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Chapter 31: "The Mysterious Expert (1)"

"Stop sleeping already and get something to eat!" Jun Xian heartily nudged his son. Now that he's much better and can finally eat to replenish his strength and nourish the body, what more are they waiting for?

When the servants entered the room with the piping hot porridge, the aroma was so enticing that both father and son momentarily looked at the steaming bowls absentmindedly.

The porridge had a faint smell of herbs but the smell was not too overpowering. Having not eaten for such a long time, Jun Qing could feel his stomach contracting once the bowl was placed in front of him.

Once he took in a deep breath, the aroma assaulted all his senses and his previous loss of appetite was history. He struggled to sit up in his bed to enjoy his first meal for these past few days.

After he had eaten his fill, with a bit of difficulty as he sat up in his bed and had only realized that he was in a very precarious situation while he was unconscious.

"Every doctor who saw you concluded that you were on at death's door..if not for her...."

Jun Xian sighed as he thought about the pain of losing his eldest son ... If this kind of thing happened again he really did not know if he could survive.

"But...Jun Wu Xie just started on her medical studies not too long ago, how could she have known that I could be saved?" Jun Qing was full of questions, it seems that this time, it was really a huge change in Jun Wu Xie. The wayward rude little girl from before seem to have disappeared without a trace. Even in the face of Mo Xuan Fei's bullying, she still did not express any discontent, unlike the her before who would have whipped up a storm. She's so sensible and level headed now.

"Recently that child has changed a lot, she's become very sensible. I think her injury before might not be as simple as we have thought. If not for the major turn of events, she would not have changed so much in such a short time." Jun Xian did not say it out but he had been thinking about it for a while and made a few guesses.

All these started only after she came back riddled with all those injuries. What did she go through?

Jun Qing hesitated for a moment before he finally told the truth that Jun Wu Xie had given him the lotus seed right before this incident.

"Lotus seed?!" Jun Qing frowned slightly. Initially he had thought that someone had secretly tempered but now Jun Wu Xie is suddenly involved.

"Perhaps she gave it to me without any deeper meaning or my body simply could not hold up against the poison. No matter what, I believe that Wu Xie will not harm me. But I have to say, although I'm tired now, I'm feeling much better than what I've felt over in a decade! The poison has deeply seeped into my bones, all these years, and though it didn't manage to take my life away but it has been wearing my mind and spirit down." Jun Qing was worried he would implicate Jun Wu Xie further as he hastily tried to explain.

He really wasn't exaggerating, his body still felt very weak now however his mind was very alert. Also the poison before seem to have rendered him unable to muster up any spirit energy but now he could feel a slight throb as he tried to sense his spirit energy.

"Really? Do not think that you can pull a fast one over me. Naturally I believe in our Wu Xie. But if you still feel any discomfort anywhere, do not hide it." No matter what, both of them are his closest kin and he did not want any harm to befall them.

Jun Qing smiled and nodded as he moved his arms in exaggerated motion in an attempt to show his father that he was really fine.

However in that moment, there was a surge of a strange feeling. His whole body stiffened as he was deep in thought.

"What happened?" Jun Xian quickly asked as he saw the strange expression Jun Qing had on.

Jun Qing gulped as he gave a bewildered look of disbelieve.

"My legs...."

"What happened to your legs?!" Jun Xian asked anxiously.

"They feel a little...sore?" Jun Qing's voice trailed off...

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Ever since Jun Qing had been poisoned, his legs were not able to feel any sensations, except for occasional chills from the bitter cold winter. However, he could clearly feel something now, something he had missed all these years. Even though it was pain, nevertheless, it was still a feeling!

"Father, where is Wu Xie?" He had a sudden flashback.

["Uncle, do you trust me?"]

When Jun Wu Xie had asked him that question, he didn't think too much into it but now after all that has happened... After she had asked him that very question, she fed him 'that lotus seed' after which his body underwent major changes.

All these were too coincidental!

Jun Xian had sent someone to invite Jun Wu Xie over.

When she entered the room, there was a faint aroma of herbs as she carried her little black cat in one arm and walked over to the bedside.

"Uncle woke up." As if she was expecting it, there was not a trace of surprise in her voice.

