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Chapter 931 Expert (6)

In Prince Rui's mansion, Shen Miao looked at the unconscious Xie Jingxing and frowned.

Xie Jingxing's condition was getting worse and worse. There were only six days left. Apart from praying that Gao Yang could produce the antidote, was there really no other way?

Just as she was thinking, Luo Tan ran in from outside. As soon as she entered, she asked Shen Miao straight away, "Cousin, do you still have the compass I gave you on your wedding day? If you do, can I borrow it?"

Shen Miao looked at her suspiciously. "Why do you want that?"

Luo Tan avoided her gaze and said, "I just feel bored and wanted to play with it."

At this time, no matter how reckless Luo Tan was, she would not be in the mood to play. Shen Miao said, "You don't have to lie to me. Tell me, what exactly do you want it for?" After a pause, she continued, "If you don't tell me the truth, you don't have to think about getting it."

Luo Tan was angry and anxious. She gritted her teeth and made up her mind to tell Shen Miao everything.

After explaining, Luo Tan looked at Shen Miao and said, "I want to find that expert. Since he can change the fate of someone, he might be able to change Brother-in-law's fate too. Now, there's no other way. It's better to find someone than no one."

Shen Miao thought for a moment and shook her head. "Gao Yang has already been there once. As a doctor, he must have wanted to figure out what was going on more than you back then. Since Gao Yang can't find that place, how can you?"

Luo Tan said, "Cousin Miao, if I'm not confident, I won't have come to waste your time at this juncture. I once heard from Grandpa that when he was young, he saw a kind of strange formation. Outside the formation, every grass and tree look normal, but once you enter, you will subconsciously be led astray and never be able to find yourself out. In the early years, people thought that this was a demonic technique."

Shen Miao frowned. "Strange formation?"

Luo Tan nodded. "Grandpa said that he saw it once when he was young. Later, this formation gradually disappeared. I think since that expert has the ability to change people's fate, he might know this strange formation."

"Do you want to say that the reason Gao Yang couldn't find the house that the expert lived in was because the expert set up the formation to confuse him?" Shen Miao asked.

Luo Tan was a little discouraged by Shen Miao's questioning tone and said, "In the end, you just don't believe me. You don't believe that anyone else can save Brother-in-law, right?"

"I believe you," Shen Miao said.

Luo Tan was stunned.

Shen Miao asked her, "Human eyes can be affected by the illusion created by the formation, but the compass won't. It will continue to point south."

Luo Tan said, "Exactly! I just thought of it. With the compass, we won't be led astray in the formation. However," She looked at Shen Miao and asked in disbelief, "Cousin Miao, are you really willing to believe me and let me go find that expert?"

"I believe in you." Shen Miao said, "We can't sit back and do nothing. It's better to do something than nothing. No matter what the outcome is, we have to give it a try." She said, "I'll go with you."

Luo Tan opened her mouth in shock. "Go with me?"

"If there's really an expert in the world, there must be a reason why that expert hid his whereabouts. How can you convince him alone? Since it is my husband who needs help, I naturally have to do the talking myself."

Luo Tan felt as if this was the first time she had met Shen Miao. All along, Shen Miao had been rational, calm, and took an analytical approach to everything. She thought that she would never see Shen Miao taking a risk and believing in the impossible, but this time, Shen Miao did it.

Was it because of Prince Rui?

Shen Miao stood up. A moment later, her expression changed, and she was as firm as if this had been her plan from the beginning. She said, "Let's go get the compass." She then called Mo Qing and Cong Yang over and said, "You two, go with me to Phoenix Head Village. Tie Yi, take good care of Xie Jingxing and wait for me to come back. If the emperor blames you, I'll bear the responsibility."

With that, she took her cloak and left. "Prepare the carriage!"

Her tone carried great authority and dignity, making people subconsciously want to submit to her.

Chapter 932 Astonishing (1)

Tie Yi and the others did not expect Shen Miao to come up with such a plan at this juncture. Although Phoenix Head Village was not far from Long Ye, it would still take two days for them to get there and back. Apart from Ben Yue, no one else had seen that legendary expert. They did not know if it was true or not. Shen Miao was too irrational and naive to go find someone as elusive as that.

