

A Snake 761

Chapter 761: Smiling So Cheesily

Ah... Rongling, how could you do this to me??" Liu Hongluan's eyes widened, unable to believe that Yu Rongling, who secretly adored her, could act this way.

With a raise of his hand, he pressed her back into her original form, tied her up with a bow, and threw her out!

Threw her out, indeed!!

The other Snake Ladies knelt trembling like chaff, "We really didn't disrespect the Lady of the Snake Lord, it was Sister Liu acting out on her own, and we were defending the Lady of the Snake Lord."

"Sister Liu? You seem to have a good relationship," Yu Longting smirked mischievously.

Chang Hao muttered, "It's over, when the Snake Lord smiles, it's never for anything good!"

So, is this how the people of the Snake Sect understand Yu Longting's smile?

But to me, his smile seems pure and transcendent, more graceful and attractive than a person in a painting; I thought when he smiled, he could charm a large number of the Snake Sect.

Little did I know it scared a large number of them; the Snake Ladies knocked their heads on the ground like pounding garlic, "It was Liu Hongluan, we were wrong to be incited and come here to disturb Madam."

"We are all loyal to Madam, we definitely don't have any second thoughts."

My heart really couldn't bear it; I took Yu Longting's hand and made him sit down in the chair, "They really helped me, and they defended me, too. How could your disciples dare to join others in bullying me, the wife of their Master?"

Yu Longting pulled me onto his lap and waved his hand dismissively.

The Snake Ladies, as if they had received a great pardon, scrambled to flee, "Thank you, Snake Lord, thank you Madam for your mercy~"

"Am I no longer needed?" Chang Hao laughed meaningfully.

Yu Longting poured tea and brought it to my lips, "Yes, a merit noted for you."

"Thank you, Snake Lord, thank you, Madam, Chang Hao will take his leave." With Yu Longting's promise, Chang Hao left joyfully.

I drank the water Yu Longting fed me, naturally not feeling anything amiss.

Only after drinking nearly half the cup did I belatedly blush.

Now, why don't I feel embarrassed or nervous about doing such intimate things?

And in front of so many people, no less.

Yu Rongling looked around for something, "Where's my Little Fairy? Sister-in-law... where have you hidden her?"

"What Little Fairy? Are you sleepwalking? There's no Little Fairy here," I felt that Yu Rongling must be up to his usual tricks, so I ridiculed him.

Yu Rongling rubbed his hands together, his smile overly ingratiating as he pleaded, "It's Xiao Shenshen, just let her out, please, sister-in-law."

"You're smiling so creepily, I always feel like it's nothing good." I thought to myself, with Yu Longting sitting here, Yu Rongling wouldn't dare be too mischievous, no matter what.

He probably wouldn't have the nerve to put Shenshen in a pot.

So, I touched the bracelet on my wrist and muttered softly,

"Shenshen."

The bracelet hit the ground and out rolled a charming and stunning young girl, "I'm here."

"My fairy, will you be my girlfriend?" Yu Rongling must have lost his mind, as he took out a handful of wildflowers from his sleeve and presented them to Xiao Shenshen.

Xiao Shenshen was startled, her eyes darting away.

As if she had seen something terrifying, she scurried behind me, shivering like a leaf, "These poisonous weeds, are they all highly toxic to ginseng? Are you trying to poison me?"

"Hmph, pretty lady, how could I bear to poison you? I like you, please accept my lovingly picked gift." Yu Rongling went down on one knee...

And knelt, indeed.

Xiao Shenshen's entire face went blank for a moment, then with disgust, she said, "I don't want it, it's ugly."

"Ugly? I ran across three mountains, carefully selecting and personally picking these flowers, how could they be ugly?" Yu Rongling was deeply hurt, his face darkening, "I command you to say they're beautiful! Accept it!"

"I don't want it," Xiao Shenshen staunchly refused.

Yu Rongling looked like a shattered porcelain, his face full of cracks...

He apparently never expected that he, Second Master Yu, would be rejected by a ginseng.

Yu Longting couldn't help but laugh out loud.

So cute, so tender.

If there weren't others around, I would probably find it hard to resist pinching his cheeks.

Knowing that snakes hold grudges, afraid that Second Master would become embarrassed and angry and retaliate against Shenshen later, I tried to smooth things over, "I quite like this bouquet of flowers. How about you give it to me instead?"

Chapter 762: If We Plan Slowly

"Sister-in-law, you like it? Then it's yours~" Yu Er was very loyal to me when he heard I wanted it.

Without thinking, he handed it over to my arms.

I sniffed the wild flowers, faintly and delicately fragrant.

Yu Er might seem silly, but he actually has quite an aesthetic sense.

These flowers are both beautiful and fragrant.

Having grown up in the dense mountain forests, he was surely familiar with these plants.

"Shenshen, this purple one is for you." I passed the most suitable purple daisy to Shenshen's hand.

Shenshen's bright eyes sparkled, "It's pretty."

She leaned in and pecked my cheek sweetly.

Yu Rongling clutched his heart, "When I give, it's ugly, but when sister-in-law gives, it's pretty? Is there no justice in the world?"

Yu Longting hissed and tightened his grip around my waist.

His face was terrifying, as if only he had the right to kiss his wife!!

