

Immortal 621

Chapter 621: Accidental Meeting

Girl, please take a look at yourself. I'm definitely not going to keep babying you if you keep up this arrogant bs.

Zu An was a man who didn't simp.

"Are you waiting for me to beg you?" As if she saw through his intentions, a pondering expression appeared on Yun Jianyue's face.

"Nope, not at all. That's nonsense." Zu An refuted three times in a row. "Of course, if you want to talk nicely, it's not like I won't change my mind."

Yun Jianyue chuckled. "Sure, I'll just tell those guards that come that you're my accomplice, that you used your identity as a golden token envoy to bring us assassins. What do you think about that?"

Zu An: "....."

Fine, you win!

Helpless to do anything about it, he could only say, "It'll be hard to bring you out of the palace now. Hide at my place for now and wait out the storm. Once you recover, we'll leave then."

It wasn't very likely for him to bring her out with the same method he used for Qiu Honglei. Furthermore, the Left and Right Guard Generals, Zhuxie Chixin, the Guerilla Warfare General, and the others were all over the palace searching for her. A single mishap and he'll end up running into them. Yun Jianyue was also seriously injured right now, so she might not even be able to make it over the palace walls.

Yun Jianyue didn't refuse. "Alright."

Zu An left to look around. He saw that there was no one around, so he waved towards her. "Let's go."

Yun Jianyue got up. Her body suddenly staggered. She was clearly a bit dizzy.

Zu An frowned. "Let me help you."

She knew that there was no way she would let him carry her. He didn't deliberately make things harder either.

Yun Jianyue nodded and slowly reached over her hand.

Zu An: "....."

She looked like a concubine who was out for a stroll or something, while he was just a lesser eunuch.

Fine, I'll let you have your way out of respect for Honglei.

He reached out his hand and supported her, and then slowly walked towards his own residence.

“You won’t come and kill me just because I held your hand in the future, right?”

He learned from his past experiences. There was a heap of trouble after he touched the crown princess. He didn’t want to go through so much effort saving someone only to end up not only without any benefits, but with a ton of trouble instead.

“Why would I kill you?” Yun Jianyue gave him a weird look. “Just because you touched my hand?”

It was now Zu An’s turn to be shocked. “Do men often touch your hands?”

She’s already used to it?

But when he thought about how she came from the Devil Sect, he felt that this made sense as well. However, he still felt weird for some reason.

Sigh, the inferiority complexes of men. Why do we all become idiots when we meet beautiful women?

“I do suddenly feel an urge to kill you after hearing what you just said though.” Yun Jianyue harrumphed.

Zu An instead felt happier when he heard this reply. So no one else touched you... Very good, very good.

Yun Jianyue frowned. “Stop wasting time chatting already. There are guards looking everywhere right now. I don’t want to run into them.”

Normally, her divine senses could easily stretch across a range of a few dozen li. Nothing in that area would escape her detection. Unfortunately, she was seriously injured right now and didn’t have this ability anymore.

She was so used to easily sensing her enemies that she felt deaf and blind right now. This really was unsettling.

Zu An chuckled. “Don’t worry, there’s no one around us.”

Yun Jianyue was confused. She didn’t know where his confidence came from. Could it be that his cultivation already reached a point where his divine senses could extend outwards?

But she was impressed by the rest of their journey. There were several times when Zu An pulled her to the side. She thought that he wanted to take advantage of her, but she immediately understood when she saw the guards who came right after he pulled her to the side.

This happened several times, and they managed to hide from them each time. It was as if he already knew their locations ahead of time.

Yun Jianyue finally couldn’t hold back her curiosity. “How are you doing this?”

Zu An smiled. “That’s a secret.”

He obviously couldn’t extend his senses, but he used other methods to achieve similar results.

He had the jade badge in his hands, allowing him to control the surrounding small creatures. The imperial palace was full of greenery. There were trees, plants, as well as all types of cats, mice, birds,

and other creatures. The guards wouldn't be on guard against them, so how could they know that these little things already became his eyes and ears?

By borrowing these small creatures, Zu An was able to detect the guards' whereabouts ahead of time. That was why he was able to calmly bring her to his own residence even with people searching everywhere in the palace.

Yun Jianyue couldn't bring herself to ask more when she saw him put on this mysterious act. For cultivators, many skills were their life saving measures. It was indeed not wise to reveal them to outsiders.

She thought to herself that she would find a chance to ask her disciple in the future and see if she knew.

Zu An used his waist token to open up the residence's restrictions, and then he invited Yun Jianyue inside. "This is the golden token envoy's residence. Normally speaking, no one would come in, so you can peacefully nurse yourself here."

He even deliberately stuck out his chest when he mentioned the golden token. He wanted to flaunt and impress the other party a bit, yet she didn't show any interest.

"Thanks." Yun Jianyue looked around. This place was indeed quite secluded and suitable for her to weather the storm.

Seeing that she didn't play along, Zu An's interest also waned. "By the way, how did you end up in the rock garden? That place isn't too far from the emperor's imperial study. Weren't you scared of being discovered?"

Yun Jianyue slowly sat down on a chair. Even though she was seriously injured, there were no issues that could be picked from her bearing. Her posture was upright, making her chest rise and waist look thin. Her body lines looked especially enchanting.

Her lips parted, her gentle voice carrying a bit of coldness. "The most dangerous place will often be the safest. It is because it was closest to the imperial study that the guards would subconsciously choose to overlook that area. That is why I could use 'Mirror Mirage' to hide my aura and escape their detection. Of course..."

She paused for a moment and said, "If the emperor really was in the palace, then I wouldn't have dared to take this risk."

Zu An's eyes lit up. He remembered the task the emperor gave him and quickly asked, "How did you know that the emperor wasn't in the palace?"

Yun Jianyue gave him an expressionless look. She clearly didn't plan to reply to him.

Zu An didn't expect things to change that quickly. He could only say, "How about I exchange information with you? Weren't you curious about how I avoided those guards' detection?"

Yun Jianyue sneered in mockery. "No way. These two pieces of information aren't equal. Of course, I wouldn't tell you even if you had something worth trading. I will not sell out that person."

Seeing how firm her expression was, Zu An was a bit disappointed. Seems like I have to look for a different method.

“How did you meet Honglei?” Yun Jianyue suddenly gave the Embroidered Envoy before her a curious look. She understood her own disciple the best. She looked nice to everyone on the surface, making them feel wonderful, but she was actually an extremely proud and aloof woman who would never accept other men. She only treated them like a game.

Yet she became friends with this person, and her precious disciple even gave him her Mirror Mirage. Meanwhile, he was willing to risk nine generations of clan eradication to save her. Their relationship was definitely close.

Zu An’s first reaction was to use this information for exchange, but he quickly dispelled this thought. This wasn’t something worth hiding, since she would find out once she asked Honglei. He might as well just tell her to get some brownie points.

Once he got enough of these brownie points, he would make her realize that he wasn’t some easy prostitute.

What was the most expensive thing in this world? It was often free things that were the most expensive.

“We met in Brightmoon City.”

Yun Jianyue was stirred when she heard his reply. “You’re Zu An?”

Zu An was shocked. He removed his mask. “I didn’t expect you to know me.”

“Hmph, it would be harder for me to not know you.” Yun Jianyue recalled the intelligence she received earlier. Qiu Honglei was going to marry into the Chu clan as a concubine! Back then, she thought that the girl was merely finding a way to plot against the Chu clan.

But during Zu An’s journey to the capital, Qiu Honglei showed Zu An mercy several times. The sect’s Solitary Eight noted all of these things.

Furthermore, there was this interaction this time. It would be more strange if there wasn’t something going on between them.

Zu An was about to say something when he heard Zhuxie Chixin’s voice. “Eleven, are you there?”

Chapter 622: Toying With the Heart

Zu An jumped in fright when he heard what Zhuxie Chixin said. Yun Jianyue’s expression changed as well.

She was dead for certain if Zhuxie Chixin caught her in her current state.

How did he find me? Did Zu An tell him? Those Embroidered Envoy might have some private signals...

But she quickly refuted this thought. If he really wanted her dead, then he could’ve just dealt with her while he was sucking out her cultivation. Why would he have to go through all this trouble?

Zu An's head was filled with many thoughts as well. He thought about pretending to not be here and ignore him so that Zhuxie Chixin would leave after calling out a few times with no response.

However, he realized that this wouldn't work. This man most likely knew he was here from how he just happened to be here at this time.

Could it be that he saw me bring back Yun Jianyue?

He couldn't help but feel shocked when he thought of this.

He quickly analyzed these thoughts. No, this shouldn't be it. I was extremely careful the entire time and had all those small creatures watching out for me. Zhuxie Chixin would have to be a freaking god to catch me.

He lowered his head and looked at his waist token. He could vaguely sense a bit of warmth from it. Was it this thing that gave him away?"

"Eleven?" Zhuxie Chixin's voice became a bit impatient.

Zu An immediately replied, "Coming, coming."

He sent Yun Jianyue a voice transmission. "Be careful, I'm going to deal with him."

Yun Jianyue nodded. She didn't even dare voice any reply.

Zu An hurriedly rushed out. He saw that Zhuxie Chixin was currently standing outside in the courtyard.

I don't see any guards around him... I don't think he's here to catch me.

"Greetings, chief commander." Zu An opened the door and greeted him.

"Why did it take you so long to come out?" Zhuxie Chixin frowned. His pale white face carried a bit of displeasure.

He did know I was here!

Zu An felt his heart pound and quickly said, "I had to fight a lot today, and I was quite frightened through it all, so I'm tired. That's why I laid down on my bed and unknowingly slept. I thought I was dreaming at first when I first heard chief commander's voice."

Zhuxie Chixin said impatiently, "You're probably the only one who dares to sleep in the entire imperial palace."

"Chief commander has worked hard." Zu An smiled apologetically. Then, he asked, "May I ask what you need me for?"

"It's nothing important. I sensed that you were inside while patrolling nearby, so I wanted to have a chat with you." Zhuxie Chixin pointed at his own waist token. His token was different from the other Embroidered Envoy. It wasn't gold or silver, but made of jade. "This thing lets me sense other Embroidered Envoy within a set range. This allows all of us to save a lot of time."

