

Secret Love 2131

Chapter 2131: Snatched a big freebie

The previous Eric seemed to have been blindly arrogant. If they first summoned the Rose of Death's core strength before launching an attack on the Independent State, the outcome might've been different.

"Oh right."

Ye Wanwan hastily took out the other ring and handed it to Big Dipper's mother. "Auntie, what does this ring represent to the Rose of Death?"

Big Dipper's mother accepted the ring and carefully inspected it before shaking her head. "Although this ring is similar to the ring of supreme power in the Rose of Death, this subordinate has never seen it."

"Never seen it?!"

Ye Wanwan was astonished. She originally thought these two rings were a pair, but this ring was actually completely unrelated to the Rose of Death?

"That's right; I'm certain this ring you just gave me is definitely unrelated to the Rose of Death. If it was, as the Rose of Death's global liaison, there's no way I wouldn't know," Big Dipper's mother replied with certainty on her face.

Ye Wanwan started doubting her life again. So this second ring was a freaking counterfeit item and she had been hiding it like a treasure this whole time...

Of course, being a counterfeit item was merely one of the possibilities. There might be another meaning, but Ye Wanwan couldn't be certain.

Immediately, Ye Wanwan put away the second ring again. Regardless of whether it was counterfeit or not, there was no harm in keeping it.

"Since you've appeared with the ring, will you complete the Rose of Death's mission?" Big Dipper's mother asked without waiting for Ye Wanwan to respond.

"Yes! Of course I'll complete it! Ye Wanwan nodded without any hesitation. She snatched a big freebie without doing anything and was promoted from President Fearless to Eric from the Rose of Death. Only an idiot wouldn't complete it.

"Oh right, what's the Rose of Death's mission?" Ye Wanwan suddenly had an ill-foreboding feeling. *Don't tell me the Rose of Death's mission is to destroy the Independent State!*

"Modify the Independent State's laws and avenge the previous Eric," Big Dipper's mother said.

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Ye Wanwan wanted to cry. She didn't freaking snatch some big freebie—she clearly picked up a hot potato, alright? Forget about modifying the rules for now. Avenging the previous Eric?

What absurd joke was this? The previous Eric was eliminated by a group effort from all the factions in the Independent State, so wasn't avenging them the same as destroying the entire Independent State?!

However, right now, Ye Wanwan had no way to back down since she agreed too freaking eagerly just now!

"Ahem... um, there's no hurry. We've got to have an extremely detailed plan first and give the matter further thought. Let's take it slowly," Ye Wanwan replied after some thinking.

Ye Wanwan was thinking that since the ring of supreme power in the Rose of Death was in her hands, she could steady them first. After pacifying them, didn't she have the final say about everything in the end?

It wasn't that Ye Wanwan was trying to enjoy her power while avoiding responsibility, but destroying the entire Independent State was simply impossible.

Was she supposed to destroy the Nie family, Asura, and the Fearless Alliance as well?!

Furthermore, currently speaking, she hadn't enjoyed any special power from the Rose of Death yet.

Moreover, Ye Wanwan had a nagging feeling that things weren't as simple as Big Dipper's mother said. There might be some hidden facts, and they had to thoroughly investigate everything first.

Chapter 2132: Are you brushing me off?

Upon seeing that Big Dipper's mother wanted to continue this topic, Ye Wanwan interjected, "Oh right, auntie. What does Big Dipper's father do?"

Big Dipper's mother was startled, and an inscrutable smile curled on her lips. "Big Dipper's father is a resident of the Independent State while I am not... You should know the rules of the Independent State: Marriage between residents of the Independent State and outsiders is prohibited. Perhaps it was because of me that Big Dipper's father was punished by his own family. Since he was sickly since he was young, he didn't survive the punishment... Big Dipper wasn't acknowledged, and I could only raise Big Dipper on my own. Speaking of which—I have to thank you for helping me take care of Big Dipper all these years."

"Big Dipper was staying with his father at that time and witnessed his father getting punished and dying first hand. Ay, I've let Big Dipper down," Big Dipper's mother continued with a shake of her head.

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Ye Wanwan vaguely remembered how Big Dipper kept emphasizing his father ran off with a mistress.

