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Chapter 181: Chased by a Giant Snake Head

I feel sick at the sight of snakes, especially one so large.

Falling back half a step, I looked towards the pocket of Li Yitian and pulled out a charm that had been blackened.

It was this charm given by Yu Longting that had protected Yitian, and even sliced the White Snake into two sections, but the charm seemed to have been overused and was already destroyed,

"Who I am is none of your concern, and what demonic creature are you? Sneaking into a house in the dead of night, stealing the soul of a child, aren't you afraid of divine punishment?"

"Lowly human! You are not worthy to inquire my status, dare to harm my serpentine body, I will kill you."

All of a sudden, the viper went into a frenzy, the head part surged forward, open baring its fangs and bit towards me.

How could I possibly fight against such a ferocious snake spirit, in a flurry I threw out two pieces of cloth pierced through the hair, which instantly transformed into mine and Xiao Yitian's likenesses.

Then the puppet that had transformed into my likeness had its neck pierced by the sharp fangs.

Blood spurted out immediately, and the entire being collapsed like a torn doll.

I was so frightened I could barely breathe, but I held onto Li Yitian and dashed towards the door.

One hand grasped the handle, trying to pull the door open.

But I found the handle ice-cold to the touch, and no matter what I did, I couldn't pull it open, this normally easy-to-use old wooden door,

Behind me came a cold and gloomy sneer, definitely not from a human mouth, muffled with a hissing sound, "Can make puppets? You're a Mystic Arts Master?! Don't even think about running, with the injuries I've sustained, even if I die, I'll make sure you go down with me."

"Don't... don't kill me! I... I have the ability to treat your injuries." I mechanically turned my head, eyes widened, staring at the blood-drenched head of the giant snake floating in front of me, trembling uncontrollably.

The snake scoffed coldly and spat poisonous breath at me, "Human, don't even think of deceiving me. I'm already cut in two, how could I live?"

"Hurry, hurry, as the law commands!" My eyes turned red with urgency, I took out a newly made Peace pouch and threw it into its gaping maw.

After swallowing the Peace pouch, the snake's remaining body writhed in agony, "What did you feed me, you wretched woman??!! I'll kill you, I will kill you, slash your entire family."

I gently covered Yitian's mouth and nose to prevent the vital energy on her body from leaking out and being tracked down.

Abandoning any hope of escaping through the main door, I quickly ran to the window instead.

Fortunately, my day-to-day work was all about physical labor, and my body was still quite agile and nimble.

One hand holding Xiao Yitian, I was able to jump onto the windowsill with ease.

Facing a height of two or three meters, I cleared my mind of distractions, without any hesitation.

In a hurry, I jumped out the window, adjusting the posture of my falling body.

"Mommy, no, don't! Falling from so high, you'll get hurt!!" Li Yitian opened her eyes in the moment my body was airborne, her large eyes brimming with tears.

After landing, I crouched down, and my knees hit the ground hard, "Didn't I tell you to keep your eyes closed and not to open them?"

Only in this position, both Yitian and Dumpling could avoid injury.

But my knees felt shattered, an acute pain surged through me, my vision flashing black and white.

"You're protecting me. I know it, mommy. Does it hurt... It's my fault for slowing you down, all my fault..." Yitian cried out sorrowfully.

The bushes underneath provided some cushioning, so it wasn't too bad.

Several painful cuts grazed my face from tree branches, but a small hand was gently stroking my small face.

With gritted teeth, I bore the pain and tried to stand up, finding that I could still barely stand, and I ran in a certain direction, "I'm not hurt, Yitian, mommy is fine, don't talk, be careful not to let the bad people find us."

The little girl nodded vigorously, but still couldn't help the big tears falling, soaking my clothes.

Above my head, the enormous snake head smashed through the glass.

Glass shards scattered, and the snake head pursued me relentlessly.

Despite the intense pain as if my bones were shattering, I ran for my life without looking back.

Even though I was injured, that snake wasn't faring much better, with only a snake head left to wreak havoc.

Now, it was a matter of which one of us would give out first.

"You lowlife!! To kill you, to kill you~ to chop you into mincemeat!!" The snake head roared madly, chasing after me in frenzy.

Chapter 182: Not a Perfect Body?

I was already at the end of my strength, and my steps grew slower and slower.

The intense pain eroded my will, and I nearly collapsed to the ground in that moment.

With a thud, the huge snake head that had been flying through the air behind me fell to the ground.

It was, after all, a dying body, and after chasing me down half a street in the pitch-black night, it had finally run out of breath in a pool of blood.

I took shelter in a tiny alleyway, my knees in excruciating pain, my ankles hurt a lot as well.

I couldn't stand at all and had to lean against the wall, eventually collapsing to sit on the extremely cold ground.

Xiao Yitian seemed to sense my condition, clutching my clothes tightly with her little hands as tears surged even more fiercely.

