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Chapter 81: Bai Qingqing

Chu Yuqin did not know who the visitor was this time, but since there was a guest, she definitely wanted to meet them.

Subsequently, Chu Yuqin followed the Prince's Mansion's trusted aide to the entrance.

The moment she stepped out of the Prince's Mansion, Chu Yuqin was slightly startled.

Although the woman had changed a lot, becoming even more beautiful and stunningly cold, Chu Yuqin still recognized her at first glance.

Chu Yuqin said with some disbelief, "Little... Bai?"

The expression on Bai Qingqing's face remained icy cold, as if it were frozen.

Chu Yuqin did not doubt anything because of her indifferent expression, as Bai Qingqing had always been like this since she was a child.

The grandmaster who had taken her away back then said she had a special constitution, one that would never allow her to have any feelings her whole life, making her an excellent martial arts prospect.

Chu Yuqin had thought she would never see Bai Qingqing again, and yet, there she was at the North Prince Mansion today.

Chu Yuqin immediately approached Bai Qingqing, and with a blank expression, Bai Qingqing said, "Madam Chu, I was passing through North City, so I wanted to come and see you."

Bai Qingqing's demeanor was very aloof, but upon hearing these words, Chu Yuqin felt an immense wave of emotion inside.

Bai Qingqing was a maid whom Chu Yue had taken in back in the day. Originally, Chu Yue intended for Bai Qingqing to become Lu Chen's concubine maid, but after discovering Bai Qingqing's talent for martial arts, Chu Yue temporarily shelved the idea.

After Chu Yue passed away, Bai Qingqing was taken away by the grandmaster who had recognized her martial arts potential.

Bai Qingqing was only three or four years older than Lu Chen, and back when they were in the Imperial Palace, because Chu Yue wanted her to be a bed-warming maid for Lu Chen, they lived together eating, sleeping, and residing closely. Over time, in Chu Yuqin's eyes, Bai Qingqing became like a little sister.

Seeing her long-lost sister once again, how could Chu Yuqin not be overjoyed?

At this moment, Chu Yuqin suddenly thought of something and turned to the soldier beside her, saying, "Go immediately and tell the Prince that Bai Qingqing has arrived."

"Yes, Madam Chu."

Although the soldier did not recognize the woman before him, judging by Chu Yuqin's excited mood, this person must also be especially important to the Prince.

As the soldier's voice faded, he turned and entered the Prince's Mansion to notify Lu Chen.

Chu Yuqin approached Bai Qingqing, took her jade-like hand, and asked with concern, "Little Bai, where have you been these years?"

Bai Qingqing replied, "I have been practicing in the mountains with my master."

Chu Yuqin said, "It must have been very hard."

Bai Qingqing said indifferently, "It wasn't hard."

Chu Yuqin smiled faintly and continued, "Chen'er will be so happy to know you're here. After you left, he missed you every day, spending many nights restless and unable to sleep."

Meanwhile.

Inside the Prince's Mansion.

Lu Chen was in his study looking through the intelligence reports gathered by the Brocade Guards when a soldier came to the door and said, "Prince, Madam Chu told me to inform you that a woman named Bai Qingqing has come to the Mansion."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen paused for a moment.

The name seemed too distant; he had almost forgotten it.

But he still remembered the bed-warming maid he would hug every night when he was a child.

“Bai Qingqing? Could it be the concubine maid that my mother had prepared for me?”

Lu Chen had a profound impression of Bai Qingqing, though her name wasn't quite familiar to him. He knew her surname was Bai.

He also remembered that the concubine maid always had an expressionless, icy face; she never showed any emotion, which he found quite interesting. The girl didn't seem scared of him at all, even though he was a Prince.

When he had nothing to do, he would always try to make the concubine maid smile.

Sometimes he would even tease her in bed, but regrettably, despite her being by his side for so many years, he had never managed to make her laugh.

Later, he heard from his mother that Bai Qingqing apparently was born emotionless, which then made him realize why she always had a stone-cold expression.

A woman devoid of emotions wouldn't show expressions, after all, as she wouldn't even know how to express happiness, anger, sadness, or joy.

After some thought, Lu Chen murmured to himself, “I remember she seemed to have followed some Grandmaster to cultivate? How did she end up in North City?”

Lu Chen then got up from his chair and opened the door to ask, “Where is she now?”

The soldier replied, “Replying to Your Highness, Madam Chu and the woman are still at the entrance of the Prince's Mansion.”

As soon as the soldier finished speaking, Lu Chen didn't hesitate and headed straight for the entrance of the Prince's Mansion.

Upon reaching the entrance, he saw a woman as stunning as an icy snow lotus.

Her body seemed to emit a special aura that deterred people from approaching, as if getting close to her would expose them to her chill.

Bai Qingqing had changed a lot since her childhood; she had become much more beautiful, with a figure that was curvy in all the right places. Coupled with a frosty face, it gave Lu Chen a desire to conquer her.

Lu Chen then used the system to identify her.

[Name: Bai Qingqing]

[Identity: Deputy Commander of the Great Sum Shadow Guard, 20 years old, Master Realm, has been planted next to Chu Yue since childhood by the Sum Emperor to infiltrate, and has come to North City following orders of the Sum Emperor, who believes there are people from the Mysterious Moon Palace by the North Prince. The Sum Emperor wants to know what the Mysterious Moon Palace intends to use the North Prince for, so he sent Bai Qingqing to supervise the North Prince.]

[Rating: 95]

[Favorability: 0 (needs Dragon and Phoenix Tea to restore her emotions)]

Upon seeing Bai Qingqing's profile, Lu Chen was stunned.

Bai Qingqing was actually one of his father's people?

This...

Does that mean that perhaps his father put a lot of effort when his mother had issues?

He had always thought Bai Qingqing was just an unemotional bed-warming maid, unaware of the depth of her concealed identity.

If it weren't for activating the System of Lots of Sons and Lots of Blessings, he might still be unaware that Bai Qingqing was one of the Sum Emperor's people, let alone know that she was also the Deputy Commander of the Shadow Guard. The Shadow Guard was a significant force around the Sum Emperor, and becoming a Deputy Commander indicated Bai Qingqing's exceptional prowess.

However...

No matter who Bai Qingqing was or what her identity was, as long as her rating was over ninety and she had come to the Prince's Mansion, she was a woman for Lu Chen.

Lu Chen thought to himself that his father was quite thoughtful. Knowing that it was hard for him to find women with a rating over ninety in North City, his father had specially sent him one, and a woman of the Master Realm at that.

Chu Yuqin, who was suddenly talking with Bai Qingqing, realized she was staring behind her. Sensing something, she turned her head and saw Lu Chen had arrived. She immediately said to Lu Chen, "Chen'er, do you recognize her? It's Bai, the maid who grew up with you from childhood."

Hearing Chu Yuqin's words, Lu Chen smiled and said, "Of course, I recognize her."

Lu Chen then approached Bai Qingqing and said, "Bai, it has been many years since we last met, hasn't it? I've missed you all these years. Without you, I couldn't even sleep well.."

Chapter 82: Thank you, Prince, for the Tea I

Although Lu Chen was a prince, he rarely flaunted his royal status in front of Bai Qingqing because they grew up together from childhood, and also because he possessed the soul of a transmigrator.

As a child, Lu Chen liked to verbally tease Bai Qingqing just to see if she would show any signs of panic or distress.

However, years passed and he never saw any change in her expressions.

When Bai Qingqing heard Lu Chen's words now, her heart felt no different from when she was a child; she didn't find anything amiss and no look of panic crossed her face.

Seeing this, Lu Chen thought to himself that she indeed was a heartless woman.

At that moment, Bai Qingqing took the initiative to salute Lu Chen, saying, "Greetings, Prince."

Even though Lu Chen did not impose his royal identity in her presence, he was still a prince, the North Prince, so she had to salute him when they met.

Lu Chen immediately supported Bai Qingqing's jade arm, smiling as he gazed into her eyes and said, "Bai, you're being too formal. Why salute me when you're with me?"

Seeing Lu Chen's eyes fixed intently on Bai Qingqing, Chu Yuqin suddenly felt an odd sensation within her.

She couldn't help but wonder, could it be that Chen'er had those kinds of feelings for Bai?

Thinking this, Chu Yuqin quickly stopped herself from continuing down that train of thought.

She didn't know what was wrong with her today; every time she saw Lu Chen talking to another woman, her heart felt sour, and she always suspected that Lu Chen had feelings for them.

Chu Yuqin tried to reassure herself internally that even if Chen'er was interested in them, it wasn't strange, and there was no need for her to overthink it.

At that time, Lu Chen said to Bai Qingqing, "Bai, come in quickly. I want to hear about where you've been and what you've experienced these past years."

Saying this, Lu Chen took Bai Qingqing's jade hand and walked toward the Prince's Mansion, and Bai Qingqing offered no resistance, not even a thought of trying to pull away.

