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Chapter 51: 51 Seeking Death 1

Xiao Yishan came running from behind, seeing the water slowly covering Su Qingyue's waist, chest, and shoulders... Anxiously, he shouted, "Wife, don't do anything foolish !"

"The Xiao Family's daughter-in-law, don't go into the river! Life is hard enough, don't seek death!" Wang Cuihua, who was running behind, shouted at the top of her lungs.

From a distance, villagers saw and someone yelled, "Wife of the Xiao Family, life is still precious! Even ugliness can't kill someone, why can't you bear it?"

"Don't walk further into the river, or you'll drown!" Most villagers were kind-hearted. Those who gossiped in their free time didn't really want a senseless death in the village.

Su Qingyue thought there was no one around. When the water covered her chest, it was so cold that her teeth chattered, and her injured internal organs ached.

Damn it, reason told her she shouldn't bathe in such cold water. Her weak body couldn't withstand it.

But she couldn't bear her own filth any longer. Her arms wrapped around her chest in the water, and she walked deeper, preparing to undress and scrub her body as the water reached her neck.

The stiffened clothes soaked in the water, softened, and some of the stains dispersed in the water, giving off a dark gray hue.

Someone else's long hair in the water would have swayed gently, but her hair, which had turned into strands of moldy vegetables, wouldn't dissolve in the water, swaying like a motionless water snake.

She frowned, swearing in her heart to cleanse her body, from head to toe, from clothes to shoes and socks!

Upon second thought, she seemed to be wearing shoes on her bare feet, without socks.

It was true. They were so poor, how could they afford socks? Going barefoot was already better than nothing.

Not to worry, she was heading towards cleanliness...

She would have socks, a clean body, clothes, shoes—even a hat... someday.

As her hand lifted, before she rubbed her body, the pain in her internal organs suddenly intensified, causing her head to dip below the water's surface.

She could swim and held her breath when her legs weakened, so she didn't choke on water even when she was completely submerged.

Suddenly, she was lifted out of the water by a pair of strong arms, startling her. She gulped several mouthfuls of water, "gurgling" in the river.

Although the water was flowing, her clothes and hair were covered with dirt and filth. The water that had entered her mouth had all the grime mixed in! Fucking hell, now her internal organs were filthy too!

Her head went blank, and, driven by a survival instinct, she subconsciously tried to rush out of the water.

But someone was faster, and in an instant, she was pulled out of the water by a

pair of strong arms.

“Cough, cough...” As soon as she came in contact with the air, she started to cough violently.

“Wife, don’t die! If you have any problems, tell me, and I’ll stand by you!” Xiao Yishan anxiously said, concern written all over his face.

Su Qingyue stopped coughing for a moment, and glared at the person who had startled her into choking. She was so angry that she wanted to slap him to death. Seeing it was her second brother, and he looked so concerned, she couldn’t bring herself to slap him.

Noticing a crowd had gathered on the shore at some point, and more people were rushing over, she couldn’t help but feel exposed..

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She paused for a moment, her eyebrows almost furrowed together.

There was clearly no one here just now, when did so many people suddenly appear?

As an outstanding assassin, her reflexes were always sharp. Usually, she would notice people even from far away. How did she not notice a whole group of people behind her?

Then she suddenly remembered that her ears were deaf!

She habitually thought that like in modern times, she would be able to detect anyone approaching with her excellent hearing. So, she was caught off guard for a moment.

Mistake, it was a mistake.

It seems that she needs to get used to being deaf, use her ears less... no, not use her ears at all before they recover, and rely more on her eyes.

Those who came to watch the commotion on the shore saw Su Qingyue being rescued and some of them breathed a sigh of relief, "The Xiao Family's daughter-in-law is really something. The more we tell her not to seek death, the more she runs toward deep water. Is she in such a hurry to die?"

"If it's her life, and she wants to die that badly, just let her! I'm afraid that even Yama wouldn't want to take in such an ugly woman!" Shi Fang, the second son of the Shi Family, had a grudge against the Xiao Family because his eldest brother Shi Cai had fought with Xiao Yuchuan. He wished for something bad to happen to the Xiao Family.