Xiao Shenshen, intimidated by Yu Longting, shrank back in fear.

She retreated to the side of the cabinet, trembling as if her liver and gallbladder were cracked.

"Little Fairy, by accepting my flower, does that mean you've agreed to be my girlfriend?" Yu Rongling shamelessly ran over with a creepy smile, reaching out his hand to Xiao Shenshen.

To prevent any inappropriate advances, Xiao Shenshen kicked at Yu Rongling to keep him away, "Get lost, I won't be your girlfriend."

"I know girls, they always mean the opposite of what they say. Saying no means yes." Yu Rongling, not about to be kicked, instead caught Shenshen's foot.

Shenshen, unable to break free, immediately started crying, "Let me go, I hate you."

"Good, very good, you like me a lot." Yu Rongling puckered his lips, ready to kiss Shenshen.

I couldn't stand it anymore, "Yu Longting, aren't you going to do something? He's harassing a young girl!! It's disgustingly sleazy!"

Although this was very Yu Rongling, always getting what he can't have through force.

But it was certainly not a good way to win a girl's heart, and I wouldn't let Shenshen be taken advantage of by this disgusting snake under any unwilling circumstances!

In fact, I was still puzzled in my heart, Yu Rongling, who always wanted to pursue Shenshen but looked down on her, had bullied her many times.

Why suddenly did he want Shenshen to be his girlfriend?

Did something hit his head??

"Just because a girl doesn't like you, you force your way? It's shameful." Yu Longting conjured a talisman from his sleeve and slapped it on Yu Rongling's forehead.

With his lips still puckered, Yu Rongling fell forwards and landed outside the door, "Bro, didn't you also use force with sister-in-law... take the bow... you first..."

Seeing a flicker of darkness in Yu Longting's eyes, I quickly got up and closed the door.

I casually affixed a talisman to seal the door, keeping Yu Er's foolish words outside.

I turned around, smiled at Yu Longting, and said to Shenshen, "Shenshen, don't mind Yu Er, I'll protect you. Turn back into a bracelet, I need to speak with your young master for a moment."

"Okay~" Shenshen obediently turned back into a bracelet.

I sat next to Yu Longting, "Hey, Yu Longting, why did you force yourself on me back then?"

"Hatred... broke through reason." Yu Longting looked down, fiddling with my hand absentmindedly.

I acted as though I had just realized, "So, if a family has a daughter who wants to marry you, they should offend you first?"

"Starting to doubt now, whether I would be gentle with you? This is your filter of love for me, you can't help but see me in a better light," Yu Longting scooped me up onto the bed, his gaze complex and teasing,

As he slipped off my robe and toyed with the buttons of my cheongsam, like a cat teasing a mouse, "I have never been a gentleman, I claimed you the moment I wanted you. Of course, I regret it now, if I had taken it slowly... perhaps... I would have respected you more... I'm sorry, Wanwan... really... I'm sorry..."

Chapter 763: This is all voluntary

"Okay, stop apologizing now, I accept your apology."

I looked into those bewitching, affectionate eyes and still felt that Yu Longting would never force me. Was this really my filter for him?

No, it was living day by day with him, affirming and trusting in his serpent nature.

Maybe falling in love with Yu Longting was inevitable, but it wasn't some mystifying feeling of love.

It began with his looks and ended with his character.

Yu Longting was silent for a while, then whispered, "But I, myself, can never forgive myself."

"With your intelligence and looks, you really don't have to force anything, just seduce me a few more times... Mmm, I might just... fall head over heels." I stroked Yu Longting's earlobes over and over again, soothing his inner guilt, trying to change the subject, "The purification of the Demonic Blood of the Medicinal Snake has been going smoothly."

"Smoothly," Yu Longting said.

I held out my hand to him, giving him a "you know what I mean" look.

Yu Longting replied, "We can only do it one bottle at a time, thinking you'd be filial, I've sent Snake Express to the Lin Family. Wanwan, you wouldn't blame me, would you?"

"Of course not," I shook my head. "I can drink it tomorrow, can't I wait even one night?"

"Is that so? Wife, I'm just worried your little body... can't take it~"

The next day.

I woke up from a deep sleep, feeling like my body was falling apart.

I opened my mouth, my throat was so sore.

Last night, Yu Longting's energy was really excessive, and he was exceedingly vigorous.

No matter how much I begged for mercy, my throat went hoarse, he didn't slacken in the slightest.

"Hiss~ my shoulders are about to break." I rubbed my shoulders as a few Snake Attendants entered.

At a glance, they were the same ones who had caused trouble with Liu Hongluan yesterday.

Seeing me with a sore waist and aching back, two of them came over to give me a shoulder rub and a leg massage.

The other three went to prepare my toiletries and breakfast.

I felt somewhat embarrassed, "You know... don't do this, it makes me feel like some terrible feudal landlord. It's, what do you call it... a civilized society now..."

"Lady of the Snake Lord, you're mistaken, we do this voluntarily."

"We are happy to serve you~"

"So many sisters wanted to come, we fought hard to be here, you know?"

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I had a full head of black lines, were they not just trying to make up for yesterday's mistakes?

Otherwise, why would it still be them?

It seems all snakes have deceitful tongues!!

Faced with several pairs of earnest eyes, I truly couldn't resist, "Alright then, but don't tire yourselves out. If you want to play, just go on and don't bother asking me."

