investigation to find out why he said such irresponsible words in the first place.

Moreover, if the tenth Supernatural Entity and the monsters in human skin did not exist, then who exactly tried to assassinate Shen Yuanbao?

Could it be that the internal power struggle of Universe Corporation had become so intense that they were going to physically destroy their own leader?

Or could it be that the business competition between the nine mega corporations had become a real battle between Deity Realm warriors?

Of course, no one dared to say that.

However, the other eight mega corporations and cultivation families could not rashly support the argument that the monster civilization had not died out. They could change their form and sneak into human society in an even more mysterious way.

Once they supported this argument, they would unwittingly support Shen Yuanbao's proposal to expand the external investigation from the Red Creek Project to the nine mega corporations.

Since the monster remnants really existed, of course, they had to carry out the most thorough investigation in Dragon City.

As the nine pillars of Dragon City, it was natural for the nine mega corporations to carry out an investigation on them first. What reason did they have to refuse?

Therefore, in the face of the aggressive reporters, the spokesmen of the other eight mega corporations could only put on a sad face and say things like “no comment” and “we are urgently discussing countermeasures.” They repeated the same thing over and over.

### **Chapter 1627: The Center of the Whirlpool**

In private, the pleas and complaints of the eight mega corporations flooded Universe Corporation.

There were even several Deity Realm warriors who sent Shen Yuanbao a private invitation to discuss how to deal with the new situation.

Shen Yuanbao pretended to be seriously injured and unconscious, ignoring all of them.

For the time being, Meng Chao was not concerned about the infighting between the nine mega corporations.

In the next few days, he kept a close eye on Shen Yuanbao’s whereabouts.

Shen Yuanbao was right. Shen Yuanbao valued the personal seal, which could control the Shen family and Universe Corporation, more than his own heart. He was unwilling to let it leave his side.

The tracking drug that Meng Chao had left on the personal seal had become something like fluorescent powder to him. No matter where Shen Yuanbao went or how long he stayed, Meng Chao could see everything clearly.

However, Shen Yuanbao did not do anything unusual for a few days in a row.

He did not stay in Universe Corporation’s headquarters. He was constantly in the spotlight, facing family members, company employees, and the cameras of various reporters.

He would occasionally return to The Grand View of the Universe and check on his brother’s treatment.

He went back and forth between those places regularly.

Meng Chao did not find him contacting anyone suspicious.

The people he had close contact with did not continue to contact anyone suspicious either.

Meng Chao, who had nothing to gain, turned around and looked at the other successors.

But he did not find any breakthrough that was worth going deep into.

As the Red Creek Project issue had just happened, more and more so-called “truths” were dug out by various media outlets. Meanwhile, there was another matter that involved a lot of Meng Chao’s energy...

That was Ai Lei’s safety.

The reporter, Ai Lei had been the last person to enter the Red Creek Project's premises before the big explosion and interview the project manager, Shen Yulin.

That was not a secret. After the interview, Ai Lei visited the Red Creek Project's construction exhibition hall. Many employees of Universe Corporation had seen her.

Later, because she had discovered part of the truth regarding the crystal warehouse's big explosion, the Blood Alliance hunted her down and Meng Chao saved her.

The car that the two rode in fell into the abyss and turned into a burning fireball.

The outside world did not know about the existence of the Blood Alliance yet.

They only knew that the reporter, Ai Lei, had mysteriously disappeared after she interviewed Shen Yulin and encountered the big explosion.

Those with good intentions naturally made a big deal out of this information. They said that Ai Lei had already been murdered. The murderer was someone with ulterior motives within Universe Corporation. They had a motive since Ai Lei had exposed their secret, hence they killed her to silence her.

Universe Corporation was really wronged in this matter.

The problem was Ai Lei had followed Meng Chao's orders. After changing her appearance, she had gone into hiding.

The supporters and opponents of Shen Yuanbao, or rather, the supporters and opponents of Universe Corporation, or even the supporters and opponents of the nine mega corporations, had a fierce debate about her living status.

If a reporter who was obligated to expose the truth was killed directly or indirectly by a Deity Realm warrior because she had uncovered some unspeakable secrets...

Then, the seemingly natural law that a Deity Realm fighter would protect and watch over Dragon City seemed to be a big question mark.