I gently patted her little head over and over, my mind a tangled mess as I thought of a safe place to go.

After the White Snake had died, the weird and eerie Demon Qi's oppressive feeling still enveloped the entire town at night.

Even if we went back now, we would likely encounter another soul-hooking snake demon.

The best method, actually, was to find someone to ask for help.

I had left my phone charging on the table while sleeping, and I didn't have it with me now.

I couldn't contact Yu Longting, nor Yu Rongling.

I frowned, touched the silver python pattern on my cheongsam, and softly called out, "Yu Longting, where are you? Can you come over?"

The delicate and dazzling silver python embroidered on the cheongsam shimmered, radiating a silver glow as if it were alive.

It was as if cloaked in a layer of soft moonlight.

But a long time passed.

He didn't appear.

Could it be he was busy with something important and couldn't extricate himself?

Suddenly.

I felt the already cold and sibilant air grow even colder.

"Big brother is dead," an odd hissing voice came, and when I sneaked a glance, I saw a strange figure holding a lantern next to the huge snake head on the road.

That person was dressed in ancient robes, but the neck and head protruding from its collar were those of a snake, vividly colored and patterned.

He was holding a lantern that emitted a ghostly green light, and his snake eyes were filled with a sinister glare.

Another similar snake-headed figure emerged from the dark, holding a lantern as well, "Who did this? Besides our ancestors, there actually is such a powerful expert in Spring Wind Town."

"Could it be the Snake Lord?"

"The wounds look like the Snake Lord's doing."

"Big brother didn't happen to hook the soul of the little prince from the Snake Lord's family, did he?"

"Tsk, really courting death. I just caught a child; I can report back now."

The two of them conversed for a while and then, one after the other, they formed a team and walked briskly on the densely night-covered streets.

One of them was holding a chain, which trailed behind them for two or three meters to a small barefooted boy who followed them with a vacant expression in his eyes.

I'm sorry.

I can't even protect myself now, let alone save you.

Watching the boy leave, I immediately guessed what was happening.

It seemed that another child from someone's family had their soul hooked away, turning into a second Li Yitian, dull and foolish like someone with autism.

Seeing that these two snake demons could go back to report, the restaurant should be safe.

Just as I was planning to go back, someone suddenly patted my shoulder, "Hey, what are you doing out here in the middle of the night?"

"Don't come any closer, or I won't..." be polite.

I took out the Peace pouch and stepped back, preparing to counterattack, but then I saw a familiar face.

Yu Rongling mocked me, "Sister-in-law, you're really too timid. Brave enough to wander around in the middle of the night, yet you get scared like this when I tap you."

"You jerk... scaring someone could scare them to death," I said as my knees gave way and I fell back again, my arms trembling so much I could barely hold Xiao Yitian securely.

Xiao Yitian stood on her own two feet, taking the force of my body onto herself, "This brother, my mother is seriously injured, she's very uncomfortable, you cannot speak ill of her."

"Mother... mother? Weren't you a perfect beauty before you met my brother? And you've had another person's child?" Yu Rongling exclaimed, his eyes those of someone seeing a traitor.

I was so annoyed that I simply went along with his words, "That's right, what about it? Your brother has already acknowledged my daughter, are you still going to stand in for your brother and think I'm not worthy?"

Chapter 183: In The Same Category As Sister Xiao Qing

"I wouldn't dare, not dare, just not quite convinced. When my brother was with you, he was a pure and innocent boy!"

Yu Rongling grumbled discontentedly, but he came over and noticed something wrong with my knee. He started examining it, "Sister-in-law, after you hurt your knee, did you still walk on it? Damn it, it's a good thing you found me. If it's not treated promptly, once my brother makes a move, you could end up disabled."

"Cut the crap, it's giving me a headache. If you're gonna heal it, then hurry up and heal it! Hey, what are you doing here in the middle of the night?" I didn't give Yu Rongling a warm welcome. If it wasn't for having to flee hastily in the middle of my sleep, I would generally be wearing the Blood Splendor Robe.

Who needs to ask Yu Rongling for help?

Yu Rongling released a talisman from his sleeve and chanted an incantation.

My knee stopped hurting.

He massaged my kneecap, and feeling that it wasn't a serious issue, he helped me up, "Of course, I saw a lot of snake creatures on the road and wanted to follow them to see what's going on. After all, who would let loose so many Snake Servants in my beloved town?"

"You're tracking these snake... servants?" I finally realized that the snake-faced humanoid things were Snake Servants.

They must be servants of the Snake Immortal, lower-level snake demons. "You better keep following them. They seemed to have captured another person just now."

"You think I'll just go because you tell me to?"

Yu Rongling crossed his arms and said haughtily, "It's so boring to catch them alone. I'll only go if you come with me."

