

A Snake 371

Chapter 371: Human or Ghost?

I suddenly arched my back, wanting to sit up, "Who are you? This is the Lin family, it couldn't possibly have..."

Before I could finish uttering the word "monster," I found myself frozen, unable to move.

The night was exceptionally cold, the air that breathed into my lungs carried a bizarre chill.

The wind was blowing the twisted branches.

The twisted branches were continually stretching in the storm.

In that mournful night rain.

There was even a faint trace of moonlight.

The tree shadows, through the ancient window's carved patterns and the thin paper pasted on the window sill, fell on the ground, swaying the branches.

Like an evil spirit from Hell, extending its claw-like hands toward the Human Realm.

The Lin Family's ground, abundant with spiritual energy and filled with the pure Yang of the earth fire.

At this moment, it resembled a terrifying ice pit, freezing all the blood in my body.

Had an evil spirit invaded the Lin Family??

I gathered all my strength to mobilize the spiritual power in my body, barely managing to move my fingers.

Slowly, I moved my wrist to my pocket and drew out a red cloth strip embroidered with a fiery demon pattern.

"Su Wan, you are nothing but a vessel for my husband to sire offspring, a replacement for me." The woman sneered, her face unseen, but I felt the voice emanating from the shadow on the ground, drawing my attention to the ghostly tree shadows.

It seemed as though strands of black material were protruding from the shadows, unclear what the substance was.

Cold sweat beaded my forehead, yet a smile played on my lips, "Oh? You must be Qing Li, who resides in the Lin Family Loft, I'm just a substitute, what's the rush, coming all the way here?"

"How do you know who I am?" Qing Li, infuriated, the black strands in the shadows abruptly sprang out, becoming more defined.

It was a mass of black hair, silky as satin, coming to life as it swept towards me, wrapping tightly around my neck before I could resist.

I immediately felt suffocated, darkness enveloping my vision, the hair tightening in my hands,

"Ever since your son Lin Qianshan turned traitor, the Lin Family has fortified the defenses within the sect, no external evil spirits can infiltrate. This hair... can only be your Forbidden Woman's Technique..."

"Smarty-pants, even if you guessed it's me, you're still going to die." As soon as Qing Li's cold words fell, the hair grew longer, entwining around my entire body, as if intending to crush my bones.

My expression unchanging, I flipped over and tied the cloth strip around the hair constricting my neck, "Qing Li, I just disdain to act against you, but that doesn't mean I'm afraid of you."

A fistful of ink-black hair, chilled by the encounter with the fiery demon pattern of the Life and Death Embroidery, was effortlessly severed by the power of Yang Fire.

Following that, Qing Li let out a pitiful scream, the hair entwined around me retreating completely.

"My hair... Su Wan, how dare you burn my hair!! You have only one thread of the Fiery Life and Death Embroidery, let's see what you'll do next!"

I saw a frail woman in a blue robe standing in front of my window. She hung her head, her pale face distinctly visible.

That pale face had no features, terrifying like a blank slate.

I was only able to handle it initially because all the Forbidden Woman's Techniques were manual.

Suddenly, something inhuman and ghost-like appeared, frightening me to the core, "You... you... are you human or ghost? Why... Your face... Your face has no features."

Qing Li said nothing, her ground-length hair coming to life, growing continuously, and lunging at me.

Its speed was as fast as lightning.

Just as I was about to dodge, I was once again constricted around the neck, my movements restrained, "Let go of me, if you keep pestering me, don't blame me for being rude."

Chapter 372: The Terrifying Long Hair

Qing Li seemed to know that I was all bark and no bite, remaining silent as always.

With a swish of her arms, she manipulated her long hair to tightly coil around my neck.

The face without any features started to laugh, looking utterly sinister and terrifying to the extreme.

For the first time I truly realized, a person with a blank pale face could still produce such a laugh without any facial features!!

This kind of hair created through dark and negative Art.

Its greatest fear is actually fire.

As long as there's fire, it can burn the hair to ashes.

Unfortunately, I had chosen strips of cloth at the beginning, which might be effective in controlling someone but were absolutely idiotic for burning hair.

I frantically searched in my pocket, fumbling out a bunch of talismans that Yu Longting had given me in the past.

Finally grasping a few fire charms, I saw Qing Li slice open her own wrist, and her fresh blood splashed onto the fire charms.

The fire charms flickered and then the incantation patterns on them instantly vanished.

Their original purpose was lost!!

"Qing Li, you're determined to put me in a life-or-death situation!!" The feeling of suffocation grew stronger, and my belly felt heavier and heavier.

Little Dumpling tried to rush out to save me but was suppressed by a damp and cold force, unable to move.