"Hey, Shi Fang, your heart is really vicious." Wang Cuihua, whose husband was friends with Yuchuan, said disapprovingly, "After all, Su Qingyue is a human. What did she do to provoke you so that you want her dead? What good will come to you if she dies? Will you pick up money?"

"I won't pick up any money, but how can I not benefit?" Shi Fang looked at Xiao Yishan taking Su Qingyue out of the river and pointed at her face, "Look at her face full of pus sores. After soaking in the water, her skin turned white, it's really disgusting. Having such a person in our village is a disaster for everyone's eyes. One look at her and I lose my appetite for a meal..."

Wang Cuihua snorted, "Isn't this great? It saves your family some food."

Wang Qigu, who came from the back, slapped her thigh, "The Xiao Family is really unlucky, getting such a daughter-in-law!"

"Well, Su Qingyue is really something too. The Xiao Family was willing to accept her, and she still doesn't know what's good for her, trying to commit suicide..." Wang Adou, who had originally planned to go home, hurried over to watch the commotion when he heard that someone wanted to commit suicide by jumping into the river. It was a big event in the village. In his hand, he still held the piece of roe deer meat he had just bought from the Xiao Family.

Another villager standing nearby spoke up fairly, "The third son of the Xiao Family faints easily, the fourth son is a paralyzed guy, and even the relatively normal second son had half his face ruined by bear blind. What kind of daughter-in-law can they get? It's good enough to have a woman. Don't even think

about it, even if it's a woman bought from outside, like the eldest sister of the Xiao Family – Xiao Ailiu. She's been married for so many years and never came back, right?"

"Who dares to come back? If Ailiu comes back, the Xiao Family's brothers might ask for her help. She's a married woman, and with the situation of the Xiao Family, she can't do much for her three brothers like this. Even if she's willing to help, her husband's family would definitely not let her interfere. Not coming back actually saves trouble..."

Some people recalled, "Speaking of the Xiao Family's women, I remember that the Xiao Family had a child bride before, I think her name was... something Ju."

"Her name was Xiao Qiuju." Wang Qi said, "You can't really say she was the Xiao

Family's child bride. Xiao Qiuju was a daughter of the neighboring village Zhu Family, her name was Zhu Qiujie.. The Zhu Family was also poor,

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At that time, Zhu Qiujie was still young, only twelve years old. Back then, the Xiao Family's third son had not yet fallen ill, the fourth son had not yet become paralyzed, and even Xiao Yishan's face had not yet been scratched by bear blind. Yishan was fifteen, actually quite good at hunting. It was originally arranged with the Zhu Family that Zhu Qiujie would live in the Xiao Family for a few years and then marry one of the Xiao Family's brothers, even changing her surname to Xiao. If the eldest son's face had not been disfigured and the third and fourth sons hadn't been ill, the Xiao Family would have been a suitable match. Zhu Qiujie stayed with the Xiao Family for three months, and at the time, Ministry Councillor Li's family in the town happened to be hiring maids, so she went to work as a maid."

Aunt Wang hurried over and chimed in when she heard everyone talking about this, "I've heard about what happened later too. After Zhu Qiujie went to work as a maid for Ministry Councillor Li's family, she saw the luxurious life of the wealthy outside the village and refused to return to the village. After becoming a maid, she took some time off to visit the Xiao Family and declared that she was unwilling to be their wife. Later, I heard that she married a carpenter who worked for Ministry Councillor Li's family."

Wang Adou was puzzled, "But didn't you say Xiao Qiujie liked living the luxurious life? Why did she marry a carpenter?"

"Could a mere maid like her marry a young master? Which young master would marry a servant? That carpenter's family is from the city, and I heard they have some assets. The Xiao Family was not wealthy at the time, just an ordinary village family, and couldn't compare to the carpenter's family from the city."

"No wonder," agreed a villager. "Xiao Qiujie has good taste and luck. It's a good thing she married a carpenter back then. Otherwise, the Xiao Family's three brothers ended up disfigured or disabled... Their lives would have been miserable."

"Right... Xiao Qiujie is really lucky. As a poor maid, she actually married into the city..." a sour little wife said.

Someone joked, "Are you saying you want to marry into the city too?"

