

### Chapter 2711: Commotion

What in the world did her mind think? She actually devised such a despicable scheme to frame her? She really wanted to tell this girl that tearing her clothes up and making a mess of being bullied and taken advantage of was pointless. She herself was a woman, and a beautiful one as well. Even if this girl stripped naked and they were in the same room, she would not take advantage of her.

But when she saw the girl having a good time, Feng Jiu thought, fine, let's see how she tortured herself. In any case, she must have tortured herself to death in the end.

The silver wolf that was lying on the side had sat up, but since it had shrunk down to the size of a puppy, it had lost all sense of existence. Ruan Ruyun disregarded it as unimportant. Obviously, she did not see the silver wolf sharpening its claws, as if it couldn't wait to pounce on her and kill her in a single bite. 'Search NewNovel{ on google'

After observing that Feng Jiu did not take her seriously, Ruan Ruyun gritted her teeth and stated, "Do you seriously disagree? You know that as long as I shout to get people's attention, even if the Xie family wants to protect you, you will still fall into our Ruan family's clutches."

Feng Jiu paid her no attention and continued eating.

Ruan Ruyun took a few steps back with resolve in her eyes. At the next moment, she yelled, "Help! Help me!"

She was, after all, a Golden Core cultivator. Her voice, by nature, contained spirit energy and transmitted easily. Its echo was clearly heard by everyone in the garden.

People in the front were getting along well, especially since Old Patriarch Guo and Guo Xinning had arrived today to pay a visit and were welcomed by Xie Yan. However, they suddenly heard a call for help.

Xie Yan was stunned for a while before telling the steward by his side, "Go, see what's going on."

In the garden, the beautiful woman and others were stunned momentarily when they heard the sound. Someone stated with wonder, "Why is there a cry for help?"

"It's my fourth sister's voice!" Ruan's Third Miss exclaimed with surprise before running towards the sound.

Everyone not only looked at each other in amazement but they also ran to the location where the person was calling for help...

Xie Shisi ran with the crowd, and she was almost knocked down. At this point, someone reached out to hold her. "Be careful."

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When she heard his gentle voice, she looked up and exclaimed, "Big Brother Guo! Thank you Big Brother Guo."

"Are you all right?" Guo Xinning asked gently.

"I'm fine." Xie Shisi said with a smile.

"How come I didn't see Feng Jiu?" He inquired.

"Ah! Little Jiu was with Ruan's Fourth Miss at the time and it was her who was calling for help. I'm not sure what happened, so we rushed to investigate." Without even thinking about it, she led him to the rear courtyard.

Guo Xinning was stunned when he heard her answer. Feng Jiu and Ruan's Fourth Miss were in the rear courtyard?

When Xie Yutang, who was also making his way to the rear courtyard, heard a cry for help, he could not help but exclaim, "I knew the Ruan family's arrival would bring trouble!"

But, when they arrived at the rear courtyard, the crowd couldn't help but be shocked by what they saw, and it took them a long time to get over it.

A young girl in a torn dress looked terrified and huddled up to herself on one side of the courtyard. The other person in the courtyard, a young man in azure, sat calmly at a stone table, drinking wine and eating his meal, as if what was going on wasn't his business.

#### **Chapter 2712: Slander**

When Ruan's Third Miss saw this, she couldn't help but gasp in surprise. She dashed over to help her up. "What's the matter, Little Four?"

However, the girl screamed before she touched her. "Brother Little Jiu, Brother Little Jiu, don't..."

As soon as these words were out, everyone's faces changed immediately. They all looked at the young man who was eating and drinking without caring.

They recognised this young man; his name was Feng Jiu, and he was the mansion's head steward. The two of them were alone in this courtyard, and the Fourth Miss appeared to be being bullied, which sparked people's imaginations.

Could this young man in azure have taken advantage of Ruan's Fourth Miss?

If they thought about it, there was a possibility. He was, after all, a young man. It would be natural for someone to be unable to control his emotions. This girl, however, was not an ordinary person. She was the Fourth Miss in the Ruan family. She was recently in the limelight. If something went wrong, the Ruan family would not take it lightly.

People started talking in a hushed tone for a while, but Xie Shisi, who had pushed his way from behind, heard it. She rushed forward and pushed the Fourth Miss hard while yelling at her. "What kind of nonsense are you spouting? Little Jiu is not like that at all! If you keep talking nonsense, I will slap you in the face."