I saw a triumphant and domineering pleasure on Qing Li's face, as if she was trampling over the lives of both Dumpling and me in the manner of a victor.

But my heart was calm and undisturbed, my fingers lightly touched my stomach which felt as cold as ice, "Yu Longting, if you don't come now, you'll never see me and Dumpling again."

"Hehehe, you still expect Yu Longting to save you; why don't you just ascend to heaven? You sure have the nerve; do you still not understand who Yu Longting belongs to? Even if he came, he would only help me. Face the facts, you little slut."

Qing Li seemed to breathe out a sigh of relief, laughing with smug satisfaction.

She had cut her wrist deeply, and blood kept dripping from the wound, forming a small pool on the ground, but she didn't care.

Suddenly, Qing Li's laughter ceased abruptly, and the hair strangling my neck vanished in an instant, as if something warm and scorching touched my skin where the hair had been intertwined.

I opened my blurry eyes, only to see bright purple heavenly fire burning in the dark, rustic room.

The man standing before me held a self-igniting fire charm between his long fingers, the purple flames casting eerie shadows over his coldly noble and abstinent visage, his thin lips parting slightly, "In my presence, to harm my wife and son and to call her a slut, even the protection of the Lin Family won't save you. Just accept being bald."

The flames of the fire charm were the nemesis to the sinister hair, burning away the strands entwining me and then surging towards Qing Li's scalp with unstoppable force...

"No no no... don't burn my hair, Snake Lord, I'm your legal wife, I'm your woman, how can you bear to see me bald..."

Qing Li broke down, desperately beating her own hair, however, her body was composed of a particular type of Yin energy constitution.

Far from extinguishing the flames on her hair, her hands were scorched and began to emit black smoke.

She could only rely on the constant growth of her long, thick black hair to prevent the fire from reaching her face.

Like a feline animal guarding its food, Yu Longting protectively pulled me into his arms, his fingers tenderly stroking the bleeding strands of hair and tear tracks on my body, "What's wrong with burning your hair? Even if the Lin Family backs you, if you irritate me, I'll still kill you. Just because my Primordial Spirit was injured, do the people of the Lin family and you really think I've become weak, and my temper has improved? Ridiculous."

"Yu Longting, stop it!! Just stop!! Cough cough cough..." Lin Huan's coughing sounds resonated heavily, apparently coming from outside the window.

Chapter 373: Can You Explain?

Yu Longting was nearly out of control, recklessly entangling me like a snake in front of Lin Huan, tightly clutching me and kissing the wound on my neck as if anyone who dared to plead for mercy was his mortal enemy, "Who the hell are you, huh? If you tell me to spare Qing Li, should I just spare her? When I was messing around in the Nine Continents, your ancestors weren't even a cell..."

So wild, so cool, so amazing... What is this!

But Yu Longting, although what you said is not wrong, it's realistic.

However...

Uh, Lin Huan standing in front of you, after all, is my grandfather by marriage.

Such a big commotion.

Both my mom and Zhang Che got alerted.

They stood shocked at my bedroom door, watching a woman in a green robe with long hair and a pale face, continuously trying to protect herself with her long hair.

Lin Huan was in a frantic state, biting his finger and drawing various fire-extinguishing talismans on his palm, sending out Palm Talismans, but he couldn't extinguish the purple flames at all.

It appeared extremely hot, even fiercer than the Samadhi True Fire.

I'd never heard of or seen such a thing.

Eventually, Lin Hang, who was staying at the Waterside Pavilion, came over with his bird's-nest hair to watch the excitement.

"Son-in-law, please, don't be hard on Qing Li." Seeing the woman in green reaching her limit, no longer able to grow her hair, about to have her head burned, Lin Huan couldn't help but compromise and plead.

Yu Longting snapped his fingers, and the purple flame ignited by the fire charm instantly extinguished, "If you had just called out earlier, the woman you keep in the attic wouldn't have ended up bald as a nun. Consider this a lesson for her, daring to assassinate my woman, peeling off her skin would have been letting her off easy."

"Do you not know why she provoked Wanwan?" Lin Huan was so angry it was like he had tuberculosis, coughing severely, "Cough cough cough cough..."

My mom went over to support Lin Huan but was angrily pushed away by him.

She nearly stumbled and fell.

Zhang Che and I both rushed over to help her.

In the end, it was Zhang Che, with his profound abilities, who caught my mom in an instant.

My mom furrowed her brow, and Zhang Che shook his head slightly at her, "The Sect Master is furious, don't provoke him. I'll take you to rest."

"Alright." My mom lowered her eyes, not even glancing at me, and walked away gracefully.

Zhang Che, like a knight, followed protectively behind her.

