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Chapter 361 Full of Mistakes and Errors

Before the word "three" could leave Lin Xinmei's lips, the hand that was holding my mother's instantly turned to nothing but white bone.

Upon closer inspection, you could see tiny centipedes clinging to her bones.

The centipedes swiftly devoured the flesh and then set about gnawing on the bones.

"Huff...huff...huff...huff..." The pressure on my mom's neck suddenly vanished, and she finally caught her breath, taking deep gulps of fresh air.

On her fair and slender neck, you could clearly see harsh purple bruises.

She collapsed to the ground, trembling arms barely supporting her to maintain the last bit of balance as large beads of sweat dripped down from her drenched body.

"Older sister, it is my fault for not protecting you, it's all my fault. If I hadn't been distracted, how could someone else have taken you hostage?" Zhang Che helped my mom up as quickly as possible, hugging her tightly in his arms.

Fully alert, he didn't allow any more danger to come a step closer.

My mom weakly leaned against Zhang Che's embrace, lifting her gaze to look at me before letting it fall again, "It's... it's not your fault... it's just that I... am too weak..."

"All of us have been practicing the Mysterious Art since we were kids. How could you be a match for Lin Xinmei, having only learned for a short time? She has been immersed in the Forbidden Woman's Technique for years along with that woman in the attic. I will personally teach you the Mysterious Art from now on, and you are not to decline!" Zhang Che held my mom even more tightly.

My mom helplessly patted Zhang Che's back a few times and let out a faint word, "Okay."

Lin Xinmei, suffering the backlash of the Gu Poison, had blood streaming from the corners of her eyes, her pupils dilated as she stared in disbelief at her hand that had lost all flesh and bone in an instant, "Why... why is this happening... What's wrong with my hand? Su Wan, what have you done to me?"

"I haven't done anything, just activated the gu in your body." I looked down, too lazy to even glance at Lin Xinmei, and earnestly tied two strips around Yu Longting's wrist to replenish his Spiritual Power.

The strips couldn't heal the wounds, they could only replenish the spent Spiritual Power.

My mind was in turmoil; I just wanted to take Yu Longting back to rest.

Lin Xinmei's body swayed and finally, unable to hold herself up, she collapsed to the ground, vomiting blood, "Impossible... How can I... have Gu Poison in me... You clearly removed the Gu Poison from me..."

"Didn't you just witness Lin Gang performing a Gu Removal? It requires the Mother Gu to enter the body. When I said that you had been treated for the gu, you believed it? Naive!" I finished tying the strips and finally lifted my head, staring darkly at Lin Xinmei, "The insider who gave Lin Gang Xintang's finger was you, right? You thought you played the innocent flower well, but in reality, it was riddled with mistakes. I, I have never trusted you, not even once."

There were too many questionable points about Lin Xinmei. She practically had no solid evidence to prove her innocence.

All attempts to clear her name were nothing more than her own uncorroborated assertions. Of course, I couldn't just take her word for it.

Toward Lin Xinmei, I had always been reserved, always on guard.

Time proved my decision was right.

If I hadn't been wary of Lin Xinmei from the beginning, both Yu Longting and I would have fallen into an inescapable abyss today.

Lin Xinmei, tormented by the Gu Insects, was covered in bloodstreaks. Her eyes bulging, she spiraled into madness, "You... you never trusted me... Su Wan, you're so despicable, so shameless... You've tricked me... it turns out, it was you who have been acting all along."

Chapter 362: How Long Do You Want Me to Accompany You with My Snake Body?

"You had planned to kill Yu Longting long in advance, so the reason you killed him couldn't be Lin Gang's death! What deep-seated hatred do you have with Yu Longting... that compels you to put him to death?" And to use the most cruel method? Having me do it with my own hands...

As I faced the sight of Lin Xinmei tormented by Gu Poison, my heart felt not the slightest ripple.

All I wanted to know was the reason behind Lin Xinmei's poisonous scheme.

Lin Xinmei sneered, "Hehehe... had it not been for Yu Longting... bullying Qing Li's Mom, giving birth to the monstrous Lin Xintang, how would my Qing Li's Mom suffer life after life, confined in the Lin Family Loft."

I pursed my lips in silence, even Lin Xinmei believed that Yu Longting had an affair with Qing Li.

Lin Xinmei spat out a mouthful of blood, her frail body collapsing like a floating weed, and with her mouthful of bloody foam, she still sneered and mocked me, "Su Wan... you... are defending a Demon Snake that doesn't love you at all, your end will definitely be countless times uglier than mine..."

An end... countless times uglier?

At that moment, it was as though someone had struck a copper bell next to my ear, sending my entire soul into a shock.