"If I could marry into the city and live a luxurious life, do you think I wouldn't want that? It's just that I don't have that kind of fate..."

Everyone began to laugh.

A sympathizing person glanced at the scar on Xiao Yishan's left face. "Speaking of it, Su Qingyue is the third woman for the Xiao Family. Xiao Qiujie couldn't be retained as the first one, and the second one caused Yishan a lifetime of trouble..."

"As for this third woman, she is seeking death and wanting to die, unwilling to be the wife of the Xiao Family, and would rather jump into the river. I'm afraid she won't stay in the end, either..." someone pitied the Xiao Family. "Fortunately, Su Qingyue didn't die. Old Lady Liu was willing to pay seventeen taels of silver for her. If she died, wouldn't that be seventeen wasted taels for the Xiao Family..."

"That's why you see how anxious Dashan is. For such an ugly mute, he will definitely not like her. I guess he's worrying that his family's seventeen taels of silver would have been spent in vain..."

Su Qingyue only saw the villagers on the shore moving their mouths, and she couldn't hear what they were saying as she choked on the filthy water.

Xiao Yishan had long gotten used to everyone gossiping about the Xiao Family. He ignored their comments and gently patted Su Qingyue's back with his thick palm. "Wife, are you feeling any better? Did you cough up the water you choked

Su Qingyue's eyes were blurred with tears from the choking, and her entire body was soaked. The smelly, dirty clothes stuck to her skin, and her hair, which looked like both a lump and a strip, hung down her back, reminding her of the even more disgusting filth in her hair.

Unable to bear it any longer, she shoved him and tried to escape Xiao Yishan's embrace. "Let me go.... I want to take a bath!"

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Her lips were moving as she tried to speak. Her throat must have been sore from screaming so much, which was why she hadn't spoken earlier. Besides being unfamiliar with the people at her second brother's house, she didn't know what to say. Now, with both her internal organs and throat in pain, she finally managed to open her mouth, but her voice was so hoarse that no one could hear her.

"Wife, are you feeling unwell? I'll take you back..." Xiao Yishan wanted to help Su Qingyue to leave.

"Let go of me...!" She screamed again, her voice hoarse like a male goose honking. She managed to utter only a few words, each accompanied by choking.

Since his wife seemed a bit agitated, Xiao Yishan thought she was planning to commit suicide and tried to pull her to a shallower part of the river.

Su Qingyue struggled with all her might. Originally, she was a killer, so if she did not want to move, no one could make her. However, that only applied to her previous life's body, which had gone through devil-style training, not her current injured and weak body.

She resisted and decided that she did not want to leave. She was determined to take a shower, even if it meant dying first, regardless of whether someone was watching. She needed to bathe!

Xiao Yishan wanted to drag her from the deep part of the river back to the shore, but he didn't dare to use much force, fearing that it would hurt her, and they both began pulling against each other.

"Second Brother, I said I want to take a shower. Let go of me...!" She couldn't understand why he didn't seem to hear her and continued to forcefully pull her.

Villagers watching the spectacle from the shore pointed at her and gossiped, "Look, the Xiao Family's wife still wants to die! What's going on? Dashan is holding her back, but she still wants to die. Why doesn't she wait for the Xiao Family to sell her to old lady Liu, get seventeen taels, and then die?"

"Isn't that bringing misfortune to old lady Liu's house?"

"Old lady Liu is a human trader, she has bought and sold so many people over the years and made a lot of ill-gotten money. What's the harm in her losing a

"Hey, what kind of talk is that? Are you just hoping that I lose money? That doesn't seem like your intention!" Old lady Liu caught up from behind and glared upon hearing such talk, "Even if she is desperate to die, I, Liu, have money but wouldn't buy her. In case I buy her, and she hangs herself inside the Xiao Family, those seventeen taels would not be easy to make. I did make some money, but it was thin profits, you know, it helped those poor people who couldn't afford a meal, I think I was doing good deeds."

"Why don't you sell someone from your own family?"

Old lady Liu stretched out her long face, "I never forced anyone to sell their family members to me. Don't put all the blame for black-hearted business on me. There are more human traders than just me in the whole area, and I, Liu, am considered fair. You guys should follow your conscience."

