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“Minister Xu’s dedication and concern for the welfare of the nation are evident. Your Majesty has certainly made a wise choice,” remarked Zhang Cailiang. As the Left Prime Minister, he sought not to directly affront Xu Yuanlong, at least not at this moment. Observing Xu Yuanlong’s cooperative stance brought him considerable relief.

“Minister Xu truly upholds justice. He understands the gravity of the situation. I can assure you that, should Xu Xunnan and Jinwei Land eventually find her untenable, I will take it upon myself to recompense your Xu family for her actions.”

“Now, let us address the immediate issue.”

“The task of extending the invitation to Xu Xunnan will fall under Minister Wang’s jurisdiction, with Ministers Zhang and Xu primarily responsible for negotiations with Xu Xunnan,” decreed the Emperor of Jinwei Land.

In overseeing these affairs, the Emperor of Jinwei Land remained meticulous, ensuring each minister’s role matched their strengths.

The current arrangement proved apt, a testament to his extensive experience as an emperor.

Everything was proceeding as planned.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land exhaled a sigh of relief.

Several days had transpired, leaving him somewhat hoarse.

Fortunately, he possessed capable individuals who could execute their duties adeptly, forestalling any true calamity.

During this period, the Emperor of Jinwei Land took some time to rest, while Wang Yuankui had already arrived at the pagoda.

He brought along a sizeable entourage.

They strode forward resolutely, their determination palpable.

Within the pagoda, word quickly reached Xu Xunnan's ears as the people reported to Dao Seeking.

"Is the Imperial Court planning to take action against us?" someone asked Dao Seeking.

"No, they are not permitted to enter the pagoda. Even if they intend to take action, it will be fruitless on the outside. If I am not mistaken, the King of Jinwei Land wishes to meet me. It has been several days, and if he doesn't meet me, Jinwei Land may descend into chaos," remarked Gu Chaoyan.

"So, what should we do?"

"Just wait here. I will handle everything for you. With individuals who possess the ability to cultivate, you won't face mistreatment even if you advance your cultivation in front of men in the future.'

"As long as we finalize this arrangement, you can return to the pagoda, resuming your previous way of life, but with added dignity and status," assured

Gu Chaoyan.

"Okay!"

Gu Chaoyan offered a reassuring smile.

He accompanied the nanny as they exited the pagoda.

Beyond the pagoda, the prince, king, and monarch, Yuan Kui, spotted her and temporarily set aside his usual pride. His tone was laced with politeness as he addressed her, “Lady Xu, the emperor wishes to meet with you. Please follow me to the palace.”

The Left Prime Minister had advised him to adopt a more courteous demeanor upon arrival, fostering an atmosphere of greater tolerance. In the end, this would facilitate the resolution of their differences.

Wang Yuankui was eager to avoid any complications in the matter. Regardless of their personal reluctance, they behaved with decorum now.

Gu Chaoyan remained indifferent to these niceties.

She recognized the necessity of visiting the palace to negotiate with Emperor of Jinwei.

Given that the other party had taken the initiative to invite her, there was no harm in making the trip. As for the attitude of the emissary, she remained unfazed.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. “If the Emperor of Jinwei Land wishes to meet with me, I shall go.”

Having uttered these words...

She turned her gaze toward the people accompanying her, her eyes resting on the nanny. “Nanny, come with me.”

The nanny nodded.

Miss Lin expressed some concern. “Should we bring additional individuals? After all, the palace is quite a distance away..”

Miss Lin harbored greater concerns regarding Xu Xunnan's safety once inside the palace.

Within the protective confines of the pagoda, they felt secure no matter the circumstances. However, Xu Xunnan stood apart.

The palace teemed with countless individuals, leaving room for concerns about her wellbeing if the Emperor of Jinwei Land harbored any ill intentions. Their present lives were bestowed upon them by Lady Xu Xunnan, so they couldn't abandon her.

"Lady Xu, we'd like to accompany you to the palace. This way, we can look out for you while you're inside," Miss Lin suggested, her eyes reflecting her anxiety.

Gu Chaoyan offered a reassuring smile.