They had been close since childhood, even sleeping while hugging each other, so Bai Qingqing was long accustomed to close contact with Lu Chen; therefore, she didn't mind him holding her hand at all.

Soon, they arrived at the main courtyard, where Lu Chen had a maidservant brew a pot of Dragon and Phoenix Tea, which he poured personally for Bai Qingqing.

The system mentioned that Dragon and Phoenix Tea was needed to restore Bai Qingqing's emotions, although he didn't know what her reaction would be once her emotions were activated.

The main effect of the Dragon and Phoenix Tea was to increase a woman's favorability towards oneself and make the woman unable to leave him, so even if it restored her emotions, it probably wouldn't have any adverse reactions on her.

After pouring the Dragon and Phoenix Tea for Bai Qingqing, Lu Chen held her hand and said, "Bai, this is a special tea from the Prince's Mansion. It can refresh and invigorate the mind. Give it a try."

Upon hearing this, Bai Qingqing didn't say anything and picked up the teacup, lightly taking a sip.

With that sip, Bai Qingqing realized the tea indeed had a refreshing and invigorating effect, but since she was devoid of emotions, she did not show any surprise.

She then set the teacup down and, with a blank expression, said to Lu Chen, "Thank you for the tea, Prince."

Lu Chen gave a slight smile and then asked, "After you left the capital, where did you go to cultivate? Why didn't you come back to see me?"

Bai Qingqing replied, "I went to cultivate deep in a certain mountain range. I don't know exactly where."

She lied with a straight face, and outsiders couldn't tell she was lying—if not for Lu Chen having a system, he might have really believed that she had gone to cultivate deep in a mountain range.

Lu Chen then continued to ask, “So do you plan to go back?”

Bai Qingqing answered indifferently, “No, I've completed my training.”

Hearing Bai Qingqing's response, Chu Yuqin immediately suggested, “Since you've completed your training, why don't you stay at North Prince Mansion from now on? Stay with us.”

Bai Qingqing did not refuse and agreed neatly, “Mm, okay.”

This time her main task in coming to the North Prince Mansion was to surveil the Northern Prince, and since Chu Yuqin had asked her to stay, it was a good opportunity for her to watch his every move.

Seeing Bai Qingqing's agreement, Chu Yuqin felt incredibly happy in her heart.

Unlike Chu Yuqin, Lu Chen knew Bai Qingqing would take the initiative to stay, so when he heard her agree, he wasn't surprised at all.

What he was thinking now was that Bai Qingqing had come to the North Prince Mansion at this time, and just as the Barbarian Tribe was moving south, some secrets of the North Prince Mansion would inevitably be exposed in front of her.

Such as the Brocade Guard, and the grenade cannon that he would soon demonstrate to the soldiers.

If Bai Qingqing reported these matters to his father, the Sum Emperor, it would likely cause trouble for him.

So, the best method was to make Bai Qingqing completely his woman before she could report these things.

Only by doing so could he protect his secrets and keep his little secrets from being discovered by his father, the Sum Emperor.

With this in mind, Lu Chen said to Bai Qingqing with a smile, “Bai, this tea also helps in enhancing one's realm. You should drink more of it.”

As he spoke, Lu Chen poured himself a cup of the Dragon and Phoenix Tea and then drank it down.

When Bai Qingqing heard Lu Chen say that the tea in front of her could help enhance her realm, she immediately became interested. She had originally thought that the tea was only for refreshing the mind and had not expected it to have other effects.

At this moment, Bai Qingqing said, "Oh, okay."

As her words fell, she picked up the teacup again and took another sip. With this sip, she found that the tea did seem to help in enhancing her realm, as the inner strength within her body flowed more smoothly.

Needing to gather intelligence, Bai Qingqing asked, "Prince, is there more of this tea?"

Lu Chen replied, "Yes, my mansion has tea trees. Whenever you want to drink tea in the future, you can pick the leaves to brew."

Listening to Lu Chen's response, Bai Qingqing was already preparing to report this piece of intelligence.

A tea that could enhance one's realm was unheard of, and as the Deputy Commander of the Shadow Guard, she would surely tell the Sum Emperor.

To probe for more information, Bai Qingqing took the initiative to ask, "Prince, I saw a woman in the city today with a plum blossom mark on her forehead. Don't know if you have seen her."

Chen Wanrong felt the extraordinariness of Bai Qingqing, and Bai Qingqing similarly sensed the uniqueness of Chen Wanrong. Both were grandmasters and well-acquainted with the aura released by grandmasters.

Bai Qingqing suspected that the woman was the Mysterious Grandmaster rumored to be in the North Prince Mansion, so she planned to thoroughly investigate the woman to find out what forces lay behind her.

Hearing Bai Qingqing's question, Lu Chen didn't hide anything and directly said, "Are you talking about Miss Chen?"

"She does have a plum blossom mark on her forehead, and she is currently in the Prince's Mansion. Do you have something you need from her? I can have her come over right now."

Hearing Lu Chen's answer, Bai Qingqing thought to herself that surely the woman was the Mysterious Grandmaster of the North Prince Mansion.

Now that she had confirmed the target, the next steps were straightforward; she just needed to figure out what that woman was doing in the North Prince Mansion.

Just as Bai Qingqing was thinking this, her brain suddenly stalled, followed by a surge of intense pain.

The next moment, Bai Qingqing's expression became dazed, her body swayed, and she felt as if countless images flashed through her mind, as if memories that didn't belong to her were entering her brain.

Seeing Bai Qingqing raise her hand to her head and stagger, Lu Chen quickly steadied her, "Bai, Bai, what's wrong with you?"

Chapter 83: Bai Qingqing's Emotional Revival

After Lu Chen had steadied her, Bai Qingqing wanted to quickly circulate her skill to check whether there was something wrong with her body,

but at this moment, Bai Qingqing suddenly discovered that the inner strength within her body had vanished completely.

She was now just like any ordinary person.

Although she didn't know what had happened, Bai Qingqing knew it had to do with Lu Chen.

Perhaps it was because there was something wrong with the tea she had just drunk.

However, she couldn't figure out why she still fell into the trap when she had checked the tea earlier and found no trace of any drugs in it.

Why had she still been affected?

Gradually, Bai Qingqing's vision became more and more blurred, and she seemed to enter a strange world.

In Sufeng City of Great Sum, there was a Bai Mansion.

The male master of Bai Mansion had married a wife beautiful as a flower, and their relationship had always been harmonious.

Until one day, the mistress of Bai Mansion suddenly found out that the master of the house had an affair with a concubine maid, who was even pregnant.

From that day on, a rift formed between the master and mistress of Bai Mansion, and although life went on as usual, the mistress of Bai Mansion wanted to kill the concubine maid multiple times, to prevent her child from being born.

But under the protection of the male master, the concubine maid still gave birth to the child.

However, from the day the child was born, she received various forms of unfair treatment.

The child's mother, the concubine maid, had hoped that her status would be elevated by her son, only to be angered when she gave birth to a daughter.

She was so furious that she tried to kill the child with her own hands several times, but never succeeded due to the male master's intervention.

As the girl grew up, the children of the mistress despised her, even calling her a bastard, often beating her, wishing she would die. She had been covered in bruises for as long as she could remember.

The male master of Bai Mansion also argued with the mistress over the girl, leading to various problems within Bai Mansion, and the male master, once her protector, grew increasingly resentful toward her, often yelling at her furiously.

Thus, the girl was despised by everyone in Bai Mansion, and even her own mother ceased to care for her completely when she was five years old.

One day, a mysterious person came to Bai Mansion.

This mysterious person handed a packet of medicine to the little girl, telling her that by pouring it into the well, she would be completely free.

The little girl, bewitched or controlled by something, did not hesitate, and that very night, she poured the medicine given to her by the mysterious person into the well. The next day, she awoke to find hundreds of people in Bai Mansion dead.

Later, the little girl was taken by the mysterious person to a mysterious place, where she learned all about killing, day and night. Gradually she became colder and more detached, her past memories fading away, and soon she completely forgot all the hardships she had suffered.

One day, the mysterious person who had taken her from Bai Mansion reappeared and handed her a mission, instructing her to pretend to be a little beggar on the essential path of a certain nobleman.

By then, the little girl had become nothing but a tool for killing, and without any hesitation, she obeyed the mysterious person's command.

Later, she was taken by the nobleman to the Imperial Palace and was even considered to become a concubine maid for a Prince.

The people in the Imperial Palace treated her very well, especially the Prince, who, despite enjoying teasing her, never oppressed her with his royal status.

She once wondered if she would live in this warm environment forever, until one day, the mysterious person commanded her to find a special item in the nobleman's residence, and that was when she realized she was just a tool.

The girl soon transformed back into a cold instrument until her mission was complete. Consequently, she left the Imperial Palace and went on to carry out various assassination tasks.

