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Seeing that Zhou Xuanji was getting impulsive, Zhao Congjian immediately advised, "Master, we have to consider this at length. At least, nothing will happen to Xiao Jinghong before you appear."

He saw Xiao Jinghong as his rival, so he did not hope Xiao Jinghong dead either.

"What else can we do? We can only infiltrate the Royal City and look for opportunities," Zhou Xuanji said with a frown.

Huang Lianxin suggested, "Why doesn't brother Zhao go ahead and gather some information first? Xiao Jinghong is no ordinary person. To be captured hostage like that, the Great Zhou must do something. Maybe Emperor Yan of Zhou has already done something?"

The others nodded. They felt that they couldn't be reckless in deciding such matters.

Zhou Xuanji was not overly impulsive due to anger either.

He muttered, "Congjian, you go first then. Keep everything low profile and do not expose identity."

Within Great Zhou, everyone knew that Zhao Congjian became Sword God Zhou's sword slave.

The Empress's killers might be looking for Zhao Congjian as well.

Zhao Congjian nodded and left immediately.

Beixiao Wangjian and Huang Lianxin bowed and left to train on their sword techniques.

They understood that at such a time, Zhou Xuanji needed to be calm.

Moreover, they don't know the Great Zhou Empire as well as Zhou Xuanji.

Jiang Xue held Zhou Xuanji's hand and comforted him, "If you are really going to Great Zhou Royal City, I will go with you. We can dress up and pretend to be someone else. Recently, I've learned Qin Qicun's spell to change the face. I guarantee even the immortals and gods cannot discern."

"Previously, you were still saying that I'm bluffing. Now you like to bluff as well?" Zhou Xuanji laughed unpleasantly.

Seeing that he laughed, Jiang Xue giggled too, "I learned it from you."

Zhou Xuanji patted the back of her hand and smiled, "Don't worry. I will not act recklessly."

Looking at Jiang Xue, he realized that he was already as tall as her.

Unknowingly, he did not notice this.

He took a deep breath and said, "These few years, my mind is not in the best condition, which made me neglect people around me."

Jiang Xue heard and felt a little sour, but she did not express it. She touched Zhou Xuanji's head and smiled, "Xuanji has grown up. A man should have great aims in life. You are doing well."

Zhou Xuanji looked back at the top of the hill and said, "It's been a long time seeing sunset together. Shall we?"

Jiang Xue wrapped her arms around his neck. "You are the one who wanted this, and delays my cultivation process." She said jokingly.

"Cultivate a little lesser does not matter. Also, actually, you don't have to work so hard. I will feed and protect you in the future anyway." Zhou Xuanji said indifferently.

Jiang Xue smiled sweetly and did not reply to him, but she sighed in her heart instead, "I don't want to become your burden. I want to protect you too."

The two walked towards the hilltop.

Huang Lianxin turned around. When she saw the two of them holding hands, she felt a little dazzled.

Back then, Jiang Xue was taller than Zhou Xuanji. That time, it was still an older sister bringing her younger brother up the mountain.

Today, both of them were grown up and they were as tall as each other.

Time passed so quickly.

Huang Lianxin mumbled to herself. She could not help but become lost in the thoughts of her own past.

12 days later.

Zhao Congjian returned.

He quickly came to Zhou Xuanji and cupped his fist, saying, "Master, things have changed. The Emperor acted."

Jiang Xue, Beixiao Wangjian, and Huang Lianxin gathered around.

"How is Jinghong?" Zhou Xuanji asked, "Tell me in detail."

Zhao Congjian nodded and began telling him everything he knew.

What happened was that the people of Great Zhou were very unhappy about the capture of the Sword Noble by the Meng Clan.

Xiao Jinghong and Meng Tianlang's battle was a battle of honor. As a clan of the Empire's officers and generals, the Meng clan was so unreasonable and did not fit the position they currently have.

Great Zhou's Sword Monarch also sent a message to Emperor Yan of Zhou.

Even Emperor Yan of Zhou could not sit still after knowing about this. He straightaway took all Meng clan's members off from their official position and confined the entire Meng clan.

Now, Xiao Jinghong was invited to Great Zhou's royal palace to meet with the emperor personally.

According to some sources, Zhou Yalong was reprimanded furiously by Emperor Yan of Zhou because of this issue and was grounded for three years.

Speaking of this, Zhao Congjian's eyes were sparkling. "Master, this might be a good turning point." He said.

Beixiao Wangjian and Huang Lianxin excited as well.

If Xiao Jinghong could mention Zhou Xuanji before Emperor Yan of Zhou, the Emperor might send for Zhou Xuanji to enter the palace?

Zhou Xuanji was his son, after all.

Zhou Xuanji glanced at Jiang Xue without anyone noticing and realized that although she was smiling, she showed no sign of excitement.

"This might also be bigger trouble." He said calmly.

He once thought about showing Emperor Yan of Zhou his talent so that the Emperor may accept him once again.

But that was on the condition that he could participate in the Heaven Selection, in which, under everyone's eyes, the Emperor would have to protect him.

But now, it was a private meeting between Xiao Jinghong and the Emperor instead.

If the Empress could find him, the Emperor would be able to find him eventually, if he had the heart to.

"You are right, the Imperial Family cared about emotions the least. The Emperor's ascension to immortality is near, and Zhou Yalong was already a mature man. Even if Master showcased his talent, it would be too difficult to compete with Zhou Yalong. It was not just about their cultivation, but also their control over the court."

The little black snake wiggled over as it spat its forked-tongue, which made the others shudder.

Zhao Congjian said, "No matter what, Xiao Jinghong is safe for now. Everyone knew about the Emperor's love for talented prodigies. The Emperor might show Xiao Jinghong favor because of his talent."

Zhou Xuanji rubbed his chin and fell into deep thought.

He didn't want to go to Great Zhou to become the Emperor.

He merely wanted to kill the Empress and then leave Great Zhou.

Now, because of Xiao Jinghong's capture, his plan was entirely messed up.

"In an empire, if there was one person with the Monarchial Violet Qi, the empire could rise to power and its fortune last 1,000 years."

"If there are two, the empire might be doomed."

At this moment, the voice of an old man came.

The group turned around and saw a silhouette on the hilltop.

He hunched his back with the support of his walking stick and dressed like an old man from the countryside. On his face, which was

peppered with yellowish speckles, his eyes squinted into two lines. His white hair was tied up to the back of his head.

Zhao Congjian drew his word and asked, “Who are you?”

The old man ignored him and looked at Zhou Xuanji, smiling, “Zhou Yalong was born with the Monarchial Violet Qi, which was why the emperor nurtured him as his successor. After that, Zhou Yalong amounted to much, but no one expected you to be born at such a time, with the Monarchial Violet Qi as well. This became a dilemma for the Emperor.”

Monarchial Violet Qi?

Zhou Xuanji frowned. What is that?

He suddenly remembered that, under the race section in his attribute list, it did not say “human,” but “Great Zhou Royal Bloodline.”

The old man walked down the hill slowly and said, “If it were 500 years ago, the Emperor might have planned it well for you two siblings, but now, there can only be one alive between the two of you. And it must be before his ascension.”

“This is your destiny with Zhou Yalong.”

Zhou Xuanji raised his hand slightly and the Hell King Sword and Thunderclap Sword appeared in his hand.

“If you reveal your identity, don’t blame us for being rude!” He asked as his eyes squinted.

This person appeared out of nowhere and said such things, which made him seem to be hostile.

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