"Wu Xie, this time Uncle really need to thank you properly." Jun Qing smiled warmly at his niece. He saw the cat that was looking happy and contented in her arms. Jun Wu Xie had always liked animals but because of her impatience, whenever she approached animals, they couldn't keep still and would run off. He even tried grabbing various cats and dogs and let her touch but they always end up running away so it was a very rare sight.

"No need, this is my fault." She softly said as she stroked the cat's fur and looked down.

This shocked both father and son.

"Wu Xie, what do you mean?" Jun Xian asked gently, fearing his tone was too harsh and scaring off his granddaughter.

Jun Wu Xie looked at both of them with bright eyes and slowly said, "In fact, there's no reason to hide from both of you. That time, when I fell from the cliff, almost all my bones were broken, if not for Master saving me, I'd have long be dead."

"Master?"

Jun Wu Xie nodded, "He was the one who saved me and sent me back to Lin Palace. However, he did not want other people to know about him, which is why he handed me over to Wu...brother. That entire time while I was recuperating, Master saw that I was interested in learning medicine and he took me in as his disciple. Although I don't know about his origins, he's my savior and I know he has amazing skills. The reason why I picked up studying medicine is not because I had an interest in it but because Master said that since my body constitution was weak and I had no contractual spirit, this was a way for me to protect myself." She glanced over to look at them as they looked at her seriously. She continued on, "Actually, that was not an ordinary lotus seed, it was given by Master and it has the ability to cleanse the bone marrows."

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"Although Uncle has been crippled, he's still able to feel occasional chills and his tendons are not damaged, so I thought I could try to treat it. I also ate the lotus seed, though some discomfort, my body did not have such a reaction like Uncle's. His poison flaring up scared me but luckily master taught me the way to treat it."

Jun Wu Xie spoke calmly, though her voice a little immature, she sounded very credible.

This speech was thought up after some deliberation to gloss over the origin of the medicine.

She had originally wanted to build up their body constitution discreetly, who knew that lotus seed would have triggered off such a big incident! Now she had to find a plausible excuse as a cover up for her medical skills. Hence, the little black cat and her had been discussing it and they eventually came up with a 'Master'. Pushing everything to her mysterious master would pave her way free from all future problems.

After listening to her explanation, Jun Xian and Jun Qing were both in shock. They did not think that Wu Xie would ever acknowledge anyone as her Master.

When she had returned back that day, their memories were tampered with and all they knew was that her 'brother' had brought her back, however the specifics were not known.

Her explanation may have sounded a bit too incredible, what kind of luck did she have to meet such an expert? However, it did fit all the current questions they had in their minds, like her change in personality as well as her interest in medicine.

"Well, Wu Xie, all these time did you meet your Master here in our Lin Palace?" He had on a weird facial expression when he as asked her.

Jun Wu Xie nodded.

Jun Xian and Jun Qing exchanged glances. If one looked closely, you could even see their eyebrows twitching.

Lin Palace may not look heavily guarded however there is a great number of Rui Lin Army secretly guarding it in the shadows. Not to mention strangers, even any animals, they would be the first to know if any trespassed into Lin Palace. However this time, they had not heard anything at all. This meant that her Master was an expert who could enter and leave this fortress at his own will while escaping the tight net of surveillance of the Rui Lin Army. He did not leave behind a single clue.

Towards this Master of hers they were piqued with curiosity but they knew he meant them no harm or else he wouldn't have saved her and taught her medicine as well.

"For you to have such a Master is a fortunate thing. Since he doesn't want to meet anyone, just help us express our gratitude for all his help." From his vast experience, Jun Xian deduced that this Master of hers did not want to get involved in worldly affairs and hence did not insist any further.

To have this Master was good for both Wu Xie and Lin Palace. Jun Xian was elated.

"Alright." She calmly replied as the black cat in her arms shot her a look of misgiving and let out a small meow.

[Master, you've been led astray. You've actually learnt how to lie so blatantly!]

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[What Master? Oh please he does not even exist!]

Jun Wu Xie remained calm and collected topping it up with a frosty expression.

"What! You said you ate the lotus seed as well? How are you? Was it very painful?" Jun Xian had witnessed his Son who was a Battle General curl into a shrimp because of the intense pain. What more a mere fourteen year old girl who did not have an ounce of spirit energy? He was very frantic as he asked with a worried expression.