So it was the waist token after all! However, he didn't find this too surprising with Zhuxie Chixin's status.

But why did he suddenly come here to talk to me?

Zhuxie Chixin immediately said, "We've been busy all night and haven't had much of a breather. You wouldn't mind if I ask for some tea to drink inside, right?"

Zu An immediately panicked. If he invited Zhuxie Chixin inside and he saw Yun Jianyue, then that would be really bad.

But if a freaking superior was passing by your home and asked for a drink, how can you refuse?

"Uh... Chief Commander, you've really worked hard today..." His mind moved at lightning speed. He was just about to find an excuse when Zhuxie walked straight inside.

Zu An: "....."

His heart was about to jump to his throat. He even wondered if he could take down Zhuxie Chixin with Yun Jianyue's help.

But he immediately rejected this thought. Forget about the fact that Yun Jianyue was already seriously injured and powerless, even if she could keep fighting, the chances of them defeating a pseudo grandmaster was slim.

Furthermore, Zhuxie Chixin could summon reinforcements from inside the palace at any time. Fighting against him was definitely a bad idea.

Seeing that he couldn't stop him, he could only say, "I'll naturally welcome the chief commander to my humble abode! But I just moved in and haven't done much cleaning. I'm afraid that I won't be able to properly accommodate the chief commander..."

He deliberately raised his pitch to warn Yun Jianyue. She was a grandmaster, so he didn't think she was a dummy.

"There is no need to be so polite. We are all colleagues anyway, we're our own people already." Zhuxie Chixin turned around to give him a curious look. "Hm? Why are you sweating so much?"

Zu An had just removed his mask and didn't put it back on yet. Either way, Zhuxie Chixin already knew who he was, so he didn't have to hide anything.

Zu An quickly said, "It might be because I'm still worried. The imperial palace has its restrictions, yet so many assassins still came in somehow. I'm scared just thinking about it."

"Today's events were indeed a bit absurd." Zhuxie Chixin felt deep understanding. At the same time, he warned, "Right, make sure you wear your mask when you wear these clothes. Your true identity cannot be exposed."

Zu An cupped his hands. "Thank you chief commander for your reminder."

This guy does care about me a bit. If I don't have to, I'll try not to do anything to him.

He rushed in ahead of Zhuxie Chixin. Sure enough, he didn't see Yun Jianyue inside. He sighed with relief. Her 'Mirror Mirage' could completely hide her aura. As long as Zhuxie Chixin didn't see her himself, then she practically didn't exist in his perception.

He swept his eyes over the entire house. Eventually, his eyes landed on the bed. The curtains were lowered and the bedding was messy as if someone had just gotten up.

Zu An praised Yun Jianyue for her attention to detail. He told Zhuxie Chixin that he had just slept for a bit, and she actually helped him make things seem more realistic.

Furthermore, she helped him lower half the curtains. If she lowered all of it, then others would immediately suspect that he was hiding someone. But when it was half opened, it would instead look more natural.

Zu An already suspected that Yun Jianyue was hiding behind the half curtains that were lowered.

He quickly poured a cup of tea for Zhuxie Chixin. "Chief commander, please."

He said this while naturally standing between the bed and Zhuxie Chixin to block his line of sight.

"You should sit down as well. There is no need to be so polite." Zhuxie Chixin picked up the teacup and sipped on it before lowering it again.

Zu An felt his heart go thud. This man was clearly not here just for some tea.

Zhuxie Chixin was about to say something, but he hesitated. He was clearly trying to sort out his words. Suddenly, he sniffed. "Hm? Why does it smell like a woman here?"

Zu An felt like his scalp was going to explode when he heard what he said. When he saw the other party start to look around, he had no idea how his mind moved so fast, but he quickly said, "It might be because I held the crown princess earlier when I saved her back at the eastern palace. I ended up with a bit of her fragrance."

Zhuxie Chixin frowned. "But this doesn't seem like the crown princess' smell."

Zu An cursed. Everyone knows that women are more sensitive to the smells of other women, but why the hell is a big fella like you this way too?!

He tried to remedy the situation. "I stayed some time in the Palace of Peace as well, and I saved the empress as well. It might be a mixture of several smells."

Zhuxie Chixin nodded and accepted this explanation. He also knew that the empress liked to mix all types of well known scents. It was indeed hard to differentiate the smells once they were mixed.

Zu An was worried that he would keep asking questions, so he took the initiative to say, "Chief commander seems to be quite familiar with the crown princess' smell."

"Those in our trade are naturally a bit more sensitive to smells." Zhuxie Chixin's face went rigid. He quickly said with a lowered voice, "You cannot tell this to other people. You're going to make me lose my life with those questions."

Zu An said with an awkward laugh, "Chief commander, that's definitely not my intention."

Zu An immediately felt better when he saw how frightened Zhuxie Chixin became. You were the one who was scaring me all this time. I should have a turn too, right?

Zhuxie Chixin harrumphed. "You're quite the lucky fella. You managed to save both the empress and crown princess today. Your prospects seem to be bright."

Zu An said with a bitter smile. "Please don't mention this anymore, I almost lost my head over the matter."

Zhuxie Chixin was stunned. "What do you mean?"

Zu An said, "I was held back by his majesty because he heard that I touched the crown princess. He wanted me to cut off my own arm..."

Zhuxie Chixin had a weird look on his face. "You should be content with your situation. The fact that you are still fine is already because of his majesty's grace."

"If only it was that easy. His majesty wanted me to make up for my sins through contributions. If I cannot complete my investigation, then I'm probably still dead." Zu An deliberately shifted the topic in this direction.

"Oh? Contributions to make up for your crimes?" Zhuxie Chixin's expression changed slightly.

Chapter 623: Blood Moon Rises, Hell is Unleashed

Zu An secretly snickered at how Zhuxie Chixin seemed too embarrassed to ask his question. His own initial panic had already subsided.

Zhuxie Chixin had clearly been lying when he said he was just passing by. He had a specific objective in mind. His hesitancy, and the strange look that he had given Zu An before leaving the imperial study, led him to believe that these two were related.

Therefore, he spoke first. "His Majesty was extremely angry at the way the assassins managed to storm the imperial palace. He also found it exceedingly strange that they had found the perfect time to attack, just when he happened to be away."

Zhuxie Chixin came to a sudden realization. "This matter is strange indeed," he continued, following Zu An's lead. "Only a small handful of people would have known that the emperor was not in the palace."

Zu An sighed. "That's why His Majesty instructed me to find out who leaked out this information."

Even though Zhuxie Chixin had surmised as much, his expression still flickered slightly. The fact that the emperor didn't order him and his subordinates to investigate this matter meant that he already suspected him.

Even though he knew that his master was a suspicious man, finding out that he was now the target of that suspicion made him question his loyalty just a little.

"I'm one of the suspects as well. Since you're telling me this, I'm assuming that you aren't afraid that I could be one of them?" Zhuxie Chixin looked at his new subordinate with amusement. He admired how calm this fellow had been on their way to the capital, and what transpired later on had left him even

more amazed. That was why he hadn't had the slightest objection when he heard that the emperor was going to make him a golden-token envoy.

Zu An forced a smile. "Your devotion to His Majesty is known by all those under the heavens. Furthermore, Chief Commander, you took good care of me on the way to the capital, so I obviously understand your moral character. Why would you ever secretly collude with assassins?"

Yun Jianyue, who was hiding behind the curtains, rolled her eyes. This fellow really was a bootlicker. Just listening to him made her cringe.

Even though he knew that Zu An was just paying him lip service, it was still music to Zhuxie Chixin's ears. "Indeed, I have a clear conscience. I am sincerely grateful to have the trust of a fellow brother."

At the same time, he sighed inside. Even this Zu An, whom he had only known a short time, trusted him. And yet, the emperor, to whom he had remained loyal to for so long, already suspected him.

Zu An was pleasantly surprised. Flattery really was a powerful tool after all! This guy had called him Eleven a moment ago, yet he now even called him brother.

He definitely had to cling onto such a powerful fellow! His words may have been seen as flattery, but they were also sincere.

The emperor clearly wants us to keep each other in check, but I'm not someone who has blind faith. Why would I devote myself to someone who might kill me on a whim?

We should all gang up... Ahem, I mean, let's all just get along. The most important thing in life is happiness.

That was why he didn't hesitate to tell Zhuxie Chixin about the emperor's task. Whether or not this man leaked out the information was of no consequence. The most important thing was to draw them closer together.

If he really was with the Devil Sect, they would be on the same side anyway.

Of course, there was no way he would tell any of the others this. He wasn't friends with any of them, nor did he understand their character. It would be too risky to speak about such intimate things with absolute strangers.

He coughed and said, "Big brother, you're too polite. I actually wanted your opinion on how to handle this case. You are the professional, after all."

Yun Jianyue had a strange expression on her face. This guy really is way too casual with his own life. He even called Zhuxie Chixin 'big brother'! He's probably the only person in this entire world who dares to call Zhuxie Chixin that. [1]

Was Honglei fooled by this fellow's skin, which is thicker than a damned city wall?

Zhuxie Chixin tapped his fingers lightly on the table. He was clearly turning something over in his mind. To Zu An's request, he replied, "Since His Majesty put you in charge of this investigation, he clearly doesn't wish for me to interfere. I have a certain way of doing things that might not be beneficial to you,

as His Majesty will undoubtedly find out. Carry out your investigation boldly, and without fear. Let me know in the future if you need any help.”

When he didn't call him 'brother' this time, Zu An knew that the other party had only forgotten himself briefly earlier on. Growing a friendship was a long process after all... I suppose I have to find a chance to invite him to a brothel in the future. As the proverbs say, men should jump, fight together, flee together, and...

But this guy's face is so white and pale. What if there's something wrong with him down there... I'd only be shooting myself in the foot.

Zhuxie Chixin sighed. "I've spoken too seriously. We're comrades, after all. It's only natural that we help each other out. You find your task a pain, but I have a huge headache as well. His Majesty wants me to find out where that female assassin is, yet I don't have the slightest clue. That woman seemed to have vanished into thin air."