"But my knee..." I walked a few steps holding Xiao Yitian, finding that my knee seemed completely healed, but still hesitated, "I have a child with me, what if there's danger?"

"No way I'm doing this. Why should your illegitimate daughter be more noble than I am? I'm not afraid of danger when tracking Snake Servants, but she is afraid of danger?"

Yu Rongling didn't like the little girl and voiced his annoyance.

I glanced at Yitian, considering that if we couldn't find the rest of her soul, she was going to die anyway, so it might be worth taking the risk, "Alright, I'll bring her along. Come on, figure out a way to follow them. They could have run off anywhere by now."

"Leave it to me." Yu Rongling lit an incense stick and, following the trail of green smoke, pulled me along quickly to track them down.

This guy must have come from the same master as Yu Longting, using special Taoist Sect steps.

It felt like we could shrink the ground beneath us, I followed him on.

It only seemed like a few steps, but we'd actually crossed several streets.

Finally, we caught sight of those two Snake Servants again.

A horrifying scene unfolded.

Snake Serpent after Snake Servant appeared from the side alley, their lines suddenly swelling in rank.

The number of people chained behind them was also growing.

I counted, there were four people.

"Sister-in-law, what do you think they're capturing all these sturdy fellows for?" Yu Rongling asked me.

I gave him a look, speechless, "Your... species, isn't it the Cobra? They're clearly capturing children, and yet you call them sturdy fellows."

"Damn, you're such a sly old fox, insulting me for being blind, and you're so cultured about it too. It was just a slip of the tongue," Yu Rongling retorted, puffing up his chest, "Moreover, I'm a Green Python, the same kind as little sister Xiao Qing, not a Cobra. A bona fide national second-class protected animal..."

"Um, aren't Cobras... considered first-class protected animals?" I wasn't trying to offend him, just stating a fact.

Yu Rongling's face split into an awkward expression, and just as he was about to defend himself—

One of the alerted Snake Servants, with the alertness of a hunting dog, hissed out, "Who's talking? Brothers, pay attention. There are people snooping on our conversation nearby."

Chapter 184 Madam, Are You Scared of Sleeping Alone?

I hastily covered both my and Xiao Yitian's mouth and nose to prevent our breath from leaking out.

Xiao Yitian and I were so tense that even our breathing had stopped.

Yu Rongling's expression also became much grimmer.

The group of Snake Servants, like hounds, suddenly prostrated on the ground and began to slither, sniffing around.

Perhaps because Yu Rongling blocked our human scent, the hissing of the Snake Servants rose and fell in agitation for a while but they didn't find us hiding behind the kitchen waste bin.

"No one's here, we must have heard wrong just now."

"Let's hurry, the master is still waiting for us..."

"If we're late, the master is going to get angry."

Yu Rongling and I followed them all the way to the outskirts of Spring Wind Town.

Near a desolate little village, surrounded by Chaotic Grave Mounds, there stood a wooden house built amidst them.

It was already close to dawn, yet there was still light coming from the house.

From afar, it looked like a flickering ghostly glow, similar to that of a ghost town.

I recognized this patch of Chaotic Grave Mounds... wasn't it the entrance to the Serpent Domain last time?

Who would build a house to live in at the entrance to the Serpent Domain?

"Strange, why are the Snake Servants heading to Immortal Liu's territory? Could it be that old lady who's gathering tasty little children for a feast?" Yu Rongling stroked his chin and said suspiciously.

From the sound of Yu Rongling's voice, was he actually a bit envious of Immortal Liu?

Did he think the taste of children was good?

This damned snake...

I was shocked, "Didn't Immortal Liu leave Spring Wind Town at your brother's behest? How come she's back causing trouble again?"

"It's a long story, but this time, Immortal Liu is here for you. Otherwise, given her promise to my brother, she would never set foot here again."

"For me?" I pointed at myself, bewildered, not understanding at all what Immortal Liu could want from me.

"Madam, do you remember she had a distant younger relative who died?" Yu Rongling clicked his tongue and led me to creep closer, "For that little snake whose blood relation was thin as water, she set up a Reincarnation Array right here in this place to resurrect that little thing."

"Isn't the Reincarnation Array a Forbidden Technique?" I followed, speaking in a hushed tone, disturbed by the calls of the owls nearby.

Yu Rongling looked back at me with a wicked smile, "Otherwise, what do you think? Why did my brother have to go to the West Sea to fetch something from a Snake Dragon... Dan..."

He trailed off, his voice trembling, then his entire body shuddered as if he were sifting through chaff.

"What are you two doing here?" We heard a cold and majestic voice behind us, filled with a chilling malevolence.

I turned around abruptly and rushed over, stopping close in front of Yu Longting, "We followed the Snake Servants here, what about you? Why are you here too?"

"Weren't you supposed to be rescuing Li Yitian, this little child?" Yu Longting glanced at Xiao Yitian, who was drowsy in my arms, somewhat displeased.