Lin Hang scratched his head, "This atmosphere isn't right, not a place for me to stay, I'm out of here."

"This crazy woman is brain-damaged, insisting that I am her husband, what can I do?" Yu Longting spread his hands in defeat.

Lin Huan sneered, "You deny everything you've done, fine, very fine! Qing Li, are you not leaving yet? Leaving the attic just once, has sufficed to trigger the Seal, turning against you, costing you ten years of cultivation."

"Pfft—" Qing Li spat out a mouthful of blood, and then she transformed into something like flowing water, a green silhouette slipping away through the window gap in the blink of an eye, utterly inhuman.

But I have the Spiritual Eye and could see that she was being counteracted by some strange force.

It seemed as if just leaving the attic, even for an instant,

would counteract her by reducing her lifespan, this time by ten years, equivalent to ten years of the Forbidden Woman's cultivation power.

She was willing to consume so much just to kill me?

Lin Huan left with a face full of cold fury, flinging his sleeves as he went.

I knew that if it hadn't been for Lin Huan's timely arrival, Qing Li would have been burnt to death by Yu Longting's fire; if there was any romantic involvement, it seemed impossible.

But I always felt there was some subtle connection between Yu Longting and me. I walked up to Yu Longting, wrapped my arms around his waist from behind, tilted my head back to look up at him, "Uncle Zhang said you went to the attic. Explain it to me, why did you go to the attic and... why did Qing Li come to kill me afterward?"

Chapter 374 Asking Me for Favors

"If I don't explain, what do you plan to do?" Yu Longting's fingers were tracing the marks on my neck, still immersed in the emotion of being heartbroken over my injuries.

I bared my teeth at him, looking very ferocious, "If you don't explain, I'll bite you to death, Yu Longting. I trust you, but I need to know what's going on."

"I went to the attic and asked that woman who Lin Xintang's father is. She said the Lin Family archives would have a record; otherwise, Lin Gang wouldn't have located the egg to hatch Lin Xintang. So I went to check in the Lin Family Library..." Yu Longting lifted me onto the bed and covered me with the blanket, "The wound caused by the Forbidden Woman's Technique carries evil qi. It needs to be washed off with pomelo water to gradually heal."

"Eh, then I'll get up and prepare some pomelo peel and leaves for a bath," I said, trying to sit up, but Yu Longting pressed me back down.

"I'll do it. You must be in a lot of pain," he said.

"Qing Li has already gone bald, forget it." I saw the look in his eyes, still full of murderous intent, obviously not yet satisfied, "Lin Huan told me once that Qing Li is the lifeblood of the Lin Family."

Yu Longting: "Hmm."

He stood up and left the room.

He returned in less than a second.

I was shocked: "You prepared the pomelo water that quickly?"

"I... was worried... about you!" Yu Longting's face was stiff, and he seemed a bit embarrassed.

But still, swallowing his pride, he took out a pile of charms and pulled his three-foot green peak from his sleeve, stuffing it into my arms for self-defense.

Watching his figure disappear in a flash.

I was utterly bemused yet deeply touched.

It took less than ten minutes for Yu Longting to return.

But by then, I had already drifted from a light nap on the bed to a deep and confused sleep.

I vaguely felt him sitting on the edge of the bed, undoing the buttons of my cheongsam. I shyly tried to evade, and Yu Longting grasped my wrist, "How dare you act distant with me?"

"It's not being distant, it's just shyness. Don't you understand?! All girls are a bit reserved!" I said as I felt him being overly sensitive. To comfort him, I placed my head on his sturdy leg, "Yu Longting, even if you lied to me, even if you wanted my life, I would still see it as my due. The Su Family owes you too much."

"It seems the matter with Qing Li has truly hurt you. You haven't used the fact that your father tried to kill me as a self-comfort for a long time." To my surprise, Yu Longting wasn't angry. He unbuttoned my cheongsam and wiped my body with the cool pomelo water where the hair had tangled and marked me.

I lowered my eyelids, curling up, "Yu Longting, do you know? When Qing Li wanted to kill me, I wasn't afraid at all. Even if you had no evidence to prove your innocence, I believed you would choose to save me, not choose her."

"Silly Wanwan, the fact that I don't have evidence now means my words are doubtful. I'll find proof," Yu Longting said while quickly cleaning my wounds. He finished all the areas in just a few strokes, but he didn't help me put on the cheongsam. Instead, he lay down and wrapped his arms around me from behind, "If one day you think I deserve to die, just crush my Life Token. I give you my life; you have security and a way out. Your husband won't let you suffer at all."

"Yu Longting, I want my Love Soul back." I never truly understood why Yu Longting insisted on giving me his Life Token.