Later on, she became the Deputy Commander of the Shadow Guard of Great Sum.

That person was Bai Qingqing.

At this time, Bai Qingqing's mind was continuously replaying scenes of her life with Lu Chen in the Imperial Palace.

Especially each night when Lu Chen held her in his arms to sleep, telling her all kinds of stories, she felt as if it were happening right at that moment.

As those scenes flickered by ceaselessly, Bai Qingqing suddenly felt as if she could hear her own heartbeat.

Thump... Thump...

Once... twice...

Growing clearer and clearer...

Her normally ice-cold cheeks now sported a tint of red.

It was then that Chu Yuqin's voice reached her ears.

"Bai... Bai... What's happening to you?"

"Could it be that there's some problem with your training?"

"Hold on, I'll help you adjust right away."

At that moment, Bai Qingqing felt a warm current enter her body, and the chaotic influx of memories in her mind gradually came to a halt.

Bai Qingqing understood now that those memories were not someone else's, but her own.

It's just that she had been unwilling to recall those memories, leading them to be gradually sealed and forgotten in her mind.

This had nothing to do with the tea she had just drunk.

Of course, that's what she believed.

Seeing that Bai Qingqing had stabilized herself, Lu Chen promptly let go of her.

Soon, Bai Qingqing felt her skill returning to her.

With Chu Yuqin's help in adjusting her Inner Strength, Bai Qingqing quickly returned to normal.

She opened her eyes and said to Chu Yuqin, "Madam Chu, I'm fine now, thank you."

Hearing Bai Qingqing say this, Chu Yuqin stopped transferring her Inner Strength and asked with a serious tone, "Bai, what's wrong with your body, why did I just feel your Inner Strength suddenly dissipate?"

Bai Qingqing didn't know why this had happened either, so she made up an excuse, "I had a mishap during my recent training, a night's rest will do."

Chu Yuqin immediately said, "Then go rest now, your health is most important."

As Chu Yuqin's words fell, Lu Chen spoke up, "Bai, I'll have someone arrange a room for you right away."

Afterwards, Lu Chen turned around and ordered the maids in the courtyard to immediately prepare a room.

Watching Lu Chen's retreating figure, for some reason, Bai Qingqing suddenly felt her mind becoming hazy again.

He was like the starlight in the darkness, offering her a glimmer of light in the boundless dark.

As Lu Chen was having the maids arrange a room for Bai Qingqing, a system prompt suddenly rang in his ear, and a text interface appeared in front of him.

[Bai Qingqing's emotions have revived, Favorability 100.]

Seeing this notification, Lu Chen was momentarily stunned.

Had Bai Qingqing's emotions just revived, and her favorability towards him soared to one hundred in an instant?

Lu Chen quickly collected himself, turning his head to look at Bai Qingqing, only to find that she was watching him.

There seemed to be something more in her eyes.

As for what it was, Lu Chen couldn't say.

Even though she still appeared cold, her eyes seemed to emanate a soft glow..

Chapter 84: Zhou Youyou in Trouble i

Lu Chen quickly had the maids arrange a room and attend to Bai Qingqing as she bathed and rested.

Just as Lu Chen was contemplating communicating with Bai Qingqing tonight, Chu Yuqin suddenly sought him out.

At this time, Lu Chen was sitting in the study, still recalling Bai Qingqing's extraordinarily cold and beautiful face.

Knock, knock, knock...

After hearing the knock, Lu Chen snapped back to reality and immediately said, "The door isn't locked, come in."

The next moment, Chu Yuqin pushed the door open and entered.

Chu Yuqin was wearing a green Cloud Attire today, her voluptuous body fitting tightly against her clothes, accentuating her curvy figure. She wore her hair in a married woman's bun, looking very much the part of a mature woman, which, of course, she was.

Seeing it was her, Lu Chen asked with a smile, "Madam Chu, what brings you here?"

Chu Yuqin went straight to the point, "Chen'er, did Bai losing her skill suddenly today have anything to do with you?"

She often lost her power abruptly in front of Lu Chen as well, so she wanted to know if it was caused by him. If it was Lu Chen's doing, then it wasn't a problem.

If Bai Qingqing had a health issue, she would need to pay close attention, which was why she came to inquire with Lu Chen.

Lu Chen didn't hide anything and directly said, "Yes, it was because of me. I remember telling you that any woman who harbors love for me will lose her skill upon touching my body."

Hearing Lu Chen's response, Chu Yuqin showed a strange expression on her face.

Of course, she remembered him saying that.

At first, she thought this little rascal was joking with her.

When it dawned on her that only a woman who harbored love for him would lose her skill after touching him, Chu Yuqin was incredibly conflicted within.

So, she too had those feelings for Chen'er...

How could she harbor romantic feelings for him? It was absolutely not allowed!

Chu Yuqin hurriedly stopped herself from continuing that line of thought.

Then she changed the subject, "Chen'er, I remember you have an Immortal Technique that can heal people. Did you use it to check on Bai today to see what's wrong with her body?"

Lu Chen replied, "I've already looked into it, there's nothing wrong. It was just a little mishap during training. I've already helped her regulate it. I'll go help her with it again later, and she should be fine."

Chu Yuqin breathed a sigh of relief, so it was really just a training mishap. She had been afraid that Bai Qingqing was struck with some incurable disease and decided to spend her final moments at North Prince Mansion.

Chu Yuqin murmured, "It's good that there's nothing serious."

With that, Chu Yuqin glanced at the intelligence reports on the desk, then asked, "Chen'er, are there any recent movements from the Barbarian Tribe?"

Lu Chen responded, "Not at the moment, but this gives us an opportunity to set up. The day after tomorrow, you and Zixuan should head southward."

Chu Yuqin reminded him, "Youyou is about to give birth, and traveling at this time might not be good for her."

Hearing Chu Yuqin's reminder, Lu Chen was stunned.

How could he have forgotten about that?

It was indeed a problem; Zhou Youyou's belly was already quite big, and she certainly couldn't withstand the rigors of travel.

Should Zhou Youyou also stay in Yan County?

Although their chances of defeating the Barbarian Tribe were high, Yan County would be on the front lines of the war; Lu Chen didn't want to leave any worries behind.

If Zhou Youyou stayed in Yan County, what would happen if the Barbarian Tribe's experts found out about her? They don't adhere to martial ethics what if they kidnapped her?

Although the likelihood was slim, it was not impossible, after all, anything could happen on the battlefield.

Just as Lu Chen was pondering what to do, a sudden voice from a maid came from outside, "Prince, something terrible has happened!"

Hearing the maid's flustered voice, Chu Yuqin immediately turned around and opened the door to the study, and the maid entered, gasping for breath, "Prince... Madam Xiaozhou... something has happened."

Hearing this, Lu Chen's expression darkened, and he immediately stood up, then asked, "What happened?"

The maid quickly said, "Madam Xiaozhou was resting in the pavilion just now when she suddenly had abdominal pain, and then there was blood all over the ground, Madam Dazhou promptly sent me to find you."

Hearing the maid's words, Lu Chen realized Zhou Youyou might be in mortal danger, so without asking further, he went straight to the courtyard where she was.

Chu Yuqin also hurriedly followed behind him, ready to see if there was any way she could be of help.

Before long, the entire Prince's Mansion became chaotic.

Seeing the maids running back and forth, Lin Wanyun, who sat in the eastern courtyard pavilion, grew curious. She immediately stopped a maid and asked, "Girl, what has happened in the Prince's Mansion? Why does everyone look so panicked?"

The maid replied, "Madam Xiaozhou's water broke, we're going to the northern courtyard to help."

Hearing this, Lin Wanyun was taken aback.

Madam Xiaozhou?

She certainly didn't know who Madam Xiaozhou was, as "Xiaozhou" and "Dazhou" were merely distinctions the servants in the Prince's Mansion made between Zhou Youyou and Zhou Xiaoxiao, but hearing the maids refer to her as madam, Lin Wanyun guessed it must be some concubine of the North Prince who was in trouble.

Lin Wanyun didn't continue to detain the maid before her, "I see, you go on with your business."

After giving a quick curtsy, the maid immediately bypassed Lin Wanyun and headed towards the northern courtyard.

At this moment, Lin Wanyun went to the pavilion and said to Chen Wanrong, "Palace Master, I think this is a good opportunity. If you could help the North Prince save the life of his concubine, he should be very grateful to you."

For Chen Wanrong to plant the Love Worm in Lu Chen, she had to first make him fall for her. Only then could the Love Worm be successfully implanted.

Otherwise, even if she implanted the Love Worm, it would be difficult to completely control Lu Chen.

Chen Wanrong pondered for a moment, her expression cool, and then said, "Madam Lin, tell the maid to inform the North Prince that I can save his wife. If he needs help, he can just let me know."