Amidst the women within the pagoda, she couldn't be certain if any had ulterior motives, but most seemed genuinely kind. They understood the importance of gratitude and demonstrated concern for her.

However...

They were overly concerned.

Jinwei Land's palace?

No matter how many individuals resided there, they held no sway over her.

"Miss Lin, don't fret. Focus on your cultivation with the others. You're all within the pagoda, where no one can harm me. Besides..."

"Besides, Jinwei Palace holds no power over me." Gu Chaoyan donned a self-assured smile.

And so...

Naturally, the individuals within the palace overheard her words.

Wang Yuankui, on the other hand, merely shrugged. They remained skeptical.

He couldn't help but feel that this individual was merely boasting.

Within the palace, the sheer number of imperial guards was overwhelming, enough to halt any attempt to split away, even with cultivation skills.

Moreover, the presence of numerous formidable guards and the Imperial Master would effectively prevent her from escaping the palace.

However...

Wang Yuankui also acknowledged this.

Yet, he couldn't voice his skepticism or display it openly.

At that juncture, refusing to comply could jeopardize his position and create complications for him.

The prince, king, and monarch, Yuan Kui, maintained polite smiles. "What are you implying? The palace isn't irrational. Presently, the emperor simply wishes to engage in a discussion with Lady Xu."

"At this moment, the palace and the pagoda are two distinct entities. This is hardly desirable. As the emperor, I am tasked with organizing Jinwei Land. Hence, I extended an invitation to Lady Xu for discussions."

"At worst, if we fail to reach an agreement, we can continue the dialogue. There is no imminent danger. You're worrying excessively," asserted Wang Yuankui with an air of righteousness. Miss Lin regarded him disdainfully. "No danger?"

That was simply implausible!

She never imagined that these men would present themselves as so upright.

If they truly were that upright, why would Jinwei Land be so harsh on women, stifling their cultivation and denying them their rights?

It was precisely because of the despicable actions of these men that such injustices had persisted for thousands of years.

If she had placed trust in them, her family would have long arranged her marriage to them, and she wouldn't enjoy her current life. Did they genuinely assume she was foolish?

"Miss Lin, take them back home. We're only going for a discussion. The court won't harm me," assured Gu Chaoyan. "If it proves possible, why should I go?"

Wang Yuankui, to some extent, understood the rationale.

'If she could.'

Why should she be so obliging?

What was the underlying motive?

"Let's proceed," Xu Xunnan initiated, marching ahead as though impatient.

Conversely, Wang Yuankui lagged behind.

She could have employed Sword Kinesis Flight, but she abstained.

Jinwei Land's energy didn't facilitate the cultivation of individuals capable of

Sword Kinesis Flight..

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Her mission here was to enable the women to attain a rightful status and the opportunity to cultivate.

Nonetheless, she aimed to ensure that these women didn't, in turn, seek to oppress others.

As they embarked on the carriage bound for the court...

She shared the ride with her nanny.

Upon arriving at the carriage...

They still had some distance to cover before reaching the palace.

The nanny couldn't suppress her curiosity, "For so many years, it was a rule that women couldn't cultivate. Now, these women are all cultivating. Can we expect the Emperor of Jinwei Land to readily accept this and summon us to the palace for discussions in such a short time?" Only a few days had transpired.

Gu Chaoyan gave a slight shake of her head.

"It certainly won't be that straightforward," she responded.

"My suspicion is that our visit this time is intended to disband us, initially through persuasion, then potentially resorting to force. If I don't acquiesce, I fear we might encounter danger in the palace, as Miss Lin suggested."

"But don't worry. The Jinwei Land's palace can't contain me."

"Let's proceed. We'll address the situation step by step," Gu Chaoyan reassured.

The nanny nodded.

Xu Xunnan had elucidated the situation so thoroughly that she now had a fairly clear understanding of the circumstances.

Simultaneously, she felt a sense of calmness.

She believed that with Xu Xunnan's comprehension and confidence, there should be no issues to confront within the palace.

The carriage swayed and before long, they arrived at the Jinwei Land's palace.

Gu Chaoyan surveyed the expanse of Jinwei Land's palace.

While Jinwei Land may have been considered relatively small and not overly affluent, its national strength was commendable.

