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Chapter 84

Every Plan

Dong Yu Master Camp

Within the Long Xia Gu canyon, the flames lingered and burned unreservedly as the entire sky was rendered into a scarlet color. Inside the master camp, Xuanyuan Yi slightly narrowed his eyes at the fiery horizon as he looked on with a cold and proud face. This fire was burning strangely, and the generals all held faint suspicions that there was something behind this fire, but since they could not tell why, they waited in silence for the scout to report back. Throughout the camp the only sound that could be heard was the fiddling of a teacup in Pei Che's hand.

"General." A tall and young general with full body armor had just rushed inside the master camp with large strides and once inside, he immediately reported, "The scout reported that this fire at Long Xia Gu canyon was not caused by the mountain woods, but it was caused by kerosene. The fire was very intense, and it was so big that it almost burned the entire mountain top. Some scorched skeletons were also found along the mountain road."

Man-made arson? Sure enough, this was another mystery. Xuanyuan Yi remained silent with a thoughtful look and no one knew what he was thinking. Pei Che put down his teacup and asked, "Do you know who did it?"

Li Ming shook his head and guessed, "I do not know. When we arrived, there were only wildfires and skeletons. For such a big fire, it was estimated that dozens of barrels of kerosene had to have been used. I think this kind of activity was caused by the nearby mountain thieves. Maybe they were fighting for territory, but I am not too sure."

Fighting for territory? It could not be! Before Pei Che had time to ask, Lei Yi who was sitting towards the end, said in a deep voice, "It should not be."

Li Ming turned his head and said to Lei Yi, "Why not? The mountain thieves at Long Xia Gu canyon are cruel and their actions are infinitely notorious."

"Three years ago, it was indeed like you said, but after the Flying Eagle camp was victorious over the Dangerous Wolf camp, the other small camps surrendered which allowed the Flying Eagle camp to dominate Long Xia Gu canyon. The other small camps will not fight and do not dare to be their enemy."

Lei Yi was a veteran stationed at Lin Feng Guan border and was very familiar with everything about it, so Pei Che believed what he said. Looking at Xuanyuan Yi who remained silent, Pei Che guessed, "There could also be another possibility; someone wants to capture Long Xia Gu canyon and then has a conflict with the Flying Eagle camp. After all, the geographical location of Long Xia Gu canyon is very unique, so Cang Yue may also have plans to attack it. This fire might be related to Cang Yue!" He believed that Xuanyuan Yi must also have such concerns, otherwise he would not look so solemn like this.

As soon as Pei Che said this, the other high-ranking generals in the master camp whispered to each other. Long Xia Gu canyon could be said to be the barrier behind the army camp, so if it fell to Cang Yue, it would cause a great disadvantage to them! They had not been able to break that strange formation in the front line and if their enemies came at them from both the back and the front, this battle would really be hard to fight. Everyone looked at Lei Yi unconsciously; no one knew the situation of Long Xia Gu canyon better than him. Lei Yi thought for a while before replying cautiously, "Long Xia Gu canyon has forever been occupied by mountain thieves. The authorities have repeatedly encircled and tried to suppress, under the so-called righteous authority, to eliminate any harm to the people. But in the end, either they could not find where their strongholds were, or they were defeated by their elusive techniques. If you are an unfamiliar person who wants to capture Long Xia Gu canyon, there is only one word to describe it, 'difficult'."

Although the more difficult it was to conquer Long Xia Gu canyon, the more beneficial it was for them, but Li Ming still looked down on these mountain thieves, believing that they were just a group of rash rogues as he said, "So arrogant? Long Xia Gu canyon is an important passage between Cang Yue and Dong Yu, as this is where the trade exchanges usually pass through. If the mountain thieves run rampant like this, how do they live?! Why are there so many things of Cang Yue's You Cheng city at Lin Feng Guan border?!" It was probably Lei Yi who wanted to show off to overstate the facts!

Lei Yi was a veteran and he heard what Li Ming was attempting to imply through his words, but he did not flare up and only calmly answered, "Three years ago, the merchants were trembling with fear trying to enter and exit Long Xia Gu canyon, because they might lose their lives if they were not lucky. It was not easy for you to see Cang Yue's stuffs."

Three years ago? Why did he always say three years ago? Pei Che seemed to have heard some clues and asked, "Then how can we trade now?"

"Because there is one person whose goods can pass through Long Xia Gu canyon safely and the merchants who often go to Dong Yu from Cang Yue know that as long as they use his name, they can travel back and forth at Long Xia Gu canyon generously."

"Who is this person?" Pei Che wondered who had this ability and what was up with the faint look of pride on Lei Yi's face??

Lei Yi replied clearly, "Shang Jun."