Seeing Chen Wanrong's agreement, Lin Wanyun turned and went to the entrance of the courtyard, then caught a maid heading to the northern courtyard to relay the message to Lu Chen.

Hearing that someone could save Madam Xiaozhou, the maid of the Prince's Mansion naturally did not dare to delay and hurriedly ran to the northern courtyard.

Lin Wanyun then returned to the courtyard and sat down in the pavilion.

"Palace Master, what shall we do next? Should we follow the wives and concubines of the North Prince as they head south?"

They had thought they could execute their plan with ease, but it seemed now that their plans would have to be postponed for some time.

No one expected the Barbarian Tribe to move south at this time, even less so that the North Prince would decide to fight them to the death in Yan County.

Chen Wanrong did not immediately answer; she gazed in the direction of the northern courtyard. After a while, she finally spoke, "We have waited so many years already, a little longer will not matter. If he dies in battle, we will go to the Capital city to find another Prince to collaborate with."

The throne was a great temptation to any Prince, and Chen Wanrong believed there would be princes willing to work with their Mysterious Moon Palace.

However, compared to those princes, the North Prince was the most suitable candidate, after all, being away from the Capital city, it was more convenient for Mysterious Moon Palace to carry out its operations.

But if they truly had no other choice, they would have to collaborate with another Prince..

Chapter 85: The Third Child is Born

North Prince Mansion.

North courtyard, Zhou Youyou's room.

The midwives and maids bustled in and out, busily using hot water to wipe down Zhou Youyou's body, trying every means to help her stop bleeding.

Clearly, Zhou Youyou's condition was not as simple as just her water breaking.

If they couldn't stop the bleeding, whether she could survive was a question.

Such a death, taking both the mother and child, was all too common in these times.

The atmosphere in the room was extremely oppressive. Zhou Youyou was in such pain that she was alternating between life and death, and her consciousness was gradually blurring.

Just then, a maid suddenly said, "The Prince is here, the Prince is here!"

Hearing this, everyone hurriedly made way for Lu Chen. Some of the maids in the Prince's Mansion knew that Lu Chen could perform Immortal Techniques.

To the midwives and maids, as long as the North Prince arrived in time, there would definitely be no problem in saving the adult.

Hearing the maids saying the Prince had come, Zhou Youyou's previously blurred consciousness cleared up a bit.

Lu Chen quickly came to Zhou Youyou's bedside, took her hand, and immediately began to use the Rejuvenating Skill to heal her.

Zhou Youyou's face was covered in sweat, her complexion wan and devoid of any color, like that of a corpse.

With little strength, Zhou Youyou said, "My Prince, Youyou might not make it. You must ensure the child survives."

"In the future..."

She stopped suddenly and didn't continue.

That was because she felt her body instantly lighten, and the pain seemed to disappear. Zhou Youyou was momentarily stunned.

Seeing the green glow emanating from Lu Chen's hands, Zhou Youyou instantly understood – he must be using an Immortal Technique to heal her.

At this moment, Lu Chen looked into Zhou Youyou's eyes and asked with a smile, "What about the future?"

Zhou Youyou smiled faintly and then said, "In the future, Youyou still wants to have more children for the Prince."

No sooner had Zhou Youyou's words fallen than the midwife said, "The bleeding has stopped! Get ready for the delivery!"

Zhou Youyou's child was not due to be born for a while yet, but there was no choice. The water had broken, and under these circumstances, the child had to be born prematurely.

This instantly resolved a problem that had been troubling Lu Chen.

Lu Chen had been worried that Zhou Youyou's belly was already so big, she couldn't withstand the rigors of travel, and without him by their side as they headed south, if something were to happen, both she and the child inside her could be in danger.

Now, with the child coming early, he could use the Rejuvenating Skill to heal Zhou Youyou in advance, allowing her to recover faster, and thus, no longer fearing trouble for Youyou on the road.

At this time, a maid rushed into the room.

Seeing Lu Chen healing Zhou Youyou, the maid did not directly disturb him but instead quietly approached Chu Yuqin and whispered into her ear, "Madam Chu, the guests

from the east courtyard say they can treat Madam Xiaozhou. Should you need anything, you may seek their help.”

Chu Yuqin whispered back, “Yes, I understand.”

With this, Chu Yuqin glanced over at Lu Chen and Zhou Youyou, who was already getting better on the bed.

She thought to herself that there was probably no need to ask for help from the Mysterious Moon Palace Master anymore.

After all, Lu Chen was someone who could perform Immortal Techniques. No matter how powerful the Palace Master of the Mysterious Moon Palace was, she couldn’t be better at healing than someone who practiced Immortal Techniques.

After a while, the room filled with the wailing cries of a newborn child.

[Congratulations, Host, on gaining a son. Reward: fifty thousand Black Cavalry, two Master Level Generals, and an additional population of five hundred thousand.]

The midwife, excited, said to Lu Chen, “Congratulations, Prince, it’s a boy!”

Having said that, the midwife brought the child over to Lu Chen.

Being premature, the baby’s condition was very unstable.

In this era, without the medical care of modern times, the mortality rate for premature infants was extremely high.

The midwife knew that Lu Chen possessed Immortal Technique and specifically brought the child over for Lu Chen to heal.

Lu Chen said to the midwife, “Put the baby on the bed.”

“Yes, Prince,” responded the midwife, bending down to place the wailing infant by Zhou Youyou’s side.

Thanks to the healing of the Rejuvenating Skill, Zhou Youyou was now completely fine. She turned her head to look at her own child, her once tender face now radiating a mother’s glow.

Lu Chen then lifted his other hand and placed it on the infant, healing the baby as well.

Gradually, the baby stopped crying and simply waved his little hands and feet in the air.

At this moment, Chu Yuqin’s gaze fell upon Lu Chen’s face.

Seeing Lu Chen's complexion a bit pale, Chu Yuqin's smile instantly vanished. She immediately came to Lu Chen's side, asking with concern, "Chen'er, are you alright?"

The healing of the Rejuvenating Skill consumed Spiritual Power, and the Spiritual Energy in this world was very weak. Lu Chen had consumed a great deal of Spiritual Power while saving Zhou Youyou. Without immediate replenishment, his body's reserve of Spiritual Power was exhausted, leaving him extremely fatigued.

Lu Chen felt this as well. He always felt particularly exhausted whenever he healed others.

The main issue was that his Realm wasn't high enough, with too little Spiritual Power stored within his body. Only upon reaching the Master Realm would his path of cultivation truly begin.

Hearing Chu Yuqin's concerned voice, Lu Chen said softly, "I'm fine."

Zhou Youyou also noticed that Lu Chen didn't look well. Guessing that it was because he had been healing her, causing his face to look so pale, she quickly said, "Prince, your concubine is fine now. You don't need to use Immortal Technique to heal me anymore."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Don't worry, I know my limits."

Zhou Youyou showed a hint of worry on her face but didn't say anything more.

After a while, Lu Chen sensed that Zhou Youyou's body had largely recovered to its pre-pregnancy state, so he stopped transferring Spiritual Power to her.

The moment he finished healing, Lu Chen's body swayed, looking as if he might collapse. Chu Yuqin quickly supported him from behind.

"Chen'er, how do you feel?"

Lu Chen's nape instantly felt warmth and softness, and a subtle fragrance slipped into his nostrils.

At this time, all the women in the room came to Lu Chen's side, looking at him with concern.

After leaning on Chu Yuqin for a while, Lu Chen said, "I just need to rest a bit, don't worry about me."

Seeing Lu Chen reassure them himself, Mu Zixuan and the others breathed a sigh of relief.

A moment later, Chu Yuqin held Lu Chen's head, brushing the hair from his cheek, and said, "Chen'er, shall we name the child?"

Lu Chen glanced at the infant on the bed, thought for a moment, and then said, "Let's call him Lu Changsheng."

As the baby was premature, and even with his own healing, his constitution was innately not as good as his previous two children's.

Lu Chen no longer had any expectations for him to achieve great feats. He only hoped he could simply live a good life..

Chapter 86: Great Yu Remnants i

North Prince Mansion, East Courtyard.

Chen Wanrong and Lin Wanyun sat in the pavilion for two hours, yet they had not seen any maid or servant from the North Prince Mansion come to summon them to treat the North Prince's concubine.

This left them both somewhat perplexed.

The premature rupture of the membranes is very dangerous, and it's not uncommon in this era to have both mother and child perish.

Could it be that the North Prince actually doesn't want them to go over to help?

The two of them are from the Mysterious Moon Palace, and one of them is even the Palace Master. Saving a woman whose water had broken shouldn't be a problem for them.

Is the North Prince distrusting them?

At that moment, Lin Wanyun noticed that the maid who had gone to the North Courtyard to help earlier had returned. She immediately got up from the stone bench and approached the maid, asking, "Young girl, how is Madam Xiaozhou now?"