The palace exhibited a formidable level of security.

Guided by Wang Yuankui, they encountered no obstacles along the route and successfully advanced into the encompassing the palace.

They reached the innermost section.

Upon disembarking from the carriage, a palace eunuch directed them to the Emperor.

Gu Chaoyan took notice of the court's greenery.

She strolled leisurely.

Before long, they reached the imperial study.

As she stepped into the imperial study, she spotted Xu Yuanlong waiting outside.

Xu Yuanlong regarded her with an anxious countenance. “Xunнан...”

Gu Chaoyan pivoted without acknowledging him and departed without a single word.

She didn’t extend the slightest courtesy to Xu Yuanlong and exhibited no inclination to address him.

Xu Yuanlong found himself somewhat embarrassed. By chance, his gaze met that of Wang Yuankui. Wang Yuankui regarded Xu Yuanlong and offered a comforting expression. “Lord Xu has done his utmost. Don’t overthink it. Take your time.”

Xu Yuanlong nodded.

Wang Yuankui was somewhat apprehensive.

He then stepped into the imperial study.

Rather than bowing, Gu Chaoyan maintained an erect posture, positioning herself in front of the Emperor of Jinwei Land.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land was somewhat displeased by this. Since ascending to the throne, no one had dared to exhibit such audacity in his presence. Yet now, a woman displayed such arrogance.

His gaze shifted to Xu Xunнан.

Among the noblewomen from these aristocratic families, Xu Xunнан’s appearance was indeed rather unremarkable. In fact, it bordered on the ordinary.

It was hardly surprising that she would undertake such an audacious action.

She believed that if she failed to do so, she would lead an unsatisfactory life, even as the Lady of the Xu family.

“You are Xu Xunнан,” the Emperor of Jinwei Land addressed Xu Xunнан in a soft tone.

He didn't request her to bow or take a seat. Instead, he permitted her to remain standing.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. "Yes."

Beyond that single word, no additional words were exchanged.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land was deeply dissatisfied with her demeanor.

Observing an emperor devoid of fear, excitement, embarrassment, or any display of emotion was an unusual sight..

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This was far from what he had envisioned.

He had assumed that even if this individual had stumbled upon divine favor and achieved something extraordinary, they would merely resemble a newly affluent bandit. Naturally, they couldn't carry the same air as royalty.

In any case, when facing the Emperor, they ought to exhibit timidity.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land had ruled for a substantial duration. Anyone, regardless of who they were, displayed a degree of unease in his presence.

A profound silence lingered.

Even as the nanny at her side began to feel the mounting pressure, Xu Xunnan's countenance remained impassive.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land was fully aware that this outcome was inevitable, regardless of the duration of the silence.

Hence...

He decided to break the silence. "Please, have a seat."

"Women from Jinwei Land seldom exhibit the audacity you possess, but it's a rarity. I've bestowed upon you this special privilege. You need not prostrate yourself before me," the Emperor of Jinwei Land conveyed generously.

However, it served as a subtle escape route for him.

After all, he was the emperor.

It went against protocol for someone to abstain from prostrating themselves.

Nonetheless...

Jinwei Land was in a state of turmoil at present.

Xu Xunnan was a figure who couldn't be openly affronted.

Hence...

The Emperor of Jinwei Land couldn't compel her.

Nevertheless, he couldn't allow himself to lose face.

Gu Chaoyan flashed a fleeting smile.

This Emperor of Jinwei Land was rather amusing.

This statement essentially served as a diplomatic exchange.

Desiring a special treatment?

Even if he refrained from granting it, Xu Xunnan had no intention of kneeling. As they had convened for discussions, Gu Chaoyan had no intentions of assuming a subservient role to the Emperor of Jinwei Land.

However...

She didn't aim to expose him.

If this was his desire, she would indulge him.

"I summoned you to the palace today because I wish to discuss a matter with you," the Emperor of Jinwei Land declared. While he spoke, he directed his gaze toward Zhang Cailiang, Wang Yuankui, and even Xu Yuanlong.

Zhang Cailiang and Wang Yuankui both concentrated on the situation at hand.