However, Shen Miao seemed to have made up her mind. She instructed Uncle Tang something before getting ready to go out.

After disguising herself, she brought Ba Jiao, Hui Xiang, Mo Qing, Cong Yang, and Luo Tan along.

Because she was wearing a bamboo hat and ordinary clothes, no one recognized her. Although Tie Yi was a little worried, when Shen Miao was strict, even Shen Qiu did not dare to stop her, let alone these servants.

Looking at Shen Miao's departing figure, Uncle Tang asked, "Can... Madam really find that expert?"

Tie Yi shook his head. "It's better to try than not anyway. At least it shows she's really concerned about Master." He turned around and instructed the others, "Keep it a secret. If word gets out, you'll have to bear the consequences!"

In the carriage, Luo Tan looked at Shen Miao and said, "Little Cousin, why don't you sleep for a while? You haven't rested well for the past few days."

At this moment, the carriage was wobbling along the road. Although she was not in the mood to rest, what Luo Tan said made sense. If she did not rest well, she might mess it up. She closed her eyes in a daze and fell asleep.

She slept especially soundly. Shen Miao set off at noon. After being shaken awake, she opened her eyes in a daze and saw Luo Tan looking at her and saying, "Cousin, wake up. We're here."

Shen Miao got out of the carriage with Luo Tan. The carriage stopped in a remote forest. The branches grew wildly, almost covering the sky. In June, even in the evening, there was still sunlight, but here, it was gloomy and dark.

Mo Qing and Cong Yang frowned. Cong Yang said, "What kind of place is this? There's no one here."

"I heard that this used to be an embroidery village. The embroiderers here were best at embroidering phoenix. However, later on, the business gradually declined, and this village was abandoned," Ba Jiao immediately explained.

Luo Tan looked up and down and opened the handkerchief embroidered with a map in her hand. She said, "According to the map, there should be a small path here, but there is nothing."

Everyone leaned over to take a look at the map and saw that there was indeed a path leading to a field where the house was located.

However, there was not even a trace of a path here, let alone the field and house.

"Why isn't there anyone around? It's as if no one has been here for a long time." Luo Tan said, "Could it be that the overgrown weeds have covered the path, so we can't see it?"

Mo Qing and Cong Yang looked around and shook their heads. "I don't think so."

Ba Jiao and Hui Xiang also looked around. Hui Xiang said, "This forest is too big. After the sun sets, it's easy to get lost in the forest. There might be wild beasts lurking around. We're not familiar with the forest. Madam, do you think we should..."

Chapter 933 Astonishing (2)

As subordinates, the most important thing was to protect Shen Miao. The black feather army was good at close combat, but they were not good at exploring this unfamiliar dark forest in the middle of the night. In fact, Hui Xiang and the others did not care much about the expert. In their opinion, Luo Tan was just being naive. However, the fact that Shen Miao believed Luo Tan made everyone feel a little strange.

Only Mo Qing followed Shen Miao's orders unconditionally. Hui Xiang and the others did not know Shen Miao well. Mo Qing had been with Shen Miao since the beginning. Back then, when Shen Miao was in Ming Qi, the situation she was in was even more dangerous. However, she still managed to come out

unscathed. Every decision Shen Miao made had a special effect in the future. Mo Qing never doubted this.

Shen Miao looked at the map and asked Luo Tan, "Did Ben Yue say that once we enter Phoenix Head Village, as long as we continue to walk south, we'll see the house, right?"

Luo Tan said, "Yes, but she also said that there's a small path to the south on the map. The small path will take us to where we want, but there's no small path here."

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"Let's go," Shen Miao said.

Everyone was puzzled. Cong Yang asked, "Madam, where are we going?"

Shen Miao gestured for Luo Tan to take out the compass and said, "South."

"But there's no path here." Hui Xiang was extremely surprised. "If we get lost, won't we be trapped here?"