"Little Shi!"

Xie Yutang walked up to her and pulled her back, telling her not to act rashly. With a gloomy face, he glared at the Fourth Miss Ruan Ruyun sternly. "You can eat whatever you want, but don't talk nonsense! Little Jiu is not someone you can slander casually!"

Guo Xinning, who stood behind the crowd, observed this scene with astonishment. He noticed the weeping girl's dress was ripped. She appeared dejected, with a panicked expression on her face. He stopped and looked at Feng Jiu.

Would Feng Jiu take advantage of her? He honestly couldn't believe it.

"What has happened?"

The beautiful woman's voice came from behind, causing everyone to turn around. People moved aside when they saw that she and a few other women had also come.

"Mother, that Ruan Fourth slandered Little Jiu and said that he bullied her!" Xie Shisi rushed to her side, reporting angrily.

But now, seeing everyone had already surrounded the courtyard with their eyes fixated on her, Feng Jiu put down her chopsticks, called the maid to take the dishes away, leaving only the wine, and then she looked at the beautiful woman.

"While I'm drinking wine here, this Ruan's Fourth Miss tore her own dress and screamed for help there." Feng Jiu's lips curled slightly as she calmly explained the situation.

"You are spouting nonsense! My Fourth Sister is a girl. How could she defame you in this manner? Clearly, it's because you have bad intentions toward her!"

Ruan's Third Miss spoke angrily, her beautiful eyes glaring at Feng Jiu. "How dare you touch my Ruan family. Today I will gouge out your eyes because you don't know your status and fail to recognise your betters."

When she heard this, Feng Jiu raised her brows and her eyes became cold. "Ruan's Fourth Miss, don't bother crying. Tell everyone, what did I do to you?" She said with a faint smile.

Ruan's Fourth Miss lowered her head, covering the remorse and agitation in her eyes. When she raised her head again, her eyes were filled with fear and pain. "Brother Little Jiu, I didn't expect you to treat me this way. You really scare me."

### **Chapter 2713: Visitors**

"Ruan's Fourth Miss, we don't know each other well, and I don't dare to be addressed as Brother by you." Feng Jiu spoke languidly. After observing the change in Ruan Ruyun's face, she smiled and inquired, "I am very curious, how on earth did I scare you?"

Feng Jiu suddenly patted her forehead as Ruan Ruyun continued to shrink back and lower her head without looking back. "That's right, you should be stalling for time right now. I believe the people who secretly protected you should have returned to report? It won't be long before a member of the Ruan family knocks on the door."

The people around looked perplexed when they heard this, and it was difficult to tell what they were thinking.

When the beautiful woman saw this, she made plans for everyone to leave first because she didn't want things to get too big and messy. After all, it was the Xie family. Since the host had already apologised and asked everyone to leave, everyone left right away. They didn't get very far, though. After leaving the Xie family's gate, they went not too far away to find a place to sit leisurely.

They didn't think today's problem would be easy to solve. After all, the Ruan family was not one to give up easily

Sure enough, the Ruan family arrived shortly thereafter. But, before they went through the gate to Xie's house, more than a dozen people came out.

"Father!" Ruan's Third Miss called out with joy when she saw that the visitor was her father.

Ruan's Fourth Miss was crying with her head down when she heard the voice. She raised her head and then rushed up, saying, "Father." She sobbed softly and threw herself into her father's arms.

"It's fine, everything is alright. Just step aside and wait for your father to help you get justice!" Patriarch Ruan replied gloomily. His piercing eyes went across the crowd, landed on Feng Jiu, and then shifted to the beautiful woman who had just emerged from behind the crowd.

"How does Madam Xie intend to provide us with an explanation?" Instead of asking Feng Jiu, he asked the Xie family's host.

"Patriarch Ruan, there is a misunderstanding here; Little Jiu is not that kind of person." The beautiful woman smiled and walked over to Feng Jiu's side.

"Misunderstanding? Hmph!"

He scoffed. "Is it possible that you were slandered by my daughter? He is nothing more than a servant. Will my daughter harm his reputation in order to slander a servant?"

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Xie Yan, who was supposed to entertain the Ruan family's old patriarch, learned the Ruan family had arrived and followed them outside. When Patriarch Xie heard the news, he came with his people. Patriarch Xie was stunned when he saw the scene and went over to inquire.