Yet my hand subconsciously grasped Yu Longting's tightly. Let the world ruin him and slander him, I was determined to be the one who believed in him.

Yu Longting's fingertips lightly scraped the back of my hand, resting his chin on my shoulder, and with a sigh that only I could hear, he lamented, "Wife, my snake life before meeting you was lived in vain."

"Didn't I tell you to stop talking? Shut your mouth and rest in peace." My mind was in turmoil, and my manner toward Yu Longting was poor as I helped him towards the Waterside Pavilion.

"Oh my god, cousin, you scared me to death, I thought... just now you really had to choose between the Snake Lord and Aunt," Lin Hang arrived in a cold sweat, clutching the sleeping Xintang tightly to his chest, probably not even realizing his lips had turned frightfully pale.

I wasn't much better off, my eyes were vacant as if Lin Hang's voice was coming from a faraway place, and I didn't answer a single word, dizzy and disoriented.

Like a lost soul, I helped Yu Longting into my room in the Waterside Pavilion, and then my memory froze at the moment I helped him onto the bed, and then I knew nothing...

When I regained consciousness, I was nestled in the blankets.

Looking up, however, I saw a snake head with white scales, and subconsciously reached out to touch it.

The sleeping snake eyes opened, and the snake body slowly writhed to curl my body tightly, "Wanwan, you're finally awake. You didn't suffer any injuries, so why were you the one to faint?"

"Perhaps it was a bit of mental shock, sorry for worrying you." I rubbed my cheek against him, poor Yu Longting, hurt again and turned into a snake, "How long do you need to stay a snake?"

This was the Lin Family home, and I was somewhat uncomfortable with him being seen by the people of the Lin family like this.

The Lin Family was hostile towards the Demon Tribe, he was ostracized even in his human form, let alone in his snake form.

"I can already change back into a human, but... I think you prefer my snake form, so I kept it to stay with you," Yu Longting said as he rubbed back when I rubbed him.

I exhaled a breath of foul air lightly and embraced his snake body with both arms, "You've discovered even this secret obsession of mine, and I thought I had hidden it so well. Ah, it's probably because this is the real you, right? How's Xintang doing? Why has she been unconscious all this time?"

"She was poisoned, it's been cured, and Lin Hang is playing with her now," Yu Longting spoke in a hoarse voice.

I was in high spirits and laughed, "Eh, you really kept your promise and found Xinmei. Did you use Plum Blossom Easy Number to find her? My grandfather must have tried this method too, but you were the one who found her."

"Xuanjing erased her tracks, so the calculation required significant cultivation and more time. Lin Huan's cultivation was insufficient, thus only I could do it," Yu Longting explained narcissistically, then whispered by my ear, "Wanwan, how much longer do you want me to stay with you in my snake form?"

He obviously wanted to turn back into a human but also wanted to stay with me a bit longer in his snake form.

As if asking me to pick a number.

Chapter 363: Grandpa Has a Bad Temper

"I often heard from the elders how Plum Blossom Divination Technique was used to find people and things, but it's my first time seeing someone actually use it to find a person. It's truly mystical. Yu Longting, stay with me for another half hour in your snake form, just the last half hour," I muttered, burying my face into his soft snake belly, which was the softest part.

Although I felt reluctant to get out of bed, my heart was in a rush, eager to check on Xintang, so I decided to linger for just another half hour.

As for Lin Xinmei's outlandish claim that Xintang was Yu Longting's daughter, I considered it utterly baseless.

So I didn't mind it at all, nor did I give it another thought.

Just then, loud knocking sounded from the door. "Snake Lord, cousin, are you awake? Grandpa has something important for cousin!!"

A while later, Yu Longting went to open the door.

Lin Hang stuck his fluffy head in, holding a small girl with a snake's body in his arms. "Where's cousin? Grandpa's in a bad mood. If he waits too long, he might literally tear me apart limb from limb."

"Tsk, if you hadn't volunteered so eagerly, Lin Huan has plenty of people to boss around. Why did he specifically choose you? Don't tell me you're finding ways to get close to my wife," Yu Longting said suspiciously, his tone turning dark.

"Don't scare me; I'm her relative, you know. Even if we're distant, it'd still be weird," Lin Hang said, his expression as if he'd seen a ghost. He then sprinted towards me to complain,

"Cousin~ Your husband is like a vinegar factory owner, even getting jealous over me! I'm meeting grandpa because I found Xintang. Of course, I deserve some credit, not what Snake Lord is thinking."

"Got it, got it. You'll get used to Yu Longting's jealousy if you adjust a bit," I said.

With a face full of weary resignation but the gentlest smile I could muster, I leaned down toward Lin Xintang in Lin Hang's arms, "Tangtang, do you remember your sister?"