Xu Yuanlong nodded, signifying his alignment with the Emperor of Jinwei

Land.

Gu Chaoyan remained attentive, her gaze fixed on the Emperor of Jinwei Land, awaiting his initiation.

Given that the Emperor of Jinwei Land had called her into the palace, it was only fitting that he should commence.

Observing that Xu Xunnan displayed no objections, the Emperor of Jinwei Land proceeded. "Now that Jinwei Land is in disarray, the normal lives of these commoners have been disrupted. So, what if these women possess cultivation? Aren't they still at home taking care of their husbands and children?"

“Unlike you, you are a fearless and astute young lady.”

“As long as you cease leading them to cause further disruptions, I am prepared to grant you your desires. Esteemed status, riches, a distinguished husband, gold, silver, and precious gems, I am willing to bestow upon you. I can even place you just below one individual, superior to thousands.”

“Whether you can attain this rests on your willingness.”

“Your Xu family can ascend to greatness as well. If you give the word, the Xu family can bask in affluence and prestige. Your father’s status can be elevated, and you can decide the role.”

“How does this proposition sound? I believe I have expressed my sincerity. There is no necessity for you to rally those people any longer. Why must you persist in such a humble position?”

Upon hearing the Emperor of Jinwei Land’s statement,

The nanny appeared somewhat bewildered.

The Emperor’s offer implied that he was prepared to provide Lady Xu with immense wealth and grandeur, while those girls would suffer.

These terms were undeniably enticing.

It was no wonder the nanny felt distressed..

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Gu Chaoyan understood what the Emperor of Jinwei Land meant.

He just wanted to give her these first and then suppress those girls so that they could not make a comeback. When those girls did not believe her and blamed her, it would only be a matter of minutes for the Emperor of Jinwei Land to deal with her.

This wasn't negotiating terms. He was coaxing her like she was a fool.

Gu Chaoyan glared at the Emperor of Jinwei Land. "Are you here to talk with me, or to push me into the fire pit?"

"You asked me to give them up and enjoy my own wealth."

"And then I will be hated by all the women in the world? At that time, not to mention that you people can kill me, I'm afraid those women's spit will drown me."

"Although I, Xu Xunnan, am a woman, it's not like women don't have brains."

"Emperor Jinwei Land, what kind of person do you take me for?"

Gu Chaoyan did not hold back at all.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land wore an unpleasant and rigid expression, far from what he had expected. Initially, he believed the terms he offered would be hard for anyone, especially a woman, to resist.

To his surprise, Xu Xunnan's intellect worked at lightning speed. She swiftly grasped the implications and directly highlighted the advantages and disadvantages.

Naturally, the Emperor of Jinwei Land was displeased. He had extended an olive branch, but she declined it.

"I'm doing this for your benefit. With the status I've bestowed upon you, those other women wouldn't dare to cross you. Furthermore, I'd choose a man of noble standing for you to marry. With such a match, what do you have to fear?" The Emperor of Jinwei Land persisted.

Gu Chaoyan was unyielding. “I don’t agree,” she stated firmly, offering no opportunity for further argument. She had no intention of wasting time on this matter. The Emperor’s proposition did not align with her desires.

Wang Yuankui, a stern general, couldn’t contain his outrage. His intimidating presence grew even more formidable. Most ordinary individuals would have cowered in fear.

But Gu Chaoyan simply sipped her tea and gazed at Wang Yuankui with a puzzled expression.

“Xu Xunnan, don’t appear as if you’re making this difficult. The Emperor is genuinely trying to be considerate,” Wang Yuankui warned. “If you don’t appreciate it, things can become quite unpleasant. You may not want what’s being offered, but do you truly believe you can leave the palace? In the end, you’ll be left with nothing.”

“Consider it carefully. If you can’t come to a decision, don’t blame me for resorting to more forceful measures.”

Wang Yuankui continued, “You and those haughty women have no escape.”

Gu Chaoyan questioned, “Is that a threat? Are you attempting to manipulate me into submission, forcing me to become a pawn in the court’s power struggles? Does the Emperor of Jinwei Land truly embody tolerance? From where I stand, he appears quite narrow-minded.”