Ai Lei had seemingly become the main topic of discussion.

Meng Chao did not dare to let her show her face.

Meng Chao knew that the Blood Alliance, or even the tenth Supernatural Entity, who was hiding behind the Blood Alliance, must be looking for Ai Lei.

Once they found her...

The living Ai Lei would become an ice-cold corpse that was beyond recognition.

The evidence on the corpse would be enough to prove that the person who killed her was anyone the Blood Alliance wanted.

Meng Chao was unwilling to let any innocent person die tragically in front of him.

Moreover, he felt that Ai Lei might be able to turn the situation around at the most critical moment.

So, he had asked Ai Lei to continue hiding.

However, Ai Lei's nature as a reporter was stirring.

"Senior, oh, my God, how is this possible? You actually snuck into The Grand View of the Universe?"

When Meng Chao revealed some of his recent developments to Ai Lei, she was stunned.

This reporter, who specialized in gossip, was completely in awe, and her big round eyes shone like two shining stars.

"What exactly happened within the Shen family? Is Universe Corporation really as the outside world says? Is the management chaotic, with continuous accounts and procurement falsification? Did the major shareholders violate the interests of the minor shareholders, hence the minor shareholders were forced to fight back? Is that why Shen Yuanbao was targeted?"

"How is Shen Yuanbao now? Is he really on his last breath, or is he already dead?"

"What role did senior play in this? Is He the mastermind behind all of this?"

Meng Chao had a headache facing the reporter's ten thousand questions.

He asked Ai Lei to be more honest. For the sake of her own life, it was better not to meddle in other people's business.

"How can I do that?"

Ai Lei righteously said, "Senior, don't you know how fierce the situation in Dragon City is and how sharp the conflicts are? Since I'm at the center of the whirlpool and have the advantage of being close to the water, I'd hate myself for the rest of my life if I miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and fail to become the most famous reporter in Dragon City!"

"Alright, alright. I know that you're doing this for my own good, Senior. I've also been listening to you. All this time, I've disguised myself and changed my face so much that even my mother doesn't recognize me. Moreover, I live in seclusion and never show my face in public.

"However, I'll definitely have to go online to touch with my past connections. When it's critical, I'll be able to lend you a helping hand!"

"Don't worry, don't worry. No matter what, I'm someone who has published gossip articles on countless Deity Realm warriors. Of course, I know how to hide in the darkest corners of the Internet.

"It's not that I'm bragging. In terms of combat strength, of course, I can't compare to you or any other Deity Realm fighter's finger, Senior.

"However, in terms of concealing my identity on the Internet, forging fake addresses, embedding computer viruses, hacking and anti-hacking, cracking, and even transforming into tens of thousands of people and disguising as internet trolls... a legendary Deity Realm fighter might not be able to defeat me!"

"Obviously, I'm not just feeling bored and playing around. In the past few days while you were not around, I've done a lot of serious things. I believe that I can definitely help you.

“Senior, look...”

## **Chapter 1628: Being Afraid of the People**

Ai Lei bragged to Meng Chao that she had just joined a discussion group.

It was said to be a professional forum that was rarely open to the public and was an invitation-only forum.

Those who were qualified to join were the better elites among the Azure Alliance’s supporters.

It was because the Azure Alliance had been formed by more than a dozen organizations of all sizes, representing millions of ordinary people and citizens.

Of course, among the Azure Alliance’s supporters, there would also be all kinds of people.

Whenever they encountered unexpected events, their comments on the Internet would often be over-the-top and not actionable. They would just vent their emotions.

In these more high-end and professional discussion groups, it was easier to see the Azure Alliance’s true position and predict its next move.

Meng Chao was indeed interested.

The Azure Alliance was huge now.

But because it was too big, 90% of it was noise...

Or as Meng Chao had suggested to Shen Yuanbao: passing the Anti-monopoly Act and splitting the nine mega corporations was just a bluff.

Meng Chao also wanted to know what the Azure Alliance’s actual demands were and what their bottom line was. How far did the nine mega corporations, as well as peerless experts, have to go before they could shake hands and make peace to achieve unity and the continued development of Dragon City?

However, before that, there was something he was even more curious about. “Wait, how did you get into their core discussion group?”