Shen Miao glanced at Hui Xiang and said, "There are only so many directions here. Since Ben Yue said that we have to go south, we have to go in that direction. No matter where the path is, we'll try all four directions if we have to. When we have no choice, trying is also a way." She took the compass and walked forward.

Everyone was stunned for a moment before Luo Tan said, "Little Cousin, wait for me too!"

Ba Jiao said, "Let's hurry up and follow."

The others followed.

The sun quickly set. The forest was already dark because of the dense leaves. After the sunset, it was almost pitch-black. Fortunately, Cong Yang brought enough torches with him. After lighting them, they continued to advance deeper.

As they walked, they could no longer tell where they were because the scenery was almost identical. The same branches and huge leaves were everywhere. Moreover, even in June, it was still bone-chilling at night in the forest. Mo Qing and Cong Yang were fine, but the women were shivering.

Shen Miao and the others were all wearing a cloak. At this moment, they couldn't help but hold their cloak tighter. From time to time, they would hear beastly howls. Mo Qing and Cong Yang placed their hands on the swords at all times, afraid that a beast would suddenly jump out of the thick bushes.

Hui Xiang lowered her voice and whispered, "It's the sound of a wolf. There are actually wolves here."

"Wolves are afraid of fire." Shen Miao said, "Everyone, take two torches and light them up. Wolves are very cunning animals. If a wolf pack is in the forest and sees so many flames, they will think that there are many of us and not dare to approach."

Hui Xiang and Ba Jiao were both surprised. "Madam, you even know how to deal with the wolf pack." It was not surprising that the people of the Black Feather Army knew this. However, Shen Miao was the daughter of an official, so it was too unusual for her to know this.

Chapter 934 Astonishing (3)

Shen Miao smiled. "I've heard people mention it before."

When Wanyu was about to marry into the Xiongnu, Shen Miao heard that there were often wolves in the grassland of Xiongnu. Shen Miao was worried and found many ways to chase away the wolves for Wanyu. She originally thought that she could let Wanyu use them in the future, but... what a pity.

A look of pain flashed across her eyes. When Shen Miao looked up again, she was very calm and said, "Let's continue forward."

"Are we still going forward?" Hui Xiang said, "Madam, we've been walking for a few hours. Didn't you notice? We seem to be walking in circles. We've been here a few times. If this continues, I'm afraid we won't be able to reach the end even if we walk here for a night."

Cong Yang also said, "That's right, Madam. Even if we want to reach the end, we can't walk like this aimlessly. Otherwise, we'll just tire ourselves out for nothing."

Shen Miao pondered for a moment and looked at Luo Tan. "Has the compass been pointing south?"

Luo Tan quickly nodded and said, "Yes, we definitely didn't go in the wrong direction, but... it seems like we've seen this scene a few times."

"We are clearly walking in the right direction, but the scenery remains the same. This is very strange." Shen Miao said, "When something is extremely strange, it means it's not natural. If we go back the way we came, we will definitely fall into the trap. Why don't we just keep walking like this? However, you're right. We've always been looking at the same scenery. These trees look identical, so it's inevitable that they will mislead us. If they're really the same, it will make us self-doubt. If they're fake, it will confuse us even more."

She took out a handkerchief from her sleeve and asked Luo Tan to take out a handkerchief too. She tied the handkerchief to her eyes and said, "How about this? Don't be misled by your eyes. Just follow the compass and see where it will take us. Cousin Tan and I will blindfold ourselves. Ba Jiao and Hui Xiang, keep your eyes on the compass and walk in front. Cong Yang and Mo Qing, walk in the back to protect us."

Mo Qing was a little hesitant. "Madam, is this really going to work?"

"I know what you want to say." Shen Miao was blindfolded, but her tone was still firm. "To be honest, I don't know what the consequences will be if we continue like this, but Xie Jingxing doesn't have that much time. The more we walk, the more likely we will reach the end. If we don't walk at all or go back the way we came, nothing will change."

