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Lu Jing kept thanking Jiang Ning and Lin Yuzhen for a long time before leaving.

Lin Yuzhen found it somewhat incomprehensible.

What ancient civilization?

It was clearly more like a fairytale from the sound of it.

Even the words on the paper which Lu Jing produced looked more like a child's scrawling.

But Lin Yuzhen still supported Jiang Ning's every decision. Since the professor truly needed help, Lin Yuzhen was even considering financing him using her own savings.

"Hubby, you're getting quite passionate about doing charity. Even if I didn't help him, you did it in the end."

Jiang Ning reached his hand out and pinched Lin Yuzhen's face. Then he said, "That tiny bit of savings you have isn't even enough to feed me. How can you help him?"

"Heehee," giggled Lin Yuzhen. She let Jiang Ning pinch her face since he couldn't bring himself to pinch her hard anyway. "You're the best!"

"Alright now, since everything is done, let's go home. We should go home as soon as we can so that you can stamp seals on my body!"

Then he took Lin Yuzhen by the hand and left.

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Jiang Ning wasn't purely helping Lu Jing out. He did it because of that symbol. According to Lu Jing, it belonged to a new language, but Jiang Ning had seen it plenty of times.

The cloud symbol was identical to the red clouds tattooed on the members of Hidden Sect.

If it wasn't merely a symbol and truly belonged to some language, what did it represent?

Bao Rongdong told Jiang Ning prior to his death that a martial arts family was behind him. They were a well-concealed family from the martial arts circles with immense power...

Even Hidden Sect was created by His Lordship as a tool for hunting down the Extreme Fist Technique Manual.

The cloud symbol probably belonged to Hidden Sect and the reclusive and powerful martial arts family that supported His Lordship.

It would be brilliant if he could find more clues using other channels.

In Jiang Ning's perspective, since he could help Lu Jing and secretly achieve his goals to find more clues by just spending some money, then why not?

Meanwhile.

At an extremely well-hidden location.

The surroundings were tranquil and secluded, and

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birds and insects could be heard from time to time.

Yan Tang stood in the courtyard.

He stared at the red cloud carved onto the wall in the center of the living room with his deep eyes.

“He didn’t turn up again,” said a voice from behind after some time.

Yan Tang didn’t turn back but kept looking at the red cloud.

“Mr Heishan, didn’t you see it coming?”

“Humph, he’s becoming more and more preposterous! Does he think we will keep giving him chances and condone his actions?”

Yan Tang turned when he heard this. Then he looked at the fierce man in front of him and laughed gently.

“We haven’t reached the deadline yet. He’s the only person who can go outside now. If Mr Heishan is unhappy with him, then you can certainly summon him. But who will hunt for the manual then?”

“It’s been 20 years! 20 years! But has he found anything?” asked Heishan menacingly, “To this day, he has found nothing! He’s absolutely useless! Doesn’t he know that the family is very displeased with him?”

Yan Tang knew in his heart that His Lordship was

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aware of the problem, but he simply didn't care.

"I'm sure Mr Heishan is aware that fate plays a part if we are to locate the manual. How can we find it without ample luck? The manual isn't going to just fall into our laps. What is 20 years? Didn't the last few generations take even more time but failed to find it too?"

"Are you speaking up for him?" asked Heishan as he narrowed his eyes and stared hard at Yan Tang. Then his voice suddenly turned cold as he continued, "Yan Tang, let's not forget that I was the one who inserted you to remain beside him!"



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A murderous look exploded from Heishan's eyes.

Heishan stared at Yan Tang with an intensely threatening gaze.

"You work for me!" said Heishan coldly. "Don't forget that I was the one who gave you a chance to live till this day."

Yan Tang smiled and replied, "Mr Heishan, I know that. I'm just stating the truth here."

He remained unhurried and confident.

Yan Tang knew that the mere utterance of a wrong word to someone like Heishan would end in catastrophe.

But Yan Tang had to say that to Heishan or else he would suffer a worse fate.

It was dangerous to keep company with an emperor, especially men like Heishan, who wasn't even considered a king and typically had a lousy temper.

"Humph, I'm glad you know your place!" sneered Heishan, "I don't care. Once enough pages of the manual surface, tell me immediately. I don't want anyone beating me to it."

"Yes, Mr Heishan," replied Yan Tang as he nodded.

Then Yan Tang paused before he continued, "Five pages of the manual have emerged to date."

Heishan's eyes constricted.

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Five pages already?

“His Lordship has two pages while a young man called Jiang Ning possesses three other pages.”

Heishan’s expression became even stranger.

“That’s not what I want to hear,” said Heishan immediately, “I don’t care who has the manual now. I only care who ends up with it in the end!”

“That goes without saying. The entire manual will fall into Mr Heishan’s hands eventually, but I have one suspicion,” said Yan Tang, “I’m worried that Jiang Ning’s sudden appearance has something to do with His Lordship. The two of them might be putting on an act to obtain as many pages of the manual as they can.”

Put on an act?

Heishan looked increasingly ferocious.

He was always unhappy with Hidden Sect. After using so much manpower and spending 20 years to locate the manual, they made little progress.

Although it was tough to find the manual, His Lordship was simply too slow.

In hindsight, it made sense since Jiang Ning already possessed three pages of the manual.

“I don’t care who does it. Find a chance to kill him!” said Heishan coldly. “Other than our reclusive clan, no one has the right to possess the manual. Do you understand?”

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“Yes, Mr Heishan!” replied Yan Tang immediately.

Heishan sneered, “I will explain to the family, but you better not piss me off or make me lose my patience again. Tell His Lordship he won’t get a second chance!”

Then Heishan vanished without a trace.

Yan Tang continued standing there and stared at the red cloud symbol without saying a word for a long time.

He stood there for nearly 30 minutes before he sighed and turned to leave.

Meanwhile.

In Donghai.

Lin Group had started preparing to break into the foreign market.

Lin Yuzhen decided that integration of the local market and the company’s development abroad were to be conducted simultaneously.

Most of the businesses she had taken over from Linglong Group were now properly integrated.

Lin Group was now far stronger than Linglong Group ever was!

In terms of finances and diversity, Lin Group was working towards being the top in the country.

Cosmetics undoubtedly continued to be Lin

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Group's core and most competitive business.

Lin Yuzhen already accepted Ceyranka's invitation to go abroad and develop their business.

According to Jiang Ning, she didn't have to care about any changes or happenings overseas and just had to focus on what she had to do.

Although Lin Yuzhen was kept very busy, she was keenly aware of what she had to do about Lin Group.



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