Everyone knew that although old lady Liu was a bit snobbish, she was not as snobbish as other human traders.

“Today I’m making it clear. Xiao Family’s wife, I am not buying her,” Old lady

Liu looked at Su Qingyue struggling in the water and became more scared, “Why did I offer such a high price like seventeen taels for Su Qingyue, who doesn’t even want her life? I must be getting senile. Even if it was for free, I wouldn’t dare to take her. In case she dies in my house, what a bad omen it would be!”

Everyone laughed when they heard her say that. Wang Qigu looked at the couple tugging at each other in the river, “Look at the little wife, the more she is pulled, the more she wants to die. With Dashan around, how could she die?”

“Look, the Xiao Family’s wife is moving her mouth, it seems like she is making some noises. Is she talking?” Aunt Wang pointed out..

Chapter 55: 55 Different thoughts

Everyone looked over, and Wang Adou was surprised, “It seems like she’s talking, can mutes talk too?”

“Isn’t that right? When people talk, they can make sounds, but when the mute from the Xiao Family talks, it’s just her mouth moving without any sound...”

“It’s not without sound, didn’t she make some ‘ah ah’ noises? That’s how all mutes talk.”

“Mute’s speech is just ‘ah’ and ‘oh’, speaking that bird language that only they can understand... Maybe if we find another mute, mutes can have their common language and understand each other...”

“That would be too much, wouldn’t it? One mute is quiet enough, having more would make the house too eerily quiet.”

“Hey, being a mute is not all bad. At least the wife of the Xiao Family can’t talk, so it’s very quiet. My wife keeps nagging in my ear all day long, it’s annoying as hell...” Wang Adou also noticed the advantage of the mute woman.

“Well, why don’t you just exchange your wife with the one from the Xiao Family? She would definitely agree,” Shi Cai laughed, suggesting from the side.

Wang Adou hurriedly waved his hand, “No... My wife, despite being annoying, is hundreds, even thousands of times better-looking than Su Qingyue... I won’t agree to the exchange!”

Su Qingyue was very upset; she couldn’t understand why her second brother wouldn’t let her take a shower. Was he afraid she would lose face by bathing in front of so many villagers?

True, ancient times were more conservative, but she was still wearing clothes, right?

Those villagers were really idle, watching her take a bath like that. Did they really want to see a woman bathing that much? Ancient people and modern people were indeed on entirely different levels of thinking.

It was just unreasonable!

Could it be that these people misunderstood and thought she wanted to jump into the river? But she said she just wanted to take a bath. Why did these people look down on her even more?

She thought everyone could hear what she was saying, but she was deaf and couldn’t hear her own voice. She didn’t realize others couldn’t hear her either. Moreover, her hoarse, croaky voice was so unclear that ordinary people would think it was just a mute’s monotonous wailing.

Everyone pointed at her while chatting even more, “Look at the tears on the wife of the Xiao Family... She wants to die so badly that she’s crying...”

“Dashan, why don’t you just fulfill your wife’s wish and let her die...” Shi Fang, the second son of the Shi Family, ‘kindly’ said, “You might be able to stop her now, but you can’t stop her forever...”

Su Qingyue wasn’t crying at all; she was just choked by the river water, which caused tears to blur her eyes. She cried out a few more times before her throat hurt so much that she couldn’t make any more sounds. She felt like she was about to be dirtied to death, not painfully killed.

As the struggle continued, the more her second brother refused to let go, coming close to dragging her onto the shore. She wouldn’t just give up her efforts and go back like that.

She had to know that from the Xiao Family to here, it took a quick person only about five or six minutes. But she was injured and walked slowly for half an hour. Was that easy?

Calming down, she prepared to talk to her second brother properly, asking him to drive away the onlooking crowd and help her by keeping watch at a distance while she took a refreshing bath.

Even if her second brother were to peek at her, she would accept it!

Cough... The problem was that she was skinny and had a body like a bamboo pole, with nothing appealing to look at. Even if she invited her second brother to look, he might not want to.

No matter what, as long as her second brother allowed her to take a proper bath, she would be even more grateful to him than when he saved her life!