"You're the sister who gave me the White Rabbit creamy candy that day in the ancestral hall," Lin Xintang said with a light smile, extending her little hands. "Sister, hug."

I slipped my hands under Xintang's armpits, lifted her up, then snuggled her into my arms. "Who bought you this pink princess dress, Tangtang?"

Xintang wasn't too clingy, only let herself be held because her snake body restricted her.

Just yesterday at Zhang Shuying's place, I found out that Lin Xintang was already six and a half years old.

Though she was slimmer than other kids her age, she was definitely not a toddler anymore.

Standing at a meter twenty, she was easy for the tall Lin Hang to lift.

I found it a bit challenging but could manage holding her for a couple of hours without a problem.

"Of course, I bought it. My taste isn't bad, right? I bought several princess dresses for Tangtang~" Lin Hang said proudly, puffing up his chest, then couldn't help but curse, "That bastard Lin Qianshan really doesn't care about Xintang. He hadn't changed her clothes for three days. When we found her, she was miserable, hadn't eaten, drank, or bathed..."

After Lin Hang vented his anger, he put on a broad smile and started flattering me, "Of course, the money I used to buy the clothes was from cousin~ Wait, wait, cousin, how did we start talking about this? The matter about meeting grandpa is extremely important."

"Alright, alright, let's go meet grandpa then. Speaking of which, I haven't eaten yet," I said, not knowing what grandpa wanted. My stomach was empty, and I actually wanted to grab something to eat before seeing him.

But Lin Hang forcibly pushed me outside, "I still have a few fruit candies in my pocket. Eat them on the way to see grandpa, and don't delay any longer, my dear cousin."

Chapter 364: Too Brutal

I held Lin Xintang and was pushed all the way to the gate of Lin Family Sect by the noisy Lin Hang.

Yu Longting didn't say anything and followed us there.

"Grandpa, what did you want to see me for? You seemed in such a hurry to find me~" I walked over, a piece of candy in my mouth.

"I'll tell you in a bit; whatever grandpa does, it's definitely for your benefit, Wanwan." Lin Huan affectionately patted my shoulder.

Xintang looked at Lin Huan, timidly.

She opened her mouth to call him grandpa but ultimately couldn't bring herself to do it.

Lin Huan said, "Hand Tangtang over to my eldest disciple."

At that moment, a Lin Family Disciple walked over.

As instructed, I handed Tangtang to him and told Tangtang, "Sis will go with grandpa to take care of something and will come pick you up later."

"Okay, Tangtang will be good." Lin Xintang, who was very scared of Lin Huan, quietly flashed me a barely noticeable sweet smile.

Lin Huan sternly spoke to Yu Longting, "I am taking Su Wan to handle our Lin Family's internal affairs. You're an outsider, so there's no need for you to follow."

He had always been as heartless as autumn wind sweeping fallen leaves toward Yu Longting.

Yu Longting, surprisingly, did not get angry with Lin Huan and instead gestured generously, "As you wish. After all, Wanwan is my wife; no matter where you take her, she still has to come back to me."

"Snake Lord is quite confident, my granddaughter chose you simply because she hasn't met enough outstanding people. She will eventually realize you're not worthy of her."

With these cold words, Lin Huan took my hand and walked towards a car at the entrance.

Lin Hang went up diligently and subserviently to open the car door for Lin Huan, "Grandpa, please."

"..." I couldn't help but glance at Yu Longting. Grandpa's words were too harsh; could Longting be angry?

How could he not be worthy of me? I think it's the Su Family that's undeserving of him. I don't deserve the love and affection that Yu Longting gives me.

Yu Longting smiled unrestrainedly and made a heart gesture with his hands to me.

My mood immediately brightened.

He isn't angry.

Lin Huan coldly twisted my head straight, "Su Wan, no flirtatious glances with him."

"Oh, understood, Grandpa." I felt like Yu Longting and I were just like star-crossed lovers opposed by our families.

Modern-day Romeo and Juliet...

It looks like winning over grandpa and getting him to accept Yu Longting is going to be a long and arduous task.

In the car, Lin Hang whistled while he drove.

Lin Huan's face was grim, "Ah Hang, what benefit has Yu Longting given you to follow him?"

"He paid me?" Lin Hang's cheerful whistling stopped abruptly, and only his nervous face remained, his grip on the steering wheel tightening.

Lin Huan questioned, "Just for some money, you would betray your family?"

"It's not really a betrayal. I came from home to rescue a direct member who was trapped, didn't I?" Lin Hang defended himself, feeling the pressure from Lin Huan behind him, he continued, "I admit we have a bit of a friendship privately; his residence is somewhat close to my home, and we got to know each other since we're alike. It's just a normal friendship, absolutely not... betraying the family, Grandpa~"

"I see. Just focus on driving." Lin Huan pressed down the throbbing vein on his forehead, clearly not wanting to continue the conversation.