“What’s the big deal?”

Ai Lei did not seem to care. “The Azure Alliance has always paid attention to the media’s role. As long as it’s not something under the nine mega corporations, many of the core members are members of the Azure Alliance.

“I just need to reveal my identity as a reporter when I speak online and speak in a relatively calm and professional manner. If I give a little insight into the relationship between superhumans and ordinary people in the post-Monster War era, the Azure Alliance will soon pay attention to me. After a few rounds of probing, the other party will take the initiative to invite me to have a deeper discussion!

“I guess this discussion group is part of a test. They want to see if I’m qualified to become an official member of the Azure Alliance!”

“What? You used your real identity to speak online?” Meng Chao was shocked.

“Of course not. How could I be so stupid?”

“Ai Lei is a reporter. A reporter might not be Ai Lei!” she said proudly.

“In fact, I have a total of thirty to fifty fake identities online. Each fake identity is not just a simple vest. I’ve even prepared birth certificates. Every now and then, I’ll intentionally ‘leak’ some clues on different websites.

“For example, the fake identity that I used to infiltrate the Azure Alliance Discussion Group. Although it also says I’m a reporter, I set it as a hot-blooded graduate from a famous university who had joined the media team of a certain mega corporation. Just as he was about to reveal the truth, uphold justice, and speak freely, he was shattered by the cold reality. Whenever he wrote articles praising the mega corporation and its peerless experts, he had a strong rebellious mentality. From then on, he started to be more critical and gradually oppose the mega corporation.

“I have set up more than ten accounts for this fake identity, from the media coverage to short videos, as well as the replies under various Q & A websites. Everything is available.

“If someone collected all the information that this fake identity has uploaded to the Internet, he would definitely believe that there is a living person behind all this information!”

Meng Chao clicked his tongue. “There’s even a birth certificate?”

“Of course. In the past few decades, Dragon City has encountered so many troubles. Many people have died in silence, and many more were born out of nowhere. It’s easy to get a birth certificate that has no flaws!

“A birth certificate could be bought for hundreds of dollars, especially before the overall renovation of the Lair!” Ai Lei said.

What else could Meng Chao say?

He could only give Ai Lei a thumbs up and praise her professionalism.

“Then, what do the insiders of the Azure Alliance think of the series of events that have happened in Dragon City recently? From the explosion of the crystal warehouse in Red Creek Valley to the lifting of the underground black market’s lid, to the attempted assassination of the Deity Realm warrior, Shen Yuanbao, to the competition between the National Training Act and the North Advancement Plan? How far do the core members of the Azure Alliance think they can go?” Meng Chao asked.

“What I want to know is not the slogan that they are shouting in the streets, but their true thoughts and bottom line, which they absolutely cannot compromise!”

“What ‘true thoughts’ and ‘bottom line?’”

Ai Lei spread her hands. “Senior, you should know well that a series of events have happened in the past ten days and half a month. Some of them were secretly planned by people with ulterior motives, such as the explosion of the Red Creek Project’s crystal warehouse, while some of them were coincidences. For

example, if we wanted to find Tailless Monkey, we had to find Giant-toothed Crocodile first. Who knew that we would open the underground black market's lid?

"The Azure Alliance is not the one leading these matters.

"The Azure Alliance is only taking advantage of the situation to expand their influence.

"However, it seems that even the core members of the Azure Alliance have underestimated the strength of the citizens. To be more precise, they have underestimated the despair, helplessness, unwillingness, jealousy, and anger hidden deep in the people's hearts when they face the superhumans, especially the extremely powerful ones.

"That's right. During the Monster War, the extremely powerful people were like Dragon City's saviors.

"Even so, the Dragon City civilization is not a civilization that likes and is used to prostrating at the feet of saviors. Since ancient times, we have been more willing to believe in our own hands, as well as the spears and rakes that we forge and wave, than gods, emperors, and saviors.

"Therefore, when millions of ordinary citizens under the Azure Alliance's leadership let out an intense and even violent cry, many insiders of the alliance were caught off guard.

"I estimate that their initial idea was simple. They merely wanted to pass the National Training Act and put it into legal effect. Then, in the process of implementing the National Training Act, they would further expand their strength and influence before they seized more seats in the Survival Committee.

