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Initially a high-spirited youth, he returned to the Hurricane Group a depressed person, after the inhumane kidnapping experience. Eventually, his wound infection worsened and he died young.

After going through this incident, Gong Jie deeply understood that in this world, the strong preyed on the weak.

It's hard to wind things up. When a person finally reaches the peak, as it's often said, it's lonely at the top. It is no longer simple to come down again.

As the heir to the Hurricane Group, he was destined to be extraordinary from the moment he returned to the Gong family. At the same time, he also shouldered a responsibility that was a hundred times more difficult than common folks.

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Once they entered this cruel world, it was impossible for them to retreat. The only way was to become stronger.

The man had always been carefully protecting his family members. Every time he returned from a trip and caught up with Yun Shishi, he would be extremely careful.

He was afraid that the people who were secretly watching him would turn their attention to her.

His sister was already married and had a family. She was no longer alone. Other than her beloved husband, she had three adorable children. He was cautious in everything, being fearful that he would bring her trouble.

The Hurricane Group manufactured military weapons for a global market. Other than the heads of state, governments, anti-government militants, there were also extreme terrorist groups involved.

When dealing with killing, one must be accompanied by killing.

Hence, as the successor of the Hurricane Group, he had long gotten used to the world of open and covert attacks.

The President who had signed an agreement with him and shook his hand in a friendly manner one moment, might go to the International Court of Justice the next moment to propose sanctions on the Hurricane Group. Or someone who was threatening to bomb the Hurricane Group headquarters one moment, might fawn over him, groveling and raising orders the next moment.

In this world, there are no forever friends, only forever benefits.

As the saying goes, the world is prosperous, and I, am here for the benefits. The world is in chaos, and I have my sight focused on the benefits.

Gong Jie was worried that they had been targeted by terrorists. This was at worst, an ideal suspicion. If they had fallen into the hands of extremists, then... The consequence would be unimaginable.

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“Could it be someone from the Sacred Temple?” Gong Shaoying and Gong Jie sat in the study, at a loss for what to do. Amidst their silence, the elder man suddenly voiced his doubts.

Gong Jie’s eyelids twitched when he heard that.

The Sacred Temple started off as a small sect, but later became a heretic sect.

It had been 20 years since it was established. At first, it was just an ordinary independent religious group. However, ever since Jim came to power, it slowly began to change. To date, the Sacred Temple had more than 5,000 devout believers.

One of the main beliefs of the Sacred Temple was the so-called apocalyptic faith.

The sect continued to advertise that the entire world would face a catastrophe in the future. Only those who joined his sect would be spared.

The Sacred Temple asserted that the signs of the end of the world were everywhere, such as the destruction of the ozone layer, the spread of AIDS, the outbreak of ethnic conflicts worldwide, and so on. Only by joining the Sacred Temple could they escape the calamity of the Apocalypse because the Sacred Temple could provide their believers with the necessary supernatural powers.

The purpose of the Sacred Temple’s establishment was to build a Noah’s Ark for those who believed that the end of the world was coming.

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As the leader, Jim’s main responsibility was to protect his believers, so that they are able to go to the Holy Land, Sirius, when the time was right. In ancient Greek and Roman mythology, Sirius was the convergence venue of gods with boundless power.

“Previously, didn’t the leader of the Sacred Temple, Jim, think of ways to put in an order with you?” Gong Shaoying sized him up in confusion. “But you didn’t agree to it.”

“The so-called Sacred Temple, is actually a pseudo-religion based on Christianity. It’s an evil religion.” Gong Jie frowned. “Besides, guess what he said in the email? He wanted to sign a military firearms order worth tens of millions of dollars with me to resist the restrictions of the International Federation, but he can’t afford tens of millions of dollars!”

“What did his e-mail say?”

“He said he’d give me his children and his woman in exchange.” The man continued coldly, “He said that his children are holy maidens with boundless powers. His woman is just one of his many mistresses. He said that he’s the embodiment of God and she’s his woman.”

Gong Shaoying could not help snorting at that. “I wonder if he’s really crazy or he’s only pretending to be crazy.” The man was skeptical. “I heard that you humiliated him severely in your reply to his email.”