But Lin Hang, lacking awareness, wouldn't let the topic go, continuing to talk to Lin Huan, "Hey, Grandpa, since you don't like cousin Su Wan being with Snake Lord, it's actually quite simple. Just order them to break up. If cousin doesn't obey, you can just disown her."

Chapter 365: It Will Scatter on Its Own

I couldn't help but swallow my saliva.

Lin Hang is quite something, isn't he? He knows exactly what to ask to hit where it hurts...

With just one sentence, he and Grandpa pushed me onto a path of no return that I had to face.

"Has anyone ever told you that you're annoying?" Lin Huan said sternly.

Undeterred and rambling even more, Lin Hang said, "My dad also says I've been talkative since I was little, that I'm the reincarnation of the Golden Cicada Child, just like Monk Tang, haha. So, Grandpa, why didn't you strongly break up Snake Lord and my cousin? I remember you banished Aunt Xiangnan from the house back then."

What a move, Lin Hang... He's practically forcing Grandpa to kick me out of the house.

But from another perspective, Lin Hang was also forcing Lin Huan to take a stand.

Unexpectedly, Lin Huan didn't lose his temper; instead, he pressed his forehead and said, "Your cousin and Yu Longting are mismatched, they'll break up sooner or later without my intervention. Why should I be the bad guy?"

I instinctively looked up at Lin Huan. What do you mean by that, Grandpa?

Is it because of the rumors that Lin Xintang is Yu Longting's daughter...

"Look at you, pouting your small mouth, you could hang an oil bottle on it."

Seeing my expression, Lin Huan was both amused and sympathetic, "Wanwan, even if no one in the Lin Family opposes this marriage, and even without those rumors about Yu Longting and Qing Li, have you thought about the identity of Snake Lord? Will his people accept you?"

I stared at Lin Huan, speechless.

Internally, I hailed Grandpa as wise.

So far, the people I've encountered from Yu Longting's side...

Not one of them approved of my relationship with Yu Longting. Initially, Dumpling and I were almost killed by Yu Longting's brother, Yu Rongling.

"Did I guess right?" Lin Huan asked with a meaningful smile.

I nodded earnestly, then immediately shook my head. "No, that's not right!"

Even if Grandpa stated the facts, I couldn't admit it.

My ultimate goal was to get Lin Huan to accept Yu Longting, to agree to our union.

Watching me nearly shake my head off, Lin Huan patted my head and said, "Wanwan, you're not only from different races than Yu Longting, but Su Chongwen also killed Snake Lord. His sect's experts won't accept you."

"I'll work hard to get them all to accept me..." I said resolutely, looking at Lin Huan.

Lin Huan said, "The entire Snake Tribe opposes you, are you going to explain to each one of them?"

Uh..." My mood instantly deflated, and my head drooped.

Lin Huan was far too wise; it was a knock-out blow.

He totally breached my defenses...

There are countless members of the Snake Tribe in the world; even if I had the intention, I couldn't possibly explain to them all.

Lin Huan kindly comforted me, "Don't be sad, you've rejected Zhang Shuying, Grandpa will help you pick a better match. That will infuriate Taoist Zhang!"

"That won't be necessary, Yu Longting and I haven't split up," I responded with a bitter smile, politely declining.

Lin Huan didn't mind and declared confidently, "It doesn't matter, you two will eventually break up, Grandpa will prepare for you in advance."

I was left speechless...

The process of getting the Lin Family to accept Yu Longting was going to be long and challenging.

The car stopped in front of a uniquely decorated, bourgeois-looking detached villa.

"Isn't this Aunt Lin Wanyan's place?" Lin Hang opened the car door, inviting me and Lin Huan out. He glanced at the villa, as if he'd just realized he recognized the place.

Lin Huan ignored Lin Hang and said to me, "The person I'm taking you to see is called Lin Wanyan, a female relative from a collateral branch of the Lin Family. She's one of the few women in the Lin Family skilled in Mysterious Art. When you meet her, just call her 'Auntie'."

"Yes, Grandpa," I said, nodding politely after getting out of the car.

A bloodied cloth bundle was suddenly thrown out from the villa, heading straight for Lin Huan and me.

Lin Hang sprang forward, shielding Lin Huan, "What demon dares to attack the Patriarch of the Lin Family with a hidden weapon?! Don't worry Grandpa, your loyal grandson is here to protect you."

Chapter 366 Who Am I?

Inside the villa, a woman's disdainful criticism rang out, "Even bringing a dead infant here, it's unlucky."

"Wuwuwu... my Congcong isn't dead, you're talking nonsense... Congcong... is still alive, he must still be alive." A woman in white, particularly slim, immediately stumbled out, fell to the ground, and picked up the bloodstained bundle.

