

A Snake 771

Chapter 771 I've thought of a poem, can you guess which one it is?

"Knowing that someone is trying to trick you into leaving the mountain, you still want to leave the sect? Wanwan... hehe... my wife, I'm finding it harder and harder to understand what's going on in that little head of yours."

Yu Longting's chuckle was bittersweet, magnetic and husky, like a well-aged wine.

My ears were burning, filled with his warm breath, "Didn't you say that if I wanted to go down the mountain, you would accompany me? I heard... I heard from Qiu Yuchuan that even pregnant women have contracted Snake Scales Disease."

"Can't bear the thought of our unborn child suffering?" Yu Longting bluntly asked me, unlike his usual reactions, as if he could understand my feelings.

I threaded my fingers through his hair, murmuring a soft confirmation, "Yes."

"Alright, I'll accompany you. Wanwan, can I have a kiss? I really wish there would be a day when I can do nothing but stay by your side."

"Uhh, Yu Longting, I thought of a poem, can you guess which one?"

"Testing me? I've lived long enough to know a bit about poetry. My wife, are you trying to say that we are, 'So busy with pleasure there's no time to rest, endlessly from play to play and jest to jest'? Or perhaps... 'The spring night is brief and dawn comes fast, henceforth the king will no more hold morning court'?"

"Haha, you really do have a thick skin to recite that with such ease."

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Some time passed, and I adjusted my slightly disheveled clothes, putting back on the veil that hid my ugly face.

I walked out with Yu Longting, "Did we forget about Yu Er? His five senses are still sealed!"

"Yes, he's really inconspicuous," said Yu Longting as the charm on his younger brother's forehead finally fell off with a flick of his robe.

Spinning around on the spot to get accustomed to the return of his senses, Yu Er caught up to us, indignantly accusing, "Did you two purposely seal my senses because you were up to something sneaky? In the broad light of day, did you spare any thought for the feelings of a single dog like me?"

This soul-wrenching grievance from Yu Rongling was loud enough to almost lift the roof off.

The three people in the front hall heard every word of it.

The muscles in their cheeks couldn't help but twitch...

"Rongling, why do I hear that you've taken a liking to someone?" Yu Longting's casual comment immediately turned the ever-cheerful Yu Erha red and quiet.

Yu Er looked guilty, staring at my bracelet, or rather the charm on it.

It seems that... that Snake Kid has... truly developed feelings for Shenshen...

Hehe, that's quite... special...

Yu Longting and I are already crossing species, is Yu Er planning... to be with a plant of all things?

Besides, Xiao Shenshen is so pure-natured that even after thousands of years, she is still childlike in heart, likely to remain wooden and unresponsive to true affection all her life.

I was embarrassed in front of everyone by Yu Er's trap, itching to get back at him.

Faced with all three of them, I could only go ahead with a 'damn the torpedoes' attitude, pretending as if nothing had happened, "The Snake Lord and I have discussed it, we're going down the mountain to take a look now, but we can't guarantee that we'll solve it today. We plan to visit the homes of the pregnant women who are infected first..."

"No problem at all, we should definitely prioritize those who are pregnant first. The Snake Lord and the Lady of the Snake Lord are a wise and virtuous couple, truly magnanimous." Qiu Yuchuan, with his high emotional intelligence, immediately smoothed things over with flattery, as if he hadn't heard Yu Rongling's harsh words.

Liu Xianzhi clearly breathed a sigh of relief; after all, he was part of the Snake Sect and also the Possession Immortal for Qiu Yuchuan.

If there were any hard feelings between them, he would be like a mouse in a bellows, aggrieved on both sides.

Aside from Chang Hao needing to stay behind at the sect.

A few of us began to journey down the mountain together.

On the mountain path.

Liu Xianzhi said, "I'll possess Yuchuan's body, sharing it will make it easier for us to act."

Yu Longting nodded in agreement.

Qiu Yuchuan placed a black jade bead into his mouth.

Liu Xianzhi, with graceful and light steps, approached Qiu Yuchuan, and the two merged into one.

From Qiu Yuchuan's neck sprouted snake scales, and gradually, his handsome face transformed into the head of a Green Snake.