"But now, things are getting out of hand. It's obvious that the nine mega corporations aren't going to give in so easily. There might even be a backlash. As a result, many insiders and even the core members of the Azure Alliance don't know what to do!"

### **Chapter 1629: A Mixed Bag**

"So..."

Meng Chao thought of the words that Shen Yuanbao had uttered. "...from a certain point of view, the Azure Alliance is really just a motley crew?"

"It's not a motley crew, but there are indeed people from all walks of life."

Ai Lei said, "In fact, the Azure Alliance is nothing more than a collective of all the people in Dragon City who oppose the nine mega corporations, the nine noble families of cultivation, and the Deity Realm warriors behind them.

"As for why they're going against the nine great families, there are all kinds of strange things.

"Some are ordinary people. They oppose the great families because their wives have run away with the superhumans from the great families, or they have always been single and have never found a wife. All the women despise them, and these men blame it on the existence of the superhumans from the great families. They've become radical and cynical. Not only do they hate the superhumans from the great families, but they even hate the opposite sex!"

“I’ve heard of such people too.”

Meng Chao nodded thoughtfully. “However, there are a lot of them. Do they have a lot of influence?”

“A lot, a lot.”

Ai Lei said, “The truth is, as an ordinary person in Dragon City today, it’s not easy for them to find a regular partner, even start a family, and have their own descendants. Many people would rather become the lover of a superhuman from a noble family, or perhaps not even lovers. It doesn’t matter if it’s just a momentary spring fling. They don’t want to be with ordinary people and grow old together.

“Thinking about it carefully, it does make sense.

“Marriage doesn’t only involve feelings but also economic factors, after all. There’s no need to mention the benefits of being the lover of a wealthy family’s superhuman. Even if it’s just one moment together, there’s still a certain chance that one can obtain the genetic seed of a wealthy family’s superhuman. Hence, their child might stand a chance to become one of the wealthy family members.

“If the family turns hostile and refuses to acknowledge him, this child at least has the extraordinary blood of a superhuman from a wealthy family. There will be a greater chance for him to awaken his extraordinary power. Not only will he be able to rise above others, but he will at least have the ability to survive in this cruel world where danger lurks everywhere.

“Marrying an ordinary person and giving birth to a few ordinary people can only be the most basic, most boring, and least profitable job with the weakest sense of dignity. If a crisis comes, such as a beast tide erupting again or a war with the natives from the Other World, there will be no way for a child to protect himself at all. He can only curl up behind a superhuman and scream. If he’s not careful, he’ll be eaten by a monster. Tell me, which mother would be willing to let her child end up like that?

“Instead of painstakingly raising them for more than ten to twenty years, only for them to be eaten by a monster in one bite, it’s better not to give birth in the first place.

“Since they’ve made up their minds to not give birth than give birth to an ordinary person, then what’s the point of getting married? What’s the point of dating?”

“Therefore, there are more and more singles in Dragon City now.

“Among them, those who are ‘forced to be bachelors,’ see the beautiful women embrace the superhumans. They have s\*x every night, and the superhumans end up having hundreds of offspring. The bachelors inevitably lose their balance and become the most radical opponents.

“As for the voices on the Internet, you also know that the more extreme they are, the more marketable they will be.

“Senior, please have a look. It’s like this comment, ‘The superhumans have taken our money and women. We want to take back the money and women!’

“This comment is so simple and crude, but I’ve seen it under at least a hundred accounts. From these comments, we can see that many ordinary people feel this way.”



Meng Chao was silent for a long time before he shook his head and said, "How did Dragon City become like this? I remember that it wasn't like this decades ago. At that time, ordinary people were still willing to marry ordinary people and have children."

"At that time, people had just arrived in a supernatural world. They still hadn't figured out what supernatural power meant."

Ai Lei shrugged. "Now, everyone is gradually figuring it out."

"What about you?"

Meng Chao asked, "You don't want to marry and have children with ordinary people either?"

"Of course."

Ai Lei did not hesitate, "In this cruel world where the strong prey on the weak and the winner takes all, the combination of ordinary and ordinary is the greatest tragedy. It's even a crime against the children. My ordinary children will hate me for the rest of their lives."

"Alright."