Chapter 56: 56 vomited all over the second brother

Xiao Yishan noticed that his wife stopped resisting and seemed to have calmed down, which slightly eased his mind. “Wife, have you changed your mind about dying?”

Su Qingyue naturally couldn't hear what he was saying, but she had something to say as well. Clearing her throat, she took a deep breath, preparing to express her strong desire to take a bath, thinking that second brother's kindness would surely grant her wish, right?

However, as she deeply inhaled the air, she also inhaled the stench coming from her body. This, combined with the fact that she had been choked earlier and was uncomfortable internally, made her feel nauseous, and she immediately vomited before she could exhale.

Unfortunately for Xiao Yishan, he was facing her and holding her arm. He didn't expect her to suddenly vomit and didn't have time to dodge, resulting in her vomiting all over him.

Three dark lines appeared on her forehead, and she really wanted to burst into tears.

Second brother was temporarily her provider and her savior. She swore to the heavens she didn't mean to vomit all over him.

She was just afraid that second brother wouldn't hear her clearly, so she wanted to talk to him face to face. She didn't expect to suddenly vomit...

She didn't know whether it was tears of shame or tears caused by physical discomfort as she hadn't finished vomiting yet. She bent over, facing the river water, and continued to retch violently.

Chunks of apple floated on the water surface as Su Qingyue, the culprit, continued to vomit voluminously, expelling all the apple pieces she had eaten earlier.

Her heavy retching seemed as if she wanted to vomit her stomach out.

"Eh!" Upon seeing this, many villagers by the shore turned their heads in disgust, and many fanned their noses with their hands in contempt.

It was only Xiao Yishan who didn't care that she had vomited all over him. His thick palm gently patted her arched back, anxiously asking, "Wife, are you feeling any better?"

After leaning on her knees and vomiting for some time, Su Qingyue finally stopped.

It took her so long to vomit because she had eaten too much. Had she known, she would have eaten fewer apples...

Eat less, and she would have vomited less.

If she had known her shame would come to this, she might as well have not eaten anything and starved to death.

After vomiting so much, her stomach felt empty, and she felt weak all over. Her legs gave out, and her small body leaned forward, looking as if she was about to plunge into the river water.

Falling into the river wouldn't have been a big deal, but falling into the water with floating debris made her want to die.

With quick reflexes, Xiao Yishan wrapped her waist up and saved her from the tragic fate of falling into the water with debris.

As Su Qingyue leaned against second brother's chest, she weakly murmured,

"Thank you, second brother."

Her hoarse voice let out a faint breath, barely making any sound, only showing that her lips moved.

Xiao Yishan stopped trying to persuade her, picked her up horizontally by her waist and strode onto the riverbank. The guys on the shore saw this and spontaneously made way for him.

Wang Adou kindly shouted at Xiao Yishan's back, "Dashan, when you get back, you have to tie your wife up. In case she attempts suicide again..."

“You better put away all the ropes in your house so she can’t find one to hang herself...

“Seriously, put away the kitchen knife too, so she won’t slash her throat...’ The guys earnestly advised, genuinely hoping not to see a life wasted like that.

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Xiao Yishan hurriedly carried Su Qingyue back home, kicked open the door, and rushed into the room.

Xiao Yuchuan was sleeping when he heard the door being kicked open. He abruptly sat up from his bed, saw his second brother, and angrily asked, “What are you doing, second brother? You know we’re poor, yet you’re still kicking the door. If it breaks, we’ll have to spend money to fix it...” Before he could finish his sentence, he saw Su Qingyue in his brother’s arms, hurriedly got down from his bed without even putting on his shoes, and anxiously asked, “Second brother, what happened to your wife?”

After putting Su Qingyue on the bed, Xiao Yishan turned around and punched Xiao Yuchuan hard in the face.

Yuchuan staggered backward several steps until his back hit the wall before finally regaining his balance, “Second brother, have you been taking the wrong medicine? Why are you hitting me again?!”

“You still dare to ask?! It’s all because of the trouble you’ve caused!” Xiao Yishan charged up to him, an angry look on his face, mercilessly punching him, “I won’t stop until you’re dead today!”