"Yes," the Snake Attendants chorused, their faces full of admiration for me.

After I freshened up, my hand felt itchy.

I scratched it a few times, then suddenly noticed Snake Scales growing on the back of my hand.

I frowned and immediately asked a Snake Attendant for help.

The Snake Attendant looked very nervous, "I'll go get the Snake Doctor to examine you."

Less than ten minutes passed.

The Snake Doctor came to diagnose me, "This is... akin to snakes shedding their scales, from the same origin. How did you, Madam, also get infected with the evil qi?"

"Is there a way to treat it?" I pondered from all angles but couldn't recall when I had been contaminated with evil qi.

The Demon-breaking Hairpin on my head was the nemesis of those evil qis.

Such evil couldn't even come near me, let alone make me sick...

The Snake Doctor shook his head, "The Snake Medicine for treatment is for snakes to consume, but you, Madam... are human..."

"Hmm, no worries, I have a way to treat it." I slapped my forehead, annoyed at myself.

How could I have forgotten about Xiao Shenshen?

I called Xiao Shenshen out and let her breathe on me a few times.

The itchy and painful Snake Scales growing on my hand quickly fell off, dropping to the ground.

Sighs of amazement came from the surrounding snakes.

At that moment, however, my eyes narrowed, recalling my hand had been gripped by Liu Hongluan.

Even though I quickly pulled away, back then, my focus was disgust.

I was somewhat off guard...

If there was a time when my hand could have been contaminated with evil qi, it was then.

Chang Hao was undoubtedly startled and came over to check on me, "Madam, how are you feeling? I blame myself for not protecting you thoroughly, your precious self also contracted the evil qi."

"Just a few Snake Scales grew on the back of my hand, but they have fallen off now. Could you please send someone to check on Liu Hongluan's condition?"

Chapter 764: Never Caught Madam's Eye

Compared to what I had experienced before, having a few snake scales grow on the back of my hand was really no longer anything significant.

At the moment, I am rather curious about the cause of these snake scales growing on the skin.

Chang Hao's complexion changed, his aged face wearing an expression of utmost secrecy, "Madam, please just give your orders, we would not dare to disobey."

Bowing respectfully to me, he sent a Snake Attendant to check on Liu Hongluan's condition.

"Why is Madam suddenly concerned about Liu Hongluan's condition? Could it be that Madam's illness is part of her scheming?" After a moment's hesitation, Chang Hao lowered his voice and asked me for the reason.

I concealed the complexity in my heart and reassured him gently, "I'm just checking on the situation, Grandpa Chang need not take it to heart."

Without evidence, I could not say too much, but I had a feeling that this matter was inextricably linked to Liu Hongluan.

Chang Hao nodded solemnly.

Before long, a giant red serpent was carried in.

Her fiery red snake body was originally very beautiful, with delicate, glossy scales and a soft, proportionate body.

But now her entire tail section's scales were raised, and she slapped the ground in pain with her snake tail, barely alive as she pleaded for help, "Save me... save me... it hurts... it itches..."

The Snake Attendant, carrying Liu Hongluan in, reported that she had contracted snake scale disease and had reverted to her original form.

What was more terrifying was that the evil energy she was afflicted with was heavier than other snakes, and the Snake Medicine prescribed specifically for her had no effect.

"Liu Hongluan, what kind of trouble have you caused to contract such a severe case of snake scale disease!" Chang Hao, seated in his chair, realized the gravity of the situation and stood up in alarm to press her for answers.

Liu Hongluan's deep red snake head rose, and her snake eyes looked towards me, "I don't know, I was suddenly... infected... the evil energy revealed my true form... Could it be Sister Wan... out of revenge against me... deliberately used Evil Arts to harm me...?"

"Silence! Madam is upright and virtuous; she would not engage in such filthy acts," Chang Hao sternly cut her off, narrowing his eyes and saying, "Besides, you, a minor character, have never caught the eye of Madam, why would she bother to do it herself? A mere command from her was enough!"

Liu Hongluan, in excruciating pain, was firmly choked off by Chang Hao.

In despair, she rolled on the ground even more intensely, "You... you are too biased, just because the Snake Lord likes her, you... turn right into wrong..."

I didn't care to waste my thoughts on arguing or defending myself; after pondering for a moment, I analyzed, "Evil energy is contagious, and Liu Hongluan's evil energy even more so, as even Snake Medicine can't cure it..."

The evil energy from Liu Hongluan was able to infect me, so it must be extraordinary.

With that in mind, I had Chang Hao send for a snake to check on her, and it turned out that my suspicions were confirmed.

Liu Hongluan harmed herself in the process of harming me, contracting an even more severe disease herself. It seemed she was directly headed for a severe decline.

"Are you saying..." Chang Hao's face went blank for a moment, then he turned in horror to those Snake Attendants who had touched Liu Hongluan, "Everyone who has come into contact with Liu Hongluan... could be infected?"

The Snake Attendants began to panic.

The air was filled with sharp intakes of breath and anxious murmurs.

But with Chang Hao in charge, no snakes dared to overreact.