I scratched my head, "You left home in the middle of the night; were you out investigating the whereabouts of those souls?"

"Left home in the middle of the night? You chose your words well. Was Madam scared sleeping alone?" Yu Longting was initially amused by my teasing, but his gaze fell on my bare feet.

His expression darkened severely, as if he were ready to slaughter an entire city.

I'm dead meat.

I was terrified, clearing my throat lightly, "The weather's quite hot, going barefoot is okay..."

"Ran into danger, hm?"

Unexpectedly, Yu Longting didn't get angry with me; he lifted me up and seated me on a tombstone, tenderly caressing my toes.

Chapter 185 Diligently Working

I felt a bit bashful, my toes curling up thankfully, the little fellow I was cradling in my arms had fallen asleep, "A Snake Servant broke in, wanting to steal... steal Dumpling's soul, then it got sliced by Yitian's talisman. When I ran away, I didn't have time to put on my slippers, so I've been... barefooted... sorry..."

Naturally, I'm not one to lie or deceive, but I thought it would be better to exaggerate the seriousness of the matter, so I'd have more justification when I faced Immortal Liu later.

"What are you apologizing for? It's my fault for not protecting you. I'm supposed to be your man, yet I failed to protect you when you were in danger." Yu Longting's eyes were filled with deep self-blame, and he even grabbed my hand to slap his own face.

I immediately regretted lying to Yu Longting that the Snake Servant wanted to steal Dumpling's soul and hurriedly pulled back my hand he was holding, "I'm not hitting you, your skin is too thick, my hand would hurt if I did, let go."

This guy's skin is even thicker than a city wall, his way of showing remorse is utterly insincere!

Yu Longting let go of my hand with a smile that did not quite reach his eyes, and then he turned his anger towards his brother, "Yu Rongling, my charms were plastered all over the inn, how could the Snake Servant still get in?"

Yu Longting's icy gaze swept over to Yu Rongling's face. He took off his own leather shoes and put them on my feet, then stood barefoot on the ground.

Yu Rongling, looking miserable, said, "How would I know that? Your own talisman didn't work, and you're blaming me for it?"

"Fine, let's talk about something else. Your sister-in-law is so timid, after being frightened by the Snake Servant, she didn't even put on her shoes. She wouldn't have come here on her own; aside from you forcing her, I can't think of any other reason." Yu Longting's face was stormy, as if he wanted to tear his brother apart.

Poor Yu Rongling's knees gave in as he knelt down, hugging Yu Longting's legs, "Brother, I did send sister-in-law here, but when sister-in-law was injured, I was the one who healed her. It took two years of my Cultivation to treat her serious injury. At least... I've made amends..."

"You were injured too? Where were you hurt?" Yu Longting held my chin fiercely.

Yu Rongling shouted beside us, "Her injury is healed, now I'm the one at loss, brother, oh brother... BROTHER!! How can you be so biased~"

"Clucking like a hen, are you laying an egg?" Yu Longting gave him a cold glance.

Yu Rongling's facial muscles twitched because of that biting remark...

I really couldn't bear to see Xiao Yuer being tormented by his own brother like this, considering he healed me, I ought to lend a hand.

I cleared my throat and grabbed Yu Longting's hand, touching my knee, "When that Snake Servant was chasing me, I jumped down from the upper floor. To avoid hurting Yitian and Dumpling, I had no choice but to land on my knees to cushion the fall. I called for you at that time but got no response, so eventually, I ran into Yu Er."

"If the meniscus in your knee was damaged, you could become disabled." Yu Longting kissed me fiercely, and my heart almost leaped out of my throat.

Yet, I was kissed so weak all over by him that I couldn't even muster a shred of resistance.

Yu Rongling counted on his fingers, not daring to make a sound, protesting silently with his mouth movements,

I've healed, I've healed!! How could I possibly be disabled!

In my heart, I share the same thoughts as Yu Rongling, but since Yu Longting is making a big deal out of it, I could only cough lightly and explain, "Even if I were to become disabled, what could I do? Should I have let the children get hurt? If you were in my shoes, you would have made the same choice. Hey... what are you doing..."

Without further ado, Yu Longting scooped me up and walked into the small building, "I'm taking you to see Immortal Liu for justice. You Er and I have been working hard for her, yet her servant dares to treat you like this, shouldn't I trouble her about it?"

"Should, definitely should trouble her, I support you." His wild and fierce gaze frightened me into quickly agreeing, clutching tight to the little Yitian in my arms, my face an expression of complicated feelings.

I was hugging a little girl in my arms, and he just picked me up regardless, not even caring about the odd position.

Reaching the entrance of the small building, Yu Longting seemed to realize the strangeness of his hold and glanced back at Yu Rongling, "Hold this little girl for a moment, don't wake her up, she's very attached to my wife."