Big Dipper was probably well aware of this since he personally witnessed his father being punished to death. It was just that he was unwilling to admit it in the depths of his mind.

In reality, people all said Big Dipper was foolish, but Ye Wanwan disagreed. Big Dipper's childhood experience caused him to completely shield himself so that he could live in his own world.

Ye Wanwan knew the death of his father truly impacted Big Dipper greatly, to the extent that he would rather trap himself in his own world than leave it and face the reality.

“Oh right, why did the Martial Arts Union abduct you last time?”

Ye Wanwan asked, looking at the other woman.

Big Dipper’s mother’s expression became slightly confused at that. She herself also didn’t know why the Martial Arts Union wanted to capture her.

“Perhaps they discovered my identity. After all, I’m a member of the Rose of Death,” Big Dipper’s mother explained.

Ye Wanwan nodded. That was possible. If the Martial Arts Union hadn’t discovered the identity of Big Dipper’s mother, it wouldn’t make sense. They wouldn’t capture a normal person for no reason.

Before they could continue, knocking was heard at the door.

“Enter,” Ye Wanwan called out.

The bedroom door was opened.

“Mom, are you okay?!” Big Dipper rushed into the room and inspected his mother anxiously.

Ye Wanwan was exasperated. She wasn’t a tiger, so it wasn’t like she could’ve eaten his mom.

“I’m fine. I just chatted with your president; there’s nothing to worry about,” Big Dipper’s mother replied with a smile.

“That’s good. But Mom, why did you sneak into Sis Feng’s house so late at night?” Big Dipper was bewildered.

“It’s nothing. I previously invited auntie here but I just forgot about it.” Ye Wanwan was the one to reply.

Big Dipper stared at Ye Wanwan. “Sis Feng, there’s something I don’t know whether I should say or not.”

“Tell me,” Ye Wanwan said.

“Sis Feng, are you... brushing me off?” Big Dipper asked.

“Yes.” Ye Wanwan nodded. Could it be she wasn’t obvious enough in brushing him off that he needed to ask?

“Oh, it’s nothing then. I just wanted to ask.” Big Dipper nodded.

“Big Dipper, help me take auntie home first,” Ye Wanwan instructed.

“Alright, I’ll bring my mom home first and have Old Seven take over for now. I’ll be back soon.”

Big Dipper glanced at Seven Star. “Watch over Sis Feng carefully! If anything happens, I’ll hold you accountable.”

Then Big Dipper led his mother out of the bedroom without waiting for a response.

Chapter 2133: That picture was too beautiful

After Big Dipper left, Seven Star and the others also retreated from the room.

Ye Wanwan lay in bed. Tonight felt like a dream.

Somehow, she discovered the origin of the ring. Somehow, she became Eric and learned about parts of the Rose of Death's past.

She was in great emotional turmoil. She hadn't had time to digest everything yet.

What path should I take in the future?

In truth, the life she wanted was very simple—being with Ah-Jiu and Tangtang and leading an ordinary and steady life together as a family...

That would be perfect.

Unfortunately, reality wasn't allowing her!

Forget the fact that she was the freaking president of the Fearless Alliance. Now, she also became the freaking top leader of the Rose of Death and had to freaking shoulder so many responsibilities and missions. Did they think she was Superwoman?!

Didn't they say a person's responsibility increased with their capabilities? Did the heavens have some misunderstanding regarding her capabilities?

Ye Wanwan really considered this ring to be a hot potato. However, regardless of how boiling hot it was, she had to hold onto it and couldn't throw it away.

It wasn't that she wanted to possess the supreme power of the Rose of Death.

But if she relinquished this ring, what if her successor wanted to complete the mission? If her successor summoned the Rose of Death's main force and attacked the Independent State...

That image was too unbearable...

Hence, no matter what, the ring could only be hers.

As long as she didn't agree, the Rose of Death wouldn't act recklessly since she was their new leader.

Ye Wanwan pondered whether she could borrow the Rose of Death's strength to attack the supposed Direct Line or not...

Before she could think any further, her phone screen lit up.

Ye Wanwan had turned off her phone's sound and vibration earlier, so there was only a display notification.

Ye Wanwan picked up her phone and saw it was Nameless Nie calling.

"You better not be looking for me to strike a business deal this late at night."