He was despondent over all that had happened so far that day, which was why he was conversing so freely with Zu An. He would never usually do such a thing.

A thought came to Zu An. "Did you say that the long-haired woman's name was Yun Jianyue earlier, and that she was the Devil Sect's sect master?"

"Indeed." Zhuxie Chixin nodded. "I've been so proud of my own cultivation all these years, believing that, aside from His Majesty himself, no one was my equal. I looked down on everyone, yet I actually ended up being defeated by a woman."

Zu An was quick to console him. "There's no need to feel so dejected, big brother. She's the sect master of the Devil Sect,, after all, and might have lived several decades longer than you. There's nothing wrong with losing to an old hag."

Behind the curtain, Yun Jianyue raised her eyebrows. Her expression was slightly strange.

You have successfully trolled Yun Jianyue for 333 Rage points!

This guy is a scoundrel! Even though she had already tempered her mind over the years, she still erupted in anger.

Zhuxie Chixin gave him a puzzled look. "Old hag? No one knows the Devil Sect's master's true age, but she has to be younger than me, so how could she be an old hag? If she really was older than me, I wouldn't feel so bad being defeated by her."

Yun Jianyue's lips curled upwards. She was much more satisfied with Zhuxie Chixin's words.

Zu An sighed with relief when he learned that she wasn't an old hag. That's good, that's good.

However, he didn't give up this perfect opportunity to gather information. "By the way, you mentioned that she was seriously injured. Will her lover come looking for vengeance? Big brother, you cannot lower your guard when you capture her."

Lover? Yun Jianyue felt her hands itching. She was definitely going to give this fellow a good beating once she recovered.

A faint smile appeared on Zhuxie Chixin's otherwise-serious face. "How could such a ferocious woman have a lover? Which man in the world would dare take her as his lover?"

Yun Jianyue's breathing hastened, causing her ample chest to wobble. If not for her ability to maintain her Mirror Mirage perfectly, she might have already been noticed by Zhuxie Chixin.

He spoke well earlier on, but he's the same type of fellow as Zu An!

Zu An resisted his urge to turn around. "If Yun Jianyue heard you slandering her behind her back like this, she might just twist your head off."

Zhuxie Chixin harrumphed. "Even though I am indeed slightly weaker than her, it won't be easy for her to defeat me. Besides, His Majesty himself had dealt her an injury. Who cares if she hears this?"

Yun Jianyue's face remained expressionless. She wasn't the type to act rashly upon her emotions. She wouldn't fight him to the death in her current situation.

Hmph, I'll remember this debt.

Zu An resisted the urge to laugh. "Is she really that fierce? She seemed rather gentle and refined when she was in the eastern palace earlier. Even when she was masked, I could sense that she was a great beauty. Hmm... Her figure seemed pretty good as well."

Zhuxie Chixin frowned. "It's all right to say such things in private, but you can never utter them in public. If either the Devil Sect or the imperial court finds out, you'll definitely suffer for it."

He got up and walked over to the window, looking off into the western horizon. "You might not know about the terror that is Yun Jianyue because you're too young. Back in the day, the Devil Sect was under attack on all fronts. The previous sect master was killed by His Majesty, leaving the Devil Sect leaderless. There were many factions in the Devil Sect, and none of their leaders were willing to bow down to another. This resulted in a bloody power struggle to determine who would assume the role of sect master.

"It was then-Lady Saint, Yun Jianyue, who emerged victorious, quickly subduing the other factions. She wiped out all those who were not loyal to her. The imperial court was overjoyed by this outcome. We assumed that this prolonged internal strife would wipe out a lot of powerful experts, and that they would be easily defeated. With Yun Jianyue in command, however, the great army of the imperial court was completely wiped out. That battle was a true bloodbath. Countless experts who had been dispatched by the imperial court perished at her hands, thus granting her the infamous reputation of a powerful devil.

"Your brief glimpse of her may have left you feeling that Yun Jianyue is a goddess, but the elders who had witnessed that battle all muttered the same words: 'Blood moon rises, hell is unleashed'."

Zu An was alarmed. Was that woman truly that terrifying?

He had embraced her, and even teased her on occasion. He'd even enjoyed the feeling of her breasts. Wasn't he dead for sure?

Chapter 624: I Want You...

The thought made Zu An swallow in fear. He had been courting death earlier on!

Something else quickly crossed his mind. "If she killed so many court experts, why didn't His Majesty intervene? Didn't you say that the former Devil Sect sect master had been killed by His Majesty?"

Zhuxie Chixin explained, "That woman was too crafty. She made her move as soon as His Majesty left for the capital. Whenever the forces of the imperial court were greater than what she could handle, she would vanish, along with her subordinates. Only when the imperial court's forces were weakened would she suddenly appear like a ghost and wipe those men out. After several such defeats, the imperial court decided to withdraw its forces temporarily."

Zu An was incredibly shaken. Yun Jianyue was an expert at guerilla warfare! However, he didn't understand the decision of the imperial court. "They withdrew? The court actually gave up?"

After all, most of the experts in the world had been roped in by the imperial court. He really couldn't figure out why they would give up, considering their strength.

Zhuxie Chixin lowered his voice and said, "Humans once waged war against the fiend races. Even though His Majesty killed the Fiend Emperor, he was badly wounded by his adversary before his death. His Majesty finally managed to stabilize his condition, but his injuries flared up again after he killed the Devil Sect Master. His Majesty was focused on his own recovery, and did not pay the Devil Sect as much attention. No one else in the imperial court is a match for Yun Jianyue. Furthermore, under her leadership, the Devil Sect did not attack us for no reason. As such, both sides tacitly decided to live in harmony."

Zu An now understood why so many relatives of the emperor and empress were out causing trouble. It wasn't just because the emperor didn't have much time left. Rather, it was because his foundation had been severely damaged in the past.

Despite this, he could tell that the emperor really was a formidable person. He had managed to kill the sect master of the Devil Sect even with the damage to his foundation, and easily defeated Yun Jianyue as well.

"All right. I need to continue searching for Yun Jianyue." Zhuxie Chixin had come to enquire about Zu An's task. He hadn't expected the other party to be so cooperative, and he was rather satisfied with the outcome.

Zu An rose as well, and saw him out. As he was leaving, Zu An even waved at him. "Big brother, I wish you luck in capturing that female devil!"

When Zhuxie Chixin had left and Zu An closed the door again, Yun Jianyue was already sitting on the bed. She gave him a look of disdain. "Bootlicker."

"What do you know? This is called worldly wisdom, okay? It's not as though I'll lose anything by offering him some kind words. It even helps to foster our relationship. Everyone is happy." Zu An was obviously upset by her accusation.

"You only have to resort to such tricks because you're too weak," Yun Jianyue said indifferently. "Once you're strong enough, there's no reason to curry favor with anyone, especially if you could solve your problem easily by killing them."

Zu An rolled his eyes. "Then why don't you pay the emperor a visit and give that a try?"

Yun Jianyue's breath caught in her throat.

You have successfully trolled Yun Jianyue for 111 Rage points!

Doesn't this guy know how to have a proper conversation?!

Zu An grabbed a chair and sat in front of her, looking at her curiously. "Are you really a devil, like what he said?"

Yun Jianyue wasn't used to someone being that close to her. She could almost feel him breathing. She subconsciously leaned backwards to put some distance between them. "Of course. I even love to eat the brains of infants and the mention of my name keeps children in bed at night. That's why you'd better not offend me."

Zu An looked her up and down. He really found it hard to associate this beautiful and graceful woman with the villainous woman Zhuxie Chixin had described.

Sigh, why do you always judge people by appearances, Zu An? You're disgusting!

He scolded himself, then said, "So what should I do with you, now that I know this? Since you're a devil who kills without batting an eyelid, you'll get even with me once you recover. I won't be able to defeat you when that happens. In that case, I might as well leverage my current advantage and kill you first."

He deliberately put on a ferocious expression as he said this.

Yun Jianyue sat there, unmoving. Her expression did not change at all. She looked calmly at him as though he was an idiot.

Seriously?

"Sis, can you play along? I'm obviously trying my hardest to act tough. Are you really not afraid?"

"You didn't show any killing intent," replied Yun Jianyue indifferently.

Zu An was taken aback. He quickly realized that, at her level, she could keenly sense the invisible killing intent. It didn't matter how vicious he looked on the outside.

He quickly lost interest in this little game. The little tricks that he used to deceive fair young maidens were useless against such an imperious woman.

He took out a pill and tossed it to her. "This is a Soul Return Pill. It's pretty effective at treating all sorts of injuries. Take it."

Yun Jianyue looked at him. "Is this medicine created by Brightmoon City's Divine Physician Ji?"

It was his turn to be surprised. "You know him?"

How did that rascal Ji Dengtu know so many beautiful women?

Why the hell is he still pestering me everyday, then?

Sigh, I wonder how Xiaoxi is doing. I kinda miss that adorable little one. I really want to give her soft cheeks a kiss...

Yun Jianyue replied, "I've merely heard about him. Honglei spent some time undercover in Brightmoon City, and sent back some information about him. You should hold onto this medicine. It's useless to me."

"Huh?" Zu An felt a sudden urge to stand up for Ji Dengtu. "Even though Divine Physician Ji's cultivation isn't as high as yours, his medical expertise is still exceptional. Why won't it work on you?"

"At my level, my body is much stronger than an ordinary cultivator's," Yun Jianyue explained. "Generally speaking, no wound that I suffer will be lethal. Even the most grievous wounds will slowly heal on their own."

Zu An's expression grew strange. He seemed to have returned to a time when he had just crossed over. Given Yun Jianyue's cultivation, her body had already been tempered to a level beyond that of any human.

Let's put it this way. Even if she lay down and let you have your way with her, you would be powerless to put it in unless your cultivation was close to hers.

Even if she controlled her body to somehow guide you inside, just a moment of lost concentration would be enough to snap you in half.

Even if you somehow render her unconscious so that she couldn't move, a stray moment of arousal, a slight squeeze, and that would be the end of your little one...

The men of this world live truly miserable lives. No wonder so many of them are trying so desperately to increase their cultivation.