"It is Shang Jun again?!" Pei Che exchanged a glance with Xuanyuan Yi and saw the same surprise in his eyes. It seemed that this Shang Jun was not just an ordinary merchant as his martial arts were high and he was proficient in strange techniques. In addition, he could still travel freely at Long Xia Gu canyon where the dragons and snakes mixed together! The most astonishing thing was that it seemed as though the generals who were originally stationed at Lin Feng Guan border also had a lot of respect for this mysterious man named Shang Jun. Why the heck was that?

Li Ming curved his lips and smiled to say, "Maybe he is the highest leader of the mountain thieves at Long Xia Gu canyon?" If the mountain thieves were really as tough as how Lei Yi described them, how could they be bought by this person? It was most likely that this Shang Jun was the leader of the mountain thieves. He probably went down the mountain pretending to be a good person but cheated for money and maybe he would directly plot and murder for money.

Within Li Ming's words, one could perceive some veiled mocking, but Lei Yi seriously and immediately retorted, "Impossible. The Flying Eagle camp has been rooted in Long Xia Gu canyon for several decades and the surname from past dynasties has been Leng, so how can it have any relation to Master Shang?? Moreover, Piao Miao Manor often helps the ordinary people and is willing to do good things, so it is impossible that he is the leader of the mountain thieves! General Li does not understand, so please do not guess wildly." Not to mention that Shang Jun had also rescued him once and within the past three years, Shang Jun also controlled the epidemic, got rid of the corrupt officials and helped the poor. These things could be considered as having done great deeds for the people and such a person should not be slandered like this.

Originally, he was already dissatisfied with Li Ming's attitude, so now that he had slandered Shang Jun, Lei Yi's tone was rather heavy when he retorted. Li Ming did not feel what he said was wrong, so he stubbornly confronted Lei Yi and replied, "But it's not necessarily true; there are many people with human faces and animal hearts." The name could be changed, and the so-called kindness could also be a pretense. Who knew if the surname of Shang Jun was really Shang?! Maybe this Shang Jun whom they admired so much was indeed a murderer and the notorious people of the Leng family were unknown!

Lei Yi's eyes widened with anger, but Li Ming stared back without showing any weakness either. Noticing that these two were about to quarrel, Xuanyuan Yi who had been silent all night, finally spoke, "Enough. Since everything revolves around this man named Shang Jun, let's talk again once we see him. Did Piao Miao Manor respond?"

Xuanyuan Yi had spoken, so Lei Yi withdrew his gaze, but his face still remained somewhat ugly. Li Ming did not think he was wrong either, so Pei Che secretly and angrily sighed in his heart. Li Ming, this rude and impetuous kid, when would he be able to understand how to read the situation through someone's words and by observing their facial expressions?!

"The invitation was returned, and Shang Jun claimed that he does not pay any attention to politics, so he doesn't agree to meet. I checked on it and there is indeed a chaotic wood formation outside of Piao Miao Manor as a protection and it is very intricate. If they had any malicious intentions, I reckon that I would not have been able to come back." It was be

cause of this, that Pei Che believed what Lei Yi had said was true.

"Send the invitation again!" Shang Jun, who the heck are you?! How much ability do you have!?

One could not tell if Xuanyuan Yi was happy or angry from his dark face; only Pei Che noticed his faintly clenched fist and he was angry.

Cang Yue Army Camp

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"It seems that there are still a lot of people who are looking at Long Xia Gu canyon." The white clothed man laughed softly; there was a little bit of playfulness and teasing and a little bit of excitement and gloating in his voice. Turning his head to look at the energetic man next to him, the man in white smiled and asked, "Does General You plan to advance?"

"Inside Long Xia Gu canyon are dense roads, chaotic forests and intertwining mountain peaks. The topography is complicated and mountain thieves also reside there, so it is impossible to attack it in the short term. As long as Long Xia Gu canyon is not being used by Xuanyuan Yi, Cang Yue still has the chain formation and new weapons, so Xuanyuan Yi will lose for sure." In two days, just two days, his new weapons could be manufactured and at that time, he would break the myth of the so-called God of War!!

The white clothed man softly raised his eyebrow and then smiled gently while he said, "General You is confident like this; it is Cang Yue's blessing."

You Xiao shook his head, modestly smiled, and replied, "Seventh Gentleman over praised; this is also because of Seventh Gentleman's assistance that everything can go smoothly like this." This jade-faced looking fox had a deep mind and said it was an alliance, but in fact, he would not tell all of his secrets so he must not be taken lightly!

The white clothed man lightly smiled and said, "General is too serious." His voice was clear and smooth, and his smile was warm, but his eyes were cold.

You Xiao was rather naive; did he really think Xuanyuan Yi could be defeated so easily? Why did Long Qu Mu let this little-known person come to fight Xuanyuan Yi? Although this man was brave and agile, it was a pity that he had no experience in marching and fighting a battle. But this was also good; if Cang Yue won, it was not necessarily a good thing for him either!

Under the moonlight on the platform, as the two people chatted with each other, they were also scheming against each other in their hearts.