The maid knew that some things were not to be disclosed, so she simply replied, "Madam Xiaozhou has been out of danger and has successfully given birth to an heir for the Prince."

Hearing the maid's reply, Lin Wanyun felt a bit surprised.

It seems that the Prince's Mansion does have its experts.

Lin Wanyun then turned and returned to the pavilion, "Palace Master, it looks like we will only have a chance after the Barbarian Tribe is repelled."

The opportunity Lin Wanyun was referring to was naturally the chance to make a presence in front of the North Prince.

If Chen Wanrong wanted to seduce Lu Chen and stir his affections, she needed to make herself more visible in his presence.

When they first arrived at North City, they believed that it would be easy to captivate the North Prince, a man known for his lustful nature — after all, Chen Wanrong's beauty was second to none in Great Sum, and she was even listed as one of the absolute beauties.

That lecherous man couldn't help but be muddled when he saw Chen Wanrong.

However, after their exchange with Lu Chen, they believed that simply tempting the North Prince with beauty might not be so straightforward.

Even if the North Prince was lustful, he was intelligent; he might realize they had ulterior motives for him.

Therefore, if they wanted to get close to the North Prince, they couldn't just tempt him with beauty; they had to demonstrate their other values as well.

It would be best if they could make the North Prince fall in love with their Palace Master without him realizing it.

If they wanted the North Prince to develop feelings for Chen Wanrong, it would take some time to cultivate. Now, with the Barbarian Army soon to head south, there wasn't much time left.

As it appears now, they would have to wait until after the war was over.

However, whether the North Prince could survive in the end was still a big question.

At this thought, Chen Wanrong became a little absent-minded.

She remembered the time when Great Sum attacked Chen Nation; her Emperor father had allowed his wives, concubines, and offspring to leave the capital first, then made a last stand with the Great Sum army at the city walls, eventually dying there.

She was young at the time, but she remembered vividly what happened.

Who would have thought that in just a few short years, she would encounter a similar scene, only this time the one fighting against the invading enemy was not her Imperial father, but the son of the man who killed her father.

Chen Wanrong couldn't help but feel the irony in this situation.

After spending some time with Zhou Youyou and the child in her room, Lu Chen went to his study.

He was very concerned about the reward he had just received.

Upon entering the study, Lu Chen immediately asked the system, "System, where are the 50,000 Black Cavalry now?"

The Barbarian Tribe was about to move south, and Lu Chen had been pondering how to devour the 300,000 strong Barbarian Cavalry. However, no matter how he manipulated the maps, he found that eating through the 300,000 Barbarian Cavalry was an extremely difficult task.

While he had the 122mm howitzer, a formidable weapon at his disposal, the Barbarian Cavalry was highly mobile. Once they decided to flee, his men wouldn't be able to catch up.

North City only had 30,000 soldiers, and among these, only a few thousand were cavalry, who were largely untrained at that.

If the Barbarian Army were to panic and flee because of the howitzers, sending the small force of soldiers from North City to pursue or intercept the Barbarian Cavalry would be unrealistic.

But now things are different!

Now he had fifty thousand cavalymen at his command, who could be lying in ambush at the rear of Wanning Valley. The moment the Barbarian Tribe's cavalry entered the valley, they could encircle all three hundred thousand of them.

If the barbarian cavalry tried to flee, these fifty thousand would give chase as well.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen inwardly praised the system; it always delivered precisely what he lacked.

At that moment, the system notification arrived, "The fifty thousand Black Cavalry are currently located at the foot of Yan'an Mountain in the northeastern part of North City. They have received your summoning order."

Seeing this prompt, Lu Chen was taken aback.

He knew that subordinates obtained through the system in this world were given implanted identities, that is, they were natives of this world. Hearing that his fifty thousand Black Cavalry were in the northeastern part of North City, Lu Chen felt a pang of apprehension.

Could these fifty thousand Black Cavalrymen have the implanted identity of Barbarian Tribe soldiers?

After all, the north was solely inhabited by barbarians...

Lu Chen immediately asked, "System, are the Black Cavalry and the five hundred thousand people all from the Barbarian Tribe?"

"The fifty thousand Black Cavalry and five hundred thousand people you have acquired have the implanted identity of Great Yu Remnants. Five hundred years ago, they fled to the north to escape the turmoil of war and settled down within a great mountain," the system replied.

"Today, their shamans, following the mandate of heaven, recognize the North Prince as the Son of Destiny. They will follow the North Prince to unify the world."

This...

Well, this implanted identity wasn't unacceptable.

After all, Great Yu had been extinct for over five hundred years, and Great Sum was established on the foundation of Great Yu. The citizens of Great Sum could be said to be the former people of Great Yu.

Lu Chen continued, "How long will it take for the Black Cavalry to arrive if I issue the summoning order now?"

"At the earliest, half a month," the system responded.

Lu Chen muttered to himself, "Half a month, that's more than enough!"

In the North Land.

Yan'an Mountain.

At the foot of the mountain was an unbroken expanse of buildings. The architectural style here bore a striking resemblance to Great Sum, as if this place were within Great Sum's borders.

However, it did not belong to Great Sum, nor any other nation or dynasty.

This was Great Yu City.

At this moment, the streets of Great Yu City were bustling with pedestrians going to and fro and carriages and horses moving about, making it seem very lively.

But just then, the people walking on the streets suddenly stopped, as if their bodies had been frozen in place.

The carriages also halted instantly.

Everyone simultaneously raised their heads, looking to the south.

At the same time.

In the City Lord's Mansion of Great Yu City.

An old man with an intense gaze, staring at a turtle shell before him, said to two sturdy men clad in black armor, "The mandate of heaven lies to the south; the Human Emperor has appeared. It is time for us to enter the world!"

Immediately, the two sturdy men began rallying the Black Cavalry to head towards North City in Great Sum with all their might.

That evening.

After dinner, Chu Yuqin patrolled the inner courtyard.

Though there were many lanterns lighting up the Prince's Mansion at night, the light from the lanterns wasn't very bright, and the courtyard still seemed rather dim.

Suddenly, Chu Yuqin saw a shadow slip into the courtyard where Bai Qingqing resided. Frowning, she softly propelled herself with a gentle push of her legs, leaping onto the top of the courtyard wall, and then quickly followed after.

The intruder moved stealthily as if up to no good..

Chapter 87: The Dark Shadow Entering Bai

Qingqing's Room

Chu Yuqin was curious about who would dare to barge into the inner courtyard of the North Prince Mansion so late at night.

Those who had come to assassinate Lu Chen in the past could not even be found now, and yet someone was still bold enough to lurk in the North Prince Mansion and cause trouble under these circumstances.

After entering the courtyard where Bai Qingqing stayed, Chu Yuqin immediately hid behind a rockery, wanting to see what the shadowy figure was planning to do.

Just then, the figure swiftly opened the door to Bai Qingqing's room and slipped inside.

Because the lantern light was too dim, Chu Yuqin couldn't clearly see what the person looked like.

Chu Yuqin couldn't help but wonder why this person would go to Bai Qingqing's room.

Could it be they intended to do something to Bai Qingqing?

After all, Bai Qingqing was also a martial artist, and during the day, she had roughly sensed Bai Qingqing's inner strength. It's very likely that Bai Qingqing was already a Ninth Grade Martial Artist, perhaps even stronger than her.

If the assassin was looking for trouble with Bai Qingqing, wasn't that seeking death?

Moreover, Bai Qingqing had only just arrived at the Prince's Mansion; how could there be an assassin coming after her today?

Or could it be that the assassin entered the wrong room? Perhaps, they had intended to go to Lu Chen's room, but mistook Bai Qingqing's room for Lu Chen's?

While Chu Yuqin was pondering this, a candle was lit inside the room.

However, no sound of combat came from within.

Chu Yuqin was slightly stunned.

What was going on?

Why hadn't Bai Qingqing attacked the assassin?

Could it be that he was in cahoots with Bai Qingqing?

No, that should be said the other way around: Bai Qingqing was in cahoots with that person.

Bai Qingqing had been away for so many years, and now she had suddenly come to find them, claiming she would stay; this was suspicious from the start.

When it came to the safety of Lu Chen, Chu Yuqin was always sensitive.

Even when Wang Qingci ran over to cultivate a relationship with Lu Chen, she had to be on guard against Wang Qingci.

Chu Yuqin approached the room cautiously, intending to see what the situation inside was.

Meanwhile, inside the room.

After Lu Chen lit the candlelight, he looked at Bai Qingqing who was sitting on the bed, meditating.

Seeing Lu Chen come to find her so late, Bai Qingqing felt puzzled and asked, "What does the Prince need from this servant at such a late hour?"

Lu Chen replied with a smile, "Can't I come find you if I have nothing particular in mind?"