Meng Chao sighed. "Continue. Who else is there in the Azure Alliance?"

"There are a lot of them."

Ai Lei said, "A large portion of them are superhumans from humble families. They relied on their perseverance and luck of surviving hundreds of battles to stumble and awaken their extraordinary powers. However, many paid a huge price. Their bodies, which were damaged from all kinds of internal injuries, were born with a low upper limit. In addition, they don't have sufficient cultivation resources. It's very difficult for them to cultivate to the highest realm like the superhumans from wealthy families, who can move mountains and overturn seas. The vast majority of people will never be able to cross the threshold of the Heaven Realm in their lifetime. They can only remain as third-class fighters."

"Such low-level to mid-level superhumans naturally stand on the side opposing the nine great families..."

"No, not just the nine great families. To be more precise, they are actually standing on the side opposing all the peerless fighters. They're trying to curb the authority of the peerless fighters and increase the role and status of the low-level to mid-level superhumans."

"There's also a portion of people, who were originally employees of the nine mega corporations. However, because they were treated as fuel during the process of the companies' rapid advancement, they were burned to the ground. By the time they reached middle age, their cultivation potential was completely exhausted. Since they had risked their lives all year round, they were riddled with injuries. However, the cost of treatment became increasingly high. After that, they were kicked out of the door by the mega corporations. From then on, they came to a sudden realization. Their stance underwent a hundred-and-eighty-degree change, and they became the mega corporations' most determined opponents."

"Some of them were members of the nine noble families of cultivation, but they struggled in the family. They decided to join the Azure Alliance and 'take back what was rightfully theirs' with the advantage of

numbers. Among them, the most typical example is Lu Siya, who betrayed the Lu family and Sky Pillar Corporation.

“There are others who are small and medium-sized business owners who started from scratch. However, after the scale of their business gradually grew, they realized that the nine mountains surrounding them were standing in their way. If they didn’t move the nine mountains, their business would be like ‘raising a b\*stard in a jar.’ No matter how they raised him, he wouldn’t be able to grow up.

“Their motto is ‘when a whale falls, all living things come to life.’ The development of the nine mega corporations to this day has severely hindered Dragon City’s development. Only when the nine mega corporations wither away one after another can Dragon City usher in true spring. Then, hundreds of flowers will bloom.

“You see, Senior, I’ve just been talking about it casually, but I’ve found so many factions of different origins and positions in the Azure Alliance. It’s truly tough to find the ‘greatest common denominator’ among the countless noisy appeals, opinions, and shouting.”

### **Chapter 1630: The Foundation of the Collapse**

Having said that, thanks to the existence of Superstar Company, Broken Star Club, Battle God Palace, Blue Home, and other core associations, as well as the relationship between ordinary people and superhumans, low-level and mid-level superhumans who came from humble families, and the peerless powerhouses who came from wealthy families, the people were not enemies who could not reconcile.

Most were willing to sit down, calmly think, and rationally discuss Dragon City’s future after venting their excessive emotions.

In such discussions, just like any new thing, the Azure Alliance was evolving at an astonishing speed.

For example, many members or supporters of the Azure Alliance did not merely discuss the underground black market, the explosion of the Red Creek Project’s crystal warehouse, or the scandal of Shen Yuanbao’s rise.

Instead, they thought about the relationship between ordinary people and superhumans, as well as the influence of extraordinary power on the entire Dragon City civilization.

Meng Chao saw that the most-discussed text said:

“All the laws, morals, and order of the modern Earth civilization are based on the self-evident foundation of ‘equality for all.’

“And the idea of ‘equality for all’ has been deeply rooted in the hearts of the people. In the end, it is because equality is the natural force of value among human beings.

“From the uncivilized era when mankind’s ancestors had yet to ignite the first flame, to the information era when skyscrapers are everywhere, cars are everywhere, and radio waves fill the entire atmosphere, no matter how the era has developed, how science and technology have improved, how the social system has changed, the differences among human beings has never increased to the extent that they’ve exceeded their limits.

“Even in the era of the strictest imperial power, the ‘sacred and inviolable emperor’ was nothing more than a mortal with a pale face. He could be stabbed to death with a light poke, let alone a sharpened bamboo pole. Even a few palace maids could strangle him to death with silk scarves at the spur of the moment.