This was the first time I had seen a possession take place right before my eyes, with instant changes.

After Su Xiaomin turned into a fox head—becoming the source of most of my nightmares—seeing the snake head now, I actually found it quite adorable~

It's true... once you've fallen for someone... you really begin to love everything about them...

Snakes are not inherently cuter than those round and fluffy creatures, but somehow, I couldn't help but find everything about him pleasing to the eye.

Seeing me in a daze, Qiu Yuchuan grew a bit worried, "Madam, did I frighten you? Xianzhi and I are of one mind; when he possesses me, the transformation is quite significant."

Chapter 772: Who Are You Two?

"No, no, don't worry about it," I waved my hands dismissively, retracting my curious gaze.

Yu Rongling kicked a small stone on the ground, "What an idiot. If my sister-in-law was afraid of snakes, would she have married my brother?"

"Seems like she's just like me, quite fond of snakes," Qiu Yuchuan scratched the snake scales on top of his head, saying shyly.

Most people are afraid and wary of snakes; it's rare to encounter someone who likes them.

A smile spread unconsciously across my face.

The voice of Qiu Yuchuan turned into that of Liu Xianzhi, who curiously asked me, "Madam, why do you always wear a veil?"

"My brother is right there, and you're prying into this; aren't you asking for trouble?" Yu Rongling said with schadenfreude, eager to see someone else's misfortune.

Qiu Yuchuan's knees were shaking, as if he was about to kneel at any moment, "I was just making conversation, it's not... that serious, right?"

Clearly, Liu Xianzhi was frightened by the dumbass's threat, and quite badly at that.

"Of course, it's not that serious, there's really nothing—just too ugly to meet people," I said with a smile, having long ceased to care about the change in my appearance.

Yet Liu Xianzhi thought I was being overly modest, "Madam is being too humble. In the Snake Tribe, those who have seen you all praise you as a peerless beauty."

"One must assume that you're so beautiful, you have no choice but to cover up," Qiu Yuchuan said, believing he was making a sensible comment.

It seemed this teacher-student duo was determined not to believe I was an ugly monster.

I chuckled dryly, no longer bothering to explain.

The two from the Ten Thousand Poison Hall also didn't believe it until they saw my face and almost threw up on the spot.

It just shows how terrifying the destructive power of this ugly face can be...

Not far from the foot of the mountain lay a village called Tengshu.

At the entrance of the village hung five dark coffins, suspended by a net made of red ropes.

The net-like red ropes were special Evil-Breaking Seal Forming cords, and the lids of the coffins were all weighed down with fifth-rank Corpse-Suppressing Coins, the highest level for restraining corpses.

The ground was scattered with white joss paper, which flapped and fluttered to my feet with the wind.

Immediately after, one after another, the white joss paper swirled towards me.

It was as if there was something special about me that attracted the unseen malevolent spirits.

Yu Longting's face brimmed with killing intent, descending like a wrathful deity reincarnated, instantly stepping in front of me and crushing the pale joss paper beneath his foot.

With him in front of me, the joss papers did not dare come any closer, even by half an inch.

"It's okay, these things can't hurt me, and besides..." I paused, pondering for a moment, "They may not necessarily want to harm me; maybe they just want to seek me out to tell their grievances."

"If they have grievances, they should come to me, not harass you. That won't do," Yu Longting wasn't joking at all, his eyes flashing with a cold killing intent that made all forms of life instinctively back away.

He really is... a terrifying... guy~

I was filled with a sense of security deep inside, and I cleared my throat, "You're so intimidating, who would dare seek you out."

"Cough cough cough cough cough~" Behind one of the coffins a fit of violent coughing sounded, and a cold-faced, thin middle-aged man was whittling a wooden spike with a Hunting Knife as he stood up from a long bench behind the coffin.

There were too many coffins hanging nearby, all of them dark and gloomy, easily obscuring such a skinny figure dressed in black trousers and shirt.

The man's cold gaze swept over me and Yu Longting, singling us out as he asked, "Who are the two of you?"

"I'm Liu Xianzhi, Uncle! I treated your cough last month, remember? I prescribed you a bottle of Fritillaria and Loquat syrup," Liu Xianzhi's voice was smooth as jade, as he gracefully walked up to the man, elegant and poised.