Xiao Yuchuan dodged and evaded, also angry, “At least tell me what trouble I’ve caused?” Could it be about him beating up Zhao Shugen and Shi Cai? His second brother already knew about that. It couldn’t be the reason he’s angry now. If it wasn’t for the fact that he was his brother, Yuchuan would’ve fought back with his life on the line.

“You still have the guts to ask?” Furious, he intensified his attacks, “You drove your wife to commit suicide by jumping into the river. Tell me, do you deserve this beating or not?”

“What? My wife committed suicide by jumping into the river?” Xiao Yuchuan was stunned, then looked over at Su Qingyue on the bed. She was soaking wet from head to toe, as if someone had pulled her out of a soup. The bed was also wet from her clothes and hair, and even Xiao Yishan’s shirt was drenched.

There was a “crack, crack” sound of bones breaking, and Yuchuan felt like several of his bones had been broken by his second brother. The pain made him grind his teeth, but he didn’t make a sound, “Second brother, you need to lighten up a bit, someone might get killed.”

Su Qingyue lifted her head from the bed and saw her second brother beating up her third brother again. She completely didn’t know what had happened. Why was the benefactor’s younger brother being beaten up again?

I guess he must’ve done something to upset his brother. It’s natural for an older brother to discipline his younger brother, right? Her head was a bit fuzzy, she took another look and then lay back down on the bed.

Xiao Yishan finally stopped his iron fists after seeing his third brother almost half-dead.

Yuchuan leaned on the wall and walked over, looked at his wife on the bed who looked like a drenched chicken, “Wife, why did you go commit suicide? Did you commit suicide because of me? Did you want to become a pair of destiny mandarins with me? Then why didn’t you call me to commit suicide with you?”

Xiao Yishan’s mouth twitched, “Your wife was driven to this by you.” He furrowed his thick black eyebrows, “Third brother, I don’t care what happened between you and Liu Xianglian in the past, but now, you’re a married man. You should cut ties with other women. You even drove your wife to suicide by jumping into the river because of this, can you honestly say you’ve been treating her right?”

“Wait... what do you mean? What does Liu Xianglian have to do with this? When did I ever wrong my wife?” Xiao Yuchuan’s face darkened, “What exactly is going on?”

“After selling the prey, I went to find your wife, and found out she had gone to the river. Wang Cuihua told me that Liu Xianglian insulted your wife, and your wife couldn’t bear it and jumped into the river.

Everyone said Liu Xianglian likes you and can't tolerate your wife.."

Chapter 58: 58 all started because of Yuchuan.

Hearing second brother say this, Xiao Yuchuan fell silent.

"Perhaps Liu Xianglian is a bit prettier than our wife, but she is the one who belongs to our family. Now that her body is not well, you must not anger her anymore." Xiao Yishan patted his shoulder, "For the sake of our family's peace, even if you want to be with another woman, you have to endure it until our wife gets better. If you really don't like her later..."

"What are you talking about, second brother!" Xiao Yuchuan got angry, "There's nothing between me and Liu Xianglian. Not to mention the money-grubbing and snobbish mother of the Liu Family, I don't even like Liu Xianglian."

If the third brother said there's nothing, Xiao Yishan naturally believed him, "Then how do you explain the villagers saying you and Liu Xianglian are being unclear?"

"I often sell goods in the village, and Liu Xianglian occasionally buys some needle and thread, scraps of cloth from me. She always talks to me very enthusiastically. I need to sell goods, so I can't ignore the customers. Once, Liu Xianglian's handkerchief fell to the ground, and I helped her pick it up and returned it to her. Just happened that Wang Qigu from the village saw it. You know how big of a mouth Wang Qigu has; she can spread rumors with noses and eyes, saying that Liu Xianglian handed me the handkerchief to wipe my sweat and dropped it because she was flustered when someone saw it. She doesn't think that I wouldn't dare to use a young girl's handkerchief to wipe my sweat."

"Even if it's a misunderstanding, it's your fault." Xiao Yishan said with a cold face, "In the future, if you see Liu Xianglian, stay away. Don't give others something to talk about."

"I know." Xiao Yuchuan replied. Even if his second brother didn't say it, fearing public opinion, he, as a big man, may not be afraid of slander and gossip, but his wife has a thin face, so he would definitely take her feelings into account.