I tapped my fingers lightly on the armrest a few times. This severe evil energy was such that I would hesitate to deploy Xiao Shenshen, risking infection to Shenshen as well, "In my room, there are many pomelo leaves that were freshly picked not long ago. Boil the pomelo leaves and let Liu Hongluan soak in them for now. As for others who have come into contact with Liu Hongluan..."

Although pomelo leaves are common and seemingly ubiquitous,

this world abides by the rule that one thing can subdue another, and in mutual restraint, the weak can overpower the strong.

The ability of pomelo leaves to dispel evil is very strong; some tomb robbers tarnished with Corpse Qi would add pomelo leaves to their baths to cleanse the miasma.

Moreover, compared to Corpse Qi, which is much weaker than evil energy, if Liu Hongluan were to soak in water plentiful with pomelo leaves, it would undoubtedly be a grueling ordeal for her.

"Madam~!!"

The Snake Attendants, hearing my pause midway, all looked at me anxiously, their fate possibly hanging on my very words.

Since this incident occurred in my domain, and I had a possible solution, there was no real need to always trouble Yu Longting.

I bowed my head, pinched my chin, and thought for a while before deciding, "I think using pomelo leaves, wiping the areas affected by the evil energy should do, and if it doesn't work, we can look for other solutions. Does that sound good?"

Chapter 765: There Must Be a Strategist

"Certainly, certainly, no problem,"

"Madam is well-informed and experienced; the method she proposed will surely be effective."

It must have been Yu Longting or Chang Hao who had brainwashed them; all the big and small snakes trusted me immensely.

Seeing that the room's pomelo leaves had been taken by Chang Hao's subordinates to boil bath water, I took the initiative and said, "Your bodies aren't suited for being near the pomelo tree, I'll go pick them. You guys wait here for a moment."

The hierarchical ranks within the Snake Sect were distinctly clear.

Initially, the Snake Attendants were extremely apprehensive and dared not let me pick the leaves for them.

I gave Chang Hao a look, and only after he spoke did he manage to soothe the uneasy crowd of snakes.

After a while, Xiao Shenshen and I brought over the pomelo leaves.

The refreshing fragrance of the pomelo leaves was pleasant to me, but not so much for the snakes.

One by one, they pinched their noses, their expressions filled with immense suffering as they rubbed it on their bodies.

"Let me help you rub it; your hands are all burned red." I noticed the pomelo leaves emitted an aura that repelled evil; when the Snake Attendants held them, it would scorch their skin.

I simply took the leaves and helped them wipe the areas contaminated by the malevolent aura, "There, the evil aura has been removed, now go find some water to wash off the pomelo scent quickly, or it will be very painful on your skin."

Indeed, the pomelo leaves were a tool to drive away evil spirits. The meticulously prepared Snake Medicine, which couldn't remove the evil aura, was cleansed away by a few wipes of the pomelo leaves.

Suddenly, the Snake Attendants knelt down en masse on the ground.

They all prostrated themselves in a grand gesture, kowtowing towards me.

I was utterly startled, "What are you doing?"

"Ahem~ They didn't expect that the Snake Lord's Madam... would be so amiable and approachable." Chang Hao coughed lightly and explained to me, "You'll get used to it."

So how tyrannical was Yu Longting's rule usually?

They had gotten used to being PUA-ed~

Yet just by treating their Snake Scales disease with pomelo leaves, they were this grateful.

I nodded, stood up, and helped them up one by one, "Alright, alright, are you all here to perform a tragedy? Go wash off, if you leave it on too long the pomelo leaves might affect your bodies as much as the Snake Scales disease..."

"Yes~ Madam~"

The Snake Attendants, probably pitying me for my difficulties in moving with a large belly, saw me coming to help them up and didn't dare continue kneeling.

All of them got up uniformly, and as they left, each of them was overjoyed, "This bout of contamination with evil aura was worth it, Madam personally used the pomelo leaves to treat our lesions."

"It's truly a huge gain; Madam is so gentle."

"Liu Hongluan really is terrible, by secretly harming Madam, she not only harmed others and herself but implicated us all..."

Meanwhile, the bath water was quickly ready.

Liu Hongluan, wearing gloves, was thrown by the Snake Attendants into it, screaming incessantly in the pomelo water.

I knew that for her to be cured this time, she would at least have to lose a layer of skin.

Unable to bear staying, I went outside.

Chang Hao followed me out, "She actually maliciously passed the evil aura to you, Madam, rest assured, the old servant will pry her mouth open and make her tell the truth."

"Yes, considering Liu Hongluan's actions, she must have a mastermind behind her." Lately, I've been increasingly lethargic, feeling weary after walking just a few steps, lazily leaning against a pillar in the outside corridor, "Before I came to the Snake Sect... such a messy situation should have been rare, right? It's my arrival that has burdened everyone."

"Madam's words are not correct, the Snake Lord brought you to the Snake Sect precisely to ensure your safety; it is just... we have let the Snake Lord down, failing to forge the Snake Sect into an impregnable fortress."

Chang Hao not only did not blame me but instead began to blame himself.

Suddenly, a pure white Jade Tablet flew in from the direction of the mountain gates.

It seemed the Jade Tablet carried some urgent matter, emitting a series of crisp, sullen warnings as the jade collided,

Chapter 766: The More You Speak, The Worse It Gets

Chang Hao deciphered the beautifully carved seal script on the Jade Tablet, "Madam, there's been a big incident."