The first time he offered it, I didn't accept it.

The second time, I couldn't refuse because he promised it to my mother.

Today, a new term formed in my mind.

It's called Life and Death Dependence.

"Are you making a request of me?"

Yu Longting asked in a deep voice.

I nodded noncommittally, "Yes, I don't want it to stay inside Ye Jiqing's body any longer."

Chapter 375: I'm Freezing to Death

"Okay, hubby will figure it out and get it for you."

Yu Longting, always eager to fulfill all my wishes, said.

That night, I slept soundly.

It wasn't until dawn that I dreamt of Qing Li, but she wasn't terrifying.

She just stood in the corner crying, tears dripping down one by one.

In the dream, moved by compassion, I walked over to wipe her tears.

She clutched my hand tightly, and asked despairingly, "Why... why did you take away my daughter and my husband, Su Wan, do I owe you?"

"Oh, my," I suddenly felt guilty and woke up with a start.

When I opened my eyes, I was still in Yu Longting's arms, but my forehead was covered in sweat.

Yu Longting, catching a glimpse of my uneasy look, captured my dream, "Heh, dreamt of Qing Li?"

"Yeah, she asked me why I wanted to take her husband." I suddenly smiled broadly and snuggled back into Yu Longting's arms.

Yet in my heart, I silently prayed, Yu Longting, please never deceive me.

Just continue liking only me, okay...

It had hardly been half a minute of being clingy.

Suddenly, I remembered something, "Xiao Yuanyuan and Xiao Honghong are gone."

"Under the bed," Yu Longting said.

I was a bit confused by what he meant by 'under the bed.'

The two Gu Insects were so clingy to me.

They stayed under the bed all night without showing up?

And... how could Yu Longting possibly tolerate me being naked in front of two Gu Insects.

Even if they are genderless, they are still insects...

I put on the cheongsam, blushing as I asked him to help button it up.

Yu Longting, with nimble hands, had all the buttons fastened in half a minute.

I couldn't wait to climb out of bed.

I lay on the ground, searching for the Gu Insects under the bed.

Indeed, there were two Gu Insects under the bed, unmoving, seemingly lifeless.

I had to disregard the dust under the bed and reach under to pull them out.

The moment the two Gu Insects were in my palm, I realized they were actually tied up tightly with thin strands of hair.

They were immobile, almost like mummies.

I knew it! In such a perilous situation yesterday.

The two Gu Insects, so dependent on me, how could they not come out to protect me?

I crawled out, and when I raised my head, I bumped into the edge of the bed.

I was braced for severe pain, but instead, my head softly bumped into Yu Longting's palm; yet unappreciatively, I said angrily, "You threw them under the bed, didn't you!"

"Yeah, when I was cleaning your body, I found these two useless creatures tightly bound with Qing Li's hair, frozen into insect jerky, so I temporarily asked them to stay under the bed," Yu Longting cleared a cobweb from atop my head, his face bright with a clear, good-looking smile.

I was almost mesmerized by his charm, not minding the dust on my face and lips, and kissed the corner of his lips, "Pulling me out like this, you are so persuasive, a flick of your silver tongue could sprout a Golden Lotus! You clearly did it on purpose, putting them under the bed with the Forbidden Woman's power in the hair, no ordinary method would release them."

"Burn it," Yu Longting said as he lifted me out and cuddled me warmly in his arms for a while before setting me down on a chair next to him.

I scowled, "They'll feel pain."

"Cut it with a sharp tool," Yu Longting drew a sword from his sleeve and handed it to me.

I wielded the somewhat heavy sword, cutting the hair off the two Gu Insects.

The two Gu Insects were unbound but still motionless.

Heartbroken, I touched them, breathing warm air on them, "Xiao Yuanyuan, Xiao Honghong, don't scare me, you're powerful Gu Insects, you can't just die like this, right?"

"Hiss... I'm freezing... so cold..." Xiao Honghong was the first to shiver back to consciousness.

Xiao Yuanyuan also gradually curled up and regained sensation, "Cold..."

Chapter 376: Woman, Good at Massage

So, I had been waiting until it was almost time for breakfast.

I rubbed my hands together to generate heat while holding two pitiful insects in my palm.

"Woman, your chicken-killing technique isn't bad." Xiao Honghong, enjoying the belly rubs I gave her, felt incredibly satisfied.

Xiao Yuanyuan rolled around, "I want some too."

Thus, my hands became busy.

Yu Longting's face turned as black as the bottom of a pot...

In the three days I stayed with the Lin family, I was supposed to be accompanying my mom.

However, she didn't spend much time at the Waterside Pavilion.

After the meal, she heard that Lin Huan allowed me to go to the Scripture Pavilion to read books.