Yun Jianyue frowned. "What are you thinking about?"

She could subconsciously sense that this fellow's mind was going astray.

"Nothing." Guiltily, Zu An changed the topic. "Why do you seem so terribly injured, then?"

Yun Jianyue replied, "My battle against the emperor was on the soul level. It's my soul that's been wounded. Unless you have a pill that nourishes the soul, all other medicines are useless."

"Which medicines can nourish the soul?" Zu An asked curiously. "I have quite a few pills on me."

He had pills from Ji Dengtu, and other pills he had collected along the way. All together, he really did have quite a lot of medicine on him.

Yun Jianyue gave him an indifferent look. She didn't think he held much promise, but she still replied, "Scarletflame Dew, Greendevil Jade, Spirithaven Lotus, Vajra Darkfruit, Whitecloud Dew, Skyvenom Orchid, Five Aggregates Root... these will all do. Do you have any of them?"

Zu An stared blankly at her.

I've never even heard of any of that sh*t.

Zu An remained silent. He really didn't have any of that on him. Even though he had Faith In Brother Spring, it was only a small bottle. He didn't think it would work on a grandmaster. Even if he was going to use it, why would he waste his most expensive stuff on her? They weren't even close.

Yun Jianyue smiled slightly, leaning against the bed and closing her eyes to rest.

Her obvious contempt left Zu An feeling sour. "What if I find any of these for you? How would you repay me then?"

Yun Jianyue's eyes flew open. "You have these herbs?"

"That's not important right now. If I get them for you, how would you repay me?" Zu An asked with an angry snort.

"What do you want?" asked Yun Jianyue, a thoughtful smile on her lips.

Zu An examined her beautiful cheeks closely and slowly said, "I want you..."

Yun Jianyue's brows climbed upwards, and her expression immediately grew extremely dangerous.

"I want your disciple, Honglei," Zu An finished.

Yun Jianyue stared at him, speechless.

You have successfully trolled Yun Jianyue for 444 Rage points!

Chapter 625: Different Means, Same Result

Of course, she knew that he was deliberately teasing her. She said coldly, "Honglei isn't my private property. I cannot use her in a transaction."

"I'm not asking you to give her to me like that, I just don't want you to stop us from getting together." There were so many shows where annoying clan leaders would get in the way of male and female leads. He didn't want to go through the same thing.

Yun Jianyue was now really shocked. "Your relationship has already reached that level?"

She was shocked. Looks like she didn't pay enough attention to her disciple recently. She didn't expect her to have already liked a man without her notice!

Zu An stuck out his chest. "A man like me who is suave, valiant, confident, distinguished, accomplished... a man among men, what's so wrong about her liking someone like that?"

Yun Jianyue was speechless when she heard the string of adjectives.

She really wanted to pick up the pillow next to her and plug up his mouth. This guy is just too shameless!

You have successfully trolled Yun Jianyue for +555 +555 +555...

Yun Jianyue took a deep breath to calm herself down. "I won't interfere with the two of you, but you must promise me that you won't ruin Honglei's purity."

Zu An: "???"

"We're harmonious lovers. What do you mean ruin her purity?"

Yun Jianyue sneered. "No matter how glib your tongue is, you still cannot change the fate that entangles her."

Zu An: "....."

Yun Jianyue continued, "Honglei's cultivation method is special. She cannot lose her virginity before she reaches a high level of cultivation, or else her dao will be ruined and she will even suffer a backlash. She will become a slave to her desires."

Zu An immediately became upset. "What kind of stupid technique is that? How can this world have such a ridiculous method?"

Yun Jianyue gave him an indifferent look. "Why can't there be? Isn't this the technique I cultivate?"

Zu An gave her a stupefied look. So that's the reason why you're still unmarried...

Yun Jianyue wasn't all that embarrassed and began to explain, "The method we cultivate is called 'Heavenly Devil's Temptation'. You can probably tell from the name that this is a technique full of charm and allure. You've been around Honglei for a while already, so I believe you understand this."

Zu An nodded. He was indeed stunned by Qiu Honglei when he met her. His first reaction was that he wanted to take her to bed. He wasn't someone who didn't have beauties around him after all and was good at retaining his composure. The other men in Immortal Abode were completely enchanted.

Yun Jianyue continued, "Once she reaches a higher level of cultivation, she will be destroyed by her own desires. If she can remain clear-headed throughout the entire process, then she can reach the highest level of Heavenly Devil's Temptation. If she fails before then, not only will her cultivation regress significantly, she will suffer a severe rebound and go crazy whenever she sees another man. Since the two of you are already a couple, I do not believe you would wish to see that happen."

Zu An remained silent for a moment. He didn't wish to see Qiu Honglei become this way!

But he became more and more upset the more he thought about it. "What kind of dogshit technique is this? Aren't you all the Devil Sect? It's the freaking Devil Sect, yet you guys care so much about preserving chastity like those orthodox sects. Isn't the flirtatious and seductive style more fitting?"

Yun Jianyue's expression was cold. "We are the Holy Sect. Our sect's mission is to bring up everyone and make them equally strong. Devil Sect is a name the court deliberately gave us to slander us.

Zu An didn't feel like arguing with her over this. "Fine, fine, fine, we'll call it the Holy Sect if you want. Then couldn't Honglei choose to not cultivate your stupid technique? I'll give her something else as compensation."

He had quite a few techniques on him. He was sure he could find something suitable for her.

Yun Jianyue's eyes narrowed. "Are you perhaps saying you'll give her the Phoenix Nirvana Sutra?"

The Devil Sect sent quite a few people to capture him along the way. All of that was for the sake of the Phoenix Nirvana Sutra.

Zu An was about to explain that the Phoenix Nirvana Sutra's cultivation requirements weren't suitable for her, but then again there was no need to explain anything. Either way, he had other methods. "So what?"

Yun Jianyue's expression immediately became brilliant. After thinking for a while, she said, "You really go all out in chasing after girls, huh? No wonder even Honglei was moved by you."

If she knew it was going to be like this, she wouldn't have gone through all the trouble. She would've just sent Honglei.

When he heard her sigh, Zu An thought to himself, if I can get both of you in a package deal, then it's not just the Phoenix Nirvana Sutra, I'll be willing to give you even more! Of course, there was no way he would ever say that out loud.

Yun Jianyue then asked, "Can the Phoenix Nirvana Sutra really grant immortality?"

"Hold on, wait, wait, wait, you've already scammed quite a bit of information from me. Are you really going to keep going if I don't stop you?" Zu An snorted, but he still replied, "The Phoenix Nirvana Sutra's immortality is merely a fanciful ideal. It cannot be implemented in reality."

Yun Jianyue's brows were about to raise again, but she sighed when she heard what he said. "That's good then, that's good."

As long as the emperor couldn't obtain immortality, then everything else wasn't an issue.

She didn't suspect Zu An of deceiving her. She already deduced that there was no way the emperor would let Zu An go if the Phoenix Nirvana Sutra could really grant immortality.

She thus continued, "I will thank you in Honglei's place ahead of time. Unfortunately, the Heavenly Devil's Temptation is rather special. Once cultivated, it cannot be stopped unless one reaches my level."

"Isn't your technique a scam then?" Zu An stormed over angrily. He suddenly thought of something and asked, "How old are you?"

Yun Jianyue raised her brows. "Are you tired of living?"

Zu An's mind jumped. Even though the other party was seriously injured, the pressure he felt still left him stunned. He now knew that since he showed her mercy by the rock garden, he would never have another chance to win against her again.

Thus, he quickly said, "It's not that I want to know your age, I just want to know how many years it'll take for Honglei to reach your level. I need to know that at least, right?"

Yun Jianyue harrumphed. "If you really love her, then who cares how long it will take? If you cannot wait that long, then that means you never loved her. This is a good thing for her as well."

Zu An gave her a look full of pity. "You've never fallen in love before, right?"

Yun Jianyue erupted with fury at once. "Are you courting death?"

Zu An wrinkled his nose and said, "Only someone who never dated would use such childish tactics. Things like feelings... they often crumble before the face of testing."

Yun Jianyue's face heated up. She indeed didn't have much experience in this field, but there was no way she would admit that. "Hmph! I've walked on more bridges than you've walked roads. Do you really think you understand anything better than me?"

Zu An knew that she was starting to feel embarrassed, so he didn't tease her anymore. "Alright, remember your promise. I'll find your medicine, and you'll agree to our relationship."

Yun Jianyue frowned. "Where are you going to look?"

Zu An said, "The imperial hospital of course. There are so many renowned physicians and expensive medicines. Who knows, your stuff might be there."

Yun Jianyue's eyes lit up. Even though this fella spoke a lot of nonsense, he really hit the nail on the head this time. This might really work.

"You should just stay here and not wander around. Wait for me to come back." Zu An was worried and warned again.

"Okay." Yun Jianyue subconsciously replied, but she frowned soon afterwards. Why did she feel like a young married woman waiting for her husband to return?

She shook her head and quickly tossed out this thought.

Zu An cursed the entire way to the hospital. I'm probably the only decent man out there. If any other dude encountered a stunning goddess who hit rock bottom, they would definitely use the chance to go crazy on her!

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Meanwhile, the bearded left guard general had just left the Palace of Peace. The subordinate waiting outside said, "General, is there any new information?"

Cheng Xiong's face was overcast. "It was too messy back then and the empress was quite frightened. She cannot remember the details too clearly. It looks like we have to go through other means."

His subordinates were all horrified. The emperor flew into a terrible rage this time and put them in charge of looking into the empress' assassination.

However, it was this place that experienced danger first. By the time the eastern palace was also in chaos, the assassins on this side already all ran away, while those who weren't able to get away ended their own lives. They couldn't find a single person to interrogate.

While he was at his wits end, Cheng Xiong suddenly said, "We'll pay the imperial hospital a visit. If there are still assassins in the palace, then they will need medicine for treatment. They might target the hospital."

The others were all overjoyed. "Our general is wise!"

Chapter 626: Rejection

The imperial hospital was within sight. Zu An didn't expect himself to be back so soon.