"Yes, yes, yes." Luo Tan quickly said, "No matter what, we have to give it a try. What's the point of talking if we are doing it?"

Hui Xiang was a little surprised. She felt that she really could not understand this madam. When Shen Miao married Prince Rui, the subordinates of the Black Feather Army had also come to see her. They felt that Shen Miao had a calm personality and was cold to Xie Jingxing. However, she was also willing to take the risk to walk in this dark forest for Xie Jingxing for the entire night. She looked like a smart

person who relied on common sense and rationality, but at this moment, she naively believed in the legend that there was an expert who could change people's fate.

Hui Xiang could not understand Shen Miao's contradictory actions, but it was actually not as complicated as she thought. At critical junctures, people would subconsciously rely on instinct rather than rationality and smartness.

Mo Qing followed behind Shen Miao in silence. Hui Xiang and the others paused for a moment before continuing to follow.

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The people in Long Ye did not know what Shen Miao was doing. All the officials knew was that Prince Rui was injured on the day of the royal hunt, but no one knew how badly he was injured, and no one dared to ask. However, Prince Rui's status in the imperial court was very delicate. Some people wanted him to die, and some people were closely related to him, praying that nothing would happen to him.

Chapter 935 Astonishing (4)

No matter how curious everyone was, Prince Rui's mansion was like an impregnable wall. They did not know anything and could not find out anything.

In the Lu mansion, Lu Wan'er was pacing back and forth in the room. She said to Madam Lu, "Mother, I want to see Prince Yu. I wonder how he is doing. What if he's seriously injured?"

Madam Lu comforted her. "It can't be that serious. If it's really serious, they will be inviting all the doctors in Long Ye over. There's not much movement in Prince Rui's mansion at all now. I think the situation is under control. Why do you want to go over to join in the fun?"

"But I feel very uneasy." Lu Wan'er said, "It's all Shen Miao's fault. She's simply a jinx. As soon as she married Prince Rui, something happened to him. She's the jinx! They have to get divorced as soon as possible. If they continue to live together, something might really happen to Prince Rui."

Madam Lu smiled and said, "Yes, yes, yes. However, you can't go over now. When Prince Rui is better, ask your sister to think of a way to let the two of you meet. Don't cause trouble now."

Lu Wan'er said, "Mother, don't lie to me."

After Lu Wan'er left, the smile on Madam Lu's face darkened. She instructed the maid at the side, "Keep an eye on Miss and don't let her go out for the next few days. If she causes trouble, I'll punish you!" At the end of her sentence, her tone was ruthless and her face was ferocious, just like the fierce-looking General Lu Zhengchun.

The maids lowered their heads repeatedly in agreement.

On the other side, in the Prime Minister's mansion, Madam Ye and Master Ye were also talking about this.

Madam Ye was playing chess with Master Ye. Ye Maocai was completely different from Lu Zhengchun. Lu Zhengchun was a typical martial artist. One look and one could tell that he was someone who had been on the battlefield. His eyes were filled with killing intent, and his fierce appearance was probably

enough to scare a child to tears. On the other hand, Ye Maochun looked harmless and amiable like a scholar.

However, the fact that Emperor Yong Le didn't dare to fall out with him openly meant that he was definitely not a harmless person.

Madam Ye placed a piece down and said with a smile, "Prince Rui's mansion is like a metal bucket. We can't find out anything at all. I wonder what Prince Rui looks like now. I can't eat or sleep well. I'm really frustrated."

"Madam, don't you already have a plan in mind? Why are you troubled by this?" Ye Maochun smiled and placed a piece down.

As she placed the chess piece, Madam Ye said, "No news is bad news. Prince Rui is high-profile. As long as he can, he will show up. The reason why he hasn't shown up for a long time is probably because he can't."

Ye Maochun smiled. "Maybe he's trying to confuse us."

Madam Ye said, "I don't think so."

"Oh? Why is that?"

Madam Ye looked at the chessboard and said, "I'm not sure about Prince Rui, but the emperor is not hiding it. He has already started to deal with the Lu family. From the looks of it, Prince Rui must be seriously injured."