Jun Wu Qing shook her head, "I'm fine, there was a bit of discomfort but nothing like Uncle. His body reacted badly to it as he was poisoned before and the poison has seeped deep into his bone crevices over this long period. The lotus seed cleanses the bone marrows giving him a set of bones akin to being reborn. He experienced such pain as it squeezed out all the poison from every nook and cranny. As the poison is embedded deep in his bones, the purging process is very thorough to expel all the impurities and poison out. All these have been expelled out through his pores with his sweat, so there is no need to worry for any future complications.

If she wasn't able to even save Jun Qing, she really didn't deserve to live anymore.

When Jun Xian heard that all of Jun Qing's impurities and poison has been expelled out with his sweat, his eyes almost popped out.

"When I woke up, I did feel a difference. My body feels much lighter and when I sat up just now, my legs could feel some sensations." Jun Qing stated excitedly. It had been the same for all these years, it was as though he didn't have any legs. Now, even with the slightest feeling, he was delighted.

"Master said that after everything has been cleared, with additional medicine and medicinal bath conditioning, in half a year's time your legs would be like before." Borrowing her 'Master' to reveal how skillful she was.

The whole room was silent.

Both men stared agape at Jun Wu Xie, with eyes wide open.

After struggling for over a decade they finally see a glimmer of hope!

"Wu Xie, what do you mean by... like before...? Could it be that your Uncle can really walk again? Jun Xian could not stop his excitement , he was just short of jumping in joy in fear of scaring her.

She nodded, "He'll be able to walk like a normal person, it's just that he's been on a wheelchair for over a decade, his muscles are not very developed. Hence if he wants to return to his previous condition, he'll need up to a year to train and develop his lower body."

"What?...I am able to return to that state in a year's time?" Jun Qing felt as though he was floating along in a dream. He was simply dumbfounded and ecstatic to the point he felt dizzy and his expression was that of shock mixed with happiness.

He had thought that this life, he would be wheelchair ridden for good. Any hope that he could ever walk again was a dream. A dream he would trade anything for to be real.

And Jun Wu Xie said that he could walk and restore to his previous condition too!

Is he really not dreaming?

Jun Wu Xie looked at the two men who were verge of tears as their whole face were red with excitement. She looked at them with a hint of puzzled expression. Was there a need to be this excited?

She could not understand, his legs were never a problem. Extracting all the poison that had seeped deep in his bones was the problematic issue, however now that it's been dealt with, why would they get so excited?

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In Jun Wu Xie's view, her Uncle was unable to walk was not because the poison was too toxic, it was because...the doctors in this world sucked big time!

It never once crossed her mind that the problem did not lie in the doctors of this world but rather that she was too abnormal! Her skills were at an unprecedented level, it was as though a University Graduate was doing an elementary school kid's homework. That was the vast difference.

"Yes" She replied to their excitement.

They remained silent but one could see the flame ignited within their eyes as they tried to digest all the information.

Lin Palace was on a decline as there was no successor, however if Jun Qing was able to recover within the next couple of years to his peak, Lin Palace would once again be able to bask in glory.

This opportunity was too important to them right now.

"Wu Xie, there's a lot of important things at stake here, the matter on your Uncle's recovery must be kept with strictest confidentiality. About your Master..."Jun Xian immediately thought of this critical matter.

"Master said he was not interested in worldly affairs." What can a non-existent person disclose?

"That's good to hear. We must really thank him for all his help! Please convey to him that if there is anything that Lin Palace can help him with, if it's within our means, we will do everything we can to fulfill it!" Jun Xian started chattering excitedly.

"I will convey it to him." she faintly responded.

"Wu Xie, thank you." Jun Qing looked at Wu Xie with his warm eyes and a gentle smile. He was very thankful that he had such great family support all these years and now his beloved niece said that she could cure him with her Master's help, he simply could not wait!

His 'thank you' made her feel something stirring within. She was slightly surprised. In the past she had saved many people and she had received countless 'thank-yous' from all those she had saved , but those 'thank-yous' never carried any weight in her heart.

However this time, Jun Qing's 'thank you' indeed made her feel a nice warmth from within as she felt a glimmer of joy as she let out a rare gentle smile.

So it turns out rendering treatment to a family member feels completely different.