"Ah? What happened?" Being utterly illiterate in small seal script, I could only shamelessly ask.

Chang Hao sighed, "It's complicated and can't be explained briefly. We need to summon the Snake Immortal who brought the news. If Madam listens in, she will gain a more direct understanding."

"Then hurry and have him come over," I said.

Immediately, Chang Hao urgently summoned a Snake Immortal named Liu Xianzhi.

Liu Xianzhi was a trusted aide of Chang Hao, perpetually mingling among the common folk.

Upon arrival, he reported on the situation in the village below.

It turned out that all the villagers near the Snake Sect had a firm belief in the Snake Immortal.

The temples they worshipped in were either the Snake Immortal Temple or the Nvwa Fuxi Temple, and each was very well-regarded.

These villagers had a close and harmonious relationship with the Snake Sect. However, recently, the villagers had contracted a strange illness.

Many of them inexplicably developed Snake Scales on their skin, and the scales kept multiplying.

As time went by, they would slowly cover the entire body.

All areas with the Long Snake Scale were both painful and itchy, the agony matching that of a serpent's Exploding Scale.

"It truly is an autumn of troubles," Chang Hao, anxious, furrowed his brows tightly, constantly tapping on the table.

Liu Xianzhi said, "Now the villagers are restless, spreading rumors that it's our sect using Evil Arts to harm them. If this continues, I fear conflicts and hostility will arise."

"A bunch of superficial fools. Our Snake Sect has been established here for thousands of years, caring for them in times of illness and disaster. A bit of trouble, and they're suspicious of us?" sneered Chang Hao, full of disdain.

Liu Xianzhi was at a loss, "Since ancient times, there is a saying about the fickleness of human hearts. Humans are not the kind to know gratitude. When something happens, they turn their backs on you the fastest..."

Uh... but it seems... I am human, after all.

Saying this in front of me always felt odd.

"Hmm, well... among humans, there are good and bad, just as... there are good and bad among snakes! One must not tar everyone with the same brush!" cleared his throat Chang Hao, finally realizing.

That their Lady of the Snake Lord, me, was also a human.

Liu Xianzhi, realizing belatedly, twitched his mouth awkwardly and gave me an embarrassed smile, "Madam, I didn't mean you. I was talking about... those villagers who turn their backs faster than flipping a book..."

"Xianzhi, it's better if you don't speak. You're just making things worse," probably sensing Liu Xianzhi's strained explanation, Chang Hao whispered through clenched teeth, giving an embarrassed reminder to Liu Xianzhi.

I sighed in my heart, scratching my head and saying, "I think the most urgent task is to find the source of the villagers' illness and resolve the misunderstandings among everyone. Everything else is less important."

"Madam is truly magnanimous." Liu Xianzhi slapped a flattering compliment and pondered aloud, "That... ah... could Madam help with something?"

I looked at Liu Xianzhi's fawning demeanor, confusedly asked, "Help with what? If I can help, I certainly will!"

What kind of help could the Snake Tribe be unable to handle on their own that they'd need someone like me, who stepped into the world of Mysterious Art halfway, and was visiting the Snake Sect for the first time, to assist?

"Hehe, could you represent the Snake Sect to meet with my Disciples of the Horse Immortal?" Liu Xianzhi asked, rubbing his hands together.

This Liu Xianzhi had a soft and handsome appearance, though not nearly as good-looking as one in ten thousand of Yu Longting.

If placed in a modern male idol group, he would certainly be a hot commodity!

I thought I had misheard, "What?"

Disciples of the Horse Immortal are a common sight in the north.

Under the Snake Sect Gate, there are many Snake Immortals who take on villagers as Disciples of the Horse Immortal.

They generally rely on being possessed by a spirit to go out and handle affairs.

They help people tell fortunes and avert disasters, which is considered a very positive profession within the Mystic Sect...

Those people were disciples of Liu Xianzhi, accompanying him day and night.

As thick as thieves, their relationship should be extremely close. Isn't there anything that can't be discussed between master and disciple?

"My disciple is the most prestigious among the Disciples of the Horse Immortal and represents the villagers below the mountain and all of the Disciples of the Horse Immortal... who are coming! The Snake Lord has specifically ordered not to be disturbed today, so... hehe...~" Liu Xianzhi's laugh became increasingly sycophantic, a face that pleaded for assistance with something serious.

I still didn't quite understand why Liu Xianzhi wanted me to go, pointing to myself and asked, "Meet him, me? Is that appropriate? Even if Yu Longting is not available, it should be Grandpa Chang meeting him."

"You and he are both human; I believe it's most fitting for you to meet him, and it would be more convenient to communicate," Chang Hao said very sincerely, "Of course, if Madam is unwilling, we would never force you."

Chapter 767 Qiu Yuchuan

These two!

One singing and the other harmonizing, they were like a duo performing a comic dialogue.

I naturally did not wish to see the conflict between the villagers at the foot of the mountain and the Snake Sect intensify, so I nodded considerably, "No pressure, no pressure! Lead the way, I will go and talk to the disciples of Liu Xianzhi."

I had been worried that the great masters of the Snake Sect would not approve of me or my being together with Yu Longting.

But to my surprise, everyone was very respectful and treated me as the true Lady of the Snake Lord.