Gong Jie remained silent.

“How did you humiliate him?”

Gong Jie said, "I don't remember."

"In other words, you humiliated Jim. That's a fact."

"Uh huh..."

"Then you pissed him off."

Gong Jie's expression darkened. He didn't dare to imagine that they were really from the Sacred Temple. If it were true, then he had cause to be anxious.

Gong Shaoying continued, "I've already warned you to stay away from people of the Sacred Temple. Even if you have to suffer a little, don't fight them head-on. They're bold and fear nothing. When they go crazy, nothing matters to them."

"But I can't sign this order with him." Gong Jie did not feel that he had done anything wrong. "Who knows how crazy they will be if they manage to get their hands on those tens of millions of dollars worth of military firearms?"

"But still, you shouldn't have humiliated him like this." He emphasized again, "You clearly know that they're not in their right minds. People like Jim might even think that he's a god, and it's heaven's gift that he made a deal with you. If you reject him, you'd be defying God's will and he'd unleash his power on you."

"Is the Sacred Temple that arrogant?"

"Huh." Gong Shaoying smirked. "Everything you know about the Sacred Temple is superficial. Do you know that the sect developed from a remnant of the People's Holy Church? These people are not clear-headed. Those who are afraid of the Hurricane Group are clear-headed. However, why would such a brainless person be afraid of the Hurricane Group? Perhaps we are just vassals in their eyes."

The remnants of the People's Holy Church...

"The People's Holy Church, the evil cult organization that was founded in San Francisco and was eventually destroyed by the FBI because of the bombing of the US International Federal Government Building?"

"Yeah."

"I see." Gong Jie narrowed his eyes as his thoughts gradually fell into a deadlock. "If it was really done by the Sacred Temple, then..." He did not dare to make any rash judgments.

Gong Shaoying replied, "Perhaps, there's likely trouble ahead."

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Gong Shaoying's expression was grave. "As long as we can protect Alice, we'll protect her. After all, she's a long-time staff of the Hurricane Group. As for the rest, don't try too hard."

Gong Jie's expression turned even colder. He suddenly stood up and turned to look at Gong Shaoying. He said in no uncertain terms, "Hua Jin, Alice, and Natalia. Not one less."

With that, he turned around and left the office.

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“Kira, send me all the information about the Sacred Temple.” Gong Jie gave the order to investigate all information related to the Sacred Temple.

When Youyou heard that it might be the work of the Sacred Temple, his face turned pale with fear. He knew a lot about the sect.

“Uncle, do you know about the dark web?”

Gong Jie was a little surprised that the boy would make mention of this matter. “I know a little.”

The dark web was something that very few people living in peaceful countries would hear about during peaceful times. However, it was well-known.

He remembered that one time, there were rumors that an international student from a certain university had been kidnapped. It was said that the kidnapper had already noticed the victim for some time and had been lurking close to her. However, to date, no one knew if the victim was dead or alive or where she was.

Some people speculated that perhaps she had been moved to an unknown place by the kidnapper. Perhaps she was already dead, or perhaps... she was in a situation worse than death.

“Do you know how those videos on the dark web came about?”

“What are you getting at?”

Youyou frowned and said with a solemn expression, “On the dark web, there are many inhumane amputations, killing and experiments related to the human body... They all originate from the Sacred Temple. In fact, this matter is not known to outsiders. I only found out about it after intercepting the private emails of the Sect Master of the Sacred Temple.”

“Psssss...” Gong Jie gasped involuntarily. “Then... Hua Jin...” His first thought was the actor’s safety. Even the man did not realize that at such a critical moment, he was more concerned about the safety of Hua Jin than Natalia.

Youyou replied, “If it’s really the Sacred Temple, it’ll be tricky. However, I think that if it’s indeed them, they won’t harm Hua Jin. Perhaps they’ll use them as hostages to restrain the Hurricane Group and force it to meet some of their conditions.”

“Their condition could very well be the 50 million USD military firearms order.”

