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The disciples immediately clasped their hands together and said in unison,

"Disciples obey!"

With that, they all rose and quickly exited the main hall.

Only Master Kong Yin and Jing Qing remained.

Kong Yin then spoke with a look of longing,

"For the first few decades of my life, I was obsessed, madly pursuing enlightenment."

"However, I could never find that opportunity, could never open the door to a new world."

"Over time, I realized that I was destined to never reach that lofty ultimate opportunity."

He smiled, "However, I'm already very content with my current life and dare not ask for any more."

"If the Buddha comes to take me to the Western Paradise and asks me if I have any regrets,"

"I will tell them that I should have died in my infancy."

"To have lived to this day,"

"I'm already grateful to the world and dare not even think of regrets..."

"But I think the Buddha must know that I have never spoken falsely or had any false thoughts in the past hundred years,"

"That I have integrated knowledge and action,"

"And that I have devoted myself to Buddhism."

"So, I hope that he will remember my sincere heart and allow me to see her again."

"Then my life will be complete."

Jing Qing asked in surprise,

"Who is this person that Master Kongyin is talking about? Is she the same as me?"

Jing Qing's words were still vague, but he believed that Kongyin understood.

Kongyin naturally understood.

The girl who emerged in his mind was the girl who was as kind as a mother,

As strict as a teacher, but as innocent as a young girl.

The girl who had remained unchanged from the time he could remember until he left her.

He knew Maria would never age, and he also knew she wasn't a person of enlightenment.

So, with a smile that shone with tears, he said,

"She's different from Master Jingqing.

She's the best mother, the best teacher, the best playmate,

The best friend, and... a true living Bodhisattva."

Jingqing was confused, but remembering that Master Kongyin was over 120 years old,

He instinctively guessed he was missing a long-dead elder or a benefactor in his life.

He envied Kongyin for this.

Kongyin practiced Buddhism in the more secular world of Japan.

Here, he could speak openly about his thoughts and feelings,

And no one would accuse him of lingering on the worldly side.

However, in Chinese Buddhism, there seemed to be a greater emphasis on severing worldly desires and entering the realm of solitude.

Even if they couldn't sever their inner desires, they didn't dare let others know.

He smiled and consoled her,

"If even Master Kongyin praises her so highly,"

"Then she must have been reborn in the Western Paradise."

"If the day of your passing truly comes,"

"Master, I will surely reunite with her in the Buddha's presence."

Kongyin simply shook his head and smiled, saying nothing more.

His mind flashed back to Maria's appearance in the past.

He murmured, "How could this young lady be in the Buddha's presence?"

"The Buddha would surely protect her until she reaches five hundred years old,"

"Perhaps even immortality."

Just then, someone outside the door suddenly shouted,

"You idiot! The abbot is debating and lecturing with Master Jingqing."

"What are you, a mere novice, doing here without guarding the gate?!"

Then, someone else said, "Brother Yuancheng,"

"I've come to tell the abbot that a relative's child is outside the door,"

"Asking to see him!"

The same person chided him, "You idiot!"

"You believe everything you hear."

"It's obvious lies, and you actually believe them!"

"Go and chase that mischievous child away!"

With that, the person began to chase the novice monk out.

The novice monk did not dare to force his way in,

So he could only shout loudly towards the main hall:

"Abbot! The little girl outside the door said that Miss Zhengping is here!"

"It's Miss Zhengping!"

The quarrel between the two men,

As well as the novice monk's shouting, which was all in Japanese.

Master Jingqing knew very little Japanese, \

So he could not understand what was being argued outside.

Master Kongyin did not take the quarrel outside to heart at first.

He had been communicating with Jingqing for the whole morning and was already exhausted,

So he thought it was time to take a break and continue in the afternoon.

However, when he suddenly heard the words

"Miss Zhengping is here.",

His body suddenly shuddered as if he had been electrocuted,

His pupils suddenly shrank, and his whole body trembled with excitement.

At this moment, he had forgotten how tired he was,

And in an instant, he stood up from the cushion and staggered out.

However, due to sitting cross-legged for a long time and being too old,

His legs were too weak when he stood up, and he almost fell down.

Seeing this, Master Jingqing, opposite him, immediately stood up and supported him,

Then asked with concern: "Master Kongyin, has something happened?"

"Why are you so panicked?"

Kongyin felt that his legs were completely out of control,

As if they were broken at the hips,

But he was extremely excited at this moment,

And just wanted to crawl to the door as fast as possible, even if he had to crawl.

Because he knew that in this world, except for Maria,

All the people who could say the name Zhengping to him had already been buried!

Maria, who had been so kind to him,

Must be at the gate of Kinkakuji Temple at this time!

So, he said to Jingqing with tears in his eyes:

"Master Jingqing, please take me to the temple gate, please!"