Tears streamed from her eyes, all falling onto the bundle.

That bundle was less than three centimeters from my toes.

At that moment, when I heard that the bundle contained a dead child, my heart instinctively jerked, and I took a half-step back in fear.

Then, two other women walked out of the villa.

Both were dressed in cheongsams; they looked to be in their early thirties.

One of them was the household-name actress Han Dai, walking in thirty-centimeter stilettos. She stood high above the white-dressed woman who had lost her child,

"Yinman, you're past your prime, and has your brain gone bad too? Clutching a dead infant, coming over to Sister Wanyan's side, are you sincerely trying to pick a fight with her?"

"Bai Yinman..." After hearing Han Dai call out Bai Yinman's name, I repeated it under my breath.

Gradually, an image formed in my mind; it was Bai Yinman, the unadorned goddess who had acted in numerous popular costume dramas.

Could such a nationally-acclaimed actress be mocked as washed up???

Bai Yinman clutched her child tightly and stood up with her lips pursed, "Even if Lin Wanyan thinks my child is dead, she should not have thrown him!! Han Dai, you're about to become a mother too, how can you help her commit such cruelty?"

"Bai Yinman, you can eat shit indiscriminately, but you can't just say anything," Han Dai warned. "You gave up your career and had a child for a man, foolish to the point of bubbling idiocy. I won't do that, I'm not pregnant! If you dare to spread rumors, you'll regret it."

"Yes, I've given up so much, lost my career, lost my family, and still can't keep this child, why... why is fate so cruel."

Bai Yinman held her child and departed, lost and forlorn, continuously muttering helplessly, "I can clearly feel his heartbeat, why does everyone say he's dead... Why..."

"Aiyo, this is live entertainment, female actresses in the entertainment industry fighting over a pregnancy. Indeed, it's more satisfying than scrolling through Weibo."

Lin Hang exclaimed with his hands on his hips, his tone asking for a beating.

I had three lines on my forehead—could I still prove that I was not familiar with this joker by standing farther away from him?

Han Dai's sharp gaze swept over the three of us, particularly eyeing Lin Hang, "Who are you three? Brazenly intruding into a private residence. Doesn't security stop you?"

"Who I am, you should ask Lin Wanyan," Lin Huan said, hands behind his back and voice deep.

The woman in the emerald cheongsam approached, and upon seeing Lin Huan, her expression suddenly became serious and solemn. She bowed very formally to Lin Huan, "Sect Master, why have you come?"

"There's a matter," Lin Huan replied, expressionless, and walked straight into the villa.

Han Dai suddenly panicked, "Sister Wanyan, you only meet with one guest at a time. It was hard enough to get rid of that unlucky has-been Bai Yinman! Now another old man shows up. Do you know how packed my schedule is? If I miss today, I have to join a drama crew and several variety shows; it will be hard to find another time."

"Go upstairs and wait for a bit; it won't take too long." The woman in the cheongsam turned out to be Lin Wanyan, who, judging by her figure and face, did not at all appear to be of an older generation.

Lin Hang and I both gave Lin Wanyan an up-and-down look, showing an expression of astonishment.

Although Han Dai looked reluctant, she still went into the villa and ascended the stairs.

"Sect Master, your visit is an honor. Please," Lin Wanyan said, completely ignoring Lin Hang and me, not even glancing our way, her invitation obviously forced and insincere.

Despite her respectful behavior, the slight frown on her brow and some impatient micro-expressions made it clear that she actually did not welcome Lin Huan's arrival.

Chapter 367 Don't Delay Me Making Money

Lin Huan didn't mind and continued to step into the villa.

I followed closely behind with Lin Gang.

Once inside the villa, Lin Huan found a spot to sit down without any restraint, and Lin Hang and I sat on either side of him.

After Lin Wanyan took her seat, she concealed a fleeting displeasure between her brows and said, "Sect Master, this is the very first time you've come to my modest place."

"I came for Su Wan's mystic cleansing," Lin Huan said straightforwardly.

Lin Wanyan looked at me critically, "So she's Su Wan? The one who sneaked into Lin Family's Pill Room and saved all the direct descendants?"

"Exactly," Lin Huan stated solemnly.

Lin Wanyan furrowed her brows, "She doesn't seem very impressive, quite underwhelming actually."

"What makes you think I'm underwhelming?" I retorted sharply, unlike my usual laid-back attitude.

I couldn't stand her, especially because she allowed Han Dai to damage the body of a child.

Lin Wanyan, filled with a sense of superiority, said haughtily, "You may have the Spiritual Eye which others can only dream of, but you have no clue how to use it, no foundation in the Mysterious Art. You're basically useless."