"Quack doctor, what lousy medicine you prescribed, my cough has gotten worse," the middle-aged man complained, causing Liu Xianzhi's face to turn red with embarrassment. Then he turned to me and Yu Longting, "I was asking you two, who are you?"

Chapter 773: Caught in a Huge Crisis

"Snake Lord Yu Longting, this is my wife, Su Wan." With Yu Longting's haughty personality, he wouldn't normally answer so seriously unless it involved someone sufficiently significant.

My eyelid twitched, feeling that something was amiss, "May I ask who you are...?"

"The two of you carry the scent of my daughter, especially you." The middle-aged man stared intently at Yu Longting, his eyes sharp as a hawk's, as if he could peel away our skins and delve deep into mine and Yu Longting's souls.

What... does... having his daughter's scent... mean...

Who is his daughter anyway?

And who exactly is this person?

I fell into a great crisis, my nervousness numbing my entire body, my face as stiff as a puppet's.

Yu Rongling leaned over and quietly asked Yu Longting, "Brother, did you cheat? In your entire life, you have forbidden any female to come near you except sister-in-law. How come there's another woman's scent on you?"

"Who is your daughter? What's her last name, her full name? If you don't clarify, my family might misunderstand, and I might have to kneel on a washboard tonight." Yu Longting raised an eyebrow, his tone partly serious, partly self-mocking.

No sign of anything unusual, just a man fearful of his wife.

The deep doubt in the middle-aged man's dark grey eyes faded slightly, "I might have been mistaken, my daughter... has been missing for a while, but she often stays away from home, I'm used to it, you just resemble the type my daughter likes."

"Oh? Wife, did you hear that? I didn't flirt with anyone." Yu Longting wrapped his arm around my waist, jestingly pledging his loyalty.

My heart was about to stop beating, I managed a forced smile, "Heard it, haha, let's enter the village."

We shouldn't stay here long, let's hurry away!!

In front of this seemingly ordinary middle-aged man who might be suffering from a cough.

Every additional second here made me feel the prickle of needles on my back.

"Okay." Yu Longting responded.

The middle-aged man looked up with his hazy gaze, "Wait."

"What is it?" Yu Longting frowned, his cold gaze filled with tension.

But I knew he must be pretending to be brash, using it to dispel the middle-aged man's internal doubts.

This man had been testing us ever since he first saw us.

And my mental fortitude isn't the best, I felt completely overwhelmed.

The middle-aged man tapped the coffin next to him, "Did you come to the village for this?"

"What if we did? What if we didn't?" Yu Longting retorted.

The middle-aged man laughed rather than got angry, seemingly appreciating Yu Longting's boldness, "Take a look at the corpse inside the coffin before deciding whether to go in or not."

This man had a hunting knife, broad at the top and narrowing down, at his waist.

In the hands of a forest hunter, it could split a medium-sized wild beast in one stroke, and if it encountered a thick python, it would surely slice it into pieces instantly.

Let alone the fact that the man's strength was unfathomable, if he threw the knife, I doubted even Yu Longting would be able to catch it.

Just as I thought this, the hunting knife flew from the middle-aged man's hand.

Yu Rongling and Liu Xianzhi both craned their necks to watch the circling sickle, touching their own necks, probably fearing like me that the blade would end up slicing their necks.

However, things didn't turn out to be so complicated.

The hunting knife flew past the bright red Evil-Breaking Rope Knot, cutting all the ropes.

The pitch-black coffin crashed to the ground, stirring up clouds of dust.

Due to its weight and the height from which it fell, it shattered on impact.

The Corpse-Suppressing Coins that had been placed on top of the coffin lid scattered all over the floor.

From the cracked coffin, a weird, rotten smell tinged with sandalwood wafted out.

Initially, I thought the middle-aged man might use this as an opportunity to pull some trick, but I saw Yu Longting standing resolutely, with no intention of making a move.

Perhaps I misunderstood?

"Hey, Old Man Zhou! I freaking told you to guard the coffin properly, why did you put it down? We finally managed to suppress what's inside, damn it, I shouldn't have trusted such a two-faced guy."