"What is going on? Since Patriarch Ruan has arrived at the Xie family, why don't you join us for tea?"

"Your Xie family's tea isn't so tasty!" When Patriarch Ruan saw the person coming, he did not take another look at Xie Yan's wife, but instead faced Patriarch Xie and said, "My daughter came to your Xie family as a guest, only to be bullied by a servant."

Patriarch Xie was stunned when he heard this, then frowned and asked, "Who dares to be so bold!"

"Him, it's him!" Ruan's Third Miss pointed towards Feng Jiu who stood there and stayed silent.

Xie Yan came out from behind and spoke out. "Patriarch, he is not our family's servant. He is our guest."

Patriarch Xie took a brief look at him after hearing his remark and then looked at Feng Jiu. "This happened because of you. Shouldn't you say something?"

Feng Jiu smiled and stepped out. "Patriarch Xie is right. This matter is indeed my responsibility. It will be unkind if I just stand there and watch."

#### **Chapter 2714: Slave**

She stood up and asked, "I wonder how Patriarch Ruan will handle the situation?"

When Patriarch Ruan saw the young man in front of him, he thought back to what his fourth daughter had told him. Because of this young man, they found out that the daughter who had been ignored and forgotten had a special physique. Even her strength and talent were superior to those of her peers in the clan.

Even what others couldn't see through, this young man did.

He took a deep breath, calmed his heart, turned to Feng Jiu, and said, "For offending my daughter, one option is to gouge out your eyes and cut off your hands, and the other option is to become a slave of my Ruan family from today on!"

When he said these words, the people around them were shocked, but they thought it made sense. A strong exponent clan was offended by a young cultivator with no background and only the Foundation Formation cultivation. It was inevitable that he would be killed. After all, one should not have offended the prestige of the strong exponents. Nobody would say anything if he was smashed into tens of thousands of pieces, let alone gouging out his eyes and cutting his hands.

Even so, the weak were already in a disadvantageous position, and no one would stand up for them. When compared to being gouged out and chopped off, becoming a slave could save one's life. On the other hand, one remained a slave for the rest of his life, working as hard as cattle and being scolded and beaten.

When Old Patriarch Guo, who was standing behind the Xie family, heard Patriarch Ruan's words, he couldn't help but shake his head and laugh. Guo Xinning, who was standing next to him, noticed it and asked quietly, "Grandfather, what do you think they mean by saying this?"

"I'm not sure what it means, but I know the Ruan family will be unlucky." Old Patriarch Guo whispered back. Who did you think the Ruan family should not have provoked? Out of everyone, they chose to anger him?

Did they really think of this ordinary and honest-looking azure young man as a simple person to trample on like a soft persimmon? He couldn't understand why the Ruan family would want to provoke him.

After hearing this, the Xie family exchanged glances. Slave? Others were unaware, but they were. The son told them about how they got acquainted with Ruan's Fourth Miss at the time. Based on what happened today, they concluded that the Ruan family had set their mind on Feng Jiu.

These people targeted her, but they had no idea what kind of person Feng Jiu was, or they wouldn't have done such a thing so suddenly.

They didn't say they knew Feng Jiu well, but they did know that the Ruan family did not have good intentions for her. She was expected to show no mercy to the Ruan family since she's such a person who was capable of making the Sacred Beast swear allegiance to her and Old Patriarch Xie pay her a personal visit. They didn't think the Ruan family would be able to handle it when she directed her rage at them.

As Ruan's Fourth Miss, who was hiding next to Ruan's Third Miss, listened to her father's words, her drooping eyelashes shook slightly and her body shrank imperceptibly. She was afraid to look up, so she kept her head down.

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"Haha..."

A chuckle pierced the eerie silence. Feng Jiu's lips were smiling, but her eyes showed neither a smile nor any emotion other than amusement and indifference.

"Offend? How could I forget the word offence when it comes to it? Ordinary people cannot bear the consequences of offending a strong exponent."

"I'm glad you know!" Standing with his hands clasped behind his back and staring at Feng Jiu, Patriarch Ruan asked, "How about it? Do you prefer your eyes gouged and your hands chopped off? Or being a slave?"

"I want neither." She spoke slowly, with her eyes half-narrowed, and questioned, "You've been talking about me. So, what will you do if I can prove my innocence?"