As she was intoxicated with this feeling, she carried on, "Master gave me a few lotus seeds and I wanted to give one to Grandfather as well but due to Uncle's special case, I'll need to concentrate on Uncle's treatment for the time being. I will need a bit more

time to prepare the conditioning of Grandfather's body." She could not be too careless as Jun Xian's was rather advanced in his age and she had to be extra vigilant. She would want to prepare everything fully before she started and get rid of any variables.

Jun Xian never thought he had a share in this fortuitous opportunity. Listening to Jun Wu Xie he had guessed she had already started in her preparations for him.

His chest felt warm and fuzzy as he awkwardly turned away as he silently wiped away the tears that were threatening to fall.

His Granddaughter is all grown up now. She is finally sensible.

In the future who would dare call his Granddaughter a waste?!He'll not let anyone touch a single hair on her! No one will get away with bullying her!

"I'll leave it all up to you. I will let Uncle Fu know and ask him to brief the kitchen staff. Do what you need to do, no need to ask me for my advise." He chortled heartily and heaved a sigh of relief.

In the past, although he had doted on her and loved her unconditionally, he knew that she loved to play pranks on others and she had a haughty temper so he had placed many restrictions on her to prevent any trouble. But now he feel that his heart is finally at ease as he looked at his precious Granddaughter.

Sensible, calm, amazing medicinal skills, cares deeply about her family and even backed by a powerful Master. Where else in the world can you find such a great Granddaughter?

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He wanted to scream out to the whole world how amazing his Granddaughter was! He wanted to flaunt her in front of the other old geezers, gloat at their shocked expressions and see if they still dared to call her a waste!

Lin Palace's current predicament could be overturned with Jun Wu Xie's help. She was the key to it's revival and to keep her protected as well as Lin Palace, they had to keep everything under wraps until Jun Qing fully recovered.

Jun Xian had suffered greatly under someone's grand scheme and it caused him to lose one of his beloved sons, another was gravely injured and could not even live normally all these years. To keep Lin Palace safe, he had to reduce The Rui Lin Army over the years. If they had found out that Jun Qing could recover and the person doing the treatment was Jun Wu Xie, he was not sure he could keep them both safe with his power alone.

Now, keeping Jun Wu Xie safe was top priority.

Under Jun Xian's orders, Jun Wu Xie had complete freedom to do the things she wanted without anyone raising any questions. All the servants no longer procrastinated when she asked them to do something.

In order to prevent any repercussions after eating the lotus seed, Jun Wu Xie decided to use herbs to aid in the conditioning of Jun Xian's body.

Jun Wu Xie meticulously prepared various herbal concoctions and diets to complement and condition Jun Xian's and Jun Qing's body. She also added in a drop of the white lotus's tear each time.

During this whole process, everyday Uncle Fu personally delivered all the food and medicine from the hands of Jun Wu Xie to Jun Xian, while Long Qi delivered Jun Qing's portion.

Jun Wu Xie treated this very seriously and she could only trust the both of them! No other point of contacts were allowed in case someone slipped in and tempered with anything. This way she could personally supervise their progress without any worries.

Both father and son were recovering at an astonishing rate under her care, the only victim was Little Lotus.

As his tears were the 'special ingredient' was needed, every few days he had to contribute his part. Every time he appeared, the black cat would always be hot on his tracks as it pounced on him and chased him around as it scuffled with him. The room will be eventually filled with muffled sniffles and sobs.

He really deserved some sympathy!

Battered Little Lotus once again contributed his tears as he huddled at the corner of the room with his little body still trembling as it looked at the black cat that was calmly licking its paws by the bedside.

Jun Wu Xie had just finished collecting the tears when a light knock on the door sounded. In a practised manner, she swiftly flicked her hand as the Little White Lotus instantly disappeared as it turned into a barely visible ring on her right hand's ring finger.

"Come in."

The door swung open and Long Qi stood there and bowed slightly while maintaining this posture with his head hung low as he held out two scrolls.

"Second Master has instructed me to hand these over to you, Young Miss." Long Qi was a man of few words, although he did not talk much, the tone he was speaking in was totally different from the past. Although it still was cold, it had a hint of respect.

Jun Qing's body had been improving at an alarming rate and he knew that all the credit lay in this young maiden in front of him.