As he spoke, Lu Chen sat down on the edge of the bed with a practiced ease, as if he was completely unaware that he was sitting on an unmarried girl's bed.

With Lu Chen suddenly so close, Bai Qingqing's heart jerked, and she couldn't explain why, but she suddenly had a very strange feeling.

At this moment, Lu Chen asked, "Bai, do you still remember how I used to hold you and tell you stories when you were little?"

When Lu Chen brought this up suddenly, Bai Qingqing was even more perplexed. The North Prince came to her room late at night just to talk about these things?

Bai Qingqing answered emotionlessly, "This servant remembers."

Then, Lu Chen reached out his hand, directly took hold of Bai Qingqing's jade hand, and continued, "Then, you should also remember that I said, once you grow up, you would become my woman."

Hearing this, Bai Qingqing finally understood what the North Prince was doing in her room so late at night.

Back when she was a bed-warming maid for the North Prince at the Imperial Palace, he was never a content man.

Moreover, the intelligence recently gathered by the Shadow Guard also mentioned that the North Prince was an extremely lustful man.

To visit her chamber in the dead of night, alone with her, what else could it be for?

But Bai Qingqing didn't react too dramatically; she appeared almost like a wooden doll, to the extent that she didn't stop Lu Chen from making his advances.

At that moment, Bai Qingqing said with an expressionless face, "This servant is merely the Prince's concubine maid, available for use at any time the Prince desires my body."

Seeing Bai Qingqing's cold and expressionless face made Lu Chen even more restless inside.

The more indifferent Bai Qingqing seemed, the more Lu Chen wanted to see her beg for mercy later, and this ignited a desire to conquer within him.

However, Lu Chen didn't dive straight into the matter at hand.

Bai Qingqing's emotions had just begun to revive, and since she had been accustomed to embracing and being caressed by him from a young age, she didn't even think to resist.

So he planned to reveal Bai Qingqing's true identity directly, letting her understand that he already knew who she really was.

With her identity exposed, Bai Qingqing would surely behave differently.

Lu Chen didn't believe that she could remain so calm later on.

Afterward, Lu Chen lifted his hands and placed them on Bai Qingqing's fragrant shoulders, then slowly laid her on the bed and lay on top of her soft body, just watching her.

And Bai Qingqing also looked into Lu Chen's eyes, still offering no resistance.

Lu Chen then lifted her jade arms above her head and took her wrists in one hand, and whispered into her ear, "Vice Commander Bai, is it worth sacrificing your purity like this to fulfill the task my imperial father has given you?"

Hearing Lu Chen's whisper in her ear, Bai Qingqing's pupils suddenly contracted sharply.

She hadn't expected that Lu Chen would already know her true identity.

As her emotions revived, Bai Qingqing began to feel more emotions, such as nervousness and panic; she was no longer the fearless killing tool she had been before.

Bai Qingqing found it hard to believe; she had just arrived in North City, how could the North Prince have discovered her identity?

Besides, didn't the intelligence from the Shadow Guard say that the North Prince was nothing but an ineffective ruler, and based on what she knew of him from childhood, shouldn't he just be a lecherous fool?

And yet, this North Prince lying on top of her had discerned her identity with a single sentence?

Although she was momentarily nervous inside, being an experienced Vice Commander of the Shadow Guard, Bai Qingqing quickly regained her composure.

She then said in a cold tone, "What do you mean by that, Prince? Your servant doesn't understand."

Lu Chen's hand, not content to stay idle, slipped into Bai Qingqing's clothes, and as he touched her indiscriminately, he said, "Bai, it seems you've indeed grown quite a bit over these years."

With these words, he blew gently into Bai Qingqing's ear, causing her heart to suddenly skip a beat.

Immediately after, a strange sensation flooded her body, leaving her feeling inexplicably hot, an experience she had never known before.

Again, Bai Qingqing was stunned; feeling her emotions just beginning to awaken, she was at a loss on how to react to the physical thrill.

But she understood that it must be related to Lu Chen.

Bai Qingqing slightly twisted her supple body, attempting to free herself from beneath Lu Chen.

However, her body had already been firmly pinned by Lu Chen, leaving her no chance to escape.

Seeing Bai Qingqing beginning to struggle, Lu Chen knew his words had taken effect, and he continued whispering in her ear, "Bai, did my imperial father send you to North City to see if there were spies from the Mysterious Moon Palace among my people?"

As Lu Chen mentioned even her mission, Bai Qingqing suddenly came to her senses; the North Prince knew far more than she had assumed.

This was trouble. She hadn't expected that just after arriving at the North Prince Mansion, both her identity and mission would be uncovered by the North Prince..

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Chapter 88: The Maid is Actually the Prince's Maid_i

Despite her own secrets having already been directly spoken by Lu Chen, Bai Qingqing still stubbornly said, "Prince, this servant came to North City on her own, with no relation to His Majesty. This servant doesn't understand why the Prince would think so."

Bai Qingqing really couldn't understand how the North Prince could possibly know her identity and mission.

Even if the intelligence network of North Prince Mansion was very developed and had spies in the Capital, at most, the North Prince could have only found out that she was a Shadow Guard, absolutely not that she was the Deputy Commander of the Shadow Guards.

Even the Great Commander of the Shadow Guards didn't know she was the Deputy Commander of the Shadow Guards, yet the North Prince knew.

Furthermore, when the Sum Emperor gave her the orders, it was done in her presence, and the orders hadn't passed through a second pair of hands or lips; theoretically, there shouldn't have been much chance of a leak.

Could it be that there was a problem around the Sum Emperor...?

State Preceptor!

The figure of Situ Ce flashed through Bai Qingqing's mind in an instant.

On the day when the Sum Emperor gave her orders, Situ Ce was also present.

So the person who could have leaked her identity and mission, the likelihood was that it was only State Preceptor Situ Ce.

But State Preceptor Situ Ce was a confidant of the Sum Emperor; he had no reason to leak her matters.

Had Situ Ce defected?

Seeing Bai Qingqing still denying, Lu Chen merely smiled slightly, and then continued whispering in her ear, "You must be very curious about how I know all this."

Upon hearing these words, Bai Qingqing immediately struggled weakly; she really did want to know how Lu Chen found out.

However, at this moment, Lu Chen whispered into her ear, "Because your heart and mine are connected, I can hear the thoughts inside your heart."

Hearing this, Bai Qingqing knew that Lu Chen was making fun of her.

She felt that her mission had already failed and there was no need to stay at the North Prince Mansion any longer.

Immediately, she prepared to use her inner strength to push Lu Chen away.

She hadn't dared to use her skill before, mainly because she was worried Lu Chen was an ordinary person, and she could accidentally injure him.

But now that she had exposed herself, she must leave the North Prince Mansion, and she didn't care about those concerns anymore.

If she didn't push Lu Chen away, she might not be able to leave later.

Just when Bai Qingqing was about to use her skill in an instant, she froze.

Her inner strength had disappeared...

What was going on?

She had experienced this situation once during the day; she initially thought it was some issue that arose during her martial arts practice, causing a momentary disappearance of her skill due to deviation.

Unexpectedly, at this critical moment, her inner strength disappeared again! Was this really an issue from her martial arts practice?

Or did all this have something to do with the North Prince to whom she was clinging?

Bai Qingqing continued to watch Lu Chen intently, trying to discern something from his gaze.

However, unfortunately, she only saw Lu Chen's desire for her, and nothing else.

Bai Qingqing then said, "Prince, this servant suddenly feels a bit unwell today, and can only serve you another day."

Bai Qingqing's tone remained cold, and her expression was indifferent, as if she didn't care at all about being unable to break free from Lu Chen.

Lu Chen's hand was still lightly caressing her, and he then said, "Bai, from now on, you will stay with me."

Upon hearing this, Bai Qingqing immediately said, "This servant is already Your Highness's concubine maid."

Lu Chen chuckled and then said, "Bai, you know that's not what I mean."

At that moment, Bai Qingqing's heart violently jerked for the third time.

Suddenly, a blush appeared on her cold, exquisite cheeks, looking like a red flower blooming on an iceberg.

Bai Qingqing also realized something was wrong with her body. She tried to channel her skill again, but there was still no response.

Bai Qingqing had basically confirmed that this was related to Lu Chen.

During the day in the pavilion, she had felt her inner strength disappear, which happened when she was this close to Lu Chen as well.

All along the way here to North City, this had never happened, nor had there been any signs. However, upon entering the North Prince Mansion and coming into contact with the North Prince, her powers vanished.

Moreover, now that Lu Chen knew her identity, all of these things seemed inextricably linked to him, leaving no other plausible explanation.

What to do now?

Without her powers, she was no different from an ordinary person.

The only difference might be that she had a bit more strength than a typical sheltered young lady from a noble family.

However...

At this moment, Bai Qingqing attempted to use her own physical strength to push Lu Chen away. After all, she was an assassin; even without her inner strength, her own physical strength was much greater than that of an ordinary person.