Chapter 774 Never Thought of Achieving Everything in One Step

A man in his early forties passed by the village entrance and saw the middle-aged man known as Old Man Zhou. He used the hunting knife in his hand to cut the Evil-Breaking rope knot.

Instantly, his eyes turned red with urgency, and he quickly called over the nearby villagers to handle the trouble.

Old Man Zhou heard the reckless curses of these villagers, and like a solid, massive rock, he showed no reaction at all.

Right in front of the arriving villagers, he kicked open the coffin lid.

The coffin fell to the ground, and I glimpsed at the contents for just a moment.

I nearly blacked out from nausea, oh my heavens.

In the coffin lay a child, but his body was covered in snake scales.

Those with a phobia of clusters would have been done for right then and there!

As the lid of the coffin was pushed open, the child opened his green snake-like eyes and was about to jump out from the inside.

"Go! Go, go!" Old Man Zhou said three times, those three words echoing like divine chants, stunning everyone as if their minds had been washed.

In his hand, the stick as thick as a finger was actually a powerful Corpse-Binding Needle, which he drove directly into the child's brow.

After being struck, the child's presence visibly weakened considerably.

Yet, he still fiercely opened his mouth and bit viciously towards Old Man Zhou's wrist.

Old Man Zhou said coldly, "You know not of death or life."

With just a light shake, he flung the child, whose face was covered in snake scales, back into the coffin.

With a "puff" sound, the child turned into a mist of blood.

Nothing was left in the coffin but a small set of bones...

My heart tightened with discomfort, causing me to stagger back several steps.

Old Man Zhou asked, "Did you see it?"

"I saw it," Yu Longting answered.

Old Man Zhou lit a cigarette, took a puff, and after a long pause, he solemnly spoke, "I know the purpose of your visit. If you insist on proceeding, this is what you'll face. And..."

This time, he paused for a while before continuing, "And with your and your wife's knowledge, you wouldn't be unaware that this kind of thing can't be cured! Staying here, you'll definitely get reinfected. Even if you escape from here, your luck will be terrible, and you won't live long."

"My wife said that today we're only dealing with the pregnant woman as an emergency; she didn't think about achieving it all at once," Yu Longting listened to all this, still looking indifferent with no extra expressions on his face.

Compared to the trivial incident of being hit by a wad of paper money earlier, he was utterly nonchalant in the face of this major turmoil.

No matter what happened, everything was to proceed as originally planned.

Old Man Zhou glanced at me, "Did you arrange this?"

"Yes, the origin should be a problem with the earth veins. Although I don't know much about these, my husband does. Given a bit of time, he definitely can solve it," I answered leisurely, feeling suddenly calm and rational after seeing the change in the child in the coffin before and after.

Facing Old Man Zhou, I no longer easily wavered or felt a sense of fear.

Old Man Zhou did not question further but nodded in satisfaction, then rolled up his sleeve, "As a pregnant woman, you must be careful. Even someone like me has contracted the snake scale disease."

There were only a few snake scales, about a dozen, on Old Man Zhou's wrist, which seemed not too severe.

But it was evident that he had used his Spiritual Power to suppress them, preventing them from spreading.

The infection that could affect him was much more severe than those found in the Snake Sect.

Compared to most snake infections in the Snake Sect, it was not child's play.

"Your situation here is quite serious indeed, with many people in the village infected, and without the protections of a sect, the evil energy is exceptionally heavy," When I saw Old Man Zhou's snake scale disease, I thought of Liu Hongluan's situation; the level of evil energy between them was similar.

I rummaged through my crossbody bag and pulled out a pomelo leaf.

The thought of his deliberately hidden identity as a top expert, and how could he not know the use of pomelo leaves, if pomelo leaves could cure it, they would have been used long ago.

I had almost forgotten my fear of him; just now, his sincere advice had expressed goodwill, and I couldn't help but try to see if I could help him.

So, I touched the Ginseng bracelet on my wrist, "Shenshen, can you come out and help check this uncle's snake scale disease, please?"

Chapter 775: Not Even Worthy of a Broken Heart

"Okay, Young Madam~"

The bracelet fell to the ground and transformed into a charming young girl.