"Put it over there." she pointed to the table nearby as she raised her head slowly.

Long Qi bowed once again as he entered the room without making any eye contact, he looked towards the ground as he made his way in. After placing it on the table, he was about to leave when she suddenly said, "Wait."

He immediately froze on the spot.

"Take the medicine that's on the table with you as well." she asserted.

Long Qi raised his head and looked at the table saw a small white porcelain bottle. As he picked it up, he asked, "How should I apply this for Second Master?"

"It's for you." as she galnced over at him.

His whole body stiffened.

"With your injury, how do you expect to do a good job in protecting my Uncle? In the future, do not do such silly things."

As a doctor and her acute sense of smell, how could the faint smell of blood escape her notice?

Chapter 37: "Change (3)"

Long Qi stood stood frozen for a moment before he straightened up and put his right fist stiffly over his left chest, bowed slightly and silently left the room.

Jun Wu Xie glanced at the closed door and resumed what she was doing.

"Cold on the outside, warm on the inside. So that saying was referring to people like you." A teasing voice came from the window.

Jun Wu Xie furrowed her brows as she looked towards the source of the sound. Jun Wu Yao was sitting at the window sill with his hands leisurely crossed over his chest. His mouth had a faint smile as he looked at her with a bemused expression.

This time she could not smell any trace of blood on him.

"Doing something wrong and getting punished for it is not a big deal. Didn't think that you will be so kind to have prepared medicine for him." His half amused eyes gradually disappeared as he stared at her. That day after Long Qi had apologized to her and asked her for punishment, she had brushed it off. This stiff and upright man had imposed his own punishment by getting flogged by the pole 150 times until his whole back was in a complete mess, however he did not even let out a scream and he appeared as per normal beside Jun Qing the very next day.

Incidentally, Jun Wu Yao had known about this however it did not have anything to do with him moreover he had no interest and had almost completely forgotten about this if not for her actions today.

"I hate that smell." She replied grimly.

Jun Wu Yao let out a chuckle as he lightly leaped into her room.

"Wu Xie is so unfair. When I was injured, how come you didn't give me any medicine?" With a slight pout he walked over to her side and leaned in with one hand against the wall behind her as he backed her into a corner.

His black hair draping down the side of his exquisite face, as it tickled her cheek.

Jun Wu Xie frowned as she swept the hair away.

"Because of your name." She glanced at him and took a step to the side and she walked away calmly.

Jun Wu Yao, no medicine, incurable. (TL: this is a literal translation from his name, 无药

、无药可救)

"Hahahaha!" After hearing her explanation, he couldn't help but burst out laughing. He grabbed her wrist and pulled her into his arms and gave her an overbearing hug.

Her small body was so soft and it carried a faint scent of herbs, it really made one feel at ease.

She did not struggle, did not resist, just quietly stayed in his embrace except for that bright pair of eyes glaring at him full of disapproval.

"Today I cleaned up properly. Here, smell me, is any of that distasteful smell still lingering?" He whispered closely to her ears as his deep magnetic voice mixed with a tinge of mischief resounded as he teased her.

"No." Jun Wu Xie felt that something was wrong but she could not pinpoint what with this closeness of his.

"Rest assured, as long as it's anything you not like, I will not let it exist." As he gave her his commitment with a smile, he wrapped his arms around her tighter. He realised that no matter what he did to her, she did not have much of a reaction. She did not seem to know the meaning behind his actions.

Similar to a blank sheet of paper, with a blank expression.

It really makes one want to leave a little mark on that paper!

Chapter 38: "The Royal Court"

Lin Palace was steadily gaining pace to its recovery as their hope for the past decade had finally been unearthed in the hands of Lin Wang's granddaughter. On the other hand...

Mo Xuan Fei always had a good reputation in the Imperial City. With his handsome face, he had captivated many young girls heart. He was swooned over by many and when news of him and Jun Wu Xie were betrothed got out, many hearts were broken. Many had secretly cursed in their hearts as they sneered, how plain Jun Wu Xie was and how unmatched they were! She was so undeserving of their handsome prince!

Now when it was announced that their engagement had been dissolved, it was a dream come true for many.

After the session at the Royal Court, Jun Xian was about to leave the Royal Palace as per usual when several old men who were wearing the official long robes walked over to him with beaming smiles.