That was the first thing she said when she picked up the call.

“Ay, darling sister, I didn’t call to talk business with you! Freaking... Nie Linglong is back! Did you know?!”

Nameless Nie sounded emotional from his anger.

“Nie Linglong is back...”

Ye Wanwan furrowed her brows. Nie Linglong’s identity was clearly exposed already, yet she still dared to return to the Nie family shamelessly...

It had to be said that Nie Linglong’s tactics were noteworthy indeed and couldn’t be underestimated.

“Calm down. Tell me slowly,” Ye Wanwan replied.

“Tell you slowly? Slow your a**! My mercenaries told me about what happened already! That little b*tch! No, I have to break her arms and legs!” Nameless Nie yelled.

“You can’t,” Ye Wanwan interrupted him immediately.

“I can’t? Why not?” Nameless Nie was startled.

“What right do you have to break her arms and legs? If you claim she’s colluding with the Direct Line, do you have evidence?” Ye Wanwan countered.

“Why don’t I have evidence? My people saw it, and didn’t one of your Fearless Alliance elders also see it?” Nameless Nie replied.

“So what?” Ye Wanwan coldly said. “Don’t forget that Nie Linglong is one of the candidates for the next family head of the Nie family. I’m a competitor and you’re a competitor that Nie Linglong knocked out. You and I are real siblings. Do you think those elders and higher-ups of the Nie family would believe groundless words from us? If you act now, the higher-ups would say we’re using underhanded tactics to slander Nie Linglong instead.”

The Nie family didn’t belong to one person. For a matter like electing a family head, even if it was Patriarch Nie and Madam Nie, they had to discuss it with the elders and higher-ups and elect one person.

Chapter 2134: Can’t you think better of me?

Nameless Nie was silent for a long while before replying, “Right, Sister, you’re too correct. Why didn’t I think of that? Nie Linglong returned without any fear, so she must be certain we don’t have any evidence. If we did anything to her, it would be our problem. The elders and higher-ups have always leaned toward Nie Linglong. Thankfully I called you or else I would’ve been tricked! That motherf*cker!”

Ye Wanwan was at a loss for words. Nameless Nie was too impulsive and did things without thinking, so he’d eventually get into deep trouble.

“What should we do now? Should we find some evidence first?” Nameless Nie asked.

“Don’t worry. Since Nie Linglong dared to come back, you definitely won’t find any evidence. You mustn’t underestimate this sister of ours. Just act as though nothing happened,” Ye Wanwan replied.

“Act as though nothing happened?” Nameless Nie was startled.

“Heh. Nie Linglong definitely expects you to pull something against her, but if we do the opposite and act as though nothing happened, who knows who will be the one leading the other person by their nose?” Ye Wanwan snorted.

“Right right right, your analysis is on the nose! Actually, that’s why I called you! So that you wouldn’t be led by the nose by her!” Nameless Nie said.

Ye Wanwan: “...”? *Freaking... do you have the nerve to be any more shameless?!*

The next morning, Ye Wanwan got a call from Madam Nie urging her to go home because there was something important to discuss.

At the Nie residence:

Madam Nie and Patriarch Nie sat on the sofa while Nie Linglong docilely and respectfully stood on the side. “Mother, Father, don’t worry. While you aren’t home, I’ll carefully look after everything.”

“Be sure to watch over your brother carefully. Don’t allow him to cause a mess outside,” Madam Nie instructed worriedly.

Nameless Nie was lying on the second sofa, shaking his leg and playing a game. When he heard that, he immediately raised his head and complained, “Mom, can’t you think better of me?”

Madam Nie rolled her eyes at him. “You’d first need to have something better for me to think about!”

Nameless Nie: “...”

He seriously thought he should’ve been the one to test his DNA. He definitely wasn’t their biological child!

Nie Linglong glanced at a nearby servant, and the servant hastily brought over a pile of big and small exquisitely wrapped and high-end gift boxes.

Nie Linglong said, “Oh right, Mother, this is some ginseng and swallow’s nest I had someone specifically bring back from China, as well as some tonics and supplements. You and Father work so hard, so you must keep your health up.”

Madam Nie nodded. “You’re very considerate.”

Patriarch Nie had a complicated expression as he looked at the docile and sensible Nie Linglong.