"When my cousin was young, she never underwent mystic cleansing. No matter how talented, she can't compare to those like us who have had their meridians cleansed and roots changed. There's no point in mocking her," Lin Hang said dissatisfied.

Lin Wanyan, with her arms crossed and a mocking smile, said, "An outsider, a wild girl who was cast out after her mother betrayed the Lin Family, doesn't deserve to refine her roots. Besides, I heard she's involved with a snake demon, carrying a monster in her womb."

"It's not a snake demon, but the Snake Lord, the Snake Lord!!"

Lin Hang was on the verge of exploding as he emphasized loudly.

Lin Wanyan dismissed it casually, "Even if it's close to transforming into a dragon, it's still a lowly monster. If it has the ability, let it become a True Dragon first, then go seduce it."

"That's prejudice! I think the Snake Lord is very powerful, grand, and majestic! Capable of anything!! Where do we find the confidence to think we are superior to the She Family just because we are human?? Truly ordinary yet confident!" Lin Hang, if not for me holding him back, would have already lunged at Lin Wanyan to fight for Yu Longting, "Cousin, don't hold me back, I want to bite her to death for my brother-in-law."

"Sit back down!" Lin Huan barked angrily.

The guy finally calmed down, as though restrained by a leash.

Although Lin Hang still sat stiffly like a primary school student, his eyes were fiercely fixed on Lin Wanyan.

As though she had been bothered by three nuisances, Lin Wanyan rubbed her forehead impatiently, looked down at her wristwatch,

"Sect Master Lin, there are several people in the Lin Family who can perform mystic cleansing. Why come to me? I have an important guest waiting, and she's a VIP who pays me a hefty commission..."

"Mystic cleansing requires disrobing for a medicinal bath, and we are all men, so it's inappropriate," Lin Huan said, his expression already half darkened, cutting off Lin Wanyan's whimsical talk.

Lin Wanyan glanced at her watch again, anxious and resistant, "But have you considered? Mystic cleansing requires a twenty-day seclusion, that's a lot of money I'll be missing out on."

"Su Wan's talent is good, it'll only take three days," Lin Huan stated.

Lin Wanyan looked at her watch repeatedly, probably worried the celebrity Han Dai upstairs was becoming impatient, and firmly declined, furrowing her brows,

"Don't talk about three days, not even three shichen. I don't have the time to waste on such useless matters, especially not for someone like Su Wan, who is reviled by the old lady and did such a despicable thing as seducing her uncle to his death. Washing her meridians? I'm not interested. If you don't have any other business, please leave at once! Don't hold me up from making money and doing business."

Chapter 368: Living in the Eyes of Others

After all, it is modern society, unlike the ancient times.

Sect members needed to rely on the Sect family to survive, so people like Lin Wanyan without much reverence for the Sect Master had inevitably increased.

Even when the Sect Master personally came forward to request, they did not give the slightest respect.

Lin Huan, however, was very decisive and did not continue to fight.

Showing neither joy nor sorrow, he said to me, "Wanwan, today is my fault for not arranging things properly, we were turned away. You come back to the Lin Family with me first, I will definitely arrange a better marrow washing for you later."

"Oh." I was even more composed than Lin Huan, because up to now, I still had no idea what marrow washing was.

"Exactly, exactly, we have better candidates, we don't care about Lin Wanyan's meager cultivation." Lin Hang mumbled in agreement.

The three of us got up at the same time and walked towards the outside of the villa.

Lin Wanyan's scornful words suddenly floated from behind, "Shamelessly attaching herself to a snake demon, and a despicable person with a mother who betrayed her own family. The Sect Master even acknowledged her back into the Lin Family, truly bizarre."

Lin Huan stopped in his tracks, his tone extremely calm, "Who I acknowledge back into my family is my own family matter, who are you to have a say?"

Lin Wanyan was completely choked up and stared blankly at Lin Huan.

"From today onwards, you, Lin Wanyan, move out of the Lin Family's territory and live outside. If you dare step foot here again, you will be left without a trace." Lin Huan said authoritatively before turning around and striding out of the villa.

Lin Wanyan regretted her words and hurriedly got up to follow and explain, "Sect Master, Sect Master! I didn't mean it like that, I just developed some prejudice against Su Wan because of what Madam Yan Hua said. I've been in this city for so many years, I've never left this place, you can't treat me like this."

By the time Lin Wanyan caught up breathlessly, Lin Huan had already promptly gotten into the car.

"What are you two staring at, hurry up and get in the car?" Lin Huan lowered the car window and said irritably to me and Lin Hang.

Both Lin Hang and I, the younger generation, were stunned, but we promptly agreed.

Hastily pulling open the car door and getting in.