### **Chapter 2715: Truth**

Feng Jiu chuckled upon seeing Patriarch Ruan scowled with a gloomy expression and remained silent. With a flick of her finger, she attacked Ruan's Fourth Miss, causing her to cry out in pain. As soon as her lips parted, Feng Jiu threw a pill into her mouth.

"What did you put in her mouth? Patriarch Ruan glared angrily at Feng Jiu. He could not believe that the young man had the audacity to do it in their presence.

"Ugh, ugh!" Ruan's Fourth Miss coughed and bent over to try to spit out the medicine she had just swallowed.

"Don't worry; it's not poison." Feng Jiu smiled and ignored Patriarch Ruan who glared at her, instead looking at Ruan's Fourth Miss and asked, "Ruan's Fourth Miss, have I bullied you?"

Hearing Feng Jiu's unexpected question, the people around them turned to look at the two parties one by one. What surprised and perplexed them even more was Ruan's Fourth Miss' response the next moment.

"No."

"No? If he didn't do that, why did she claim he ripped her clothes off to take advantage of her?" Some of the young men who had been at Xie's house for the banquet opened their eyes wide.

Ruan's Fourth Miss, who heard her own answer, exclaimed and attempted to cover her mouth when a blade of vital energy came out and struck her acupuncture point, rendering her immobile.

"What did you do?" Patriarch Ruan bellowed as he glared at Miss Ruan Fourth and then Feng Jiu.

"I didn't do anything. All I did was give her a truth pill to get her to tell the truth." Feng Jiu spoke slowly with her lips curved up. Then, amidst the commotion, she asked, "Ruan's Fourth Miss, who tore your clothes? Did someone bully and take advantage of you?"

"I tore it on purpose; no one bullied me, and no one took advantage of me."

The words poured from her mouth. Ruan's Fourth Miss turned pale and her body shook when she heard her own answer. She tried to stop it but couldn't; it was as if her body were under someone else's control.

"No, no, that's not true. Not what I said at all. I only invited him to be a guest official in our Ruan family, but he didn't want to come, so I wanted to force him. That's not true. I, I.." The more she talked, the more she got confused, and the more she spoke, the more she got flustered.

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A commotion broke out as everyone wasn't expecting it to be this way. It turned out to be a scene she wrote and directed, just because she invited Feng Jiu to join the Ruan family as a guest official and was rejected, so she slandered him in this manner?

When they recalled that Patriarch Ruan had stated that he would allow Feng Jiu to join the Ruan family as a lowly slave, for a little while, their thoughts shifted. Nobody would put in this much effort for such an ordinary young man. Could this young man possess something remarkable?

Everyone's gaze returned to the young man, who casually took out a truth pill, which they had never heard of here, but it obviously worked so well that Ruan's Fourth Miss herself told the story as soon as the pill was taken. This medicinal pill would be extremely beneficial to some large families.

"Hmph! You are truly despicable! Little Jiu is so kind to have helped you and cured your unmentionable disease. I can't believe you'd do something so cruel as to put him in danger!" Xie Shisi rushed over angrily. She would have hit Ruan Ruyun if Xie Yutang hadn't stopped her.

"What? Ruan's Fourth Miss' unmentionable disease was cured by this young man? This is what is meant by repaying kindness with ingratitude!"

### **Chapter 2716: Exposed**

"Exactly. How could she continue to frame him in this manner after she was cured of her unmentionable disease?"

"I've heard that she was held in isolation in the past and was only recently allowed to return."

"Still, she should not frame her benefactor like this!"

"I honestly have no idea. How can such a beautiful girl have such a wicked mind?"

As others around them discussed the matter, the Ruan family could only feel shame.

Feng Jiu's tapped acupoint did not last long. Ruan's Fourth Miss sank to the ground with trembling feet and a pale, terrified face as she saw the arrival of the group of visitors. Old Patriarch Ruan stood still and remained silent as he observed the scene.

"Come! Send the Third and Fourth Miss home." Patriarch Ruan issued orders while he regarded Feng Jiu with downcast eyes. As if suddenly aware of it, he glanced over and saw that his father had already arrived. "Father? What brought you here?"

All eyes were drawn to Old Patriarch Ruan who walked out with his hands clasped behind his back. He looked at Ruan's Fourth Miss, who was sitting on the ground, then frowned and asked several men from the Ruan family who were standing nearby, "What are you waiting for? Isn't it embarrassing enough? Take her back!"