Ye Maochun laughed out loud. "Madam, I didn't know you could see through everything in the imperial court. Then why don't you take a guess and see what I plan to do?"

Chapter 936 Astonishing (5)

Madam Ye lowered her head and smiled. "That's hard to say. It depends on what happens to Prince Rui." Seeing that Ye Maochun did not deny it, Madam Ye felt that she was right and continued, "The emperor and the Lu family have been secretly competing for so many years and have been trying to rope us in these days, but we're not stupid. Why should we be used by others? Let the emperor and the Lu family fight. Previously, Prince Rui was still around, so we were on the emperor's side and were happy to be on good terms with him. However, if Prince Rui can't survive this time... the emperor will eventually lose to the Lu family."

"Prince Rui is not omnipotent as you think." Ye Maochun smiled faintly.

"Prince Rui is a capable person." Madam Ye smiled. "Master, don't you think so too?"

Ye Maochun paused and looked at Madam Ye meaningfully. "Madam, you always seem to be able to read my mind. However, Madam, do you think Prince Rui can escape the calamity this time?"

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Madam Ye thought for a long time before saying, "Unlikely."

Ye Maochun looked at her.

“Master, do you still remember that two years ago, when Prince Rui just returned to Long Ye, he was also seriously injured at that time. The emperor could hide it from others, but not from us. At that time, we thought that Prince Rui would definitely die. We didn’t know how he got lucky and came back to life. Later, he even turned the table around in the imperial court on his own.” Madam Ye smiled. “But it’s impossible for people to have good luck twice. Last time, he was blessed. This time, who can protect him? Prince Rui is never meant to live thus far. He escaped two years ago, but he won’t be able to escape two years later.”

“Is that so?” Ye Maochun placed a piece on the chessboard and said, “I beg to differ. Two years ago, Prince Rui miraculously survived. It was probably destined that he won’t die so easily. If he can escape two years ago, he can naturally escape two years later.”

When Madam Ye heard that, she was not angry, nor did she refute Ye Maochun. She only said, “Then let’s wait and see.”

Ye Maochun also smiled and placed the last piece. “Madam seems to have lost.”

Madam Ye took a look and said coquettishly, “Master, it’s not right for you to distract me while placing a piece. Let’s play another round.”

Ye Maochun smiled and shook his head. “Another day. I have to test Hongguang’s homework today. It’s almost time.”

Madam Ye quickly said, “Master, in that case, Hongguang’s homework is more important.”

Ye Maochun stood up and left. Madam Ye looked at Master Ye’s departing figure, and her expression gradually turned cold, looking extremely ugly. She said sharply, “He’s just a cripple. So what if he’s knowledgeable? He can only stay at home for the rest of his life!” With that, she swept the chess pieces on the table to the ground and said in a low voice, “He’s exactly the same as that vixen!”

The maids in the room did not dare to move. Everyone knew that Young Master Ye was the one Madam Ye hated the most. Ye Hongguang was born to that concubine and was raised as Madam Ye’s son. He was the only son of the Ye family.

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The morning sun shone through the gaps in the branches on the ground, looking like specks of silver. In the dark night, the silver-like sunlight finally chased away the gloom. Although it was only a little, it was enough to make people feel relieved.

Hui Xiang and Ba Jiao stopped in their tracks and turned around to support Shen Miao and Luo Tan, who were still blindfolded. They said to Shen Miao, “Madam, it’s already dawn.”

Chapter 937 Astonishing (6)

If they did not see it with their own eyes, Hui Xiang and the others would not have believed that a rich young lady like Shen Miao could walk with them in the dark for the entire night in such a desolate forest. Hui Xiang and the others had undergone special training, so they naturally did not feel tired. Even Luo Tan, who had practiced martial arts, was already very haggard with sleepiness written all across her face, but Shen Miao still looked fully awake.

Hui Xiang and Cong Yang both wondered if this madam was actually a martial artist too, which was why she had a strong will.