After the fake Worriless was exposed, he thoroughly investigated the entire Nie family but didn’t discover any clues or traces.

Since he was going to Jin City now, he could investigate it further there.

At that moment, spry footsteps could be heard outside the door.

Holding a plastic bag, Ye Wanwan entered the house while beaming.

“Dad, Mom!”

When Madam Nie heard her daughter’s charming voice, the dignified and elegant expression on her face was instantly replaced with joy and affection. She immediately stood up and walked forward.

“Wanwan, you’re back!”

Madam Nie caught sight of the item in Ye Wanwan’s hand and casually asked, “What are you holding, Wanwan?”

Ye Wanwan promptly carefully opened the packages tightly wrapped in foil like she was showing off a treasure and replied, “These are fried skewers! I bought them from a super famous food stall in the southern district and had to line up two hours to buy them! I was afraid they’d get cold, so I sped back on my way home. It’s still hot right now! Try it, Dad, Mom!”

Chapter 2135: Too terrible

When Madam Nie heard that, her eyes turned red instantly. “Child... why did you go through so much trouble? If you wanted to eat that, we could’ve made it at home!”

Ye Wanwan hugged Madam Nie by the arm and cutely said, “It’s different! I found it tasty when I ate it, so I especially wanted you and Dad to taste it too! Hurry and see if you like it! If it’s good, I will buy it again next time...”

Madam Nie was instantly moved. “My baby daughter is so thoughtful.”

“Good good good, Dad will try it now!” Patriarch Nie couldn’t be any happier. As though he was faced with some exotic delicacies, he carefully picked up a bamboo skewer of barbecued meat.

Nie Linglong watched how Madam and Patriarch Nie surrounded Ye Wanwan’s cheap skewers like they were a treasure and glanced at the supplements she bought for them sitting on the side, a chilly feeling leaking from her eyes.

Nameless Nie was speechless. “Dad, Mom, aren’t you too hypocritical? Last time I ate something like this, you chased after me and scolded me for several days, saying I was eating junk food! Now, you’re praising this girl into outer space? Did you get amnesia?”

Madam Nie glared at him. “Shut up, what do you know? Stop spouting nonsense!”

Nameless Nie: “...”

I’m spouting nonsense?

It’s clearly this girl who’s spouting nonsense!

She had to stand in line to buy something? When the owner saw her, he probably wanted nothing more than to give her the entire store!

Ye Wanwan humorously glanced at Nameless Nie, who looked like he ate sh*t, and provokingly made a face at him before turning to her parents and asking, "Dad, Mom, you called me back in such a hurry. Did something happen?"

Patriarch Nie replied with a gentle expression, "Your mother and I have some business in Jin City in two days, so we're hoping you can help us manage the Nie family while we're gone."

Madam Nie meaningfully said, "The Nie family will definitely be passed onto your hands in the future, so consider this as a learning opportunity."

When Nie Linglong heard this from behind them, she abruptly raised her head.

They had just phonily asked her to look after the Nie family but were now leaving all the power in the hands of that piece of trash, Worriless Nie.

In the end, regardless of how long she had been with the Nie family, she was nothing but a servant.

Ye Wanwan imperceptibly glanced at Nie Linglong and happened to catch a remaining tinge of darkness on the woman's face. She replied with a calm smile, "Dad, Mom, don't worry. I'll take good care of the family."

Nie Linglong quickly regained her composure and quickly replied, "Dad, Mom, Sister and I will be home, so there won't be any problems. I will help Sister from the side."

Patriarch Nie nodded. "Mn, let's go. The elders are waiting."

In the conference room:

All the higher-ups and elders from the direct line and collateral branches of the Nie family were sitting in the room.

Patriarch Nie cleared his throat before solemnly beginning, "While I'm in Jin City, Worriless will act as the family head. I hope everyone will assist Worriless by working as one and taking good care of the Nie family together."

Everyone had differing thoughts about this newly-found Second Miss of the Nie family who also held a position as the President of the Fearless Alliance.

However, in front of the patriarch, none of them revealed anything on their faces and all agreed.

"Don't worry, Patriarch. Us old fossils are still here, so nothing will happen to the Nie family."