Behind the car, Lin Wanyan actually chased after us in high heels for a good distance.

For her, this kind of punishment seemed too harsh.

But who could blame my grandfather for taking her arrogance seriously?

In the car, I thought about the blood-stained bundle Bai Yinman held tightly in her arms.

Thinking that there was a dead child in that bundle, something Bai Yinman placed her hopes on.

Although Bai Yinman's state was somewhat hysterical, she did not seem delusional.

Why did she say her child was not dead?

Even if that child was still alive, being thrown away by Lin Wanyan like that.

How could he still be alive?

I especially liked children; thinking about this made my heart sour and sad, subconsciously pinching the bridge of my nose.

"Wanwan, you see, just by staying with the Snake Lord for one day, you have to endure such slander all day," Lin Huan said in my ear.

I came back to my senses, my gaze firmly fixed on Lin Huan, "Grandfather, as for Aunt Wanyan, aside from looking down on Yu Longting and the Snake Tribe's status, she also disdains my mother. If people discard what they are prejudiced against, won't they just live in the eyes of others forever?"

Lin Huan pursed his lips and fell silent, his face stern.

From his grim expression, it could be inferred that my grandfather probably didn't agree with a single word I said, because after all, he is the Sect Leader of the Exorcist family and it's difficult for him to remove his prejudice against the Yu Longting.

"Grandfather, I think... I should go back to Spring Wind Town soon."

After a moment of internal struggle, I spoke up to Lin Huan,

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Lin Huan's eyes lifted slightly, "Return to Spring Wind Town?"

"This time coming to the Lin Family, I was deceived by Lin Qianshan to come here, it wasn't the true intention of either party."

I stared at the oppressive aura of Lin Huan as the Sect Master and spoke seriously.

"Those are all excuses. You're avoiding the Lin Family and cutting ties because of Yu Longting!" Lin Huan sharply pierced through my facade.

My mind had already made up, unwaveringly nodding, "I am not cutting ties with the Lin Family, but some things are pointless to explain further and need time to prove."

"Just so, I feel the same way, let's allow time to prove it. Your mother was even more stubborn than you back in the day, yet in the end, it still proved that not listening to the wisdom of the elders leads to immediate loss," Lin Huan acknowledged my words with a heavy tone.

I hung my head low and murmured, "Grandfather, I will prove that Yu Longting is not a person like my dad."

On the way back to the Lin Family, Lin Huan did not speak to me again.

My heart felt as if it had been filled with lead, heavy and sinking.

Having a fallout with close kin still weighs heavily on one's mood.

"Wanwan, why don't you stay another two or three days?" After getting off the carriage, Lin Huan suddenly spoke to me.

I was finally acknowledged, my eyes brimming with a layer of mist, "Grandfather..."

"It would be good to accompany your mother too. It's because of your achievement this time that everyone has shown her more respect. She had always been quite ostracized before."

Seeing my tears suddenly fall, Lin Huan reached out with his rough fingers to wipe them away, "You're already a mother and yet you still cry so easily. During your stay at the Lin Family, you have free access to the Lin Family Library."

"Thank you, Grandfather," I bowed deeply to Lin Huan.

As soon as Lin Hang returned to the Lin Family, he hurriedly searched for Lin Xintang.

He really doted on her as if she was the treasure in his palm.

Lin Huan gave a certain Lin Family Disciple a meaningful glance with his deep-set eyes.

Lin Xintang was then carried over to us.

Lin Hang could hardly wait to embrace Xintang, "I've missed Brother Hang so much, my darling Xintang."

However, Xiao Xin Tang reached out her little chubby hands towards me.

The excitement on Lin Hang's face instantly froze.

I smiled brightly as I hugged Xintang, "Say bye-bye to Grandpa."

"Bye-bye... Grand... Grandpa..." Xintang's gaze flickered as she looked at Lin Huan.

Lin Huan hardened his expression, squeezing out a hint of a smile, "Mhmm."

Xiao Xin Tang's eyes lit up completely, as if they were filled with the joy that Grandpa was finally paying attention to her.

After Lin Huan left, I returned to the Waterside Pavilion with the child.

Halfway there, it suddenly started to drizzle.

"Why would it start raining all of a sudden?" Holding Xintang, I quickly sought shelter under a tree.

Tangtang seemed to really like the rain, stretching out her hands to catch the raindrops, "Sister, the rain threads feel ice-cold."

Her adorable snake-body wriggled unconsciously with delight.

"Seeking shelter under a tree can get you struck by lightning," Lin Hang wrung out his sleeve and glanced at the silver lightning in the sky.

I responded, "Don't jinx it, that's just a low probability event."

At that moment, a shadow fell over my head, "Wanwan."