When he entered, he subconsciously gave the room Shi Kun was in a look. However, there was no one there now. The Shi clan most likely brought him back.

"I wonder if they managed to piece together his thing after it exploded. Otherwise, he'll have to be buried without a complete body." Zu An thought without any ill intentions.

He could hear groans from time to time coming from soldiers covered in blood. Hospital staff were busy applying medicine and wrapping up their injuries.

Zu An sighed. Both the Devil Sect and imperial palace suffered severe casualties this time.

Of course, sympathy was just sympathy. If the people he cared about really were in danger, he still wouldn't show any mercy.

Suddenly, he heard a bunch of voices. There was a group of people surrounding a single individual.

"When the assassins charged into the eastern palace back then, they killed whoever was in sight! Those fellas were all powerful experts, so the eastern palace guards' casualties instantly climbed over half."

"When we withdrew into the palace, we wanted to borrow the eastern palace's defense formation to hold them off, but the enemy was already prepared for that! They had some kind of artifact that disrupted the palace's formation. Then, the one in the lead smashed the formation to pieces with a single strike."

Zu An gave them a look. The one in the middle had dark circles around his eyes like the administrative masters of his past world.

He nodded inwardly. The place he lived in had a defensive formation, so why wouldn't the eastern palace have one? But Yun Jianyue was definitely prepared. If they dared to even invade the eastern palace, then the formation shouldn't be an issue.

The other guards all gasped. "Then what did you all do?"

The guard with the dark circles said with a smile, "Fortunately, the crown prince's lesser tutor rushed over in time and stopped the enemy leader. However, those assassins continued to charge at the crown prince. When I saw that everyone was in fear, my body acted before my mind could process what was happening. I roared and charged with a blade in hand, slaughtering from the palace entrance into the courtyard, and then all the way back. I charged and returned three times, leaving behind the corpses of assassins everywhere in my wake. My eyes didn't even blink once during the entire thing."

A tall and skinny guard next to him sneered. "You didn't blink once for that long?"

"Of course not! There were enemies everywhere. I couldn't afford to be distracted at all." The guard with the black circles stuck out his chest. He felt absolutely amazing when he saw the looks of admiration all around him.

The tall and skinny guard spoke up again. "Won't your eyes dry out if you don't blink?"

The guard with the black circles stopped smiling. "I'm talking about how I charged in three times and killed so many assassins. Why do you care if my eyes are dry or not?"

"What I am concerned about is actually the same thing." The tall and skinny guard said, "Did you charge in three times or did you run back three times?"

The guard with the dark circles harrumphed. "Of course I charged in and came back three times!"

"You said that you killed assassins until there were corpses everywhere. How many assassins did you really kill?"

"How could I count them all during such a dangerous time?"

"I counted them. Back then, you killed three assassins and wounded four."

The surrounding guards became quiet. The story sounded pretty badass at first, but this was all?

Even though they knew that with so many assassins as enemies and how outnumbered they were, these achievements were already extremely impressive, they still couldn't help but laugh in ridicule. After all, this fella went a bit too far with his bragging.

The guard with the dark circles around his eyes said angrily, "Jiao Sigun, are you really going to do this to me right now? How many did you kill then?"

The guard who was tall and skinny like a pole seemed to have been waiting for this question. He raised his hand and said with a smug tone, "Nothing special. I just happened to have killed one more than you."

The guard with the black circles around his eyes: "....."

The surrounding guards tactfully began to praise that tall and skinny guard.

The guard with the black circles around his eyes was upset that he had his spotlight stolen by his companion. "But in the end, none of us are anything special. The one we should be most grateful to is Sir Eleven."

"Who is Sir Eleven?" Those guards were confused. They had never heard this nickname before.

Zu An was about to seek out the physician further inside. However, he couldn't help but stop when he heard this. Sigh, why are humans so vain?

The guard with the black rings around his eyes said, "Golden token envoy Sir Eleven of course."

"Nonsense, there are only ten golden token envoys." One of the guards retorted.

"We thought that there were only ten as well, but we learned that there were eleven today." The guard with the dark circles around his eyes said, "We were heavily outnumbered, and even the crown princess had to join the fight. When the crown princess was in danger, Sir Eleven appeared and carried... Cough cough... He raised his blade and cut down several high level assassins."

Even though he was talking casually right now, he knew that the matters of carrying the crown princess was taboo. He didn't dare publicly announce this.

The tall and skinny companion corrected, "Strictly speaking, Sir Eleven didn't kill those assassins but merely defeated them with a single move. He didn't kill them at all."

"Why do you keep correcting me?!" The guard with the dark circles around his eyes said angrily. "If you keep shooting off that mouth, I won't play dice with you anymore in the future!"

"Oh..." The tall and skinny guard thus finally closed his mouth.

The guard with the dark circles around his eyes continued, "Either way, once Sir Eleven arrived, the pressure decreased a lot for all of us. He protected the crown prince and princess with a sword in hand, putting fear in the hearts of all enemies with his might. Countless assassins charged at him, yet none of them could do anything to him."

His boasting earlier was exposed, so he could only brag about Sir Eleven to satisfy his vanity. He felt extremely satisfied again when he saw the sparkling eyes around him.

The tall and skinny companion's expression immediately became conflicted. He wanted to say something several times, but stopped himself each time. In the end, he still had to correct, "Sir Eleven didn't use a sword..."

"Shut up!" The guard with the dark circles was about to fight this guy to the death when one of the guards said out of curiosity, "But I heard that a grandmaster appeared on the assassins' side! Could it be that Sir Eleven can defeat even a grandmaster?"

The guard with the dark circles explained, "Sir Eleven isn't a grandmaster, but not even the full powered flying sword attack of that grandmaster could hurt Sir Eleven. That sword's power was something everyone in the eastern palace saw. You all can make fun of me if you want, but that sword's aura was so terrifying I almost shat my pants!"

"The full powered attack of a grandmaster is something not even a ninth ranked expert can handle..." The surrounding guards were all in disbelief. They turned to look at the tall and skinny man.

This time, he didn't correct the dark circles guard and instead said, "Sir Eleven indeed evaded that sword without suffering any damage."

The guards in the palace were all experts, so they naturally understood what this symbolized. All of them immediately felt great respect for this mysterious Sir Eleven.

Zu An coughed at this time and said, "Actually, I didn't make it out unscathed. I suffered considerable internal injuries from that grandmaster's attack. Look, am I not here for medicine?"

He was wondering how he was going to get medicine. Fortunately, these guards brought him the perfect excuse.

The group all turned their heads when they heard his voice.

The guard with the dark circles and the skinny guard immediately recognized him. They were both incredibly moved. "Sir Eleven!"

The other guards all examined this golden token envoy. So this was that mysterious Sir Eleven? He was dressed in an Embroidered Envoy attire as expected.

Seeing that the two guards were still wrapped up in gauze and clearly in bad shape, he quickly supported them to their feet. "What are you two doing? Please rise."

The two guards were moved. "If it wasn't for Sir Eleven, we brothers might not have been able to see today. How can we forget this life saving gratitude?"

Zu An didn't remember who they were, as the eastern palace was too chaotic back then. He did save some guards though, and he didn't expect these two to be two of them. "You are too polite. What should I call you two?"

He had his identity as the crown prince's secretary as well. It was absolutely vital that he got close to these guards.

"We don't dare treat you without courtesy! I am Piao Duandiao." The guard with the dark circles said with a huge smile.

"I am Jiao Sigun." The tall and skinny guard did his best to smile, but it was extremely awkward looking.

Zu An had a strange expression. "The ones who gave you your names are quite something." [1]

Piao Duandiao and Jiao Sigun hurriedly nodded. "Haha, that's what we thought too."

The guards all surrounded him and asked about what happened during the battle. All of them looked at Zu An with eyes of adoration.

Zu An felt like he was on cloud nine. This hospital is my freaking paradise! The people here are so nice.

However, he didn't forget his objective. He deliberately coughed a few times and said, "I have some injuries that need to be tended to, so I will get some medicine first."

Piao Duandiao and Jiao Sigun immediately volunteered to help. "Sir Eleven, we'll help you find the hospital's commissioner assistant."

They were imperial guards, so they would come here from time to time, making them familiar with this place.

The head of the imperial hospital was the hospital commissioner, but most of the hospital's matters were taken care of by the left and right commissioner assistants. The one who was on duty today was the left assistant Ma An.

"Thank you." Zu An cupped his hands.

"Sir Eleven is too courteous." Piao Duandiao and Jiao Sigun were actually incredibly happy. This Sir Eleven wasn't as cold and aloof as the other golden token envoys. Improving their relationship with someone like him was definitely a good thing. They might even have him as a great patron in the future.

Soon afterwards, they found the commissioner assistant. This was an elder with a goatee. He gave Zu An a glance. "May I ask where sir is injured?"

Zu An said, "I suffered a blow from that grandmaster earlier, and I feel as if my mind has become unsteady. I feel uncomfortable whenever I think too hard about something."

"Oh my, your soul must've been wounded. Let me think about which medicines can heal the soul..." The commissioner assistant stroked his beard. He rarely encountered these types of patients and was left momentarily puzzled.

Zu An asked probingly, "Do you have any Five Aggregates Root?"

The commissioner assistant's eyes lit up. "This is indeed something that can cure the soul. There were two of them that were offered up a while ago from the western barbarians."

Zu An was overjoyed. He consulted with Yun Jianyue before coming here. There were some medicines that were too precious, so not even the imperial hospital would have them. As such, they chose some medicines that had a higher chance of being here to ask about. He didn't expect to succeed on the first try.

But the commissioner assistant said with a frown, "But this item is extremely precious. It is something that is reserved for the empress or the prince, I fear that we cannot give it to sir."

Chapter 627: Love Over Friendship

Piao Duandiao and Jiao Sigun became nervous. "Sir Eleven was wounded when he saved the crown prince and crown princess! Don't tell me that this is still not enough to obtain this type of medicine?"

The commissioner assistant shook his head. His expression was one of 'this is official business'. "I'm sorry, rules are rules. This medicine is only to be used for the royal family and cannot be used by anyone else.