How could I let them down?

So as not to frighten the Possession Immortal Disciple with my appearance, I specifically requested a White Gauze to cover my face.

Shenshen transformed into a bracelet and stayed by my side.

In the dim temple hall, the ancient wooden doors with hollowed-out carvings were tightly shut.

Liu Xianzhi and Chang Hao bent over to open the door for me, "Madam, please, we will wait outside for you. Given the current tension between the Snake Sect and the people, it's inconvenient for us to appear."

"Yes, alright." I stepped over the threshold and walked inside.

The room was extremely spacious, at least five or six hundred square meters.

At the very top there was an especially large chair covered in pure white snake skin.

Below the steps, a young man dressed in a cyan-blue robe was waiting.

Upon hearing activity, the young man turned his head, "You... you are the Lady of the Snake Lord? A human?"

"Yes, my name is Su Wan, just call me by my name." I held my waist, the problem of not being able to stand for long flared up again.

Too lazy to climb up high, I sat in the chair covered with white snake skin.

I casually found a chair opposite the young man and sat down, "You may sit, too."

Having heard he was one of the most reputable disciples from the Possession Immortal, I had imagined someone from a supernatural fantasy, perhaps an old lady with orange-peel skin; surprisingly, it was a young man with a fair complexion.

The young man seemed somewhat unaccustomed, pursed his lips, and sat down opposite me.

After a little while, he introduced himself with a slightly strained tone, "My name is Qiu Yuchuan. I am a disciple under Liu Xianzhi from the Possession Immortal. Are you . . . really human? Did the Snake Lord truly marry a human for a wife?"

"A genuine human," I replied confidently, my gaze sincere as I looked into Qiu Yuchuan's eyes.

Qiu Yuchuan and I looked at each other, seeming to believe me mostly because both of us were humans, he diminished his guard against me with a slight sense of lamentation, "Who would have thought the Snake Lord could disregard the racial bitterness. Madam must have heard about the situation down the mountain. The cause of the Snake Scales disease is unknown, and many people are affected. Many disciples of Horse Immortal have treated it, but the disease recurs, and upon recurrence, it intensifies."

"Because the growths are snake scales, everyone suspects, did the Snake Immortal do this? Even you, as a disciple of the Snake Immortal, harbour doubts?"

After I heard him, I slowly frowned and said in a low voice, "If you did not doubt, you wouldn't have come here to negotiate with the Snake Sect. In your mind, the blame has already been placed on the Snake Sect."

Qiu Yuchuan's eyes became guarded, "I came to negotiate, still hoping that there's room to maneuver. Once everyone starts desecrating the Snake Immortal Temple and the Empress Temple, disrespecting the gods, that's when things truly get out of hand. Our suspicions are not without basis, not just because of the snake scales, but also, some pregnant women... gave birth to clusters of little snakes, and some people's... tongues forked, turning into snake tongues, unable to speak anymore."

"What?" I stood up abruptly, looking into Qiu Yuchuan's suspicious eyes, he was probably half-doubtful.

Half thinking I was putting on an act, and half trusting in his loyalty to the Horse Immortal, he did not immediately blame everything on the Snake Sect.

Having understood this, I slowly sat down, "Everything has a cause, procedure, and result. Is there a possibility that we could directly verify that the source causing the illness is not the Snake Sect, but the Earth Veins contaminated by evil spirits?"

Chapter 768: Walking Disaster

"Earth Vein... Evil Qi... causes sickness?" Qiu Yuchuan repeated my words.

I nodded in affirmation.

This seemed to have taken Qiu Yuchuan by surprise. He rose and paced a few steps, "Do you know that the Earth Veins near Snake Mountain are penetrated by the Nine Great Dragon Veins and are the least likely places to harbor filth?"

"Someone has tampered with the Earth Veins and disrupted the original Feng Shui." My learning of Mysterious Art was primarily in making clothes, I don't know much about Feng Shui.

However, I still know the basics well enough, just like the Earth Veins being tampered with.

The disruption of an originally auspicious site might lead to its invasion by evil Qi.

Qiu Yuchuan probably assumed that there was an issue with the Snake Sect and confronted them without a thorough investigation.

Indeed, Qiu Yuchuan looked at me with an expression that seemed to see through my attempt to exonerate the Snake Sect, he questioned, "In this world, mountains and stars cannot be moved, just as celestial phenomena cannot be altered. Can the geomancy of mountains and rivers really be changed so easily?"

"There are always greater powers beyond our knowledge; changing the mountains and Earth Veins is not impossible, it's just beyond your understanding." I was earnest in resolving the misunderstanding between the commoners at the mountain's base and the Snake Sect and responded calmly.

Qiu Yuchuan's eyes flickered as if somewhat persuaded by me but his expression became even more solemn, "To do this, it must take an expert of considerable rank. What is the point of troubling us, the commoners, like this?"

"I don't know, just relax, the Snake Sect will help in investigating, and things will eventually be resolved." Although I knew a bit about Feng Shui, it was enough to convince Qiu Yuchuan.

But now, my role is akin to a communicative envoy, primarily tasked with soothing Qiu Yuchuan, the representative chosen from the disciples of the Horse Immortal to negotiate up the mountain.