“Jim’s church can’t fork out that much money at all. They want to gain without taking any risks, so that’s what they came up with. However, I’m sure that no matter whether you produce the 50 million dollars’ worth of equipment, none of the four people will survive. Even if you really did produce 50 million dollars’ worth of equipment as an exchange, they won’t let them off.”

Gong Jie’s heart turned cold. Even though he had expected such a possibility.

The man felt a little helpless.

Facing the heretics, he had no idea how they would play their cards. He said, "The Sacred Temple is sinister and cunning. I didn't expect them to make such a move. However, no matter what, if it's really the Sacred Temple behind this, then I'm not giving up on anyone, no matter how slim the chance."

You couldn't agree more.

Just as everyone was panicking, the Hurricane Group received an email. A few photographs were attached to the email, along with a threatening note. However, it verified his terrifying guess without leaving a hint of doubt.

The email was sent from an account signed "Sacred Temple". There were a total of five photographs. Four of them were solo photographs of Alice, Natalia, Hua Jin, and Romanka. Their heads were covered in black hoods and they were secured to chairs. Alice, in particular, was covered in wounds, and Hua Jin was obviously no better. Although Natalia was a child, she did not receive much preferential treatment. She too, was covered in injuries.

However, it was the one last photograph that horrified Gong Jie. In that image, the four people had their hoods removed and were kneeling on the ground. In front of them were the decapitated bodies of the crew members...

The image was full of threat.

The glorious beheading.

The Sacred Temple had done many dirty deeds.

The sect had set up free dining halls, day nurseries, clinics for the elderly and provided a host of other social services.

The disciples of the Sacred Temple were people who despaired of life and those unable to get social help, drug addicts, the elderly, and the lonely. They were dissatisfied with social realities, uncertain about their future, and abnormally fearful of nuclear war.

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Many people were influenced by nihilism and believed that life was unpredictable and that living was a sort of suffering. Therefore, after they entered the church, they often talked about suicide.

The Patriarch of the Sacred Temple had even organized a "group suicide drill" in Guyana.

However, some believers were affected by the ugly methods used by the church. Therefore, some believers wanted to escape secretly and leave the organization. Escaping was deemed a betrayal by the Church. Anyone who betrayed the church would face an honorable execution upon discovery.

The Church would even behead these traitors in front of thousands of believers to make an example out of them, using this as a deterrent. This move was extremely intimidating, and the Church had done it time and again.

Gong Jie realized that the crew had been beheaded. It was obvious that Natalia was in a bad mental state. At such a young age, she must have been shocked to witness such a cruel scene.

However, Alice and the actor were clearly calm, although Romanka seemed to be on the verge of collapse. Alice had seen many such scenes, and Hua Jin deeply understood that horror, uneasiness, and fear could not change fate. Instead, they would leave him alone and helpless. Hence, he remained calm.

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“Sacred Temple...” The boy looked at the photographs attached to the email and punched the screen forcefully. “They’re really from the Sacred Temple!”

Gong Jie was vexed and ashamed! These damned heretics! This email was clearly a provocation to him.

Other than sending these photographs, the email also stated that if they wanted to redeem these four hostages, they had to continue fulfilling the contract that they had not settled previously.

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Just as the boy had expected, Jim was ambitious and delusional.

In the email, the church announced that they would give the Hurricane Group a fortnight to prepare the contents of the order. If they did not prepare the contents of the order within that time, the Sacred Temple would immediately execute four hostages!

Jim was so smart that he was certain, among the four people he had kidnapped, there must be someone Gong Jie cared most about.

Tens of millions of dollars was nothing to the Hurricane Group. However, these hostages were worth more than tens of millions of dollars!

Gong Jie gritted his teeth in hatred. He knew that a man of his status would face such threats every day. The Sacred Temple was the biggest cancer that the Hurricane Group had to face.

They had previously offended the Sacred Temple.

Back then, Gong Jie had been unwilling to accept their order because Sacred Temple was an anti-world, anti-human, and evil organization. If the sect should come into possession of these items they ordered that were worth tens of million, it would definitely be a disaster for the entire world.