Chapter 186: Beauty Fades

"No, mortals stink so much, I don't like them." Yu Rongling's face darkened as he refused, but under the watchful eye of his older brother, he didn't last three seconds.

Yu Rongling obediently took Xiao Yitian from my arms, mumbling complaints, "Little girl! Consider yourself lucky, for this Snake Immortal is personally holding you. This will be your bragging rights in the future."

Out of Yu Longting's sleeve flew a yellow talisman, which he affixed to the door.

The door swung open, and immediately a fierce wind rushed out.

Yu Longting stood there, unmoved, his eyes as cold as ice.

Out of the living room came a slender and graceful beauty who looked haggard; different from when we met a few days ago, she now seemed much older, walking unsteadily, "The array will take three more days to complete, why have you come early?"

This version of Immortal Liu was like a beauty in her twilight years.

But I knew that someone like her wouldn't easily age, especially not at such a rapid pace.

Unless, her mana was overdrawn.

"I'm here to settle accounts with you. I allowed you to stay in Spring Wind Town out of pity, but how dare you cause trouble and be a nuisance to me and my wife?" Yu Longting moved past her side and walked straight in, taking a seat on the sofa.

"What trouble have I caused now? I've been very well-behaved this time," said Immortal Liu with a full belly of grievances, collapsing onto another sofa and pouting in a grievance-filled manner.

Yu Longting tapped his finger on my knee, "In front of me, you can drop the act of innocence. I just want to know why you sent the Snake Servant to hook people's souls—what was your purpose?"

"So you knew about that, huh. The little girl was just too adorable, I couldn't help myself, so I made my move," Immortal Liu coyly lowered her gaze towards her fingers, "I intended to borrow her for a few days, then I'll return her. I won't cause you trouble."

"Return it now," Yu Longting demanded, word by word.

Immortal Liu's face grew cold, "Snake Lord, are you even one of us snakes? I can't seem to tell!"

"What about him doesn't resemble a snake?" I blurted out without thinking.

Immortal Liu's gaze swept over me, scrutinizing me from top to bottom, and she let out a cool remark, "We snakes do as we please, we do whatever we want. But Snake Lord here!! A cotton ball popping out of the gutter, getting mad at me over a mortal. I'm just playing with a soul, not keeping it forever, why press so hard? Is this different from those full of righteousness and morals on Mount Wutai?"

"Yu Longting is worried because the girl's body lacks a soul, and she'll die within two days," I said, looking at Immortal Liu earnestly. She was not a bad person, so I hoped she would take pity and volunteer to return Yitian's soul.

Immortal Liu stood up abruptly, "Damn it, there's no way she'll die in two days. I made arrangements for a parasite... Oh, I see now, your husband forced my little snake out of that girl's body."

"Yes." I nodded.

Immortal Liu rolled her eyes, "That's a mess you two made. Why do I have to take the blame? Fine, fine, fine, consider me unlucky. I'll return it, just follow me~"

What really was it—Yu Longting's gaze, piercing like deathly laser beams, was simply too fearsome and terrifying.

With a mere glance from him, Immortal Liu turned ashen, reluctantly giving in to compromise.

She got up to lead the way, noting that Yu Rongling was also following along.

Only then did she belatedly notice Xiao Yitian in Yu Rongling's arms.

But she merely narrowed her eyes and said nothing more.

We followed Immortal Liu at a slow pace.

She seemed injured, coughing as if about to cough her lungs out.

Upstairs was a room made up like a cave, pitch-black inside; without night vision, you could see nothing at all.

By a particularly lifelike artificial pond, there coiled a translucent small snake.

The snake's bones were solid, but its flesh was like that of an undergrown fish, completely transparent.

Thus, through its flesh, you could see its skeleton.

A cute little girl with buns in her hair was scooping up water from the pond to drink.

She got up, picked up a few small tomatoes from the stones by the small river, and fed them to the half-transparent small snake, "Little snake brother, eat fruit."

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"Thank you, big sister~" the little snake said.

Unexpectedly, a voice of loss suddenly came from within me, "Yitian, little sister, she has made a new friend."

"This boy woke up?" Yu Longting was quite surprised, then smiled again, "Oh, the Demonic Qi is too strong, it has broken through my seal, his future is limitless."

"You, you jerk! If the Demonic Qi gets stronger, he'll speed up the demonization process." I was furious but kept my voice low because there were others present.

Yu Longting casually touched my belly and Little Dumpling was sealed again, "With me here, how could he possibly truly demonize? But this little guy, following me with such strength, this seal won't last long."

"Your son is going to demonize? You're a True Dragon, how could your bloodline succumb to demonization?" Immortal Liu listened with one ear and found it puzzling.

Yu Longting raised an eyebrow, "Weren't we discussing your little whelp? How did it switch to my son?"