Patriarch Nie nodded and turned to Ye Wanwan. He gently said, "Wanwan, this is your Second Great Uncle. If there's anything you don't understand, you can ask him."

Chapter 2136: It will definitely be mine

"Second Great Uncle!" Ye Wanwan politely greeted him.

This elderly man who was about 30-40% similar to Grandpa in appearance was Grandpa's real younger brother.

While seated, the august, healthy-looking elderly man said, "Back then, Eldest Brother willfully took you with him, and you've had an uneasy time all these years on the outside. However, it's good you're back. It's also time for you to shoulder this responsibility..."

The incident regarding the previous patriarch of the Nie family, who was Ye Wanwan's grandfather, leaving the Nie family because he was displeased his daughter got married to the descendant of his sworn enemy from the Ling family was a taboo topic in the Nie family. Hence, the elderly man merely looked morose and didn't delve too deeply into it, only giving Ye Wanwan a few words of encouragement.

"It's good that Second Miss has safely returned. I believe the Nie family will definitely flourish under the leadership of the Second Miss," another higher-up piped in.

The clan meeting quickly ended. Patriarch Nie finished with all his arrangements and left Yun City with Madam Nie two days later, heading to Jin City.

After Patriarch Nie and Madam Nie left, Ye Wanwan took advantage of her parent's absence and sent Tangtang to Si Yehan, telling him to take Tangtang on a trip by themselves for a few days. This was the quickest method to foster a deep relationship.

Then Ye Wanwan focused on learning how to manage a clan from her great uncles and the elders.

Thankfully, she had picked up some things from Si Yehan back in China for a long time, so she was familiar with these affairs already and conducted them rather smoothly.

As for what to do with Nie Linglong, Ye Wanwan planned to keep thinking of a way to investigate the power backing her.

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Late at night, in a secret manor located in the city outskirts:

An elderly man dressed in black walked out from the hidden room and looked at Nie Linglong darkly, who was sitting on the sofa and playing a game of chess. "How's the progress with the Nie family?"

Nie Linglong looked confident. "Everything is within my grasp."

The elderly man in black snorted. "I don't think that's completely true, right? The real Worryless Nie has returned to the Nie family and is fairly trusted, having even taken up the position as the acting family head."

Nie Linglong looked disdainful. "You're overestimating her. She's merely a piece of trash. From what I know, Worryless Nie's current martial strength has dropped greatly and she isn't even 30 or 40 percent of what she used to be."

The elderly man in black was taken aback. "Truly?"

In the Independent State, which prohibited firearms and revered martial arts above all, a person's martial strength represented everything.

When it came to someone like Piece of Sh*t, he could solely be compared to a killing machine who could destroy more than half of their experts. No one dared to provoke such an entity.

If Worryless Nie's martial strength had truly plunged, then she might not even be qualified to be the head of the Nie family.

The Independent State revered martial arts above all and the Nie family from the four great clans was even more so. The Nie family was the clan with the strongest martial strength out of all the clans, and the previous patriarch of the Nie family was once the most outstanding martial expert in the Independent State. Hence, martial strength was vitally important for the family head.

Nie Linglong lightly set down a black piece and took out all the white pieces. The corners of her lips curled up as she said, "Don't worry. The position of the Nie family head will definitely be mine."

Since that impostor had died, there didn't need to be so much hassle. She'd obtain that position herself.

"That better be the case."

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Several days later, Ye Wanwan followed a group of clan elders and higher-ups to a Nie property for observation.

Nie Linglong was also in the car and fulfilled the role of secretary dutifully and responsibly, diligently reporting business to Ye Wanwan. She stayed strictly within her boundaries these past few days, making it impossible for Ye Wanwan to snatch a single piece of useful information.

Chapter 2137: Formatted max-level main account

The location was a bit far, so the group drove for a long time before stopping in front of an extensive factory.

When they arrived, the chauffeur immediately sprinted out of the car and opened the door for Ye Wanwan.

However, the second Ye Wanwan exited the car, the chauffeur abruptly attacked Ye Wanwan like a ghost.

The fierce wind from his palm slashed across Ye Wanwan's neck like a blade, creating a bloody line instantaneously.

A little more force and her neck would've been forcefully snapped broken by him.