"Yu Longting, you've come to pick us up!" I looked up to see a pure white oil-paper umbrella and Yu Longting's charming and handsome face.

Tangtang shyly called out, "Brother-in-law~"

"Good girl," Yu Longting absentmindedly responded, handing Tangtang a purple talisman and his fingertips brushed over the rainwater on my face, "Who did Lin Huan take you to see? So secretive."

"To meet Lin Wanyan. I was supposed to persuade her to help me with a marrow-cleansing procedure, but it seems Lin Wanyan was instigated by Yan Hua, not only refusing but also ridiculing me coldly," I wasn't tattling, merely telling Yu Longting the truth.

Yu Longting's nose twisted with disdain, coldly and mockingly said, "Daring to bully my wife, where does she live? Tonight I'm going to slaughter her and avenge you."

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"There's no need; Grandpa has already driven Lin Wanyan out of City A. Lin Wanyan has received the lesson she deserved." I smiled at Yu Longting, holding Tangtang in one arm and taking his hand with the other, "Yu Longting, I don't feel comfortable staying at the Lin Family. Let's go back to Spring Wind Town in three days."

"Only three days? I still have some things to do at the Lin Family." Yu Longting frowned and slapped something golden and chubby on my neck.

The pair of black bean-like eyes of Xiao Yuanyuan looked innocently at Yu Longting.

Then Xiao Honghong's head also peeked out.

Feeling the dangerous gaze from Yu Longting, it very deftly retreated back in.

I took Xiao Yuanyuan from his hand, holding it tightly, and chuckled, "What could you possibly have to do at the Lin Family? Otherwise... should I talk to Grandpa and stay a few more days?"

"No need, I don't like the Lin Family, the Exorcist smells awful. Let's go, the chill here is strong." Yu Longting wrapped an arm around my waist and unexpectedly lifted me into the air, "As for what it is, can I tell you later? I'm afraid it might scare you."

Held in Yu Longting's arms, I didn't feel any discomfort, feeling all my weight supported by him.

Tangtang in my arms looked fascinated, blinking her eyes over and over.

As for me, I was suspiciously wondering what Yu Longting could be doing at the Lin Family... and how it could be frightening to me...

"What should I do, I don't have an umbrella, and the rain is getting heavier." Lin Hang was completely drenched by the slanted downpour unleashed by Ye Zi's hand, looking utterly pathetic.

I glanced back with a feeling of pity, "Yu Longting, did you only bring one umbrella?"

"Just one, young people have strong energy, getting wet in the rain is good for the body and soul. You're pregnant and can't catch cold," said Yu Longting as he hung a rabbit fur scarf around my neck.

Lin Hang: "Is this... even humane??"

My mother and Zhang Che were mostly not at the Waterside Pavilion.

After we returned, Yu Longting prepared some ginger soup for me to drink, then left.

I took Tangtang to the Waterside Pavilion's Scripture Pavilion to read books until the evening, but Yu Longting still hadn't returned after dinner.

"Mom, I'll stay at the Lin Family for another three days." I carefully removed the bones from the fish meat and fed it to Tangtang.

Tangtang ate with relish, her face full of sweet smiles.

My mother was somewhat surprised, "You're leaving? Did your Grandpa not stop you?"

"Snake Lord's identity makes it inconvenient to stay long at the Lin Family," Zhang Che reminded my mother.

My mother fell silent and nodded slightly.

Zhang Che suddenly spoke up, "Wanwan, do you know that Yu Longting went to the attic today and even had Zhang Shuying on the lookout?"

"Pfft—" I spat out a mouthful of pork rib soup, "What? He went to the attic... to see Qing Li..."

Is this what he meant by the matter he had to do without telling me?

Zhang Che hinted, "Many rumors are not without basis, and since Qing Li gave birth to Tangtang, it couldn't have been asexual reproduction. Miss Wan, do you understand what I'm saying?"

"Uh... yeah... I get it..."

With things laid out so plainly, even an idiot would understand.

Even Uncle Zhang was suspecting the relationship between Yu Longting and Qing Li...

After dinner, I made sure Lin Xintang was settled in.

I lay alone on the spacious Step-Out Bed, lost in a whirlwind of thoughts.

I was completely certain of Yu Longting's character, absolutely trusting him.

But there was this uncomfortable feeling in my heart, sour and aching.

Uncle Zhang knew about him visiting Qing Li and they still kept it from me, wasn't that just self-deception?

That damn faithless Snake Lord, staying out all night to see another woman, and that woman was his...

His rumored girlfriend!!

I frustratedly covered my face with an old-fashioned embroidered pillow, "If I think about Yu Longting again, I'm an idiot, I won't think about him ever again..."

"Hehe... you're not even worthy of him," came a mocking laugh, chillingly creeping in through the window lattices.