"Snake Lord, although Ah Li is only my great-grandson, he carries the blood of me and that person, and is the only descendant of me and that person."

Immortal Liu sighed deeply, "I'll risk this old life of mine to save him."

"Immortal Liu, you wouldn't use someone else's soul to help your great-grandson reincarnate, would you?" I stared at the other half of Yitian's soul, my heart aching dully.

Xiao Yitian finished feeding the little snake the fruit and let the snake climb onto her shoulder.

Not afraid at all.

In this world, the Heavenly Dao demands balance.

Resurrection from death is absolutely impossible, yet if one were to pay a hundredfold, even a thousandfold price, there might be hope.

To resurrect a little snake, it seems one would have to stake countless human lives.

Immortal Liu gave a sorrowful smile, coughed forcefully several times, and breathlessly responded, "Ah Li is too lonely; I just wanted this little girl to keep him company, nothing more."

"You merely detained a person? Yet your Snake Servants captured many, not even willing to spare the one in my sister-in-law's belly."

Yu Rongling scoffed coldly, "My sister-in-law and I ended up here because she was chased here by your Snake Servants, risking both their lives if they hadn't been so lucky."

Immortal Liu glanced at my leather shoes, and at Yu Longting's bare feet, looking thoughtful, "Su Wan, were you really chased by my Snake Servant?"

As earnest as can be, I replied, "Absolutely true, I have no reason to lie to you; your Snake Servants were reaping souls all over Spring Wind Town."

Immortal Liu suddenly became agitated, walking back and forth in front of us, her complexion alternating between black and white, "My Snake Servants would never betray me, unless it's that person, could that person have come back... how could that be, he should have been dead for five hundred years..."

"Immortal Liu, who are you talking about?" Yu Rongling leaned in curiously.

Recalling herself from the confusion, Immortal Liu kicked him away, "None of your business, you overbold Snake Immortal, barely a Transformed Snake Dragon in realm, yet you dare be so rude to me."

"Hey, it's clearly your fault yet you're lashing out like this? Have you forgotten how you begged me to help you maintain the Reincarnation Array?"

Yu Rongling looked at the footprint behind him, shaking with rage nearly about to stomp his feet on the spot, "My sister-in-law was seriously injured, and I healed her, do you still want her help or not?"

"If you want to take this little girl's soul, take it quickly. Those evil Snake Servants weren't sent by me; deal with them however you want, it has nothing to do with me." Immortal Liu collapsed on the ground, her hands clenched into fists, coughing forcefully.

She spat out a mouthful of blood, her form exhausted and turning into a python shape, sluggishly creeping.

I've been working on healing clothes for the Household Spirit lately; I made a few sachets, handkerchiefs as prototypes, now I hung a sachet on the horn on her head, "Sorry for bothering you, we misunderstood you, a great beauty like you couldn't possibly do evil, we'll leave you be."

"Yu Rongling, apologize." Yu Longting said coldly.

Yu Rongling, the only one among us whom Immortal Liu looked down upon and bullied, now angrily forced to apologize, trembling, "Why should I apologize, I did nothing wrong..."

Ultimately, he relented, "Fine, the injured one is always me, Immortal Liu, I was wrong."

Yu Longting's clearly knuckled long fingers gestured, and the girl by the pond floated up, returning to Li Yitian in Yu Rongling's arms.

Only the semi-transparent little snake was left confused, still unaware of what had happened, "Miss, where are you going? Are you leaving Ah Li? Don't leave Ah Li, he's very scared when alone..."

Chapter 188: The Famous Evil Sect Trio

Our group hastened back to the inn before daybreak.

Li Yitian was still asleep, so we let Yu Rongling carry her upstairs to let her sleep a little longer.

Yu Longting stood at the doorway, studying the charm that had lost its effect, his eyes glazed with a biting coldness, "Wanwan, my charm was deciphered by a master. Can such a person actually exist in this world?"

"There's always someone better, and besides, you were injured. Your strength isn't what it used to be. If you were at your peak, you surely would be invincible." Knowing his proud nature, I deliberately appeased him, then gently took his hand, "Is this person, who deciphered your charm, the same person Immortal Liu mentioned?"

"I'm not sure about that, but the person Immortal Liu keeps thinking about died at the hands of her and several Orthodox Sects joining forces."

Yu Longting flicked his sleeve, releasing a purple Thunder Talisman.

The purple talisman overlaid on the ineffective one, emitting a bright purple light.

The incantation on the talisman looked familiar, similar to the embroidery on the Thunder Summoning Garment.

Looking at that talisman, I felt as though a profound chasm had suddenly formed between him and me, significantly straining our closeness, "Did Immortal Liu personally kill her own lover?"

"We from the Snake Tribe who cultivate immortality also have Orthodox and Evil factions. The man Immortal Liu fancied was sworn brothers with Xuanjing, and Xuanjing's wife was part of a notorious trio from the Evil Sect."