"Who are you?!" Ye Wanwan narrowly dodged his attack, but the man was too fast and launched attack after attack toward her like a tornado, each strike fiercer than the previous.

This man's martial arts skills were extremely strong! He absolutely wasn't an ordinary assassin!

"D*mn!" Ye Wanwan narrowly dodged his attack again.

“Sister Worriless, be careful! Who are you? How dare you attack a member of our Nie family?!” Nie Linglong quickly rushed over and struck the assassin with her hand.

Nie Linglong’s palm reached perfection in both strength and speed, and she managed to strike the assassin back with a mere hit.

“PFF!” The assassin spat out a mouthful of blood, evidently injured. He hastily turned around and escaped.

Ye Wanwan reflexively looked at Nie Linglong. The other woman managed to repel the assassin with a mere strike of her palm, which meant Nie Linglong’s martial arts skills were probably better than she expected.

A group of Nie family guards quickly chased after the assassin while the higher-ups and elders from the car behind them also rushed forward.

“Who is he? He’s rather gutsy to dare to assassinate our Second Miss!”

“That was simply lawless! We must thoroughly investigate this matter!”

“Miss, are you okay?!”

The elders and higher-ups spoke one after another.

Ye Wanwan massaged her palm, which had turned numb from fending off that man’s attack. “I’m fine.”

Amidst this sea of indignant voices, a soft voice was suddenly heard. “Second Miss, with your strength, that assassin probably shouldn’t have even approached you, so how did he...?”

The person didn’t finish the rest of their sentence, but its meaning spoke for itself.

Everyone instantly looked at Ye Wanwan strangely.

That was right. Second Miss’s martial talents stunned the entire Independent State back then. She was the legend of the mercenary world, so how did she lose to an assassin, requiring that assassin to be struck back by Nie Linglong?

When faced with those higher-ups and elders’ questioning and suspicious gazes, Ye Wanwan’s face darkened.

Her martial strength really hadn’t recovered completely still. Even though she had been sparing no efforts in her training lately, she only managed to recover 30-40% at best. If she was drunk and lost her rationality, she might be able to recover 50-60%, but she was still a ways away from her previous strength.

When it came to something like martial arts, the closer you were to the top tier, the wider the chasm between each degree of strength.

Some people might not be able to cross that chasm their whole lives.

Ye Wanwan's current state was like a formatted max-level main account. She originally passed all the stages already but now had to level up all over again. Although her progress was faster than the average person's, it was still difficult the more she advanced.

Something like comprehension couldn't be solely obtained through training.

No matter how hard she worked, she still felt very clumsy and her body couldn't coordinate with her mind. This would undoubtedly be fatal in a match with a true expert.

Chapter 2138: Spar with me! Right now!

"Sister just feels unwell today!" Nie Linglong considerably walked over to mediate the situation and turned to Ye Wanwan with concern. "Sister, I'm sorry. It was my fault for allowing assassins to infiltrate and shock you. I will send people to escort you back and rest!"

When the higher-ups and elders saw their acting family head's weak appearance and how she looked like she needed to go back and rest after the shock of a mere assassination, their expressions turned darker.

How could such a weak person hold the post of the head of their Nie family?

How could Ye Wanwan not have realized the truth by now? Today's events were probably arranged meticulously by Nie Linglong beforehand.

Nie Linglong...

Finally couldn't hold back anymore?

It appeared she was starting to garner support after losing her puppet so she could make a bid to snatch the Nie family herself!

Nie Linglong truly didn't have a big probability to win before, but when Nameless Nie lost his right of inheritance and Ye Wanwan's martial strength dropped greatly, the situation became very disadvantageous for them...

Aside from their abilities, every head of the Nie family had to meet an especially strict requirement for martial strength.

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That night, they returned to the Nie residence.

Ye Wanwan immediately called Nameless Nie with a chain of calls.

"Worriless, do you need me for something? Hurry and talk! Do you know that I, your brother, have big jobs worth several hundred dollars every minute?" Nameless Nie complained.

Several hundred dollars every minute...

How great!

Ye Wanwan irritably rolled her eyes. "Follow me!"

"What is it?" Nameless Nie reluctantly followed her to a deserted courtyard.

Ye Wanwan got straight to the point. "Spar with me."

Nameless Nie asked, "Huh?"

"Spar with me! Right now!"