At that point, the Hurricane Group was caught between a rock and a hard place. Hence, Gong Jie finally decisively refused and was prepared to resist the Sacred Temple to the end. He thought that when the time would come, he’d make use of the international anti-heretic organization and the United Kingdom’s deployment to eradicate the Sacred Temple.

Unexpectedly, the Sacred Temple made the first move.

Gong Jie ordered, "Immediately forward this email to the International Federation and transmit it secretly."

He intended to use this opportunity to cooperate with the International Federation.

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The Hurricane Group had always been at odds with the International Federation.

He was even at the top of the International Federation's wanted list.

However, as the saying goes, there are no forever friends, let alone forever enemies. There are only forever benefits.

Having a common enemy which was the Sacred Temple, the International Federation naturally would become allies with the Hurricane group for a temporary collaboration. Although they would only be allies for a short period, at least it would increase their chances of winning.

At the same time, Gong Jie was prepared for the worst. He gave the instructions and began to prepare the order requested by the Sacred Temple. Two nuclear weapons, Trinity, and countless military firearms and ammunition.

In parallel, the International Federation had very quickly responded to the Hurricane Group's email. They expressed their willingness to work with the Hurricane Group to eradicate the Sacred Temple. However, the International Federation demanded the unconditional cooperation of the Hurricane Group.

Of course, Gong Jie was unwilling. The goal of the International Federation was to eradicate the Sacred Temple, regardless of the consequences. In other words, they would not hesitate to sacrifice the four hostages.

But that was not the case for the Hurricane Group. The Hurricane Group's goal was to protect the four of them at all costs. Everything else was not important at all. Eliminating this tumor would have to wait until the four hostages were confirmed to be safe.

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The Hurricane Group worked with the International Federation to reduce risk.

After all, once these tens of millions dollars" worth of goods fell into the hands of the Sacred Temple, it would be a great threat to the entire world. However, the International Federation did not completely trust the Hurricane Group.

The Group's most optimistic idea was to protect the four hostages and prevent the goods from falling into the hands of the Sacred Temple. Consequently, the Hurricane Group required the International Federation to cooperate with them in all aspects.

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However, the International Federation was unwilling. They did not trust the Hurricane Group. To them, the Hurricane Group was just as much a threat as the Sacred Temple. How could the police be willing to stand on the same side and be allies with the world's top firearms organization?

Just as the two sides were in a deadlock, there was an unexpected accident.

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This particular morning, Gong Shaoying called for Gong Jie.

In the office, Gong Shaoying slid the laptop over to Gong Jie with a gloomy expression.

"This is a new document e-mailed through by the Sacred Temple. Take a look!"

Noticing his father's expression, the man immediately realized that the situation was not good. He looked at his laptop, which had gone to sleep, and then at his father's extremely ugly and desolate expression. He suddenly realized that the Sacred Temple had made a new move.

He opened his laptop and on the screen was the email. In the email, there was a video file that he suddenly dreaded to open!

"What's this?" His voice trembled as he looked at Gong Shaoying.

Gong Shaoying turned to look at him with a gloomy expression.

"See for yourself!"

For a long time, Gong Jie did not dare to open it.

Gong Shaoying sighed deeply. "I'm guessing that the International Federation has spies embedded in the Sacred Temple, or that the insiders have been bribed. It's also possible that a top hacker from the Sacred Temple intercepted the email sent to you by the International Federation. When they found out that Hurricane Group and the International Federation were cooperating, they probably flew into a rage out of humiliation."

Gong Jie's body stiffened as he roughly understood what the video was about.

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"Xiao Jie..."

BAM!

Gong Jie slammed his fist forcefully on the table.

His expression was extremely gloomy. Where his fist had made contact with the tabletop, a few cracks appeared on the glass tabletop.

Gong Shaoying said bluntly, "The Sacred Temple has already found out that Hurricane Group has reached an agreement with the International Federation, so they're furious. In my opinion, we might as well terminate the cooperation with the International Federation. Otherwise, the hostages' lives will be in danger."

Gong Jie took a deep breath and finally decided to take a look at the video. After weighing the pros and cons, he finally opened the file.