Ruan's Fourth Miss, pale and terrified by the old patriarch's words, waved her hand wildly, pushed those attempting to assist her away, and turned to the old patriarch whose face was so grim. She cried out, "Big Brother, Big Brother, please help me. Please help me! I'm not going back, it's impossible for me to go back."

Ruan's Eldest Young Master looked at her with a complicated gaze. "Fourth Sister, you should go back with them first. Everything is fine." He didn't know why the smart and kindhearted Fourth Sister would change so quickly. Was it because they went from being ignored to being treasured? Was that why she seemed so abnormal?

However, upon hearing his remarks, Ruan's Fourth Miss shook her head in fear and exclaimed, "No! No! Big Brother, I cannot go back. I failed to do my duty and humiliated the family. They won't let me go."

"Come! Drag her back! What kind of nonsense is this?" Old Patriarch Ruan, his face gloomy and unsightly, yelled and ordered that she be dragged away.

"No! Don't! Woo, I don't want to..." She sobbed in despair. She looked at her family, including her grandfather, father, big brother, and sister. They all just stared at her in this strange and repulsive manner. No one could save her. No one could save her.

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She sobbed and crept toward Fen Jiu. "Brother Little Jiu, Brother Little Jiu, I was wrong. I should not have thought of framing you, but I don't have any other options. Brother Little Jiu, I can't do anything. Please, Brother Little Jiu, help me! Please save me! My grandfather wants to use me as a cauldron to help the clan's elite offspring cultivate. They want to imprison me. I'm scared. I'm scared, Brother Little Jiu..."

Feng Jiu's heart was agitated like a pebble thrown into a calm lake, spreading layers of ripples. Her brows scrunched up and her eyes became increasingly cold, knowing that what Ruan's Fourth Miss said was true because of the truth pill she had taken.

Cauldron? Her relatives will lock her up and use her as a cauldron because of her innate cauldron physique? Until every last drop of blood had been squeezed out?

She finally understood why a smart and kindhearted girl had changed so drastically in a matter of days.



## Chapter 2717: Nonsense

“You are spouting nonsense!”

Old Patriarch Ruan’s expression was gloomy. His eyes were as sharp as a knife as he stared at Ruan’s Fourth Miss and yelled at her in a loud voice. Even though he was old, he was still vigorous, and his voice was accompanied by a strong pressure that hit Ruan’s Fourth Miss, allegedly with the intention of preventing her from speaking nonsense.

However, Feng Jiu just glanced at Old Patriarch Ruan and dispelled the strike with a light flick of her finger.

Her limpid eyes were filled with scorn as she looked at Old Patriarch Ruan, and she said coldly, in a slow and clear voice, “What? Are you enraged because you’ve been humiliated? Or do you intend to kill in order to silence her?”

When he saw that a young man had dispelled his pressure, his face sank and his eyes flared with rage and killing intent. “Don’t get involved in other people’s affairs, kid! This is our Ruan family’s matter!”

He paused and fixed his gaze on his granddaughter, who was hiding next to the young man dressed in azure and holding his feet. A grim and sinister glow flashed in his eyes. “As a child of the Ruan family, she should be killed because she has tarnished the family’s reputation!”

Patriarch Ruan’s eyes flashed and he looked shocked when he heard what Ruan’s Fourth Miss said. He apparently didn’t think she’d find out. In fact, his father told him that Ruan’s Fourth Miss was a woman with that type of physique. If she served as a cauldron for the elite children to cultivate, their Ruan family would reach its pinnacle, and the number of strong exponents among them would more than double.

A daughter, in his opinion, was useful for the alliance by marriage, and she would have to marry into another family in the future. His daughter’s most important role was to marry into a large influential family. Even his third daughter, who grew up close to him, was reduced to a marriage alliance tool.

As a result, when he and his father discussed it, they made a decision after weighing the pros and cons. But he didn’t expect her to know what they were up to and reveal it in front of so many people.

He was resentful when he saw his son’s and daughter’s incredulous gaze at him.

As a woman of such physique, she had demonstrated her greatest worth by contributing to the family. Why not sacrifice her alone in exchange for a large number of strong exponents for their Ruan family?

“Come! Bring Fourth Miss back!” He stated ominously, strengthening his resolve.