"Lin Wang, do you have any updates on the culprits that attacked Second Prince?" The roundest one out of them spoke out.

Jun Xian looked at the man who gave a greasy smile. This roundball was the King's Brother – Wu Wang.

Wu Wang was in his sixties and did not contribute much as he was not skilled in anything. He had been riding on his brother's influence and living the high life all these while. He always viewed himself as almighty and was unaware of his own incompetence. Due to his royal birth, all the ministers have always fawned over him and complimented him no matter what he did.

However Jun Xian was an exception. He had always been straightforward and always pointed out his shortcomings. Thus he and Wu Wang had been bickering for years and had never seen anything at eye level.

Back in the days when Lin Palace was at its prime, when both of Jun Xian's sons were healthy, Wu Wang never dared to show his discontent and had always maintained an

amiable front. However after Lin Palace started its decline, he gave up all his regard for Lin Palace and had been behaving as he liked without holding anything back.

The reason why Mo Xuan Fei and Jun Wu Xie's broken engagement spread like wildfire was thanks to him as well.

All the ministers started crowding around them to watch the good show.

"This matter does not require Wu Wang to worry, although they are as slippery as eels, I will chase them to the ends of the earth and catch them to ensure the safety of Second Prince." He replied without any emotion.

"That must really be hard on you, Lin Wang is no longer young and still have to work so hard, how can we let you handle all that by yourself? You should simply pass it on to the next generation for them to handle..." Wu Wang laughed as he hit his own forehead with his palm. "Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot about your two sons. One has died for the country and the other"

Wu Wang did not finish what he was saying but looked mockingly at Jun Xian.

It was apparent that the news of Lin Palace's predicament had spread all around.

Lin Wang's little son's poison had acted up and all the royal doctors and almost every other doctor in the State had seen him and all came out with the same verdict – Jun Qing's life was hanging by a fine thread. He didn't have much time left.

"I'm sorry, I'm not good with words, hahhaha.. I'm really sorry." Wu Wang sniggered as he lashed his words out without any holding anything back.

Jun Xian's furrowed his brows. From all the killing on the battlefield and after countless wars, he had accumulated a lot of bloodlust. Usually he will keep it contained but now, he unleashed a little of it as he glanced at all the surrounding ministers. They couldn't help suck in a deep breath. The surrounding temperature seem to have dropped and the air was very heavy. His piercing gaze rested on Wu Wang.

Chapter 39: "The Royal Court (2)"

Wu Wang felt all the hair on his back stand as the invisible pressure piled on him under Lin Wang's glare. This was the first time in his life he had felt so threatened. He's been around for over sixty years and during this period, Lin Wang's awe inspiring name have resounded far across the borders of Qi State and he certainly felt the reason why first hand.

He involuntarily let out a gulp in an attempt to calm his own nerves.

"Matters regarding my Lin Palace are of no concern to you. Do not trouble yourself to worry about it." Seeing the surrounding ministers all laughing nervously, he finally retracted all the bloodlust and the pressure released.

"Well, I was worried about the matters of our kingdom." After Jun Xian retracted all his bloodlust, Wu Wang concluded one thing – Jun Xian has become a toothless tiger. Now that he is old, he had lost his former courage and did not dare to act too brazenly.

"Oh, I've heard that the Little Miss hasn't stepped out of Lin Palace for quite some time? She's still young, even if she and our Xuan Fei are not meant to be, she doesn't need to be so sad. She should come out and get some fresh air, it's not good for a young girl like her to be cooped up at home all day!" Thinking that Jun Xian was no longer the fierce tiger of the past, Wu Wang carried on mocking Jun Wu Xie after talking about Jun Qing.

Jun Xian glared at Wu Wang.

Wu Wang smiled and said, "It's the Crown Prince's birthday next month and His Majesty has left the birthday celebrations for me to handle. Since your Wu Xie has not been out for so long, let her join this celebration to lift her spirits. His Majesty also said that he felt bad with regards to what happened with the engagement and has specially extended the invitation to your Wu Xie.

"Fine." Jun Xian did not want to waste anymore of his precious time with these geezers as he flicked his sleeves and walked away.

Wu Wang laughed gleefully as he watched Jun Xian's retreating back and 'defeated' demeanor.