The interface of the video was opened. In the video, a hostage was tied up in a dark room with no view to the outside world. In the dim light, Gong Jie could vaguely make out the man wearing a balaclava sitting on the chair. It was Romanka.

His head drooped to the side, he was clearly drugged. At this moment, he was unconscious.

Then, a dark-skinned man dressed strangely walked behind Romanka with a cow-killing knife.

Gong Jie's heart was in his throat. His hand holding the mouse trembled.

As the video progressed, he saw the man violently removing the hood from Romanka's head and splashing a basin of salt water on it.

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As the video progressed, he saw the man violently removing the hood from Romanka's head and splashing a basin of salt water over him.

The salt water seeped into the wounds on Romanka's body. He immediately woke up and screamed hysterically in pain.

The scream was hoarse and terrifying. Through the computer, his desperate voice could be heard. "No, please, no..."

Romanka, who had always been calm, finally revealed a sense of uneasiness in the face of death!

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The man made him face the camera.

When Romanka looked at the camera, his desire to live was almost undisguised! "Please, don't kill me!"

The man grabbed his hair and ordered him, "Do you remember what I taught you?"

Romanka swallowed hard and nodded quickly. "Yes! I remember..."

"Speak!"

"Long live the Sacred Temple! Long live the Sacred Temple!" Romanka pathetically and humbly shouted into the camera, "The Sacred Temple will live forever! The Sacred Temple will live forever!"

In the next second, the man smiled fiercely. The murderous aura on his face was almost undisguised through the screen! He raised the knife and aimed the sharp side at Romanka's throat. Then, he ruthlessly sawed back and forth...

Gong Jie slammed the laptop shut and could not bear to look at it anymore! Gong Shaoying bore a complicated expression as he drew on his cigarette.

"Is he... dead?" Gong Jie did not finish watching the video and asked for confirmation.

Gong Shaoying was silent for a moment before answering slowly, "He was beheaded."

“...”

“The Sacred Temple’s methods are ruthless. Through the video, they are trying to demonstrate their martial strength, to intimidate us.”

Gong Jie shuddered again. This was not the first time he had seen the horror of beheading. However, this was definitely the most uneasy he had ever been. This was because the people in the hands of the Sacred Temple were Hua Jin, Alice, and Natalia...

He was afraid that if he angered the Sacred Temple again, Alice might be next. Or maybe it would be Natalia... Or perhaps... it would be Hua Jin...

The thought of the actor sitting in a chair and being beheaded with honor sent chills down his limbs.

Now, he couldn’t care less about why the actor’s life and death would be making him so nervous.

“Father, what should I do now?” The man, who had always been decisive, was at a loss for the first time. It was not that he could not think of a way, but he did not dare to make a rash decision. He was suddenly afraid of taking risks. This was because the risk he was facing this time was something he could not afford no matter what!

“I’ve already said, no matter what, terminate the cooperation with the International Federation. You know, the organization that the Sacred Temple hates the most is the International Federation. To them, the International Federation is their greatest enemy. Cooperating with the International Federation does nothing more than provoking the Sacred Temple. This is an act of twisting a tiger’s whisker.”

Gong Jie was stunned for a moment before he held his forehead in frustration. His face turned pale as he clutched his hair.

“Alright, I’ll immediately terminate the cooperation with the International Federation. Then... what next...”

“Are you willing to take a risk?” Gong Shaoying gave him a meaningful look.

The younger man looked at him and remained silent for a while before saying firmly, “I am.”

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“Do as they say. Prepare the item of their order. Then, arrange a venue for the transaction. We’ll hand over the goods and have them hand over the hostages at the same time. This time, I’ll give you a mercenary team of five thousand to protect you.”

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In the conference room.

The room was bathed in cold incandescent light.

With his back to the crowd, Gong Jie leaned back in his chair and looked at the information about the Sacred Temple on the big screen, lost in thought. Behind him, the crowd anxiously discussed.

“What should we do? Alice is still in the hands of those heretics!”

“The Sacred Temple... we’re probably doomed this time...”