But as soon as she exerted force in her arm, she found that it wasn't just her skill that was gone; she couldn't muster any strength in her body at all.

Bai Qingqing now understood that she was completely under Lu Chen's control; there was absolutely no escape.

She then resigned herself to fate, lying flat on the bed, waiting for Lu Chen to do as he pleased.

Her identity was exposed, her abilities were sealed, and she could not muster any strength; what else could she do but satisfy Lu Chen's desires and become his concubine maid?

After all, she had embraced and cuddled with Lu Chen since she was young. Though they hadn't consummated their marriage, she had long given him her purity in practical terms.

In this era, an unmarried woman holding a man's hand was enough to ruin her reputation, let alone someone who frequently warmed Lu Chen's bed.

Bai Qingqing's mind swiftly flashed through scenes from her childhood. From the moment of her birth, she was destined for a tragic fate, and everything happening now seemed only natural.

She was just a tool, whether as a tool for the Sum Emperor's rule or as a tool for the North Prince's venting. After all, a tool was still a tool.

Seeing Bai Qingqing look to the side, lying there motionless, with an air of resignation to whatever he would do, Lu Chen was somewhat stunned.

He had already revealed her identity, and although her favorability towards him was 100, she should still resist some, right?

Had she just given up so readily?

Lu Chen then continued to speak, "Bai, although I can't change your past, I can change your future."

"Withdraw from the Shadow Guard and become my woman, okay?"

Bai Qingqing still didn't respond, looking for all the world like a dead pig not fearing being scalded.

What else could she say, when she was already pinned beneath Lu Chen?

Their skin was separated by only a few layers of clothing, and Lu Chen could make a move at any moment.

Seeing Bai Qingqing like this, Lu Chen thought that her emotions had come back to life; she couldn't still be indifferent to matters of men and women, could she?

Thinking this, Lu Chen raised his head to look at Bai Qingqing, then slowly lowered it towards her pink lips.

Bai Qingqing didn't dodge, and Lu Chen leaned in directly.

Lu Chen decided not to care anymore; since he had started this, he might as well continue.

Then Lu Chen began to kiss Bai Qingqing.

Meanwhile.

At the door, Chu Yuqin was staring with wide eyes through a small hole, watching everything happening in the room..

Chapter 89: Acquiring a New Cultivation Technique

Although the light from the candles in the room was dim, Chu Yuqin still made out the faces of the two people inside and what they were doing.

Chu Yuqin hurriedly circulated her inner strength to calm herself down quickly.

Soon after, a faint emotion welled up in her heart.

Others had just arrived at the Prince's Mansion during the day, and Lu Chen, this bad guy, came sneaking into her bed at night to engage in marital relations with her.

Although Chu Yue had indeed planned to make Bai Qingqing Lu Chen's concubine maid, after all, the girl had just traveled to North City, at least let her rest before proceeding.

It was unreasonable to have someone serve in his bedchamber on the very same night.

She had initially thought an assassin had entered the Prince's Mansion, but it turned out to be this bad guy again.

Chu Yuqin sighed and had no intention of continuing to watch.

She then turned around and left the doorway.

Bai Qingqing was actually Lu Chen's maid, and whatever Lu Chen wanted to do to Bai Qingqing, Chu Yuqin did not plan to interfere too much.

Even if a child resulted, it was no big deal. When the time came, they would find a family for Bai Qingqing, appoint some godparents, and then marry her off to the North Prince Mansion as a concubine.

After Chu Yuqin left, Lu Chen and Bai Qingqing continued their kisses.

Bai Qingqing initially thought she was indifferent. After all, she had been touched by Lu Chen since she was young, and whatever he did to her body, she would not feel anything.

However, she quickly realized that something was wrong.

Their kissing unexpectedly made her body extremely agitated, and there seemed to be a warm current flowing through her whole body.

For the first time in her life, she experienced this sensation.

Bai Qingqing completely did not understand what was happening.

Actually, when she was in the Imperial Palace, the matrons there had also taught her some knowledge about the affairs between men and women, since she was initially raised to be Lu Chen's concubine maid.

But because her emotions were sealed off at that time, even if Lu Chen embraced her and their skin touched, she would not feel anything.

But now it was different. Her emotions had awakened, and with them being sealed off for more than a decade, the affections in her heart suddenly burst forth like finding an outlet for a flood.

Lu Chen did not continue to restrain Bai Qingqing's jade hands. His hands were now properly engaged elsewhere.

Instead, after Lu Chen released Bai Qingqing's hands, she did not know where to place them, and finally, she couldn't help putting them around Lu Chen's neck and cuddling with Lu Chen.

After a while, Bai Qingqing realized that something was wrong. Her clothes had disappeared at some point.

But just then, Lu Chen slowly raised his head, and their lips slightly parted.

Lu Chen looked at Bai Qingqing, her face flushed but still maintaining a cold demeanor; he couldn't help but raise his hand and gently stroke her smooth and fair cheek.

Suddenly, Lu Chen stopped kissing, and Bai Qingqing found herself unaccustomed to the cessation. Her arm was still wrapped around his neck.

Lu Chen then teased her, "Bai, it seems that over the years, you've also learned to be naughty."

Upon hearing these words, a sense of shame surged within Bai Qingqing, leaving her feeling utterly embarrassed.

For some reason, she could not bring herself to meet Lu Chen's gaze and subconsciously turned her eyes away.

Seeing the aloof beauty lying beneath him, a six of shyness across her usual cold demeanor, Lu Chen could not endure any longer; he was determined to transform this icy woman into a different guise by the day's end.

With that thought, Lu Chen bent down again and covered Bai Qingqing's lips once more.

Bai Qingqing still thought Lu Chen was just kissing, and as before, she subconsciously responded to his kiss.

But very quickly, Bai Qingqing realized that Lu Chen was doing more than just kissing.

"Hmm..."

As a low moan emerged from Bai Qingqing's throat, the candlelight in the room flickered to life.

[Host has cultivated an emotional connection with Bai Qingqing once, Qi Refinement Mantra experience points increased by 40, Rejuvenating Skill experience points increased by 40, Dragon Phoenix Yin-Yang Spell experience points increased by 20, Dragon Phoenix Yin-Yang Spell unlocked successfully.]

[Host has obtained an Emotional Crit with Bai Qingqing, Qi Refinement Mantra experience points increased by 80, Rejuvenating Skill experience points increased by 80, Dragon Phoenix Yin-Yang Spell experience points increased by 40, Dragon Phoenix Yin-Yang Spell cultivated to the first level.]

Although a bunch of system prompts appeared before Lu Chen, at that time, he had no interest in paying attention to these. All he wanted was to completely make the icy, aloof lady before him his own.

However, at this time, Lu Chen also noticed a strange sensation: he felt a warm current flowing between their bodies.

It was as if they had formed a closed-loop circuit together.

Although Lu Chen hadn't yet looked at the newly acquired Dragon Phoenix Yin-Yang Spell, he basically guessed the function of the cultivation technique.

It must be a cultivation technique practiced together with a woman, similar to the Happy Union Skill used by some demonic sects.

However, the Dragon Phoenix Yin-Yang Spell was different from Happy Union Skill; it wouldn't harm the other person.

At this moment, Bai Qingqing, whose consciousness was blurred, also regained a trace of clarity in her eyes, and she felt the skill flowing within her body.

Her skill had disappeared before, but now it had returned unexpectedly, and a new type of inner strength, which she had never encountered, emerged in her body.

Clearly, this inner strength was transferred to her by Lu Chen, and the method of transfer was through cultivating feelings with her.

Just as Bai Qingqing was about to push Lu Chen away, taking advantage of the return of her skill, she discovered that she couldn't bring herself to do it.

It wasn't that she lacked the strength, but rather her heart had developed a deep dependence.

Bai Qingqing instantly understood that she was truly destined to be this bad Prince's concubine maid for life.

At that time, Lu Chen noticed some complex emotions in Bai Qingqing's gaze. He smiled and said, "Bai, call me 'Master' and let me hear it."

Bai Qingqing ignored Lu Chen and turned her head away again, looking to the side.

Seeing Bai Qingqing's indifference, Lu Chen sighed inwardly. It seemed he still hadn't satisfied her, so he would have to continue cultivating their emotional connection.

Fortunately, with the help of the Dragon Phoenix Yin-Yang Spell, Bai Qingqing ultimately chose to surrender and concede.

"Bai, won't you really call me 'Master'?"

"Master... Master..."

“Sigh, the title ‘Master’ doesn’t suit you, call me ‘dear brother’...”

“Dear... dear brother... ah...”

The next morning.

After a whole night of heartfelt conversations with Bai Qingqing, she had completely softened.

When Lu Chen woke up, he glanced beside him and saw that Bai Qingqing was also looking at him.