"I'll get some clean clothes for my wife to change." Xiao Yishan also knew that his wife had no other clothes in this house. Although they had bought a new set of clothes for her when she was just purchased, she took away the new clothes and the money she had stolen but didn't bring them back. Saying this, he walked to the cabinet, opened the wardrobe to find clothes, "Let her change into my clothes first, even if they are big, just bear with it for now."

"Second brother, you only have two sets of clothes in this hot weather. The one you're wearing is wet, so you can change into the other one. Give my clothes to my wife."

"All right." The clothes of both brothers were kept in the same cabinet, so Xiao Yishan took out Yuchuan's clothes.

Su Qingyue felt a little better and sat up on the bed. Seeing that second brother was just handing her a set of clothes to change, she took it, "Thank you..."

Her voice was still hoarse and inaudible, Xiao Yishan saw her mouth shape and understood what she was saying. His resolute and handsome face blushed involuntarily, "You're welcome."

Xiao Yuchuan was also sitting on the bed, with one hand on Su Qingyue's shoulder. He didn't 'see' his wife's words and asked puzzledly, "Second brother, what do you mean 'you're welcome'?"

"If you dare to let your wife have suicidal thoughts again, even if you're my third brother, I'll beat you to death and bury you. I won't be polite anymore!" He didn't explain that his wife thanked him.

"It wasn't me... it was Liu Xianglian and the villagers talking nonsense..."

"Still arguing? Didn't it all start because of you?" Xiao Yishan looked at Yuchuan with heartache and then looked at Su Qingyue with pity, speaking heavily, "Third brother, you don't understand. When I was calling out to my wife from behind, asking her not to be impulsive, she still walked deeper into the water stubbornly, determined to die. When I saw the water about to engulf her, my heart was in great pain.."

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Yuchuan felt heartbroken as well, "I am sorry, my wife, I will stay as far away from Liu Xianglian as possible in the future."

"That's good." Xiao Yishan forgave his third brother for this foolish mistake.

Su Qingyue's eyes were still blurry with tears, and her vision wasn't clear. She raised the back of her hand and wiped her eyes horizontally before noticing the serious expressions on the brothers' faces. She assumed they had just finished discussing a major family matter, but as an outsider, she didn't feel it was appropriate to get involved, and didn't pry or ask questions.

"Wife, why don't you change your clothes?" Xiao Yuchuan asked, and then realized, "Are you too shy? I'll go outside with my second brother, and you can change in the room."

Saying that, he stood up to leave.

Su Qingyue didn't know where they were going, so she just reached out and grabbed Xiao Yishan's thick palm. Her hand was a bit cold, and she felt embarrassed when she touched the warmth of his hand.

Xiao Yishan also stiffened for a moment. The small hand in his palm was so small and cool that he couldn't help but feel a pang of pain in his heart. He turned around, "My wife?"

Before Su Qingyue could speak, Xiao Yuchuan yelled, "Wife, you can't be thinking of letting Second Brother stay here and watch you change, can you? I won't agree!"

Xiao Yishan felt very uneasy at his third brother's words. What if his wife really wanted him to stay...

Qingyue didn't even look at the petty cat, she just said weakly, "Bath..." Seeing that Second Brother was still frozen in place.

Her throat was hurting, and she felt sick. She guessed that her voice was hoarse, and he might not have heard her, so she opened her lips again, "Bath..."

"Let's go, Second Brother, my wife just said two words, telling you to – get lost. Not to watch her." He dragged Second Brother's hand to leave, but Second Brother was too strong, and Yuchuan was already half-beaten to death. Normally he could pull him, but now, dragging Second Brother made his own injury extremely painful. In front of his wife, he, a big man, wasn't comfortable yelling out, and he endured the pain.

Xiao Yishan stood in the middle, not moving. Now it became Third Brother pulling his right hand towards the door, while his wife pulled his left hand, not letting him go. Whose advice should he listen to?

Then he glanced at his wife's face, which was covered with bubbly white sores. It was terrifying, but her weak face and frail figure made him feel pity. He definitely wouldn't leave, no matter what Third Brother thought.