Wang Yuankui’s words had erased the Emperor of Jinwei Land’s fleeting smile, and now his face was shrouded in darkness.

He signaled to Wang Yuankui to proceed.

He no longer wished to concern himself with this matter.

She would be brought into the palace, and anyone, be it the imperial guards or the Imperial Master, would be tasked with subduing her.

Once she was in their custody, he intended to make an example of her as a warning to the other women..

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At the very least, no one would dare to challenge his authority!

As for what others had to say, who cared?

In a few days, Jinwei Land would surely regain its tranquility, or so the Emperor of Jinwei Land believed.

Wang Yuankui received the signal and launched an attack on Gu Chaoyan. Confronting Wang Yuankui, Gu Chaoyan retaliated with a powerful slap, causing Wang Yuankui to stagger and tumble backward, a look of surprise on

his face.

But...

She possessed surprising strength.

Disregarding everything else, Wang Yuankui swiftly regained his footing and clapped his hands, signaling the guards waiting outside to intervene.

The guards rushed in, converging upon Gu Chaoyan.

With the assistance of her nanny, Gu Chaoyan didn't even allow them a chance to approach, fiercely slapping them aside.

"Quick, summon the Imperial Master!" The Emperor of Jinwei Land cried out in alarm.

“Right away,” Zhang Cailiang hurriedly exited the room, while Wang Yuankui was pulled back by the Emperor of Jinwei Land for protection.

Xu Xunnan remained within the imperial study.

If she were to entertain the idea of a direct assault on him, the Emperor, he would be in dire straits.

He could only hope she hadn’t contemplated such an action.

Gu Chaoyan possessed the intelligence to consider such a course of action. She had contemplated it, yet her intention was not to disrupt the leadership of Jinwei Land by dethroning the Emperor.

Her aim was simple: she wanted the Emperor of Jinwei Land to grasp the futility of directly attacking her.

The guards proved incapable of subduing her, so the Imperial Master was hastily summoned.

However, the outcome mirrored that of the previous guards – Gu Chaoyan’s strike nearly incapacitated him.

Surveying her surroundings, Gu Chaoyan withdrew her hands and shifted her gaze towards the Emperor of Jinwei Land.

“Please spare my life!” The Emperor of Jinwei Land pleaded, his fear palpable.

He had been careless, opting for this secluded location instead of the more fortified hall. He had left himself exposed without any protection.

In this moment, he felt a twinge of frustration directed at Wang Yuankui. If Wang lacked the competence, why had he rushed in? His impulsive act could have alerted their adversary.

The Emperor kicked Wang Yuankui. “Who do you think you are to attack Lady Xu so recklessly?”

“Lady Xu, I summoned you to the palace for a conversation, not with the intention of attacking. You’ve had a chance to express your frustration. If you still have any left, I’ll have this unfortunate individual meet his end,” the Emperor of Jinwei Land stated.

Wang Yuankui wore an aggrieved expression, but the Emperor of Jinwei Land paid him no mind.

Gu Chaoyan calmly resumed her seat as though the scuffle had never occurred, and the imperial study remained unscathed.

She regarded the Emperor of Jinwei Land with composure. “Now, can we engage in a civil conversation?”

“Of course. I invited you to the palace for a reason – to discuss matters. Please, Lady Xu, feel free to express your requests and desires openly. If it’s within my power to grant them, I shall do so,” the Emperor of Jinwei Land assured.

Gu Chaoyan offered a brief smile in response.

“In that case, I’ll tell you.”

“Now, it’s evident that Jinwei Land cannot persist in this prolonged impasse.

Therefore, we must return to the status quo.”

“For countless generations, the tradition in Jinwei Land has been that women refrain from pursuing cultivation.”

“Yes, that time-honored tradition has held for centuries,” the Emperor of Jinwei Land expressed, hoping for Gu Chaoyan’s concurrence.

“However... “

Upon hearing Xu Xunnan say ‘but,’ the Emperor of Jinwei Land’s initially eager and hopeful countenance immediately stiffened and dimmed.

He had believed there might be a straightforward resolution, that Xu Xunnan understood the challenges he faced and was willing to uphold Jinwei Land’s age-old traditions.