While on the way here, Chang Hao told me that Qiu Yuchuan had significant respect among the disciples of Horse Immortal, young though he was, but he belongs to an old generation of the lineage.

He was, in effect, the undisputed leader of this expedition.

A call to arms from him would see many followers.

They communicated with the Snake Sect through Qiu Yuchuan for any matters.

Being the leader, Qiu Yuchuan was undoubtedly sharp.

The haziness I had seen in his eyes before he gave me several scrutinizing looks, "Perhaps this matter is unrelated to the Snake Sect, and we were too brash in our misunderstanding, but the commoners down the mountain cannot wait, with their flesh and blood they might not withstand even a day or half; please Madam, do not stonewall me."

Stonewall?

This man accused me of stonewalling?

Alright, indeed, I was primarily here to engage and pacify Qiu Yuchuan.

In my heart, I never placed myself too highly within the Snake Sect.

Difficult decisions I dare not make hastily, but it seems the mountain's commoners are implicated because of me, and somehow I always felt this evil Qi from the Earth Veins was targeting me...

Yu Longting wanted to protect me, which is why he brought me to the Snake Sect to await childbirth, but as soon as I arrived... Oh dear...

Could I truly be a walking disaster, naturally jinxed?

I sighed internally and asked, "Then what do you suggest I do?"

"I see, Madam, wearing the Lin Family's Demon-Breaking Hairpin and dressed in the Su Family's Yin Yang Life and Death Embroidery." Qiu Yuchuan's gaze was intense, piercing with insight, "The rumors must be true, Madam indeed is the heir of a Mysterious Gate noble family, your earlier words showed deep understanding of geomantic techniques, can you.. accompany me down the mountain... to save the commoners who worship the Snake Immortal?"

"This..." I was momentarily lost for words; Qiu Yuchuan seemed young and not much older than me.

His words were precise and flattering.

Phrasing it as saving the dawn's commoners puts me in a spot—if I refused, it would seem I was refusing to help those in need.

But with my limited knowledge, I worried I might make matters worse.

Chang Hao had been eavesdropping for a while and at this moment, hurried in, furious and glaring, "Preposterous! How dare you!! Our Lady of the Snake Lord is dignified and pregnant, yet you expect her to leave the sect and struggle down the mountain alongside you, healing people? How outrageous! You are merely a disciple of the Snake Immortal, without any real skill, relying solely on the spirit possession of the Snake Immortal to have your abilities; yet now you overstep your bounds with such ingratitude—"

Chapter 769 Not being tricked into going down the mountain

"Cough, cough, cough, Yuchuan, what Master Chang Hao is saying is, who do you think you are? How dare you make such demands of the Lady of the Snake Lord! It's outrageously bold!!"

Liu Xianzhi coughed in succession, seemingly chastising but actually giving his disciple Qiu Yuchuan a way to step down with grace, "Haven't you descended the mountain quickly? The Madam has agreed to help you investigate, what more do you want?"

Qiu Yuchuan wanted to argue something.

But upon receiving a meaningful glance from Liu Xianzhi, which nearly made his eyelids twitch, he no longer insisted on my descent from the mountain, "Then... can the Snake Sect give me a deadline?"

However, I was calculating in the depths of my heart. I had always been thinking that someone was trying to harm me and the Snake Sect in secret with evil energy.

But at this moment, I suddenly realized that this method was too superficial.

To truly harm me was almost impossible.

Could it be that they wanted to trick me into leaving the Snake Sect so they could strike at me from the outside!!

"Within three days, the Snake Sect shall give you a satisfactory response," Chang Hao said with a clear and icy gaze, compromising coldly.

After thinking for a while, Yuchuan weighed the pros and cons and still felt it was inappropriate, "Three days... That's too long, this is a matter of life and death."

"Hey, kid, you only dare to be so aggressive at our Snake Sect because we're too lenient with you, which has spoiled you into not knowing your own weight."

This roguish and punchable voice could only belong to Yu Rongling.

His Snake Scales ailment was cured, and without the torment of illness, his howls now turned into a return of his bully-like strength, swaggering through the sect.

Yu Rongling's elder brother Yu Longting, with his tall and firm stature, stepped in coolly on long legs.

The entire desolate and sinister room suddenly felt oppressive.

Though he was just over one meter eighty in height, he gave off the feeling of a ten-meter high wall, looming over everyone present.

Yuchuan was stunned into silence for a few seconds.

After glancing at the majestic and unapproachable Yu Longting, he immediately lowered his head, not daring to look anymore, "The Snake Sect is the orthodox branch of Jie Sect, under the leadership of the Snake Lord, it has always embraced all rivers and protected all beings. It's for this reason that we need to rely on the Snake Sect, so I humbly ask... for the Snake Lord's mercy."

Tsk tsk~ such flattery, even I am no match for it.

The young brother has potential, with good looks and a mouth full of righteousness and morality that he praises oh so well.

I'm Yu Longting, and I would feel embarrassed to refuse this~

Admiring him in my heart and somewhat surprised, I approached Yu Longting, "Didn't you say you didn't want anyone to disturb you? Why did you come here?"

"I told them not to bother me about anything other than your matters. Chang Hao is way too bold, letting you handle negotiations with the Snake Sect and planning to keep it from me." Yu Longting glanced sideways at Yuchuan and Chang Hao while he spoke, his gaze now deeply focused on me, "Luckily, I came. Otherwise, someone might have tricked you into going down the mountain."