“It’s said that the headquarters of the Sacred Temple is in East Africa... That place itself is a war zone with cross-fire taking place everywhere. Let’s not talk about rescuing hostages, even entering that place and safely getting out is not an easy task...”

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“Is Young Master Jie really going to rescue them personally?”

“If so many people rush in at once and cause a huge commotion, it will be disadvantageous to the situation...”

“Those heretics have spies everywhere. If they find out that the Hurricane Group has sent so many people, they will definitely fly into a rage and kill the hostages...”

Gong Jie shot them a cold glance. “Are you done talking?!”

Everyone was shocked into silence.

The man turned around and glanced expressionlessly at his subordinates sitting around the long table. He suddenly stood up and placed his arms on the tabletop with a serious expression.

“I’ve decided. Vermillion Bird!”

The blonde woman immediately stood up. “Yes.”

The man ordered, “You, take fifty men and escort the goods to East Africa with me.”

“Fifty men?” Vermillion Bird raised her eyebrows, looking a little worried. “Young Master Jie, is fifty people really enough?”

“It’s enough. If there are too many people, it won’t be easy to keep things under control.”

On the contrary, fifty people were easy to command and would not attract attention too easily. Vermillion Bird understood what he meant and nodded.

“Jed.”

“Yes.”

“Prepare the order immediately.”

Jed did not wait for Gong Jie to finish his explanation before asking worriedly, “Young Master Jie, are we really going to prepare the order according to their wishes?! Since when did the Hurricane Group allow these minions to lead us by the nose?”

Gong Jie frowned. “Did I say I was done speaking?”

Jed immediately looked down guiltily. He understood. “Got it. I’ll prepare it immediately!”

Vermillion Bird asked, “When do we leave?”

“Wait for my instructions.” Gong Jie raised his wrist to look at his watch. It was about time he heard a reply from the Sacred Temple.

After leaving his father’s study last night, Gong Jie had received another email from the Sacred Temple, urging him to prepare the goods as soon as possible. The man laid down a condition of exchange. Before handing over the goods, he had to make sure that the hostages were safe.

Just as he had expected, the people of the Sacred Temple were very wary of this and rejected it outrightly. However, the man refused to be a pushover just because Hua Jin, Alice, and Natalia were in their hands.

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He was unyielding, claiming that the most important hostage to him had been beheaded by them. The remaining three hostages were dispensable. If they could not even confirm the safety of the hostages with basic videos, then this deal was out of the question. They could do whatever they wanted with the hostages.

The man only said this to weaken the Sacred Temple’s confidence.

They had thought that Alice and Natalia would be the two most important hostages for the Hurricane Group, and that Romanka and Hua Jin would be at the top of their execution list. Their original plan was to execute Romanka first to show their strength. If the Hurricane Group did not cooperate, they would then execute Hua Jin to pressure them to submit.

The man’s words were nothing more than an act of nonchalance to make the Sacred Temple believe that the three hostages were not that important, thus weakening their arrogance.

Of course, he also knew that the Sacred Temple would not believe him so easily.

However... The Hurricane Group also gave warning... Once Jim gave the order to execute these hostages, it would be the time of the Sacred Temple’s demise. At that point, the Hurricane Group would use all its power to completely destroy the sect.

In fact, to the Hurricane Group, dealing with the Sacred Temple was as easy as blowing off dust. When it came to this, Jim knew his limits of course. But Gong Jie’s words were undoubtedly threatening.

Although Jim had doubts over Gong Jie’s words, he was still skeptical about the importance of these three hostages to the Hurricane Group. At least, the Hurricane Group was willing to sit down and negotiate with the Sacred Temple. This proved that the remaining three hostages still had some value to Hurricane.

The impatient look on Gong Jie’s face made Jim feel a little guilty.

Soon, the Sacred Temple sent an email, stating that the video would be confirmed at 8pm, international time.

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The Sacred Temple established communication with the Hurricane Group and sent a video call on time.

Gong Jie accepted the video call. Soon, a figure sitting on a chair appeared in the blurry image. Gradually, as the video self-adjusted, the image of Hua Jin's figure became increasingly clearer.