But it appeared she still had her own terms.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land remained silent, his gaze resting reluctantly upon her.

Gu Chaoyan continued, “However, this tradition is rooted in the belief that women lack the aptitude for cultivation, hence the prohibition. Today, many women clearly possess the talent for cultivation. So why restrict them?”

“The current rule is not the essence of Jinwei Land’s traditions; it is an overcorrection. ”

“Thus, my requests are not numerous. I merely seek the freedom for Jinwei

Land’s women to choose whether they wish to cultivate or not, without being arbitrarily stifled. At best, I will facilitate their marriages; at worst, they will be confined to domestic life. As for cultivation, as long as they display the

necessary talent, they should have the opportunity to receive guidance and

training within the pagoda.”

“As for other matters, Emperor of Jinwei Land, I do not seek riches, precious metals, jewelry, or wealth. Although if you are willing to offer these women positions within the intermediate court, I have no objections. Of course, I do not compel you to do so,” Gu Chaoyan remarked.

In essence, her aim was not to drastically transform Jinwei Land's way of life on her own. Her primary objective was to secure the right for Jinwei Land's women to cultivate, as stipulated in her mission. Once they stood on equal ground with men, they could pursue cultivation freely.

They could reserve the rest of their concerns for future endeavors. After all, it was wiser to teach people how to fish than to merely provide the fish.

Gu Chaoyan understood that she couldn't arrange every detail herself; they should be able to take the reins directly. In that case, they might end up being more self-reliant.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land's countenance twitched, growing increasingly unattractive. He was taken aback by the extent of her demands.

These were numerous and substantial requests.

Throughout history, the women of Jinwei Land had been barred from cultivation. If the country suddenly permitted them to cultivate, the repercussions down the line could be immense. Addressing the grievances of the citizens would be a formidable challenge. Furthermore, this was an age-old rule; how long would it take for people to embrace such a shift?

While it might be palatable now, what about the future? Would his descendants not revile him if the outcomes took an unfavorable turn?

Offering wealth, gold, silver, and jewelry was straightforward, but the complexity of this request weighed heavily on him.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land was troubled, evident in the weariness etched across his face. He looked up at Xu Xunnan and proposed, "Let's deliberate on this matter thoroughly. It's quite challenging. How about we consider an alternative approach? For instance, I can appoint some women to official positions and grant them power. They could oversee the affairs of women across the world. In doing so, their interests would be safeguarded, whether they choose to cultivate or not. Additionally, women primarily play a crucial role in supporting their husbands and educating their children. Is cultivation truly a top priority?"

The Emperor of Jinwei Land proposed.

Gu Chaoyan cast a glance at the King of Jinwei Land.

Honestly...

While this Emperor might be as timid as a mouse and held a fear of death,

After years of reigning as Emperor, he still possessed a degree of intelligence.

The ongoing negotiations were a testament to this. In a brief span, he had swiftly devised a solution that favored his own interests..

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He was willing to grant certain women official positions.

However, he remained staunchly opposed to allowing Jinwei Land's women to pursue cultivation.

Initially, this might appear to resolve the issue for Jinwei Land's women and even offer them certain benefits. But in the long term, the drawbacks loomed large.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land wouldn't merely keep a watchful eye on these women; he would secretly prepare for their eventual removal from their official positions. When the opportune moment arrived, he would reclaim these positions and resume the suppression of these women. It was just a matter of time.

Ultimately, the Emperor of Jinwei Land was unwilling to relinquish this authority, nor was he open to altering this long-standing rule.

If it were anyone else in this situation, they might readily accept the offer. But Gu Chaoyan was a different case.

She had a distinct objective and was determined to achieve it, no matter the cost.

Hence...

She categorically rejected the proposition. Afterward, she locked eyes with the

Emperor of Jinwei Land and declared, "That's precisely why I'm here."

"If we cannot resolve this amicably and instead need to fight for our rights, it won't be limited to just the right to cultivate."

"Throughout history, people have desired nothing more than the right to fight for what they want. But have you ever considered that you can't enter the pagoda, while we can? As long as we possess the capability, we can access the palace." Gu Chaoyan left her statement hanging, opting not to voice certain sentiments directly, as some things were better left unsaid.