Yu Rongling stared in awe, unconsciously wiping the corner of his mouth, "My wife!"

"Is this Second Master's wife? Indeed, the match of a handsome man and a beautiful woman." Liu Xianzhi was also stunned, particularly emphasizing the word "beautiful."

Beyond her external beauty, Xiao Shenshen possessed an innate charm unique to pure spirits.

Especially since both Yu Rongling and Liu Xianzhi were Snake Immortals with significant cultivation, they were completely captivated within minutes.

Not to mention the men from the neighboring villages, who couldn't withstand such exceptional beauty.

Their eyes glued to Shenshen, mouths hanging open stupidly as if the weather was hot, tearing at their own collars.

Only Old Man Zhou and Yu Longting, with their deep Taoist Hearts, remained undisturbed, embodying a desire-free tranquility.

"Uncle, give me your hand." Shenshen, shy and timid, said to Old Man Zhou.

Old Man Zhou handed his hand to Shenshen, "Are you Ginseng?"

"That's right." Shenshen's small hand, white as congealed fat, touched where Old Man Zhou had the Long Snake Scale.

Black and white, the contrast was strikingly vivid.

She didn't find Old Man Zhou's snake scales disgusting at all, nor did she mind the mud sticking to his sleeves from the fields.

Lifting her floating long hair, she bowed her head to blow on Old Man Zhou's wrist, "It's quite serious~ need to blow on it for it to heal."

"Damn it, you perverted old man, how dare you let my wife blow on you." Yu Rongling lost his composure and drew his sword, rushing to fight Old Man Zhou.

Liu Xianzhi quickly held back Yu Rongling, stopping his irrational act, "Calm down, Second Master, she seems to be just healing someone."

Yu Rongling, overcome with rage, waved his sword, bellowing, "My wife should only treat me!"

"That dumbass snake, is he your man?" Old Man Zhou asked Xiao Shenshen, his eyes full of emotion as he watched her blow, speaking in a serious tone.

Xiao Shenshen puffed up her cheeks, huffing, "Not at all!"

"Do you like him?" Old Man Zhou asked earnestly, as if he were a family elder concerned for Xiao Shenshen.

Xiao Shenshen, looking frustrated, "Like heck, I really hate him."

"Pfft~" I couldn't help but burst out laughing.

The previously argumentative Yu Rongling immediately wilted like a frost-stricken eggplant, "Woo woo woo~ I've been dumped~ I am heartbroken~!"

"She doesn't even like you, what heartbreak could you possibly have."

The one who chimed in wasn't me, but the maliciously gleeful Yu Longting.

Poor Yu Er, already defeated, was further hit by his own brother. No matter how thick-skinned, he was utterly defeated and mourned his fate, "Yes, the Little Fairy doesn't like me... I have never been in love before; I don't even deserve heartbreak."

The normally arrogantly charming and bullying Yu Rongling also had his day, it was time to dampen his spirit.

In my heart, I quietly applauded Yu Longting.

"Uh, Second Master, so when you call her your wife, are you just talking big?" Liu Xianzhi half-opened his snake mouth, seemingly just realizing he'd been fooled.!

His ruby-like snake eyes seemed to write out "How could I be so foolish as to believe anything Yu Er says!"

How could such a snake possibly find a wife!

Even Old Man Zhou, usually stern and serious, couldn't contain a smile, curving his lips as he asked Shenshen, "Is it because the Ice Silkworm in your body can't adapt to the plant, which is why it fell into deep sleep?"

"That's right, it's all my fault, causing the poor silkworm baby to fall asleep." Xiao Shenshen listened, drooping her head guiltily.

Gu insects usually choose a human to recognize as their life-bound gu in a lifelong bond.

It's unheard of for one to have a plant as its master.

The Ice Silkworm had expended a massive amount of energy to recognize Xiao Shenshen as its master and had fallen into a deep sleep as a result.

Old Man Zhou took out a white ivory-like stick from his sleeve and handed it to Shenshen, "Take this."

"What's this, Uncle?"

Chapter 776 I Also Want to Grow Long Hair!!