In fact, they were thinking too much. It was just that when Shen Miao was in the cold palace, sometimes, Consort Mei and the other consorts would make things difficult for her. There was no lack of people in the palace hitting her when she was down. This was how she gradually built up her will power to survive the hardship.

"How far have we gone?" Shen Miao asked.

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"Madam." Cong Yang said, "We've walked for a night. However, according to the marks we left along the way, we didn't seem to be walking in circles." He continued, "It seems like we were deceived by our eyes previously and blindfolding really worked."

"But everything in this forest still looks identical," Luo Tan said weakly.

"Let's continue." Shen Miao said, "We've already walked so far. We'll eventually reach the end."

Hui Xiang was stunned for a moment, but this time, she did not say anything. Last night, they had also tried to stop Shen Miao a few times. Not only did Shen Miao not listen to them, but she was probably annoyed by them and even reprimanded them sternly.

The few of them continued to follow behind Shen Miao. Luo Tan was a little dispirited. No matter how much she practiced martial arts, she was still inferior to Hui Xiang and the others. She was not like Shen Miao, who had suffered before. Now, she forced herself to open her eyes wide, trying to find something to distract herself.

As soon as she looked around, she felt that something was wrong. She grabbed Shen Miao and said, "Eh? There are flowers here. I didn't see any along the way."

Everyone walked over to take a closer look. As expected, they saw small flowers hidden in the bushes.

Mo Qing suddenly frowned. "I think there's the sound of poultries."

Ba Jiao and Cong Yang pricked up their ears to listen and said excitedly, "That's right."

"Why is there the sound of poultries?" Shen Miao pondered for a moment and said, "Could it be that there's a house ahead?" She said, "Stop looking. Let's go. Since there's a sound, the exit shouldn't be far. We'll be out of this forest soon."

When everyone heard that they could walk out of the forest, they were all in high spirits and immediately set off. This time, they were lucky. After walking for a while, they felt that the gap between the branches was getting wider and wider. Previously, the forest was dense, but now, it was much sparser. The more sunlight shone in, the more comfortable they felt.

"It seems like we're really reaching the end." Luo Tan's sleepiness was swept away. "Let's go quickly!" Before she could finish her sentence, she saw that there was a small path at the end of the forest. Everyone looked at each other, and Shen Miao walked over first.

At the end of the path, there was farmland. On this farmland, there were flowers, plants, and vegetables planted. It looked very messy, as if it was not taken care of.

However, even so, there was still a house standing solitarily on the farmland.

The house was made of thatch and was on the verge of collapse, as if the roof would be blown away by the wind in the next moment. Everyone walked forward. Ba Jiao ran in first, then shook her head and came out. She said, "Madam, there's no one inside."

No one? A trace of disappointment flashed across Luo Tan's eyes. "How can there be no one?"

Shen Miao said, "The flowers and plants are still there. It doesn't seem like it's uninhabited. Let's wait here."

Before she could finish his sentence, she heard a hoarse voice. "Oh, a distinguished guest is here. Sorry for not coming out to receive you."

Everyone turned around. When Shen Miao saw the person's face clearly, she couldn't help but be stunned and cry out, "It's you."

Ba Jiao asked, "Madam... do you know him?"

The middle-aged man who came with a smile and wearing a tattered Daoist robe was the strange Daoist priest who gave Shen Miao a fortune-telling in Putuo Temple in Ming Qi.

Chapter 938 Giving Herb (1)

Shen Miao did not expect that the so-called expert was actually the strange Daoist priest who she had met once in Putuo Temple. What the strange Daoist priest said that day still lingered in Shen Miao's ears. She felt that this Daoist priest seemed to know her deepest secret, the fact that she was reborn. However, when she wanted to find the Daoist priest again, she searched the entire capital but could not find any traces of him.

Now that she thought about it, it was no wonder that she couldn't find him. This Daoist priest actually came all the way to Long Ye.