She gave me a bamboo token.

Then, she left with Zhang Che.

I carried Xintang to the Scripture Pavilion to read books.

Yu Longting didn't follow and stayed at the Waterside Pavilion.

"Sister, cousin!!" Lin Hang ran into the Scripture Pavilion, excitedly pulled me out like he was showing off a treasure, "I'll show you something fun."

"What kind of fun thing? Do I have to go..." Feeling that nothing could be more interesting than the books stored by the Lin family, I hastily followed while clutching Xintang in my arms.

Previously, I only had the notes left by my dad, but now that I could read so many books on Geomantic Techniques, I realized how vast the world and universe were.

I used to be as insignificant as a grain of sand in the ocean, an ant in the world.

Now I could finally see the world beyond the well, and I had to seize the opportunity.

Lin Hang said, "You'll definitely be interested. The disciples guarding the Lin family's gate used a formation to capture a wild snake that foolishly tried to break into the Lin family. That really cracked me up. Tonight, I bet we'll have wild snake soup."

There were many formations and prohibitions set by the Lin family to protect the sect, representing the crystallization of countless generations of the family's efforts.

Had not the traitor Lin Qianshan deactivated them, they even set up the extremely cruel String Killer and Thousand Corpses Formation.

Lin Huan and others would never let a few wild foxes drive them to that extent.

"Aren't those formations only meant to capture demons? The captured one must be a snake demon, right? Considering it had cultivated into a demon, it should be quite intelligent..." I also found this curious, no wonder Lin Hang specifically ran to the Scripture Pavilion to drag me to see the excitement.

Lin Hang chatted excitedly, "It's just a dumb luck demon, silly and cute; it made everyone's stomach hurt from laughter."

Suddenly, his eyes brightened, "Snake Lord, are you also going to watch the spectacle?"

"What spectacle? I plan to go to the attic to see Qing Li again." After last night's incident, Yu Longting no longer hid his actions of going to the attic.

Lin Hang instantly felt disheartened, his expression becoming ambiguous, he glanced at Yu Longting a few times, and whispered mysteriously to me, "Cousin, the Snake Lord... he's going to meet his lover, and he even told you! Does he have the guts? Doesn't he need to kneel and wash clothes on a washboard?"

"Yes! Not only does he need to kneel and wash clothes, but he also needs to kneel on durians." I knew Yu Longting was probably looking for evidence, still I glared fiercely at him.

Yesterday's meeting with Qing Li nearly got me killed.

If he went to find Qing Li again, who knows what she might do?

Yu Longting pinched my cheek, "Not going anymore, I'll go next time. Wife is getting jealous, I'll go with you guys to watch the spectacle."

He's still planning to go next time!?

If he doesn't go this time but goes next time, what's the difference?

I felt sour again.

I felt like I was about to turn into a lemon.

I asked Lin Hang, "Since a snake demon dared to sneak into the Lin family, if we go now, will we still see it alive?"

"Not sure, let's try our luck. Even if it's been slaughtered, it definitely hasn't been cooked into a dish yet." Lin Hang slurped briefly then his face changed, quickly becoming excited again, "High-quality ingredients often only need the simplest cooking methods, it's time for Chef Lin to show off his skills."

I saw that Yu Longting wasn't particularly averse, guessing he didn't mind eating snake.

I glanced down at Xintang, who had round, large, terrified eyes and a slightly pale face, seemingly frightened, "Er, you really plan to eat snake meat, Xintang... you've scared him!"

Chapter 377: Why Is He So Green, All Green and Glowing

"Please, in nature, big snakes eat smaller snakes, and small snakes eat even smaller snakes. Our Xintang is at the top of the food chain. Eating a little snake is no big deal," Lin Hang, possessed by the spirit of a foodie, had eyes that gleamed like Ultraman's.

When they reached the spot for capturing snakes, there were quite a few people from the Lin family watching the excitement.

Everyone wanted to see what the snake that had the audacity to intrude on the Lin Family Sect looked like, the one with a bump on its head.

Luckily, I have a certain reputation in the Lin family, and the crowd made way for me as they saw me approaching.

In the midst of the people, on the green stone ground surrounded by the crowd, there was a green net, inside of which a medium-sized green python was coiled.

The python had several bright yellow Spirit Talismans stuck on it, sealing off its Spiritual Power and ability to move.

It hung its head listlessly, motionless.

"Uh, Yu Longting... why do I feel like this Green Snake looks somewhat familiar, as if I've seen it somewhere before?" I asked Yu Longting in a hushed voice from a distance.

Yu Longting's thin lips parted slightly and he said just three words, "Yu Rongling."