Their eyes met.

For a moment, a blush reappeared on Bai Qingqing’s cold, beautiful face.

Bai Qingqing immediately turned her head away, reverting to her cold demeanor from the day before.

Lu Chen then wrapped his arms around Bai Qingqing’s body and whispered in her ear, “Bai, do you really not plan to become mine?”

With her back to Lu Chen, Bai Qingqing spoke in an emotionless tone, “I am already the Prince’s concubine maid.”

That was what Bai Qingqing had said the day before, but Lu Chen could tell that although the words were the same, their meaning was different when Bai Qingqing spoke them again..

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Bai Qingqing knew she had no choice but to betray the Sum Emperor. Her true identity had been uncovered by Lu Chen, and now her body was also under Lu Chen’s control.

At this moment, she had no choice but to surrender to Lu Chen.

Moreover, her heart had completely accepted Lu Chen. To her, becoming a tool for the Sum Emperor was no different from becoming a tool for Lu Chen.

She had never felt a sense of belonging to the Shadow Guard anyway, and now that Lu Chen controlled her, it was only natural for her to become one of his people.

It was just that she wasn't yet accustomed to being Lu Chen's woman. Before her feelings revived, even if Lu Chen hugged her, held her close, or kissed her, she wouldn't feel anything.

However, things were different now. Whenever her skin touched Lu Chen's, she would feel an agitation within her body, a heat, along with an incomprehensible feeling in her heart.

Especially last night's sensations, they baffled her even more. She didn't understand why she seemed to have become a completely different person.

Not only did she cry out in front of Lu Chen, she even called him master, good brother, darling, and the like.

She even suspected that there was another soul inside her body. Everything that happened yesterday had nothing to do with her; it was all caused by that other soul.

At this time, Lu Chen was no longer concerned with Bai Qingqing's verbal submission, for her heart already belonged to him.

Lu Chen now rolled over with Bai Qingqing's delicate body in his arms, climbing atop her soft form and looking down at her exquisite, aloof face from above.

At this moment, Bai Qingqing once again felt that strange sensation from the previous night. She wanted to activate her cultivation technique to prevent her body from growing more restless, but she quickly found that her skill had disappeared again.

Bai Qingqing had come to understand that whenever she made physical contact with Lu Chen, her prowess would vanish.

However, there was an exception. When she and Lu Chen were cultivating their feelings, her power would come back, because at that time, the inner strength within her body and Lu Chen's would form a circle, constantly circulating between them.

If it was just the current situation, she would be unable to activate her power.

Seeing the Ice Beauty's bashful expression, Lu Chen was suddenly seized by a playful mood and started to act wickedly again.

Bai Qingqing's body grew hotter and hotter. She bit her lower lip lightly, and her eyebrows slightly furrowed.

The more Lu Chen watched her, the more he wanted to tease her.

At that moment, Bai Qingqing took the initiative to speak, "Prince, it's time for you to get up."

Lu Chen chuckled lightly, and then said, "You, a concubine maid, dare to instruct this Prince on what to do? It seems you need a good lesson to learn the rules of the Prince's Mansion."

No sooner had the words fallen than Lu Chen leaned down. Bai Qingqing tried to turn her head away, but Lu Chen promptly raised his hand, took hold of her delicate chin, and kissed her.

"Mmm..."

Meanwhile.

Inside the Prince's Mansion.

Early in the morning, Chu Yuqin was carrying out her daily inspections when a maid approached her.

"Madam Chu, something terrible has happened!"

Seeing the maid in a fluster, Chu Yuqin immediately asked, "What has happened?"

The maid quickly said, "Commander Qin has come to discuss matters with the Prince, but I have searched all the ladies' chambers, and I cannot find the Prince anywhere. It's as if he has vanished."

Normally, Lu Chen would emerge from one of his wives' or concubines' chambers every morning. Otherwise, he would rise early and go to the study.

But today, the maid first went to the study, then to Mu Zixuan and the other ladies' quarters, and found no trace of Lu Chen. She thought Lu Chen had disappeared and rushed to find Chu Yuqin.

Hearing the maid's words, Chu Yuqin sneered.

She knew exactly where Lu Chen had gone.

That crafty rascal sneaked off to indulge in some illicit pleasure last night.

Chu Yuqin then said to the maid, "I know where he is. Don't panic. I'll go look for him. You may go about your duties."

With Madam Chu's assurance, the maid breathed a sigh of relief, "Yes, Madam Chu."

Afterward, Chu Yuqin headed for Bai Qingqing's courtyard.

She glanced at Bai Qingqing's room door, thinking to herself, it was already so late, surely Chen'er would be getting up soon?

With that in mind, Chu Yuqin arrived at the door of Bai Qingqing's room, intending to remind Lu Chen that Qin Yushan was looking for him.

But just at this moment, the voice of Bai Qingqing, filled with fluctuations of intonation, came from inside the room.

Upon hearing this voice, Chu Yuqin knew what had happened.

However, at this time, Chu Yuqin felt very surprised.

Her surprise was not that Lu Chen had devoured Bai Qingqing, but that Bai Qingqing would exhibit such a reaction.

Ever since she was a child, Bai Qingqing had grown up in the Imperial Palace, and all these years, Chu Yuqin had never seen Bai Qingqing show any other expression.

Even when Bai Qingqing fell to the ground, she wouldn't make a sound, nor would she cry.

Some masters said she was a person without emotions.

Yet this person, who supposedly had no emotions, was now making such a sound in Lu Chen's presence.

Was she really devoid of emotions?

Or was it that even someone without emotions would feel something when engaged in such an act?

While Chu Yuqin pondered this, after Bai Qingqing let out a high-pitched sound, suddenly Lu Chen's voice came from the room, "Madam Chu, do you need something from me?"

Now, Lu Chen's perceptive abilities were incredibly strong; he could easily discern the presence of someone at the door.

Last night, he actually noticed Chu Yuqin peeking at the door, but Lu Chen didn't care at all, and he also knew that it wasn't the first or second time Chu Yuqin had spied on him.

Often, when he and Wang Qingci were swinging in the courtyard, Chu Yuqin, while on patrol, would also sneak a peek if they encountered one another, watching for quite a while before moving on.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Chu Yuqin at the door froze for a second, then she remembered that Lu Chen was now a changed man; his Realm had ascended to levels unimown to her.

Plus, he practiced the Immortal Law, which was definitely different from ordinary Cultivation Techniques, so it was normal for him to sense people outside of his room.

Yet realizing that her eavesdropping had been caught red-handed by Lu Chen, Chu Yuqin felt her cheeks burning.

Then, Chu Yuqin coughed and said, "Chen'er, Commander Qin said he needed to see you, and he's already gone to your study to wait for you."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen immediately replied, "Oh, all right, I know. I'll head over there now."

With these words, Lu Chen got up from the bed and gently caressed Bai Qingqing's cheek, smiling as he said, "Bai, it seems you've completely assimilated into the role of your concubine maid."

Bai Qingqing lay in bed, her face filled with shame, frozen in place. She couldn't understand why she would change like this, why she would have such feelings.

Was she inherently such a woman?

Or had she been utterly enslaved by Lu Chen? Not only her body but her soul as well.

Lu Chen then got dressed, talking as he did, "I'll come to find you tonight. I've got things to do now, so I'll be leaving. You just lie there and rest well."

After getting dressed, Lu Chen left the room.

Watching Lu Chen's departing figure, Bai Qingqing's gaze was filled with complex emotions.

Lu Chen skipped breakfast and went directly to the study.

At this point, Qin Yushan was already waiting for Lu Chen in the study.

Seeing Lu Chen arrive, Qin Yushan immediately saluted and said, "Greetings, Prince."

Lu Chen hummed in acknowledgment, nodded, and asked, "Commander Qin, is there any new intelligence?"

Qin Yushan coming to him early in the morning surely meant there was urgent business; otherwise, he wouldn't have come so early to find him.

Everyone knew he was a man who liked to cuddle with his spouse and sleep in, so they usually would not disturb him too early.

Qin Yushan replied, "Prince, there's a letter from the Capital City. Commander Liang and his team found out that Prince Lu Shuyun has been colluding with the Barbarian Tribe. Through the merchant caravans, Prince Lu Shuyun has been smuggling a significant amount of salt and iron to the Sky Wolf King of the Barbarian Tribe."

"This time the Barbarian Tribe's army of three hundred thousand moving southward, I fear it's likely intertwined with Prince Lu Shuyun and the Aristocratic Families of the South."

With that, Qin Yushan drew a letter from his sleeve, which had just arrived that morning.

Lu Chen took the intelligence from Qin Yushan's hand and opened it to read carefully.

The expression on Lu Chen's face gradually soured as he had not expected Prince Lu Shuyun, this carefree individual, not only to attempt to assassinate his own brother but now even engage in acts of treason..