Nameless Nie's hackles raised. "What scheme are you brewing? Do you want me to be beaten to death by Dad and Mom?"

How could he dare to spar with his parents' precious sweetheart?

Ye Wanwan exasperatedly responded, "I just want to test my current martial strength. Hurry, stop quibbling."

"Oh, okay then."

Ye Wanwan fastidiously ordered, "You aren't allowed to go easy on me. Fight with me seriously."

"Sure," Nameless Nie replied.

SWISH!

A second later, the two people attacked at almost the same time.

Followed by a *bang*, Ye Wanwan... flew back.

"Ah! SH*T!" Nameless Nie jolted in fright and quickly leaped over, catching Ye Wanwan before her back hit the wall in fear of her getting injured.

Ye Wanwan darkly steadied herself and angrily roared, "Nameless Nie! Are you trying to murder your sister?!"

Nameless Nie was also scared terribly. "Say, Sister, why are you such a weakling?!"

"You're a weakling! Your whole family is filled with weaklings!"

"Hm, sister, don't be unreasonable! If everyone in the Nie family is a weakling, then there aren't any experts in the Independent State."

Ye Wanwan ignored him and seriously asked, "Let me ask you—what percentage of your strength did you use?"

Nameless Nie seriously thought about it. "0.1% probably...?"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Ye Wanwan inhaled deeply. "Speak properly. Is it 1% or 0.1%?"

"I was right. It was 0.1%!"

“...” Ye Wanwan was silent for a long time before asking again, “When I was at my peak, how many moves could I take from you?”

Nameless Nie rubbed his chin. “If you were using your status as my younger sister, you could take two moves from me. If you weren’t using your status as my younger sister, you could only take one move from me.”

Ye Wanwan: “...”

Chapter 2139: Their fate was unknown

What should she do? She really wanted to beat him to death.

Did all of this guy’s intelligence get redistributed to his martial strength instead?

In the end, Ye Wanwan gave up on the idea of beating him to death since she couldn’t defeat him...

“Is there any method to make my martial strength recover as soon as possible?” Ye Wanwan asked with a sigh.

Nameless Nie mulled over it and scratched his head. “Um... That’s hard to say. In your situation, you aren’t a newbie who can increase your martial strength through training. Your body function and quality are already there, and you’re working with top-notch equipment already.

“Hence, your problem isn’t that you have bad equipment; it’s that you can’t use it or start it, so you’re unable to display its ability.

“Everyone has a different comprehension of martial arts, and only you know your body best. I’m afraid no one else can help you with that...”

Ye Wanwan felt a headache pounding. “Nie Linglong is probably planning to snatch the position of family head. Can’t you work harder? Today, she purposefully sent an assassin to test me and also publicized my plunge in martial strength to all the elders and higher-ups. The situation is very disadvantageous for us.”

Nameless Nie grumbled, “It’s not that I don’t work hard; it’s that my real dad rejected me with a single vote! He said he was afraid of the Nie family being destroyed in my hands, so he absolutely wouldn’t allow me to become the family head!”

Ye Wanwan responded, “Our dad is pretty wise.”

It was actually more frightening for someone to solely have martial strength while lacking a brain.

“What do you mean he’s wise? Our dad is clearly muddle-headed! But forget about that for now, you still have to deal with your problem yourself. Public morals are deteriorating with each passing day, so it’d better if you recovered faster or else a problem will eventually pop up,” Nameless Nie said, looking at Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan didn’t say anything to that.

The headmaster also said last time that the rest of her recovery solely relied on her. She was just afraid she wouldn't have enough time...

"However, Sister, I still felt like something is wrong with the Nie family right now. That little b*tch, Nie Linglong, isn't related by blood to the Nie family at all, so logically speaking, she isn't qualified to become a candidate for the Nie family head at all. However, there are higher-ups and elders who support her, so I think they might've been bribed," Nameless Nie continued.

"Is that even a question?" Ye Wanwan shot Nameless Nie a look.

They were definitely bribed. Nie Linglong had to have offered some immense benefit or some promise to those elders and higher-ups who supported her.

Furthermore, the elders and higher-ups were stirring trouble using their father's bloodline. They claimed that Father also wasn't a member of the Nie family, but since he became the patriarch of the Nie family, why couldn't Nie Linglong?