According to what Ben Yue said, it was a few years ago when she met this Daoist priest. A few years ago, the Daoist priest was actually in Long Ye. From the looks of it, this Daoist priest had been in Long Ye for a long time. Could it be that he was from the Daliang Dynasty? Then why was he in the capital of Ming Qi? It was impossible for him to travel all the way to Ming Qi just to give her a fortune-reading, right?

Shen Miao said, "Daoist priest..."

The strange Daoist priest looked at her and stroked his beard. "My Daoist name is Chi Yan. Madam, you're here to ask me to save someone, right? I've been waiting for you for a long time."

Luo Tan was stunned and asked, "Daoist Priest Chi Yan, you already knew that we would come to look for you?"

Daoist Priest Chi Yan smiled smugly and said, "I also gave myself a fortune-reading."

Shen Miao thought to herself that this Daoist priest seemed to have some ability. For example, what he said at the Putuo Temple made sense. If he was that so-called expert, it was not a surprise. She said, "My husband is seriously injured. Hearing that you can change people's fate, I specially came to look for him. Daoist priest, please save my husband's life. After this is done, we will reward you handsomely."

Hui Xiang and the others were all standing behind Shen Miao. When they heard what Shen Miao said just now, they wondered if Shen Miao was deceived by a swindler. How could fate be changed? This Daoist priest looked not much different from an ordinary person.

However, Shen Miao knew it was probably not a coincidence that the Daoist priest knew that she was the empress in her previous life.

Hearing Shen Miao's words, the strange Daoist priest shook his head with a smile. The closer he walked, the more everyone could see that he was carrying a fish basket on his back. It seemed like he had gone to fish. However, the hook on the fishing line was straight, and the fish basket was empty.

Seeing that he did not reply to Shen Miao for a long time, Luo Tan asked anxiously, "Daoist priest, can you save my brother-in-law?"

The Daoist priest placed the fish basket against the door and straightened his back. He looked at Shen Miao deeply and said, "The heavenly secrets can't be revealed. I can't even reveal the heavenly secrets to Madam. How can I claim that I can change people's fate?"

"But you saved Ben Yue's brother." Luo Tan was puzzled. "Isn't that considered changing fate?"

"That's because that young man is not destined to die. The heavens brought him to meet me, and I'm destined to save his life," Daoist Priest Chi Yan said.

Shen Miao frowned slightly. "Then Daoist priest, what is my husband's fate?"

The Daoist priest chuckled. "The secrets of the heavens can't be revealed."

Chapter 939 Giving Herb (2)

At this critical moment, no matter how good Shen Miao was at tolerating, she couldn't help but shout angrily, "Good people are harmed by bad people, but the bad people are not punished. What kind of Heavenly Dao is this? What kind of justice is this? Daoist priest, you've broadened my horizons and made me laugh."

To everyone's surprise, not only was Daoist Priest Chi Yan not angry, but he even laughed and clapped his hands. "After staying with that ferocious dragon for a long time, you've become fierce too. That's good!"

Luo Tan muttered softly, "Is he crazy? Why is he so happy to be scolded..."

Daoist Priest Chi Yan said, "You're right. The Heavenly Dao is unfair. The people of the world are in charge of the world. The Heavenly Dao decides fate, but it can't decide life or death." He smiled. Although he was wearing tattered clothes, at this moment, he actually exuded the aura of an otherworldly sage. He said, "Although I'm not destined to change his fate, and his fate is too noble for me to change, the Heavenly Dao still brought us to meet here."

Everyone was confused by his elusive language. Only Shen Miao looked at him sharply. The Daoist priest said, "Do you really want to save him?"

"That's right."

The Daoist priest smiled again. "Since you want to save him so much, come with me." With that, he turned around and was about to walk forward.

Shen Miao followed without hesitation. Hui Xiang and the others also followed.

Daoist Priest Chi Yan suddenly turned around and looked at Hui Xiang and the others. "You can't come."

"Why?" Cong Yang looked angry. They were ordered to protect Shen Miao's safety. How could they let Shen Miao go with a strange Daoist priest alone? If anything happened, how would they explain it to Xie Jingxing when he woke up?