Yu Longting placed his hands on his hips and glanced sideways at me, "Ironically, Immortal Liu is from the Orthodox Sect; she had no choice but to decisively eliminate him."

"And you? Which faction do you belong to?" I curiously asked Yu Longting.

Yu Longting seemed stumped by my question and after a lengthy pause, chuckled, "I don't play with them. I've established a sect beside my own cave dwelling."

I didn't understand much about these cultivation sects and couldn't continue the conversation, thinking this sect discussion had come to an end.

Yu Longting's gaze suddenly turned desolate as he looked at the Thunder Talisman, seemingly traveling back in time to an ancient battlefield, "It's said that in that great battle, countless corpses were strewn about, blood flowed for miles, and many ancestral masters fell overnight."

"Oh." I acquiesced softly, my mind inadvertently painting that scene.

Sects of good and evil confronted each other, and lovers looked at each other as enemies.

Yu Longting pinched my chin, turning my face towards him, suddenly with a sly look, "With your expression of deep worry, are you afraid that we too might become like them?"

"But I'm not from an Evil Sect? You would have no reason to kill me. I definitely won't do evil deeds or stray down the wrong path." His chilly gaze froze me, prompting me to explain involuntarily.

Perhaps my dad and uncle have done a lot of bad things.

Given the impression that people from the Su family are up to no good...

But I would never betray him, absolutely not!

Yu Longting looked into my resolute eyes, his kiss dropped without warning, his large hand caressing my back with affection, "Silly girl, have you never doubted that if one of us were to turn evil, it would be me?"

"Of course, you are... Snake Lord, revered and worshipped by so many, commanding the Snake Tribe, you certainly won't..." I started running out of breath, "Stop... kissing, it's getting light, and on the road, people are..."

"No, Wanwan... since you trust me so much... I only want to devote my life to you, let alone a few kisses..."

Yu Longting kissed even more passionately.

It wasn't until we reached the entrance of the inn that he released me and reaffixed a charm in place of the ineffective one, "This charm is powerful and will better ensure your safety.

I need to follow leads from the Snake Servant; you shouldn't leave the inn these next few days."

"But what about Dumpling? What will happen to the Demonic Qi in his body? Why not deal with that before you go?" My concerns grew, sensing Little Dumpling's condition worsening by the day, yet this guy seemed uncaring.

It was as if Little Dumpling belonged to the neighbor, Mr. Wang! He wasn't always like this...

But maybe he had a surefire solution.

Perhaps I'm just worrying over nothing!

Yu Longting suddenly disappeared, "I'll bring an Elixir. If he stubbornly goes astray and causes you upset, don't be soft-hearted, teach him a harsh lesson."

Chapter 189: The Wardrobe Most Resembles My Snake Cave

I returned to my own dormitory, but I didn't see Li Yitian.

I was terrified.

I had no idea where Yu Rongling took the little girl.

"Yitian, where are you?" I circled the small dorm room and peered out into the hallway, "Xiao Yitian, Yitian...?"

Just then, a half-asleep voice came from behind me, "Mom, are you looking for me?"

I turned around.

The closet door in the room was open, and a little girl was standing by it.

She was rubbing her eyes, sleepily looking at me.

After a pause, she ran to me and hugged me, "Did the wound on your knee get better?"

"It's all right now, it's already healed." I was in a daze for a while before I placed my hands on her back and held her, "You've recovered all your memories, why are you still calling me mom?"

"Memories? What memories? Mom, what are you talking about? I don't understand," Xiao Yitian asked me.

I began to get a little nervous, "Didn't you wake up this morning with a lot of other scenes in your head?"

"There were a lot of scenes, they all seemed like a dream to me, only the ones with mom felt the most real," Xiao Yitian spoke like a poet, despite her young age.

She took her real memories for a dream and saw me as the true figure in her dream.

My heart quivered lightly, and an unspeakable bitterness filled me, "Yitian, those weren't dreams, they were memories you lost before, I'm not your mom."

"Ouch—" A scream came from the room, and I saw Yu Rongling, along with the blankets, tumble out of the closet, "This closet is too narrow, sleeping in it is uncomfortable."

My mouth twitched, what was wrong with this guy, liking to sleep in a closet?

When he noticed my presence in the room, he scrambled up, rubbing his butt, and looked at me resentfully, "Sis-in-law... you came up? Where's my brother?"

"Your brother said he went to check on the Snake Servant's soul snatching, why sleep in a closet when you have a bed, or at the very least you could sleep on the sofa," I glanced at the wardrobe, which was extremely cramped and narrow.

This guy, sleeping in there himself was one thing, but to also cuddle up with someone else's soft and cute little girl inside.

Xiao Yitian must have been so uncomfortable inside.