They had to be commended for thinking of this excuse and reasoning, especially since other people couldn't really refute it.

"Let's head back and rest. We have to keep our health up and must be vigilant while Dad and Mom are gone," Ye Wanwan said to Nameless Nie.

Right now, the Nie family could only rely on the two of them, and Ye Wanwan could only trust Nameless Nie.

Unfortunately, if Nameless Nie was smarter and more shrewd, he would just need to stomp his feet with his martial strength and the entire Nie family would shake. Who would dare to rebel?

However, it had to be said that the heavens were fair...

"Mm, you're right, Sister. We need to keep our health up. Don't worry, I'm here. I'll protect you." Nameless Nie turned and left.

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However, to Ye Wanwan's surprise, things developed worse than expected.

The next day, news suddenly came from Jin City that Madam Nie and Patriarch Nie encountered an ambush on their way there. Their current whereabouts and fate were unknown.

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Ye Wanwan immediately dispatched her top elites to Jin City to investigate the matter.

However, three days passed and there still wasn't any news. They only discovered a bloody handkerchief that belonged to Madam Nie.

After learning of this, Ye Wanwan personally visited Jin City but found nothing.

Her mother's bloody handkerchief made Ye Wanwan's mind uneasy. But there was nothing they could do at this point. They didn't even know who the culprit was.

In the meeting room:

The atmosphere was unprecedentedly serious.

"Based on the current situation, it's extremely possible the patriarch and madam have met an unfortunate fate. A clan can't be without a head, so I suggest for us to hurry and elect a new head so that they can preside over the present situation for us."

"Old Three, what are you saying? Before the patriarch left, he appointed Second Miss as the temporary family head already, so she's naturally in charge of everything."

"As you just said, First Elder, it was temporary. However, how can we hand the Nie family over to a temporarily appointed person in such an urgent time? We should naturally hurry and pick the most suitable candidate—that's the top priority."

"I agree."

"That's right, I also agree!"

"Although Second Miss is very capable, you must all know that Second Miss's martial arts strength isn't as it once was. How could she hold the position as the Nie family head at that level?"

"First Elder, don't forget the rule established by the previous patriarch!"

"Of course I remember, but only Second Miss is the most suitable candidate right now."

"I don't think so! Regardless of martial talent or capabilities, I think Third Miss is the most suitable candidate. Everyone has seen Third Miss's capabilities for themselves over the years!"

"Utterly ludicrous! Nie Linglong isn't related to the Nie family by blood, so how could she hold the position of family head?"

"First Elder, aren't your words improper? Our current patriarch's previous name wasn't Nie Huaili and he was actually a member of the Ling family! Since even the son of the Nie family's archenemy, the Ling family, could become the head of our Nie family, why can't Third Miss become the head?!"

"You... you're simply..." First Elder didn't expect the other person to bring this matter up and couldn't conjure anything to refute it.

"You're right. After Third Miss becomes the family head, she can choose to marry a young and promising youth from our Nie family. She wouldn't violate any rules then!"

Ye Wanwan calmly watched everyone arguing. After hearing that, what else didn't she understand?

Since that elder supported Nie Linglong so staunchly, Nie Linglong probably promised to marry his son after becoming the family head.

"The matter is urgent, so please start voting now, everyone!"

“Voting? Voting your a**! Dad and Mom just got into an accident, yet you’re in such a hurry to elect a family head. What? Are you all hoping for Dad and Mom to die?” Nameless Nie ran his eyes over all the higher-ups and elders present.

“How could you say that? The Nie family has centuries of estates, so we can only prioritize the big picture at this current stage. We’re just as sad and grieving that something like this happened to the patriarch and madam, but a dragon can’t be headless. We will elect a new family head first so that we can better investigate what happened,” a higher-up retorted.

Nameless Nie wanted to say something else, but Ye Wanwan sent him a look to tell him to stop speaking.

Since these elders and higher-ups dared to act like this, they had to have a contingency plan. The situation today was very disadvantageous for her and Nameless Nie, and electing a family head was a rule. Everyone had to obey the rules regardless of who they were.

In the end, aside from First Elder, everyone actually voted for and elected Nie Linglong as the head of the Nie family.