"Did you come over after hearing that I... had been summoned to meet a guest?" I've been cherished by Yu Longting's care so many times that it was almost like being held in the palm of his hand.

But the fact that he came here especially for me meant a great deal to me.

Yu Longting coiled a strand of my hair around his finger, "Do you want to go down the mountain? If you want to, I'll accompany you; if not, I'll send him away."

Yuchuan stood there with a full head of black lines, as from the moment Yu Longting entered, his eyes had only me and he hadn't paid him any attention at all.

Whether or not to descend the mountain to help was entirely up to me.

He probably felt like cursing Yu Longting on the spot as a lecherous emperor lost in the pleasures of the flesh...

"Yu Longting, wait a moment, will you?" I turned towards Chang Hao, Yuchuan, and Liu Xianzhi, speaking warmly, "I apologize to the three of you, I have some thoughts that I'd like to discuss with the Snake Lord privately."

Seeing my politeness, all three showed a somewhat astonished expression.

They paused, then each expressed that they didn't mind.

Yu Longting led me to the inner hall behind us, "Wanwan, come with me."

The thick-skinned Yu Er squeezed his way in with his big head, "I'm not an outsider, let me listen in on what whispers you two have~"

"When you have a wife someday, I'll also eavesdrop on your intimate conversations and see if you can tolerate it."

I rolled my eyes at Yu Er and looked to Yu Longting,

Chapter 770: Touching Hands

I gently tugged at Yu Longting's sleeve, expressing my dependency, "I'm now pretty sure I've been infected by the Earth Pulse Evil Qi. For snakes, it manifests as Exploding Scale, and in humans, it presents as Long Snake Scale."

"So, are these two the same illness?" Yu Longting, who was actually quite easy to appease, had the slight displeasure hidden from me, representing the Snake Sect in meeting with Qiu Yuchuan, quickly disappearing from his face.

I slid my hand inside Yu Longting's sleeve and pinched his icy, jade-like large palm, "Both diseases originate from changes in the geomantic layout. Although I don't understand geomancy, I suspect that superficial treatments won't be effective."

Knowing Yu Longting as I do, he surely had sensed everything already, and now was just a moment for sharing thoughts with him.

"We need to handle it through the Geomantic Earth Veins to treat both symptoms and causes." Yu Longting's lips curved a smile, seemingly very pleased with the speed of my brainstorming on this matter, "It's okay if you don't know how, hubby does."

"That's wonderful. Also, I think... the cause of this is too suspicious, like it's some kind of trap set by someone." While speaking, my antics inside his sleeve became even more exaggerated. How had I never noticed before how pleasant Yu Longting's hands were to touch?

If I were looking in a mirror right now, would my eyes be gleaming to the point of...

Looking particularly sleazy??

Yu Longting pursed his lips, his gaze on me partly amused and partly serious, "Someone probably wants to lure you down the mountain, knowing you very well, thinking... you like to meddle in affairs. This geomantic alteration, though, looks like Meishan Mountain Witchcraft."

"Uh... like to meddle in affairs?" Three dark lines appeared above my head.

Before Yu Longting pointed it out, I always thought of myself as a peacekeeper. If it weren't for being approached forcefully, I wouldn't have rushed to get involved...

Immediately following, Yu Longting's next comment made my heart sink, "Yes, it's a pity not to work in the neighborhood committee."

"..." I was speechless, vigorously kneading Yu Longting's cold and slender hand.

The dark light in Yu Longting's eyes grew brighter, and he lifted his hand.

Two talismans affixed to Yu Rongling's forehead, and Yu Rongling opened his mouth to call out soundlessly.

Looking at his lips, he seemed to be saying.

My eyes, my ears!! Bro, why are you sealing my senses!!

Yu Longting, with his hands on my waist, lustfully yet restrainedly pushed me against the wall, harshly tearing off the veil on my face, and then gently kissed my lips, "What am I to do? You touching my hand gives me sensations, wife... you're too good at bullying people, seducing me and teasing me~"

"Touching hands gives sensations?" It was the first time I had heard of such a wondrous thing. Could this be too sensitive?

Yu Longting glanced at me sideways, his brows slightly knitting together, somewhat unwilling, "You don't feel it?"

"Apparently... not." I shook my head. How unsatisfied must I be to start thinking about those things just from touching hands!

Yu Longting sighed deeply and continued to kiss my lips, gradually moving down to bite my neck and shoulders, "Damn, Su Wan, you don't love me enough, I... I've been tormented by you... nearly ruined."

"Sorry, I shouldn't randomly seduce you. But to say I don't love you, that's too unjust~ You already know how I feel about you, don't you? How about... we go down the mountain first to see, and when we come

back, I'll let you do whatever you desire... how does that sound?" Although I felt somewhat ashamed, he was the only one for me in this lifetime, and I was gradually getting more comfortable with being close to him, my romantic talk flowing easily whenever I tried to smooth things over with him.

My heart skipped a beat, feeling increasingly nervous.

Fearing that he might think I'm not serious enough, or too forward.

Yu Longting's muscular, well-defined chest pressed against me, his chin resting on my shoulder, "