The two guards thus couldn't say much else. They were only two guards from the eastern palace and couldn't force the commissioner assistant to do anything. Moreover, after staying in the palace for a long time, they also understood that the palace had some rules in place.

Zu An remained silent for a moment. He took out his golden token. "His majesty sent me to investigate a case. If I am wounded, then I cannot carry out this task. Will you be able to shoulder the responsibility if it affects his majesty's orders?"

That commissioner assistant immediately revealed an unhappy expression. "Sir Eleven, please do not try to threaten me with the emperor's orders. I am not trying to cheat you of anything. If you come with his majesty's decree or vocal approval, then I will immediately give you the medicine and not say another word."

You have trolled Ma An for +413 Rage points!

Zu An was a bit gloomy. I don't think I've offended you before? Why are you hostile towards me?

But Yun Jianyue's wounds might become increasingly problematic if he couldn't find some medicine here.

Should I sneak in and steal it?

No, that won't work. Forget about the attack making the security much tighter, even if I did manage to steal the Five Aggregates Root, I'll end up drawing way too much suspicion.

I've just been rejected. If it was stolen so quickly afterwards, then it would be more strange if I wasn't suspected.

While both sides were in conflict, there was a sweet fragrance that appeared. A pleasant sounding yet imposing voice sounded. "I wonder if I have the right to request for this medicine?"

Everyone turned around. They suddenly saw a group of eunuchs and maids surround a beautiful woman. Her fair skin formed a perfect contrast with the red beauty mark on her forehead. The golden ornaments she wore in her hair reflected the lights of the fires around them. She was dressed extravagantly. Anyone else would have a hard time pulling off this style as it easily made one seem too tacky, yet she didn't have this problem at all. It was as if this outfit was made for her.

"We greet the crown princess!" Piao Duandiao and Jiao Sigun immediately knelt down in greeting. The commissioner assistant named Ma An's previous arrogance immediately vanished.

"You all are wounded, there is no need for excessive formalities." The crown princess reached out her hand and revealed a faint smile. The two guards immediately felt blessed to be in her presence.

"The crown princess cares about us after all!" The two guards were both incredibly moved. In reality, after all this time, the men of the eastern palace had more respect for the crown princess than the crown prince. After all, it really was quite hard for them to feel sincere respect for the crown prince with his normal behavior.

What a pity! A goddess like the crown princess could only be married to this type of crown prince...

The two guards immediately threw these thoughts out. These royal family matters weren't things two trifling guards like them could comment on.

Zu An gave her a surprised look. He really didn't expect to encounter her here.

However, when he saw the gifts in the hands of the eunuchs and maids around her, he realized that she probably came to express sympathy for the wounded guards.

This woman is really good at getting other people to like her! Just look at how moved Piao Duandiao and the others are.

The crown princess nodded in his direction when she saw his gaze. Then, she looked back at the commissioner assistant. "Sir Ma, I wish to use this Five Aggregates Root. Would that be appropriate?"

The commissioner assistant hesitated for a moment. He could guess at why she wanted this medicine. However, he immediately smiled apologetically and said, "What is the crown princess saying? If your distinguished self wants it, then of course it is okay. Men, bring out a Five Aggregates Root from the storage."

A medicine assistant quickly left and returned with a jade case. The commissioner assistant offered it respectfully to the crown princess. "The Five Aggregates Root is extremely precious, so it is preserved in

a jade case to prevent the medicinal effects from scattering. Furthermore, there is a special protective formation in place around the case. The crown princess should use it quickly after its removal.”

The crown princess smiled and said, “Thank you, Sir Ma.”

Zu An immediately felt annoyed. This old fart is incredibly arrogant to me, but he’s a disgusting simp in front of the crown princess.

It was actually more troublesome if the Five Aggregates Root ended up in the crown princess’ hands. It might be easier to steal it from her, but her status was too sensitive. It was easy for any interaction with her to get out of hand.

The crown princess then took the maids and eunuchs to visit the other wounded soldiers. There were immediately cheers. All of them were excited by the crown princess’ soothing smile.

Zu An sneered. This woman is so fierce inside the eastern palace, yet she treats outsiders so kindly. The crown prince really has some tough luck.

But isn’t she scared of the emperor’s interference if she keeps roping people in?

However, Zu An quickly recalled the crown prince’s weak-minded appearance. Perhaps the emperor is actually hoping that this daughter-in-law actually has some ability, as that would allow her to support the crown prince better in the future. In that case, he obviously wouldn’t worry about these things.

He shook his head and decided to leave this place for now. He’ll think of a solution later.

Not long after he walked out, there was suddenly a clear and melodious voice that called out. “Sir Eleven, please wait a moment.”

Zu An turned around to look at the beautiful woman behind him. “Does the crown princess need this one for something?”

He noticed that the crown prince’s maids and eunuchs were currently giving the injured guards gifts. With her status as the crown princess, an appearance alone was already enough. There was no need for her to personally do these things, so she used this chance to come out.

For some reason, he had a feeling that the crown princess’ tone was a bit different from usual. She normally maintained a dignified and strict tone, and at times, she would give off a rather fierce feeling. However, her tone was gentle and sweet without a trace of anger.

The crown princess stopped several feet from him and didn’t get any closer. She understood the palace rules and maintained enough distance from other subjects. “I am indebted to Sir Eleven for saving me... and the crown prince. I haven’t had a chance to express my thanks yet.”

“The crown princess is too kind. That was just my duty.” Zu An calmly replied. It was all because he touched her that the emperor almost forced him to chop off his own arm, despite the fact that he saved so many people. He still had some lingering fears from that, so maintaining enough distance was best.

“Sir Eleven saved my... our lives. How can I not feel gratitude over this?” The crown princess’ expression wasn’t as serious as before. On the contrary, she was smiling like a cheerful young lady. “Oh, right. I heard your conversation just now. Were you injured by that assassin?”

"I'm alright, it won't be too much of a hindrance." Zu An was a bit stunned when he saw her blossoming smile. Is this really still the same vicious crown princess he saw earlier?

The crown princess gestured to the side, and then a maid arrived with a jade case. "I heard that sir's soul was wounded, so I will bestow sir this Five Aggregates Root. How can we ignore such an injury after you saved both me and the crown prince?"

She was the crown princess, so there were many pairs of eyes watching her every move. She obviously couldn't personally hand this to another man.

Zu An didn't expect her to have asked for this Five Aggregates Root for his sake! He was immediately overjoyed at the turn of events and received the jade case. "I am extremely grateful, crown princess."

The two exchanged a few more sentences, and then Zu An withdrew respectfully. It wasn't proper for the two of them to chat for too long with their statuses.

The crown princess was in a bit of a daze while watching his retreating figure. No one knew what she was thinking.

The maid next to her said with a quiet vice, "We came to find medicine for Sister Rong Mo. What is Sister Rong Mo supposed to do if your respected self gives the Five Aggregates Root to him?"

The crown princess' smile froze. "Ah! I forgot... Go, go, go, we need them to prescribe us some other medicine."

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The Left Guard General Cheng Xiong arrived with his men not long after the crown princess' people left. He sought out the commissioner assistant. "What medicines did the imperial hospital lose today?"

Chapter 628: Caught Like a Turtle in a Jar

The commissioner assistant's expression changed and quickly said, "Our imperial hospital prides itself in loyally carrying out our duty. How could we lose any medicines?"

Cheng Xiong rolled his eyes inside when he heard this. These tactful phrases are useless, who knows how much your people stuffed your pockets?

This was indeed the case for many government offices, with everyone turning a blind eye. But of course, he wasn't going to just expose them. "Cough cough, Sir Ma must have misunderstood. The reason I am saying this is because the palace was attacked tonight, so even many of the guards were injured. As such, there were definitely many assassins who were injured. Those who did not escape might come here for medicine to treat their injuries. That is why I wanted to try to investigate from this perspective. This way, if there were any assassins discovered to be in the palace, then your respected self would be completely free from blame."

"The assassins today were truly vicious. Not even our many palace guards could stop them. That is why if they really did steal some medicine from the imperial hospital, it isn't your fault at all." He added.

The commissioner assistant said with a sigh, "So that was what the general meant. General Cheng, please feel at ease. Our hospital will fully cooperate with your investigation."

After saying this, he called over some helpers to check on the storeroom's inventory. Cheng Xiong didn't send any men over because every government office has their own secrets. He didn't come here to investigate the imperial hospital, so he wouldn't offend the officials here for no reason.

Soon afterwards, someone returned and said, "There are no medicines missing."

Cheng Xiong was shocked. "You checked everything that quickly?"

He was even starting to feel suspicious now. The investigation ended way too quickly! Was there really a huge deficit inside? He felt an urge to run in and check himself, because he had the pressing mission of capturing the assassins right now. After all, now that something so major happened in the imperial palace, as the Left Guard General, he had a lot of responsibility to shoulder. If he didn't find out any useful information soon, then his future might be done for.

The commissioner assistant explained, "Shi clan's young master was wounded, and then there were a bunch of injured guards who came in afterwards. My staff were constantly coming in and out of the storeroom. I would've immediately noticed something if there really was something missing."

Cheng Xiong was relieved when he heard this. After thinking for a bit, he said, "Who dropped by for medicine during this time? Do you have the records?"

The assassins managed to break into the palace too easily, so he suspected that there were insiders inside the palace. These spies might have helped the assassins bring out some medicine.

"Of course there are records. These are the rules." The commissioner assistant gestured with his hand, and then a thick book entered it. "These are all of the medicines that have been given out from the imperial hospital during these past few days."

Cheng Xiong hurriedly flipped through it. However, he didn't see anything strange even after examining it for a long time.

Suddenly, his eyes landed on a record. "Huh? The crown princess requested a Five Aggregates Root?"

"Indeed. When the general came, the crown princess had just brought it away." The commissioner assistant replied.

Cheng Xiong grunted in acknowledgement and didn't treat this as a big deal. He could suspect anyone, but he wouldn't dare suspect the crown princess!

Right at this time, the commissioner assistant suddenly said, "There is something quite strange. Golden token envoy Sir Eleven also asked for this type of medicine before the crown princess came."

"Sir Eleven?" Cheng Xiong frowned. He remembered the one he saw in the imperial study. "What does this medicine do?"