Su Qingyue stared fiercely at Xiao Yuchuan, wanting to kill this sharp-tongued, petty cat with a knife. She really didn't have the energy to go to the riverbank and take a bath anymore. If she took another cold bath, she would definitely catch a cold. All she wanted was for Second Brother to heat some water for her to bathe, but he even refused that and insisted on dragging Second Brother away!

Xiao Yuchuan received the sharp gaze from his wife and was almost angry to death. "You, Su Qingyue, just a moment ago, were willing to commit suicide for me by throwing yourself into the river. Now you want Second Brother to stay and watch you change? Are you trying to anger me? I won't let you have your way. Second Brother, let's go outside."

"My wife is so weak. If you continue to anger her, she might pass out," Xiao

Yishan said solemnly, with a serious face, "Third Brother, you should go out. I'll help my wife change her clothes."

"I won't!" Xiao Yuchuan simply sat back down on the bed, "If my wife needs to change her clothes, I can help her. Second Brother, you can go out."

“Third Brother...”

No answer, just a snort.

“If you stay here, there are two big men in the room. How can my wife change her clothes? If we keep dragging this out, what if she catches a cold?”

“Then, Second Brother, you should hurry up and go outside.” Xiao Yuchuan’s gaze on Su Qingyue’s face was full of heartache..

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Su Qingyue didn’t understand why the petty cat had come back and sat next to her, but she didn’t care. She felt cold in her wet clothes and pulled second brother’s hand down.

Xiao Yishan knew she had something to say, so he nodded and leaned down toward her.

“Bath... bath... bath... bath...” She repeated it several times, afraid he would misunderstand or mishear it. Anyone who wasn’t an idiot would understand.

Xiao Yishan finally understood what his wife was trying to say. Unfortunately, she was mute, and even if her mouth moved, she couldn’t make any sound. He didn’t realize that it was just because her voice was too weak. He nodded at her, “I’ll go heat up some water for you.”

She was watching his lips, understanding what he said, and quickly nodded.

Xiao Yuchuan sighed with relief, “Wife, so you just wanted a bath, not for second brother to stay and watch you change clothes! You should’ve said it earlier!” He paused, then added, “I forgot, you can’t speak.”

Seeing that she didn't respond, he thought she was angry and said, "I didn't want to stop second brother from heating the water for you earlier because I thought you were shameless... Ugh, why am I even explaining this to you? Anyway, you can't be mad at me. You've been here for over a month and haven't taken a bath, so how would I know you'd want one today?"

She sat down, feeling a little dizzy.

He nudged her, "Are you really mad? I didn't blame you. Why let second brother heat up your bathwater, instead of asking me?"

When she turned her head to look at him, she didn't see his mouth moving because he had just finished speaking.

Not knowing what he meant, she turned her head back.

"Wife, it's going to be a while before second brother has the hot water ready, so you should take off your wet clothes in the meantime..." As he spoke, he reached to untie the strap on her clothes.

She slapped his hand away and glared at him.

He became upset, "You think I'm trying to take advantage of you again? With your skinny body, I have no interest. I just want you to take off your wet clothes so you won't catch a cold."

His wife's lip movements were so precise, Xiao Yuchuan really understood her. He got up, "Wife, I'm badly hurt today, with several broken bones. I'll get out some other day. I can't roll out today since my body can't handle it, so I'll just walk out."

He obediently left the room and thoughtfully closed the door.

He heard her locking the door from the inside.

He slanted his mouth, "Who locks their husband outside when changing clothes? What's the point of bolting the door? I already said I'm not interested in your skinny body."

While he complained, he stood foolishly in front of the door, thinking about his wife changing clothes inside...

He still felt uneasy.

Then he thought about how his wife almost drowned...

Xiao Yuchuan's heart felt heavy, knowing his wife loved him so much. He needed to treat her well in the future. At the same time, he was a bit worried. She had attempted suicide for him today, and the act of locking the door was probably to anger him. What if she wanted to consummate their marriage tonight...

Frowning, he thought about it for a while, until his body was in severe pain before he came back to his senses.

He rubbed his supposedly broken bones...

Feeling sore and painful... The bones weren't really broken. Second brother had shown mercy.

If his wife really wanted him that much, and in case she forced herself on him tonight, he would... just have to accept it..