"Uh, it's a good thing we came over to take a look."

I wore an embarrassed expression on my face.

Yu Rongling must be having bad luck with Mercury in retrograde this year, why does he keep getting caught?

Lin Hang was a smooth talker, and he told the people of the Lin family that he would personally cook a full snake feast for everyone to enjoy a meal together.

So, Lin Hang easily tricked the snake into his hands.

Humming a tune and carrying the net, he walked with us toward the Waterside Pavilion, proudly saying, "Cousin, Cousin-in-Law!! The two of you are in for a treat today. The snake's skin can be served cold, its bones can be fried until crispy, part of the meat can be used to make soup, and the rest of the meat can be candied, steamed, stir-fried, sweet and sour..."

"Didn't you just promise everyone a share, and that's how you tricked them into giving you the snake?" I couldn't help but ask, curious.

By the looks of it, he was treating the whole snake as his personal meal.

Lin Hang waved his hand,

"Cousin, one must not be too honest. Those who were watching the excitement just now are actually pretty easy to fool. We can just eat our fill and give the leftovers to them for sharing."

I was speechless and looked to the sky.

To not be honest, did that mean I should become like him, a crafty and cunning swindler?

"But that 'Snake Brother' looks so pitiful, Brother Hang, couldn't you spare it?"

Lin Xintang reached out with her delicate little hand and tugged gently on Lin Hang's sleeve.

Lin Hang, unfazed, covered Xintang's eyes with his palm and imparted his skewed philosophies to Tangtang, "If you don't look at it, you won't feel pity. When it's cooked and fragrant, you'll just be drooling with 'heartache' from the corner of your mouth."

Lin Xintang nodded as though she understood, but really she might not have.

Lin Hang moved his hand away from her eyes, but she obediently kept them shut.

Inside the net, Yu Rongling looked at me and Yu Longting with tear-filled eyes, flicking his snake tongue out pitifully, "Hiss, hiss, hiss~"

Even though I couldn't understand snake language, I could still feel...

This kid really...

...is so pitiful, so aggrieved!

"Lin Hang, let me tell you the truth, this snake... he is Yu Longting's brother, Yu Rongling," I cautiously opened up to Lin Hang.

Lin Hang paused for a moment, looking into the net.

The scales flared up, and the fierce green python he was eyeing had an expression of disbelief, "This dull and dopey thing is... the Snake Lord's brother...??? The Snake Lord is white... why is he so green, so slick and green..."

"He mutated," Yu Longting said indifferently.

Chapter 378: You...made a wand?

Lin Hang might not believe what I say.

But Yu Longting's words are like a final verdict.

Lin Hang didn't want to believe but had to, "Definitely a mutation, especially in terms of intelligence. This Green Python obviously doesn't seem too bright."

If we were to let Yu Rongling out now, it would draw too much attention.

So we had to bring Yu Rongling back to the Waterside Pavilion first.

Once we reached the Waterside Pavilion, my mother's territory,

I found some scissors and cut open the net.

I removed the Spirit Talismans from Yu Rongling one by one, and he immediately turned into a human, bursting into tears and jumping into his brother's arms, "Brother, I was so scared. They bullied me, threw soybeans at me, stuck Spirit Talismans on me, and locked me in a net."

Yu Rongling, completely devoid of composure, cried with snot and tears, which he wiped all over Yu Longting's luxurious Cloud Brocade clothes.

Yu Longting stood there carefree, letting Yu Rongling make a scene.

This way he pampered his younger brother; it indeed showed his demeanor as an elder brother.

"Wow, Snake Brother turns into such a handsome human," Tangtang said, not put off by Yu Rongling's tearful behavior, but instead was excited to find him handsome.

When Yu Rongling heard the girl's sweet and soft voice, he stopped crying mid-way, his tearful eyes looking hazily back at Xintang, "You have good taste. Finally, someone thinks the young master is handsome. Little sister, are you also from the Snake Tribe?"

"I, too, am a snake with no legs." Tangtang had come to terms with her own appearance, smiling sweetly like a bunny. Her soft little hands gently probed the bruises on Yu Rongling's face caused by the soybeans, "It really hurts when a snake is hit with soybeans. Tangtang will blow on your boo-boo to make it better."

She leaned in and gently blew on Yu Rongling's wounds.

Yu Rongling looked as if he had been struck by some magical Art, his back stiffening, frozen like a statue while Xintang gently blew on his hurt areas.

His sharp snake-eyes shrank slightly, and for some reason, they began to soften.

"Snake Brother, you have to be strong. Even though you are useless now, in the future, you're going to be a top-notch expert," Lin Xintang said earnestly.

"Useless..." Yu Rongling's face darkened as he pointed at himself, "Am I useless now?"