The actor was trussed up and tied to a chair. Despite the black sack over his head, Gong Jie recognized him at a glance. From his silhouette, he could basically confirm that the hostage was the actor himself.

However, he seemed to be unconscious now. His head was drooped to the side, and his entire body was limp. He did not look like he was sitting at all. Instead, he was tied to a chair and looked lifeless.

Gong Jie had an ominous feeling. He gripped the table tightly but forced himself to calm down. "What's wrong with him?"

He was afraid that something would happen to the actor, but he was even more afraid that this was a trap set by the Sacred Temple. Perhaps they were testing him to see how nervous he was about this hostage. Once the man showed signs of nervousness, the actor would be identified as an important hostage. This would give them a bargaining chip.

Hence, he did not show his nervousness and deliberately remained calm.

"Why isn't he moving?" Gong Jie questioned in fluent English.

Through the screen, a masked cultist faced the camera and suddenly drew a saber from his back.

The blade had an icy edge!

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When Gong Jie saw this, the muscles on his face tightened.

Could it be...

Damn it! Was this man going to behead Hua Jin?!

"Stop..." Just as Gong Jie was about to stop him, the man grabbed the sabre and swung it at the actor's head.

"Oooh..." With a dull thud, the actor shuddered slightly and finally reacted.

"Don't worry, he's still alive!" The heretic snorted disdainfully, obviously mocking Gong Jie for making a fuss.

Gong Jie squeezed his fist and said, "Take off the hood on his head."

"Why? I think your goal is to determine if the hostages are still alive. The rest is redundant."

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Gong Jie retorted, "How am I supposed to confirm that the hostage is still alive if you don't remove the hood. I wouldn't know if this is someone else you've randomly found to make things up."

“Oh... voices can't be imitated.”

“As a matter of fact, voices are really easy to imitate. I repeat, I want to make sure the hostages are safe.”

The cult disciple suddenly became furious! He raised the sabre in his hand and waved it in front of the screen, showing off. “Don't play any tricks, and stop coming up with all sorts of unreasonable conditions! It's already confirmed for you through the video. He's not dead. What else do you want?! Our Sect Master negotiated this business with you with 100% sincerity. What right do you have to doubt him?!”

Gong Jie said calmly, “You say you're 100% sincere, but you still beheaded a hostage, is this considered sincerity? I'm sorry, but I can't see any sincerity coming from your end!”

“You...”

“Take off the hood!” The man's eyes turned cold. “This is my last concession. Otherwise, the deal is off.”

The evil cultist was so angry that he paced back and forth a few steps. However, they did not dare to be too arrogant in front of the Hurricane Group. It was obvious that Gong Jie's attitude made them uneasy.

They were indeed worried that the Hurricane Group was indifferent towards these three hostages.

No matter what kind of kidnapers, the worst that could happen is ending up with hostages who hold no value in a negotiation.

Therefore, they did not dare to be too impudent.

“Alright, that's our last concession as well.” The evil cultist walked to the actor's side and immediately tore off the black sack.

Instantly, Gong Jie saw the actor's weak and pale face through the screen. For some reason, his heart palpitated in fear as he looked at the actor. It was obvious that those evil cult disciples had not been polite to him. It was inevitable that they would beat him up.

There were some light bruises on his face and some bloodstains on his neck. No one knew how he got them.

Now, he was very weak.

The actor had just woken up from being hit by the knife handle, and had no idea that he was on a video call at this moment. As soon as he opened his eyes, he asked weakly, “Hungry... I'm so hungry... I want to drink water... water...”

One could vaguely see that his lips were extremely dry. Other than that, his voice was low, as if he hadn't eaten in days.

Gong Jie was a little angry. “It seems like they haven't eaten for a long time.”

However, the evil cult disciple did not think much of it. “One won't die from being starved for a few days.”

“But he says he’s hungry and wants water. How many days have you not given him water?”

“That’s none of your business.” The evil cult disciple snorted. “Anyway, we just have to ensure that he’s still alive. We can’t care less about the rest!”

Even the cult members were short of clean food and water.