"I may not have cultivated for long, yet I can overpower the Imperial Master. Can you fathom what lies ahead? Do you comprehend what I, as well as those women who have been cultivating, will be capable of?"

"There are some things that you are hesitant to change, but the time has come for change."

"Furthermore, this change could potentially turn Jinwei Land completely upside down. Do you believe you can reverse it at that point? It would be an unimaginable scenario."

"I, Xu Xunnan, do not aspire to be the antagonist of history. But if that's the only path, then so be it. Ultimately, it's merely a tarnished reputation."

"Consider it within the span of a joss stick's burning time, and give me your answer," Gu Chaoyan declared calmly.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land's face grew pallid.

It wasn't that he couldn't discern Xu Xunnan's remarkable cultivation prowess. Even if she were to demand his life at this very moment, no one within the palace could prevent it. Her cultivation level was astoundingly advanced, giving her unchecked power within the palace.

So, how should he decide?

The Emperor of Jinwei Land turned to Zhang Cailiang.

Zhang Cailiang had initially displayed quick thinking, but it appeared his suggestion had proven futile. In this moment, he dared not speak recklessly. Any misstep in his advice could render him a transgressor.

“Xunnan, he is the Emperor. You shouldn’t treat him this way!” Xu Yuanlong interjected. He had a genuine conviction that the Emperor should not be treated in such a manner. However, he also felt deep shame over the entire situation. This was not how matters should unfold.

Upon hearing Xu Yuanlong’s words, the Emperor of Jinwei Land nodded in agreement..

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“Be silent, for you lack the qualifications to speak here. I have numerous responsibilities that demand my attention, and I’m not inclined to engage in a dispute with you over the cultivation bead. Otherwise, I’ll be compelled to address matters with your family,” Gu Chaoyan stated bluntly.

She had always been the one to make decisions for the Xu family.

The Xu family held a prominent position, maintaining their unique way of life within Jinwei Land over the years.

Xu Yuanlong, however, believed that his actions diverged significantly from the teachings and principles.

He strongly disagreed.

Since the Xu family was in disagreement, her course of action was to sever ties with them. If the Emperor of Jinwei Land continued to rely on the Xu family, all would proceed harmoniously. However, if the Emperor of Jinwei Land harbored reservations about the Xu family because of her, she would discreetly ensure their welfare. After all, the Xu family had shown immense kindness to

Xu Xunnan.

In reality, under normal circumstances,

If the Emperor of Jinwei Land possessed wisdom, he would avoid interfering with the Xu family.

The Xu family's future would remain untroubled.

Xu Yuanlong did not dare to add anything further, fearing that it might prolong the matter, and thus, he remained silent.

As for the Emperor of Jinwei Land, he was in a state of profound despondency.

He saw no other alternative.

Only he could make this decision.

He was not an imprudent ruler. He was willing to be a wise ruler, unwilling to disrupt the ancestral norms.

Gu Chaoyan could discern his thoughts.

At her side, she remarked, "Your Majesty, why fret about potential criticism from the masses? If this task is accomplished, all the women of Jinwei Land will be indebted to you. It's not as if you won't gain anything from it."

"Furthermore, even if women can engage in cultivation, men still hold significant influence. In reality, it doesn't substantially threaten men's interests."

“If all goes as planned, this could turn out to be a favorable policy. You could potentially become one of the most exceptional emperors in history, setting yourself apart from the ordinary ones.”

“But, remember, as time passes, pressures may mount. Do you truly believe that peace will persist indefinitely?” Gu Chaoyan cautioned.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land wore a conflicted expression.

Well...

Xu Xunnan’s argument had merit.

In recent years, Jinwei Land had maintained its authority through suppression. Although it seemed peaceful on the surface, the passage of time would inevitably lead to unrest.

If he consented to this proposal...

The women of Jinwei Land would be deeply appreciative of their emperor.

However, many men might harbor resentment.

There were pros and cons.

At this moment, he couldn’t definitively determine whether this was a positive or negative development.

If he had to make a judgment now...

It appeared to be a positive step.

After all, he found himself in a desperate situation.