“Fa...Father, was what Fourth Sister said true?”

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Young Master Ruan was so shocked that his voice trembled. He could never have anticipated how things would turn out. He assumed that it was the family’s attention and clan’s ingratiation that changed Fourth Sister, but he never imagined that it was their father and their grandfather, who forced Fourth Sister to become such a person!

“Don’t pay attention to her nonsense! I think she’s going insane.” Patriarch Ruan stated calmly and with a straight face.

When the people around her heard this, their expression changed to one of shock. They gazed incredulously at that Ruan family member. Someone said, “Just now, the young man gave Ruan’s Fourth Miss the truth pill. She should not tell lies.”

“No wonder she fears her clan’s members so much. If this is the case with the Ruan family, their behaviour is excessive. Ruan’s Fourth Miss is the Patriarch’s own daughter, and the Old Patriarch is her grandfather. How cruel.”

“I heard before that Ruan’s Fourth Miss possesses exceptional talent; does this refer to her cauldron-like physique?”

### **Chapter 2718: Stop**

“That’s not surprising given the rarity of such physiques even once in a century. Anyone will be insane.”

As they listened to those around them talk, the faces of the Old Patriarch Ruan and the Patriarch grew increasingly unpleasant. When he saw the Ruan family guards standing in a trance, he could not contain his anger. “What do you continue to stand for? Didn’t you hear you were told you had to bring her back?”

Those people from the Ruan family quickly came to their senses and stepped forward. When the people around them noticed it, they said nothing. After all, this was their family business, and it was not their place as an outsider to intervene. Even if Ruan’s Fourth Miss was truly imprisoned and turned into a cauldron, it would have nothing to do with them.

“No, no, I don’t want to go back. I don’t want to...” Ruan’s Fourth Miss muttered in despair, her vision blurred by tears, desperate and helpless.

When Xie Yan and his wife thought that Feng Jiu would not save Fourth Miss Ruan, they saw Feng Jiu sweeping her limpid gaze over and shouted coldly, “Stop!”

Perhaps her shout was what caused those people to stop and not move forward again.

Patriarch Ruan looked at Feng Jiu sternly and asked, “What? Do you want to manage our Ruan family’s affairs?”

Feng Jiu’s lips curled up as she looked back at him. “Patriarch Ruan has a short memory. Have you forgotten that she just slandered me and you’re going to take her away? Haha, you think too simple.”

“A mere Foundation Formation cultivator, it would not be too much to kill you! It is nothing more than slander. Just you by yourself, what can you do?” Patriarch Ruan disregarded Feng Jiu’s words with a scornful sneer.

“Really?” She chuckled as she stared at Patriarch Ruan and called out, “Silver Ingot, exercise your muscles and bones!” A wolf howled as soon as her voice faded, leaving everyone stunned.

“Awoo!”

An ear-piercing howl suddenly rang out. The sound directly soared into the sky, where it reverberated powerfully and intensely. When the people below heard the wolf howling, they all screamed in shock, hunched over with their hands covering their ears, and looked around in terror.

But, when the silver-white puppy crouching not far behind Feng Jiu suddenly stood up and changed shape with a burst of light, everyone panicked!

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“Oh, my goodness! That’s a wolf! The Wolf King! Hiss! It’s at the level of the Sacred Beast!”

They couldn’t help but stare as the originally inconspicuous puppy transformed into a silver wolf more than one metre tall and pounced on Patriarch Ruan with a ferocious look.

Patriarch Ruan was still pondering what the silver ingot Feng Jiu had mentioned when the wolf pounced on him. For a brief moment, he had the impression that he was wholly covered by a massive thing from above his head. The pressure of the sacred beast and its dreadful bloodlust’s breath made him unable to dodge. He watched in horror as the wolf swooped down to bite him.

“Get out of the way!”

Old Patriarch Ruan yelled loudly. Before the silver wolf could bite Patriarch Ruan, he quickly reached out and pulled him back, thus averting the silver wolf’s attack.

The unexpected blow startled the Ruan family, particularly Ruan’s Fourth Missi, who stared blankly and forgot to cry. She had no idea Feng Jiu would be willing to help her. Hope rose in her heart for a brief moment.

When Old Patriarch Ruan saw the not-yet-contracted sacred beast was staring at them while baring its sharp teeth, he asked Feng Jiu with a stern gaze. “Who the hell are you?”