Lin Hang nodded in agreement, "Obviously, you are."

"Who do you think you are, a little Taoist? Daring to call Snake Lord useless!" Yu Rongling lost his temper, and out of his sleeves, two snakes flew at Lin Hang in an attack, "I'm going to thrash you!"

Unconcerned about the attack, Lin Hang slowly pulled out his small Peach Wood Sword and casually waved it a couple of times, killing the two snakes, "Hey, I'm such a weak Exorcist, yet I can defeat you with just a flick of my finger. Aren't you useless?"

Yu Rongling's morale shattered as he sulked off to a corner to draw circles, "Even a little Taoist from the Lin Family can bully me now, whine whine whine."

Then, my mom and Zhang Che returned to the Waterside Pavilion.

Looks like they had been out for a walk and just got back.

Zhang Che, on high alert, quickly conjured Spirit Talismans, "There's Demon Qi."

"Uncle Zhang, he's one of us." I hurriedly stepped in to block him.

Zhang Che saw me stepping forward and promptly retracted the talismans, "Miss Wan, you're being too reckless. If I hadn't taken it back, you would have been hurt."

"My fault, my fault, I was too impulsive..." I quickly apologized, though in my heart, I didn't agree.

If I hadn't stepped forward to block it, Yu Rongling, who had just sustained a serious injury,

would have been hit again and been crippled for sure.

My mom recognized Yu Rongling, and she was so shocked she stammered, "Wanwan, isn't that... the Snake Lord's brother? How could he... appear in the Lin Family? Apart from Snake Lord himself, a powerful entity, normally members of the demon clans would certainly meet their doom should they intrude upon the Lin Family."

"I'm not very clear on the details myself, maybe a foolish snake has foolish luck? So... by luck, he survived?" The corners of my mouth twitched. If it weren't for Lin Hang's Eight Trigrams, Yu Rongling's fate would have almost certainly been a matter of life and death!

His luck really was quite good...

Yu Longting gestured with his fingers towards the corner, and Yu Rongling scurried over with quick, tiny steps to his brother's side. Yu Longting asked coldly, "What are you here for?"

Chapter 379 Mother's Call

"Bro, you and sister-in-law left me all alone in Spring Wind Town, and I was bored to death! Not allowed to eat people, not allowed to kill people, I could only count ants on the ground every day." Yu Rongling had an expression of extreme boredom from his time in Spring Wind Town, as if he was being suffocated, "I could only come to find you guys, but who knew the Lin Family... was so terrifying. I was just walking around the entrance and got sucked into a formation for capturing demons."

"You reckless child, you almost lost your life because you were bored, not giving anyone peace of mind." After hearing Yu Rongling's reason, I really wanted to smack him.

I thought this kid was getting more mature, but it turned out he was just as childish.

Yu Longting gave me a gentle smile, "Wife, don't worry, just saw off his legs, and he'll stay put."

"Bro, you're too scary, if you saw off my legs, won't I become disabled?"

Yu Rongling was scared peeless, his legs shaking, "And, I came to the Lin Family because I heard Mother's call."

"Mother's call? You... have been summoned??" Yu Longting looked at Yu Rongling with an evil glint in his eyes.

Yu Rongling sighed, "I... was just wandering around in City A, I didn't plan to enter the Lin Family, but I felt Mom calling me, and like I was possessed, I ended up at the Lin Family..."

There was a moment of collective silence.

Afterwards, Zhang Che said, "Miss Wan, you and the Snake Lord, along with the Snake Lord's brother, should leave the Lin Family."

"Because of Rongling?" I looked towards Zhang Che.

Zhang Che nodded, "Demons that trespass into the Lin Family are bound to die."

"This matter concerns the dignity of an Exorcist family. Without severe punishment, word will spread, and the Lin Family will have no standing in the entire Geomancy Realm." My mother continued the conversation.

"Is it that serious?" My heart skipped a beat, although it was me who had brought up leaving the Lin Family initially.

At this moment, a sense of reluctance began to burgeon in my heart.

Zhang Che continued, "It's fine if you don't leave now, but once people discover that the snake is Yu Rongling, the Lin Family will rise up to attack. With the Snake Lord's ability, if you're not afraid to break ties with the Lin Family, then you could take your brother and fight your way out."

"But my brother is afraid, my sister-in-law has Lin Family blood, after breaking ties, how can he marry my sister-in-law?"

Yu Rongling rambled with concern, ending with a tragic look, "Do I really have to bid the moon farewell? But I haven't done anything wrong!!"

"Alright, let's leave now." I made the decision almost instantly.

Nothing was more important than Yu Rongling's life, the choice was clear.