Yu Rongling had a well-reasoned response, "The wardrobe is most like my Snake Cave, I'm comfortable sleeping in it."

I didn't have the patience to indulge Yu Rongling's bad habit and took Xiao Yitian to the public restroom on the third floor.

I used a hot water-soaked towel to wipe the little girl's face.

I also got her a new toothbrush, thankfully the women's toothbrushes I bought were quite small, so Xiao Yitian had no trouble using it.

"Are you taking Yitian to wash up?" My mom was also getting ready for work at this time and happened to run into me and Yitian.

I was squatting down gently helping Yitian brush her teeth, "Mom, Yitian's other half of her soul has been found, let her mom come pick her up."

"Really found? Who did it?" My mom paused in her face-washing, her expression turning serious.

Seeing her so earnest, I knew I couldn't conceal the truth, nor was it convenient to dodge the question," A Snake Immortal named Immortal Liu."

"Immortal Liu? That's Ying Long." My mom's face turned pale.

I didn't expect she would know of Immortal Liu's reputation, and my plan to fob her off with the truth went down the drain, "Yes, Immortal Liu is highly respected, so she was easy to talk to. Once she knew our intentions, she returned the girl right away."

"Then why did she take Yitian?" My mom insisted on asking responsibly.

Thinking it over, I still felt the truth was too complicated, and it was simpler not to discuss too many things that were inconvenient to tell her, "Immortal Liu was lonely and had the little girl keep her

company for a couple of days. Yitian, these last two days, you've been visiting a pretty auntie's house, right?"

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"Yes, she asked me to accompany her for half a month," Yitian answered thoughtfully, tilting her head.

Two parallel timelines of memories filled her little head, and I was worried that it would confuse her.

At this moment, seeing her articulate and clear, I felt relieved.

The little girl, though young, was exceptionally bright and quick-witted.

Plus, she was brave, with memories of talking to the baby in her belly and playing with a little snake, yet she wasn't scared at all.

It seems, she's bound to do great things in the future.

To ease my mother's mind, I asked with a smiling face, "Is that beautiful auntie nice to you?"

"The beautiful auntie is very gentle, and she gave me yummy food to eat," Yitian replied with her childish, milky voice.

Finally, my mom felt reassured, so she called to ask for a half-day leave from the supermarket manager and informed Yitian's mother, Mingwen, to come to pick her up.

Worried that my mom couldn't handle it alone, I also took half a day off.

By the time Mingwen arrived,

We handed Yitian back to Mingwen together.

Mingwen looked somewhat doubtful as she asked, "She can recognize me now, right?"

"Yes, she can." Deep down, I wasn't very sure and didn't have much confidence.

Even after Yitian's memory had recovered, she still saw me as her mother.

While waiting for Mingwen to come, my mom and I taught Yitian many times.

Only then did she nod, seemingly understanding but not quite.

Mingwen picked up Yitian and placed her on her lap, "Xiao Tian, do you recognize Mommy?"

"I do, Mommy, you like my brother more than me, and you yelled at me, calling me a drag," Li Yitian responded blankly, void of any ripple in her gaze.

My heart clinched tightly; it seemed Yitian's family favored boys over girls.

Xiao Yitian saying such things in front of me, I figured it was her simple way of trying to make me pity her, hoping I would keep her by my side.

But after all, she's just a child.

Only when she grew up would she realize that, as much as I wanted to, I was powerless to keep her with me.

Mingwen felt extremely awkward, frowning as she scolded, "You hold grudges, don't you? Your father and I have never starved you."

"I do hold grudges, I remember all the instances when you treated my brother better! Although you never starved me, when we had chicken legs, my brother got the bigger ones, and I got the small ones,"

Li Yitian murmured softly, "I eat slowly, and by the time my brother finished his, even my little chicken leg would become his."

At that moment, my chest ached unbearably, and I could only think of stealing Yitian away to raise her myself.

"Your brother is younger, still growing, what's wrong with letting him have a little more?" Mingwen, utterly embarrassed, admonished Yitian.

I coughed lightly, "Yitian is still little, don't be so harsh on her."

"How can a child not be disciplined? Even when Kong Rong was young, he knew to let others have the better pears," Mingwen said dissatisfied.

My hand clenched into a fist time and again, ultimately acknowledging my helplessness, I wrote a note for Yitian, "Sweetheart, here's your sister's phone number and WeChat ID. Make sure you remember it, even if you lose the paper. If you miss your sister, you can still reach out to me."

"Sister, I will always, always remember you, and the little brother in your belly." Yitian took the paper from me, her tiny arms wrapping around my neck.

In a voice only the two of us could hear, I said, "Mm, your sister will remember Yitian, too."

"I will always remember how my sister protected me without regard for her own life, remember that my sister is the person in this world who cares and loves Yitian the most."

Yitian's voice choked up, holding me even tighter.