“As for a beggar who collapsed on the roadside during famine and was covered in sores, as long as he was still alive, he could theoretically sweep the world.

“During the industrial era and the post-industrial era, hot weapons were prevalent. The differences in the humans’ individual strengths would be eliminated by the hot weapons. ‘Everyone is equal in front of a bullet.’ Whether it was the losers who were heavily in debt, the entrepreneurs who were wealthy, the rebels who were wearing slippers on the bloody continent, or the leaders of the top three major countries in the world in terms of economic strength, they could be shot in the head by a self-made weapon with a bullet that was worth a few cents.

“It is precisely this equality in the value of force that brings about equality in the economy, social status, and legal system—at least, in theory.

“On Earth, even in the era when the rich and the poor diverged the most violently, with only a few hundred important figures controlling more than half of the world’s wealth, there were still hundreds... no, billions of swords hanging above the heads of the extremely wealthy and powerful important figures.

“Any ordinary person who was dissatisfied with them, whether it was a teenager who had just entered puberty, a beggar who was suffering from a terminal illness, or the ‘loyal’ bodyguards by their side, all had the theoretical possibility of destroying these important figures from a physical point of view!

“Even if these important figures wanted to minimize the risk, it was impossible for them to infinitely increase their own military strength. Sometimes, manpower is limited. Even if they had invested billions in research, it would’ve been difficult for them to break the Olympic record for the hundred-meter sprint. It would’ve been even more impossible for them to turn their flesh into steel to withstand bullets, grenades, and even artillery shells.

“For the sake of their own safety, the big shots could only hire soldiers or invest in the army.

“But the army was still made up of thousands of ordinary people who had their own standpoints, aspirations, and wills. Even the most professional mercenaries were only loyal to the big shots’ money, not the big shots themselves.

“It was decided that the big shots on Earth had their own limits and boundaries when they used their own wills to shape the future of the entire civilization.

“The most ruthless big shots had to consider the interests and feelings of the ordinary people more or less when they made a decision as well.

“No matter how high and mighty the big shots were, it was impossible for them to survive on their own without the millions of ordinary people.

“It did not matter if the big shots only treated the ordinary people as fuel, lambs, and chess pieces. They had to coexist on the same earth for a long time to create and protect the so-called ‘civilization on Earth’ together.

“However, when we transmigrated to the Other World, discovered the supernatural phenomena here, and understood the mysteries of crystals and cultivation through the ancient relics, we learned to inject tremendous resources into our bodies and raise our individual combat ability to crush dozens, hundreds, or even thousands of our own kind. The logic of mankind’s entire civilization changed drastically. The foundation that once supported ‘equality for all’ collapsed in an instant.

“While the big shots could be killed with a single bullet on Earth, bullets were now ineffective. As long as a madman brandished a sharp blade, it was possible for him to pierce through someone’s heart and cause death.

“The big shots who came to the Other World and grasped extraordinary strength might not even leave a single wound on the dozens of ordinary people in their way.

“On Earth, even if the big shots had billions or hundreds of billions in wealth, they could not run faster and jump higher than ordinary people.

“The big shots who came to the Other World and mastered extraordinary powers could ride on swords and travel between heaven and earth. In a literal sense, they could experience the feeling of being ‘superior.’

“No matter how intelligent the big shots on Earth were, they were still bound by human limitations. No matter how energetic they were, it was impossible for them to be full of energy twenty-four hours a day.

“However, the bigwigs who come to the Other World and mastered extraordinary powers could stimulate their brains with spirit energy, master extraordinary vision, extraordinary memory, extraordinary computational ability, and extraordinary skills for logical deduction. Their brains could be fully active twenty-four hours a day. After careful consideration and repeated deduction, they managed to build an insurmountable ‘intelligence barrier’ between themselves and the ordinary people. The ordinary people were unable to understand or refute their opinions, and they could only be at their mercy with blank faces.

“If the big shots only had to worry about some things whenever they did as they pleased on Earth...

“Then, I really can’t think of what the big shots from Earth have to worry about after their arrival in the Other World. They possess extraordinary powers, trillions of assets, and invincible military power.

“When such big shots are prepared to put their own interests above the overall interests of the Dragon City civilization, how can ordinary people balance them?”