The commissioner assistant said, "It has amazing effects on nurturing the soul. At the same time, it can treat internal injuries. It is an incredible medicine that is hard to come by."

Cheng Xiong's expression changed. He remembered meeting him in the imperial study. Back then, his gait was steady and his breathing calm. He didn't seem wounded at all. What did he need this medicine for then?

He suddenly thought of something else. When he was about to catch the female assassin, a mysterious person suddenly rushed out to save her. Even though flames covered almost everything back then, he was able to see a corner of that person's clothes.

He didn't think much about this before, but now that he connected the dots, the clothing did seem a bit like an Embroidered Envoy uniform!

He could no longer sit still. He got up and walked out while calling over his subordinates. "We're leaving."

When he saw them leave energetically, the corners of this commissioner assistant's lips curled upwards. However, when he noticed that other physicians were coming, his expression immediately became serious again, recovering his usual calm.

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Meanwhile, after Zu An bid the crown princess farewell, he returned to his residence. When he opened the door, he discovered that there was no one inside. He immediately panicked. "Big sis?"

He didn't find a single person even after searching all day. There was only a lingering fragrance here.

For some reason, he felt a bit dejected. He sat down and said gloomily, "She didn't even leave a word before disappearing. She has no conscience at all!"

"Who are you saying has no conscience?" A teasing voice sounded from above him.

Zu An raised his head with pleasant surprise. He saw that a beautiful woman was currently leaning against a beam, her long hair falling downwards. Her posture seemed comfortable and carefree.

He had to admit that this woman really was blessed by the heavens. Every little movement she made was stunning.

"Why did you go up there?" Zu An was gloomy. "Why didn't you reply when I called out to you?"

"You brought back Zhuxie Chixin after leaving for just a short while last time, who knows who you'll be bringing back this time? It's obvious I should be hiding myself." Yun Jianyue jumped down from the beam, her movements light like a feather. "As for why I didn't reply, I merely wanted to see your reaction."

"Then was my reaction satisfactory, miss sect master?" Zu An harrumphed.

Yun Jianyue smiled. "My mood improved greatly when I saw tears almost appear in your eyes."

Zu An: "....."

"Isn't your ego a bit too high? I would look for a kitten or puppy I raised if they suddenly went missing too, let alone a person."

It was now the time for Yun Jianyue's smile to freeze. A while later, she harrumphed and said, "Your mouth is pretty skilled."

"Oh? How did you know?" Zu An widened his eyes.

Yun Jianyue subconsciously took a step back. She just felt like his words were strange for some reason.

"Did you get the medicine?" She felt a bit uncomfortable and changed the topic.

"Yup. Five Aggregates Root. However, I don't want to give it to you anymore." Zu An brought out the jade case and dangled it in front of her. Then, he returned it into his robes.

Yun Jianyue gave him an impatient look. "Has anyone ever told you that you really need a good spanking?"

Zu An harrumphed. "If you want the Five Aggregates Root, then beg me for it."

Yun Jianyue's expression immediately became extremely dangerous. Before she even said anything, Zu An's expression changed.

"What is it?" Yun Jianyue sensed that something was off and asked.

Zu An said, "There is a large group of troops heading our way. The leader is... huh? The Left Guard General Cheng Xiong!"

He became more careful ever since he was almost caught by Zhuxie Chixin last time. As such, he always used the jade badge to control the nearby little creatures. This way, he would always know before danger showed up ahead of time.

"You're sure that they are coming for us?" Yun Jianyue said. They were looking everywhere for the assassins in the palace after all. It was normal for guards to be passing by this area.

Zu An nodded. "They've already surrounded the courtyard."

"Did they discover me? But they shouldn't have been able to." Yun Jianyue was a bit confused.

Zu An said, "They're probably here for me. Someone became suspicious after I picked up the medicine from the hospital."

Right at this time, a knocking sounded from outside. "Inspection, please open the door!"

Zu An immediately thought of something. He pretended to be weak and said, "I'm treating my injuries right now. What's the issue?"

The guard outside said, "Assassins stormed the palace and alarmed the empress and crown prince. For the security of everyone in the palace, we are inspecting everywhere in the palace to ensure that no place remains unchecked."

Zu An said unhappily, "Are you fucking blind? This is a golden token envoy's residence. Why would an assassin be hiding here? Get lost!"

Yun Jianyue nodded. This fella wasn't stupid, he knew how to use his special identity.

Cheng Xiong's voice sounded at this time. "Sir Eleven, please excuse our rudeness. This general shoulders his majesty's mission to find the surviving assassins. As such, every residence must be inspected. We are not targeting you alone. Even Chief Commander Zhuxie Chixin has agreed to have his courtyard searched, so I must trouble Sir Eleven for your cooperation."

Zu An remained silent for a moment. Since Cheng Xiong already said this, then what other reasons could he even use to stop them? Once they came in, Yun Jianyue would be exposed!

Chapter 629: Shrinking Technique

Right at this time, Yun Jianyue said, "Go lie down on the bed."

"Huh?" Zu An was confused. He didn't know why he was saying this.

Yun Jianyue gave him an annoyed look. "Didn't you tell everyone that you were injured? You should be resting."

"Oh, you're right." Zu An moved to the bed. He pulled over the covers.

This was his house, yet this was the first time he slept on the bed.

Yun Jianyue shot him another look. "Clothes!"

Zu An was extremely confused. Yun Jianyue said with a frown, "You're usually pretty sharp. Are you going to sleep with your clothes on?"

Zu An said 'oh', and then he removed the outfit. However, he kept his helmet on, because he couldn't reveal his real identity to anyone.

He finally snapped out of his daze after completing all of this. "What is the point of all of this? You're the biggest issue, big sis! I don't care about being seen."

After a bit of hesitation, Yun Jianyue moved aside the covers and made her way in as well.

Zu An: "???"

Her long hair brushed against his body. It felt soft like silk.

Her delicate fragrance and soft body made Zu An blurt out, "I feel like you're lusting after my body!"

"Shut up!" Yun Jianyue's face blushed red for the first time. However, it disappeared in an instant.

He could sense that she seemed to be using some type of flexibility technique. She twisted about in the covers, and then her figure became extremely soft, her size also becoming smaller. It actually didn't seem like someone else was inside of the covers.

Zu An was stupefied. He saw those yoga girls do all types of weird postures in the past, yet compared to Yun Jianyue, they looked like amateurs!

Whoever got to marry this woman would definitely be extremely blessed!

"Do you want to die?" Yun Jianyue said through gritted teeth from under the covers.

You have successfully trolled Yun Jianyue for +999 Rage points!

Zu An's face heated up. His legs fidgeted unnaturally. "This is a normal reaction! I can't control this, come on."

Yun Jianyue: "....."

She twisted her head the other way. I would've snapped that thing right off if you were doing it on purpose!

There was no way she would ever do something like this if it wasn't because she had no other choice!

She knew that if someone came in to search this place, hiding behind the curtains like last time probably wouldn't work.

Zhuxie Chixin never searched in detail because he didn't suspect Zu An in the first place, but these people outside were clearly different. Every corner of the room will be searched, so hiding behind the curtains wasn't a real solution. Zu An mentioned that there were a group of guards surrounding this place. She'll be immediately exposed if she tried to jump out through the window!

But because of all of this, she ended up letting this brat take advantage of her!

You have successfully trolled Yun Jianyue for +233 +233 +233...

Is this kid from the freaking beast race? Or is he half beastman? But he looks like a normal human from the outside!

Yun Jianyue was a sect master after all, so she was able to separate her emotions from her actions. She calmed herself down.

Cheng Xiong's impatient voice sounded from outside. "Sir Eleven, if you still refuse to open the door, I have reason to suspect that you are hiding a criminal inside, and we will be forced to break in!"

Even though there was a protective formation surrounding this place, the defenses were limited. There was no way it could withstand the attacks of an eight ranked general and a group of experts.

Zu An pressed the room key at this time. The doors opened on their own. "Then search if you want to. I only moved in today so there's nothing here. The search shouldn't take that long."

Cheng Xiong was a bit surprised. This guy let them come in! Then did they really wrong him?

However, he wasn't convinced so quickly. He waved his hands and indicated for his subordinates to search around. Searches were their specialty, so not even hidden rooms and cellars would escape their detection.

He himself headed towards the main bedroom. "Sir Eleven, please pardon my rudeness. I must carry out my official duty."

Even though he was suspicious inside, he was still polite on the outside. After all, they would see each other often in the palace in the future. He still had to show him some courtesy.

“There’s no rudeness to it. Please do what you need to after completing your search. I am preparing to rest and nurse my wounds.” Zu An struggled to a half seated posture on the bed as if he was roused awake.

“So Sir Eleven was sleeping! Didn’t you just head to the hospital earlier?” Cheng Xiong stared at the other party. He wanted to find something from his expression, but he was wearing a mask, so he couldn’t see anything.

Zu An said with a laugh, “Looks like General Cheng came prepared. The investigation is quite thorough.”

Cheng Xiong wasn’t annoyed and said with a smile, “It can’t be helped. Since his majesty assigned me to this case, then I need to do my utmost. I cannot let any leads go.”

“Then has General Cheng found anything?” Zu An frowned inwardly. He didn’t know why this fella would target him. Normally speaking, the two of them shouldn’t have any grudges, and he even had his status as a golden token envoy. There was no reason for this man to be so aggressive.

“Those assassins are too cunning. We weren’t able to find anything of value yet. However, I believe that there are definitely still some assassins hiding around inside the palace, just that we do not know where they are hiding. However, I believe all of them will be found soon.” Cheng Xiong said.

“I wish General Cheng success.” Zu An had to admit that this fella was sharp enough, that he actually managed to guess at the truth.

Cheng Xiong laughed and suddenly asked, “By the way, I heard that Sir Eleven was injured from the hospital earlier, but if I recall correctly, Sir Eleven didn’t look injured in the imperial study. Could it be that you encountered an assassin after you left the imperial study?”

Zu An’s heart pounded. Did this guy already see through him?