“Very well, I promise,” the Emperor of Jinwei Land agreed without hesitation, not even waiting for an incense stick to burn. “Tomorrow, I will personally issue a decree allowing the women of Jinwei Land to cultivate openly. Are you content with this?”

Gu Chaoyan smiled and nodded.

It went more smoothly than she had anticipated.

Initially, she had expected a lengthy process, perhaps even having to cause some turmoil within the palace. Fortunately, the Emperor of Jinwei Land was not lacking in intelligence; he was capable of rational thinking.

“Alright,” she responded.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land breathed a sigh of relief. His face no longer held that forlorn expression. Instead, he appeared more self-assured, as if he was also looking forward to something.

“Lady Xu, is there anything else you desire? Even if I grant your request, I can offer you the choice of selecting a distinguished man from Jinwei Land or the opportunity for wealth and recognition..”

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The Emperor of Jinwei Land was genuinely relieved now. He felt a sense of ease, as if everything had transitioned from disastrous to acceptable. Hence, after his initial apprehension, his mood had improved.

The substantial matters had been thoroughly discussed, and now it was merely a matter of trivial details. The Emperor of Jinwei Land was more than willing to engage in such conversations.

Gu Chaoyan rolled her eyes.

This Emperor of Jinwei Land was certainly a peculiar character.

Moments ago, he appeared prepared to meet his doom, as if altering the rules would provoke cosmic upheaval. Then, he deemed the situation not so bad. With so many events unfolding, he now felt at ease and even seemed inclined to play matchmaker.

She couldn't help but feel a sense of resignation.

"No need; now that we've reached an agreement, we're leaving," Gu Chaoyan retorted coldly, showing no interest in further discourse with the Emperor of Jinwei Land.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land appeared somewhat out of place, but he was astute and guarded in his response.

He had attempted to arrange a husband for her...

Naturally, he also harbored intentions of asserting control.

Witnessing her reluctance, the Emperor of Jinwei Land did not press the matter. He simply remarked, "There's no rush. We can discuss it further when you're ready."

Without offering a reply, Gu Chaoyan departed with her nanny.

Throughout the journey, the nanny remained silent.

She was genuinely taken aback.

There were countless instances where she had believed herself incapable. Yet, in reality, executing these actions proved rather straightforward. They had always believed they must endure, but they hadn't anticipated that resisting would be so uncomplicated.

But now...

Women all around the world were now able to openly pursue cultivation. Though it would require time for them to genuinely compete with men, they had been granted an opportunity.

The nanny remained in a meditative state, so Gu Chaoyan left her undisturbed.

The Emperor of Jinwei Land kept his word. Early the next morning, he officially proclaimed that the women of Jinwei Land were free to pursue cultivation.

When the imperial decree was issued, there were no objections from the officials in the court. First, they had mishandled the previous mission, and after learning about what had transpired in the palace the previous day, no one was eager to challenge the emperor's decision.

The people of Jinwei Land, however, harbored bitterness and were unhappy about this decree. These men had limited influence to begin with and could only exert some control over women. Now, they had lost even this modicum of power.

How could they be content?

Yet, they found themselves powerless to change the situation. Their grievances were swiftly overshadowed by the jubilation of the women in Jinwei Land.

Gu Chaoyan observed Jinwei Land.

It was akin to teaching someone how to fish.

The women had been granted the right to cultivate, and as long as they were willing to put in the effort, there would be no hindrance.

At this juncture, her mission could be deemed accomplished.

The responsibility of guarding the pagoda was left to the nanny and Miss Lin.

The existence of this pagoda appeared to have the ability to shape the destiny of the dynasty.

Reversing their decisions would require caution.

He organized everything accordingly.

The turbulent spacetime also emerged, saying, “The task was completed rather swiftly. Would you be willing to undertake another mission within this 500 meters? The rewards will be significantly more enticing, offering the opportunity to enhance your cultivation to the Paragon Martial God level in the chaotic spacetime.”

At the mention of the Paragon Martial God, Gu Chaoyan’s eyes gleamed.

It was clear why they referred to it as a valuable opportunity; it certainly was.

He hadn’t anticipated her progressing to the Paragon Martial God Realm so swiftly..