"There's a formation set up by my shifu ahead of us. No one in the world can solve the formation, including me. It's targeting people with martial arts. The higher your martial arts, the faster you'll die. This madam doesn't have any martial arts and can come with me. As for the rest of you..." He shook his head. "If you come, you'll die."

"But why should we believe that you won't harm Madam?" Hui Xiang said, "If you don't let us follow you, how will we know where you will take Madam?"

Daoist Priest Chi Yan spread out his hands. "If you don't believe me, you can bring your madam back right now."

Shen Miao said, "Just wait for me here. I'll go with him."

"Madam." Ba Jiao also disagreed.

"Well..." Luo Tan carefully said, "I mean, can I go? Although I know martial arts, my martial arts are not outstanding. I shouldn't be affected, right?"

Only then did Daoist Priest Chi Yan seem to see Luo Tan. He sized her up and said, "Not bad. You don't know a lot of martial arts. Alright, you come with me."

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Luo Tan said, "Cousin, I'll accompany you. If anything happens, we can take care of each other."

Shen Miao thought for a moment and nodded. Although Luo Tan was impulsive, she had not caused any trouble. Shen Miao did not know what Daoist Priest Chi Yan wanted to do. She had always been wary of people. Although she believed that Daoist Priest Chi Yan was capable, she was still instinctively guarded against him.

Seeing that Shen Miao had made up her mind, Hui Xiang and the others knew that it was impossible to talk her out of it. Seeing that Luo Tan would be with Shen Miao, they felt a little relieved. They instructed Luo Tan and even gave her the signal fireworks used by the Black Feather Army to send a message. They said that if anything happened, she just needed to set off the fireworks and they would rush to rescue them.

Daoist Priest Chi Yan was a little impatient and said, "Hurry up. When it gets dark, I won't be able to help you anymore."

Shen Miao said, "Let's go."

The path Daoist Priest Chi Yan took with Shen Miao and Luo Tan was very strange. Or rather, this place, which was a forest, originally had no path, but Daoist Priest Chi Yan took a very sharp turn at a certain point, and a clear path appeared suddenly. The path he took was not easy to walk on. Sometimes, when it seemed to be a dead end, he could take a sharp turn onto a new path. Luo Tan clicked her tongue in wonder, and Shen Miao was also surprised.

Luo Tan asked, "Daoist priest, you seem to be very familiar with this place. Have you been here often?"

"I've lived here since I was young, so I'm naturally familiar with it." Daoist Priest Chi Yan stroked his beard proudly and said, "Many of these trees were planted by me back then."

Luo Tan nodded. "It seems like you're from the Daliang Dynasty. Why did I hear that... you've met my little cousin before? My little cousin has never been to the Daliang Dynasty in the past." Luo Tan was still thinking about the surprised look on Shen Miao's face when she saw Daoist Priest Chi Yan. Clearly, they knew each other before.

Daoist Priest Chi Yan looked at Shen Miao meaningfully. "I'm fated to meet this madam. No matter where we are, we'll eventually meet."

Luo Tan scratched her head, not understanding, but Shen Miao was deep in thought. She felt that this Daoist priest seemed to know more than she thought. She planned to ask him about her previous life after Xie Jingxing's matter was over.

As soon as this thought appeared in her mind, Daoist Priest Chi Yan smiled and said, "Madam, you want to save your husband and ask questions, but you can only choose one of the two. You have to think carefully about your choice."

Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat. The Daoist priest seemed to be able to see through her mind. This meant that if she wanted to ask about her previous life, she couldn't save Xie Jingxing. If she wanted to save Xie Jingxing, she couldn't ask questions about her previous life. Shen Miao was unhappy. She heard Daoist Priest Chi Yan ask, "Madam, have you made up your mind?"

Luo Tan looked at the two of them curiously, not understanding what Daoist Priest Chi Yan and Shen Miao were up to. However, Shen Miao had always been mysterious like this. Very few people could understand what she said.

Shen Miao said indifferently, "I can think of a way to find the answers myself. Please save my husband first."