Of course, he wouldn’t give anything away on the surface. “I was wounded by that female assassin’s flying sword back at the eastern palace, but his majesty emphasizes bearing, so I forcefully suppressed it. Later on, I found a chance to get some medicine from the hospital.”

“But I heard that the hospital didn’t give you any medicine? They gave it to the crown princess instead.” Cheng Xiong moved closer to him. “Does Sir Eleven wish for me to help you out? Even though I am only at the eighth rank, I still have the ability to treat one’s injuries.”

“I won’t trouble the general for that. The crown princess already gave the medicine to me, so my condition has already improved considerably. I only need to rest a few more days.” Zu An deliberately spoke of the crown princess’ matter hoping that he would back off.

Sure enough, when Cheng Xiong heard about this, his expression changed on the spot. He didn’t expect the two of them to share this type of friendship.

However, he was still fierce in nature. Since he already offended the other party, rather than waiting for him to get revenge with the Embroidered Envoy and crown princess on his side in the future, he might as well crush him here.

“To be honest, that female assassin still leaves me with lingering fears. She is a glorious grandmaster, yet she does something unbecoming of her status and carries out an assassination! It truly is shameless,” said Cheng Xiong.

Zu An could feel Yun Jianyue’s body go taut when these words sounded. These words definitely angered her.

Out of worry that she wouldn’t be able to suppress her anger, he gently patted her, indicating for her to calm down.

Yun Jianyue: “.....”

Should I feed this kid to the dogs after I recover?

Zu An continued off of Cheng Xiong’s words and said, “That female assassin was quite beautiful, but what a pity that she is too vicious. I almost died under her sword.

Cheng Xiong said with praise, “The fact that Sir Eleven evaded the sword of a grandmaster is already incredibly praiseworthy. I wonder what kind of technique Sir Eleven cultivates. The ‘Phoenix Nirvana Sutra’ is a flame element technique, I reckon?”

Zu An was stunned. He finally understood why the other party was suspicious. He was trying to see if the flame blade that rescued Qiu Honglei had anything to do with him.

He said indifferently, “The Phoenix Nirvana Sutra is something his majesty has deemed that he wants. I fear that it is rather unsuitable for General Cheng to ask about it, am I right?”

Cheng Xiong’s expression changed. “I was in such admiration over Sir Eleven’s methods that my tongue slipped. Pardon me for that.”

While speaking, his eyes couldn’t help but shift to the blanket covering Zu An.

Chapter 630: Loli Transformation

Cheng Xiong’s subordinates were already wrapping up their search. One after another, they informed him that they didn’t locate anyone.

Cheng Xiong began to think to himself. The only place that hadn’t been searched yet was this bed.

He cupped his hands and said, “We still need to search the bottom of the bed. Sir Eleven doesn’t mind, right?”

Zu An frowned. “What is General Cheng implying? Would I not know if there was someone underneath my bed?”

As a golden token envoy, if he didn’t even have this bit of skill, then he would be an absolute joke. The other party requested this despite knowing the abilities of golden envoys, so it indeed seemed a bit excessive.

Cheng Xiong said with a chuckle, "I have no other intentions. However, Sir Eleven has been injured, so your perception might not be so sharp. Please let us help you check inside. This way, Sir Eleven can rest easier."

He didn't wait for Zu An's reply after saying this and gestured for his subordinates to search.

Several imperial guards laid down on the ground. They raised the fabric covering the bottom of the bed and thrust their swords inside.

Unfortunately, they didn't find anything even after continuing this for a while.

Zu An sighed. He thought to himself that it would be even more strange if you all did find something under the bed! Right at this time, Yun Jianyue sent a ki transmission. "You should express some anger, or else it will seem strange."

Zu An was shocked. He quickly realized that as well. If a glorious golden token envoy allowed these men to overturn his house and didn't react, then that would only mean that he had a guilty conscience!

As such, he waved his hand and directly displayed the Heaven Devouring Art. The guards who were standing up felt a wave of pressure, and then they couldn't hold onto their blades anymore. All of them flew towards the bed.

Then, with a flip of his wrist, those long blades were crumpled up into lumps of metal. He coldly said, "Has General Cheng never taught your subordinates any rules, using weapons in my home?"

Those guards all broke out into cold sweat. They immediately knelt down in apology.

Even Cheng Xiong's eyes narrowed. He gave the lumps of metal on the ground a look and quickly cupped his hands. "My subordinates have been a bit too anxious in capturing the assassins and offended Sir Eleven. Please forgive them."

He was extremely alarmed right now. It wasn't that he feared the other party's cultivation, because the ki fluctuations that appeared just now weren't more powerful than his. However, he couldn't see through that technique. He couldn't replicate its power at all.

It was to the extent where he couldn't even tell what element the other party used.

Zu An said indifferently, "Since you all are in a rush to capture assassins, then go out and catch assassins. What are you all wasting time here for?"

Cheng Xiong's expression changed. However, he quickly recovered his cool and gestured for his subordinates to leave. "We've disturbed you today. I hope Sir Eleven does not take offense."

Zu An had a cold look on his face and didn't reply.

Cheng Xiong lost interest here and was about to leave. When he arrived by the entrance, he gave Zu An a look. He said in a meaningful tone, "Sir Eleven's methods are bold and impressive. It didn't look like you were injured at all."

Zu An said indifferently, "Even if we are injured, defeating some trifling people isn't anything troublesome for a golden token envoy."

Cheng Xiong's face sunk. The other party dragged him into the scolding as well. However, he really didn't have much confidence in the situation, as the golden token envoys were all mysterious and powerful people. He wasn't sure if he could win against the other party.

He gave the covers one last reluctant look. If the other party was really much weaker, he might just pull aside the covers. However, this golden token envoy's performance was too strong, so he could only give up on the thought.

He consoled himself that there was no way the covers could be hiding a mature person from how the covers looked, only a small child at most. Why would there be a small child among the assailants?

Furthermore, he already spread his senses across the entire room. Apart from Zu An, he didn't detect another person. That was why he didn't persist with the issue.

"Could it be that I really made a mistake?" He offended a golden token envoy this time, yet he didn't even get anything out of it. Cheng Xiong left with his subordinates with a gloomy expression.

Zu An pressed the room's key, and the courtyard's gate closed on its own.

This was the advantage of this world. Even though it didn't advance as far on the science and technology tree, there were many conveniences that were instead replaced through cultivation.

His covers were moved aside when he closed the door. A petite figure made its way out from inside.

When he saw the loli-like Yu Jianyue, Zu An couldn't help but want to pinch her cheeks. She was just too cute.

"Do you seek death?!" Yun Jianyue smacked his hands away. Then, after twisting a few times, she gradually returned to her normal appearance, changing from a little loli to a mature big sister.

Zu An sighed and said, "Has anyone ever told you that your little form is too cute?"

A trace of redness flashed past Yun Jianyue's face. "You are not allowed to tell anyone about what just happened, not even Honglei! Otherwise, I will kill you!"

Zu An had a strange look on his face. "That means no one else saw that form before?"

"That's not the case." Yun Jianyue revealed a reminiscent expression. "Sometimes, when I'm really bored in the sect, I'll change into this form and look around the nearby towns and cities."

Zu An: "???"

Sis, you're a freaking sect master, moreover of the glorious Devil Sect! Isn't this a bit weird?

Yun Jianyue immediately snapped out of her daze. She ended up unknowingly telling him an incredible secret. Her expression immediately became extremely dangerous. "Did you use that chance to touch me earlier?"

Zu An immediately waved his hands. "Of course not! I was just worried that you might have acted out after hearing Cheng Xiong's words. Things would be really bad if you did that!"

Yun Jianyue harrumphed and said, "Could it be that in your eyes, I am just a bimbo with big breasts"

Zu An's expression became strange. He couldn't help but look at her impressive chest. Maybe not a fool, but your boobs really are the real deal.

"What are you looking at?!" Yun Jianyue suddenly laughed, but her smile was extremely sinister.

"Nothing." Zu An laughed and quickly brought out the Five Aggregates Root. "Here, you can recover faster with this, right?"

He already hugged her and touched her. It would be a bit insincere of him if he didn't give this to her now.

Yun Jianyue frowned, but she didn't refuse him in the end. She received the jade case, but she didn't immediately open it. "That Cheng Xiong seems to be quite hostile towards you. You need to be careful. I do not believe he would let the matter rest here."

"Sigh, I have no idea where I offended him though." Zu An was getting quite the headache from this as well. Being schemed against by a shrewd guy like this was quite upsetting.

"Rather than sitting and waiting for trouble to come, it's better to strike first. Just find a chance to get rid of him." Yun Jianyue said coldly.

Zu An was stupefied. In this instant, he finally understood that this beautiful woman wasn't of the kind sort, but rather the terror inspiring Devil Sect Master!

Yun Jianyue no longer brought up Cheng Xiong's matter after giving him this warning. "Help me watch the surroundings. I'm going to treat my injuries."

Then, she sat down on the bed in a meditative stance. She opened the case and placed it between her legs, revealing the Five Aggregates Root within.

Zu An could sense an exuberant wave of spiritual ki that refreshed his mind rush over. He got on his tiptoes and looked over. He saw a root-like medicinal ingredient resting in the jade case, the swirling energy visible above it. He could tell that it was something extraordinary from a single look.

Yun Jianyue didn't devour it and instead circulated her energies in a meditative stance. A while later, a strand of thick energy slowly rose from the Five Aggregates Root, and then entered her body through her nose. A faint rosiness returned to her pale face.

Zu An's eyes widened. She looked just like a goddess with smoke all around her. Even treating her injuries was such a beautiful scene! When would he become like this?

After an hour or so, Yun Jianyue opened her eyes. She closed the case.

Zu An was already bored to death. He was stunned when he saw this. "Your injuries were already healed that quickly?"

Yun Jianyue shook her head. "Of course not. The injuries of the soul need to be slowly nursed, it cannot be rushed. Treatment with the Five Aggregates Root for an hour each day is already the limit. It will instead be a waste if it is continued longer."

Zu An's mood instantly improved. "Haha, then you should just cultivate slowly! Either way, you can live here for as long as you want. Right, can you move over? I need to sleep."