Tangtang's eyes flickered with hurt as she buried her little face completely in my arms.

Her small hand gently grasped my sleeve, her reluctance towards me evident.

My hand gently stroked the back of Tangtang's head and I kissed her little face.

My mom said, "Go upstairs and pack, I'll hold Tangtang for you."

"Okay, thank you, Mom. You... take care of yourself at the Lin Family, if you're not comfortable living there or if someone bullies you, you have to tell me." After I finished, I felt my words were unnecessary, Zhang Che would always stand in front of my mother.

I felt my disposition was too laid-back, not like a usual daughter.

Throughout my time at the Lin Family, I never once took the initiative to understand Zhang Che and my mom's past, nor did I know why Zhang Che was so protective of her.

Because I thought that was their own business as adults.

Thinking about it now, I always feel that what I've done is not enough.

"Alright, I will take care of myself, don't worry."

My mom tucked my slightly disheveled hair behind my ear, "The clothes in your room's closet, and the hairpins and earrings on the dressing table, take some with you. Some were prepared for you by me, some by your grandfather. After you go back, get along well with the Snake Lord, okay?"

Chapter 380: Flower Hairpin Made by Grandpa

"I know, I'll definitely be fine with Yu Longting, not giving you a single worry," I said with great confidence, exchanging a glance with Yu Longting before we both went back to the bedroom.

Inside the wardrobe, there were probably five or six pieces of clothing.

Aside from a Taoist robe from the Lin family, there were also several traditional outfits of elegant style.

I tend to dress simply, although there are quite a few clothes in the wardrobe.

But when going out, I just casually draped on the Taoist robe, covering the White Python cheongsam which would offend the people of the Lin family.

Now, hearing my mom mention that she and my grandfather had specially prepared clothes inside, and seeing these clothes, I was quite moved.

In the box on the dressing table, I had never opened it before.

The only thing I had used was a buffalo horn comb, which I drew out today to take a look.

Surprisingly, there were several pairs of elegant and exquisite hair ornaments inside, made of jade, gemstones, and gold...

I almost froze in shock when I saw them.

When I saw Lin Huan in Spring Wind Town before, he was just an old man staying in a rundown hotel, not looking wealthy at all.

It was only after coming to the Lin Family Sect that I realized how vast the Lin family was.

From the rosewood makeup box, I casually picked up a hairpin that I found most unique, which looked handmade, and I didn't take anything else.

"Mom, I took a hairpin, the others are too precious and don't suit me to wear, so I'll just leave them in the box for now. I'll use them when I'm old enough," I showed the hairpin to my mom after going downstairs.

My mom stared at the hairpin for a moment, then smiled, "Good choice with the flower, it was handcrafted by your grandfather, keep it with you always."

"Grandfather... made it..." My nose turned sour.

I thought of the proud look in my grandfather's eyes for me, his request to Lin Wanyan to help me, even though it humiliated him, and his agreement to bring Yu Rongling away in betrayal of him.

My heart felt like a bottle of mixed flavors had been upset, filled with mixed emotions.

In the end, I still let my grandfather down, but... it's okay...

One day, grandfather will know how great Yu Longting is, how well he treats me, so he will also treat the Lin family well.

He is Snake Lord, he's the Orthodox Sect.

There are no conflicts of interest with the Exorcist family.

In my mom's arms, Lin Xintang's big eyes were misty, "Sister, can Xintang see you off?"

"Mom, let Xintang come with me to the airport, then have Lin Hang bring her back, okay?" My heart melted as I gently stroked the tiny flower buns that Xintang's soft hair was tied into.

With two flower buns on her little head, they resembled two little steamed buns.

Add to that her own soft and adorable self, my heart melted.

How could I bear to see her upset?

Moreover, she was also born with a snake body, inherently different.

If she were separated from me, she'd be too helpless in the Lin family...

My mom helplessly said, "Can I refuse? You look gentle, but you never take anyone else's advice when you want to do something."

"Hehe... then I'll take Xintang with me for a while," I said guiltily, hugging Xintang tightly in my arms.

Feeling the cherished strength in my embrace, Xintang revealed a shallow dimple, wrapping her arms around my neck.

The sweet milky scent emanated from her body, permeating my nostrils.

A few hours later, at City A Airport.

Amidst the bustling crowd, Xintang and I finally parted.

The little girl cried pitifully, hard not to feel sorry for her.

"Leave Xintang to me, I'll take care of her from now on," Lin Hang actually looked as if he was relieved that I was finally leaving so he could properly look after Xintang.

I felt both relieved and worried, "You will take care of her? After Xintang came back, your father must have forgiven you, you're almost ready to head back to your own family, right?"