"Still putting on such an arrogant front? Does he still think that he is the Lin Wang of the past?" Wu Wang scorned as he put on his trademark greasy smile as the other ministers laughed along.

"Lin Wang is unable to accept hard reality and his head is still living in the clouds. That Jun Qing is not able to live much longer and with him gone, Lin Palace is only left with that waste. Let's see how long the Rui Lin Army can last." Another minister sneered with a smile.

"Hmph, he still thinks himself as a Great General commanding an entire army but all he has accomplished is losing his two sons." Wu Wang and the other ministers continued on their banter.

None of them had noticed that once Jun Xian had turned his back on them, there was a glint in his eyes and as he walked away, his 'retreating back' lost its former vicissitudes and he strode on with vigor, no different from when he was commanding the entire army, reverting back to the very same hero which made the Kingdom of Qi today.

As he entered Jun Wu Xie's courtyard, he could smell the familiar scent of herbs.

Jun Wu Xie was holding two pots of herbal concoctions as she slowly stepped out of her pharmacy when she saw Jun Xian.

"Grandfather." She called out gently as he acknowledged her with a warm smile and nod.

"You are still fiddling around with these? Don't you feel bored staying at home all the time? Next month the CrownPrince will be having his birthday celebration, I'll bring you along." He gave her a loving smile.

"Alright." She didn't give it much thought in her reply.

Jun Xian smiled and patted her on the shoulder, without saying another word, he went back to his room.

Jun Wu Xie stood rooted to the spot as she watched his disappearing back. Only after his back view was no longer visible, she then continued on her way to Jun Qing's room.

"Meow" the little black cat was playfully rubbing itself against Jun Wu Xie's calf while walking.

[Grandfather's expression was a little off.]

"Mmm." Jun Wu Xie had noticed that as well.

"Meow"

[Is it related to the Crown Prince's birthday?]

Chapter 40: "Ghost City (1)"

"It's a high chance it is, the former Wu Xie brought along trouble wherever she went, Grandfather wouldn't take the initiative to invite me over to such an important function. Since he just came back from the Royal Court, most probably the idea came from the man on the throne." Jun Wu Xie softly answered the black cat as she continued walking.

"Meow?"

[Why does he want you to go to the Crown Prince's birthday celebration for?]

"In other people's eyes, my uncle is already a dead man. Lin Palace is left with me as the younger generation. So to them, Lin Palace is left with a kid once Jun Qing dies and as Grandfather is already advanced in his age, there is nothing for them to worry about anymore. No matter what they have to put on a show. They weren't able to dig out any information from my Grandfather's mouth on Jun Qing's situation, but if it was a fourteen year old kid like me to prattle on ... Moreover what do you think if a girl who was dumped by a guy and she attends his older brother's birthday celebration and sees him cajoling with another woman affectionately in the presence of others. Isn't this a motive by itself?" Jun Wu Xie was usually a lady of few words, even with her family she had seldom engaged in long conversations.

However with the little black cat, words just flow out naturally.

"Meow!" The little black cat hair stood on it ends.

[Shameless! This is too outrageous! No wonder he and the second prince are related! On the surface they act all good but in actual fact they want to take this opportunity to embarrass you and make you lose face! How can there be such shameless people in the world?!]

"It's alright, this is not a big deal, I'll let them wallow in their happiness for a little while longer. I'll show them..." She said indifferently as a cold glint flashed across her eyes.

Bother her? She does not mind.

However those people even dared to put her grandfather and uncle in their calculations? Then they can't blame her for being ruthless.

"Foolish ones who do not deserve to live in this world will perish." She stared icily at the pot of medicine she was holding.

"Meow!"

[Master, show them your might! Kill that group of idiots!]

Jun Wu Xie no longer spoke as she calmly walked on with her mind full of thoughts.

Jun Qing was recovering very well, however to get back to his peak, he needs more time. During this period, she will not be idle, she has her contractual spirit as well and she will train too, one step at a time to be stronger and pull out all those weeds. Clear them all out.

To be more powerful, she must start her cultivation. Having a contractual spirit was her key secret.

Ever since Jun Xian had given her more authority and lifted most of her restrictions, she could be seen frequently in the Resource Hall where she could be seen flipping through various cultivation techniques.