Facing the clear gaze from Xiao Shenshen,

Old Man Zhou uncharacteristically concealed his usual aura of invisible aloofness and coldness, "Wearing it, it might help awaken the Ice Silkworm in your body a bit faster."

"Is this a great treasure?" Xiao Shenshen asked, her face alight with surprise.

Old Man Zhou nodded, "As a token of gratitude for you healing my sickness."

As he spoke, he shook his now restored wrist.

"It should be, thank you for your gift~" Xiao Shenshen happily thanked him.

Holding the ivory pick, she bounced up to me, her eyes smiling like crescent moons, "That uncle gave it to me."

"Right, good girl."

Xiao Shenshen was so adorably soft, my heart melted into a puddle, "Why don't I help you tie it in your hair, so you don't lose it."

"Really? Young Madam will help me do my hair?" Xiao Shenshen asked, shy yet hopeful.

I took the ivory pick, and effortlessly gathered up Xiao Shenshen's unusually smooth hair, "What's there to mind, do you know how to do your hair?"

"Cough cough~ No." Xiao Shenshen stuck out her tongue.

Having appeared as a boy for a thousand years, how could she know how to do her hair – a delicate task typically mastered by girls.

In no time, I turned the ivory pick into a hairpin and styled her hair into a low bun, "There you go, if you won't let me style your hair, who else will?"

"Yes!" Shenshen was overjoyed.

I felt genuinely thankful to Old Man Zhou for his care of Shenshen and cast him a grateful look.

Old Man Zhou glanced back at me indifferently and returned to his wood carving.

Observing his disinterest in worldly affairs, we did not intrude further and walked towards the village.

Leaning on Yu Longting's arm, I was deep in thought about Old Man Zhou's identity, wondering why he was here.

Yu Longting spoke out of the blue, "I also want to grow my hair long."

Turning my eyes, I noticed his stern face seemed almost frosted over, displaying noticeable displeasure.

As if everyone around him owed him millions.

This is...

Is he jealous because I did Shenshen's hair??

Hahaha, I underestimated his mastery in brewing jealousy!

"Mr. Qiu, who are these people, and what are they doing in our village?" a young villager, who had watched us at the village entrance, followed us in and asked Qiu Yuchuan, "You know, we normally don't let outsiders in."

They must be farmers who regularly worship the Snake Immortal, with snake-shaped tattoos more or less everywhere on their bodies.

Their trouser legs were rolled up, revealing calves slightly caked with dry mud.

So why say the life of the common people is full of hardships? Even in such conditions, they still have to work the fields, especially now in the busy spring planting season.

A missed opportunity now would mean missing the precious summer harvest.

Qiu Yuchuan's voice projected the coolness of a snake, "Watch your words; they are the Snake Lord and the Lady of the Snake Lord, specially here to assess the village's situation."

"What... what... but wasn't the village like this because of the Snake Sect's misfortune?"

"They wouldn't be coming to the village deliberately to harm everyone, would they?"

"Exactly, our ancestors have worshipped the Snake Immortal for generations, and now we are left in such a state, everyone is disheartened."

Though they spoke in low voices out of fear,

I could hear everything clearly, thanks to my Spiritual Eye which heightened all my senses.

Yu Longting and I exchanged glances; he seemed slightly unsettled, his eyebrows furrowed.

After all, the Snake Sect had protected them for so long, and losing their trust suddenly, even the highly visible grand Snake Immortal Temple in the village had lost its offerings.

As the Snake Lord, he couldn't possibly be unconcerned.

Qiu Yuchuan's fiery snake eyes suddenly turned blood-red as he gravely explained:

Chapter 777 Madam is as Beautiful as a Heavenly Fairy

"The Snake Lord has cultivated for thousands of years and holds a lofty status," he said. "He has condescended to visit your village not to harm you mere mortals."

Upon hearing this, the villagers felt a chill they did not understand.

As if that were not enough, Liu Xianzhi added a phrase, "Be careful not to offend the Snake Lord, or it won't concern him what happens to you."

At this, the faces of the villagers all changed.

In a panic, they ran up to Yu Longting and knelt down all at once, "Snake Lord, we should not have doubted the Snake Sect."

"If we have shown any disrespect to you and the Lady, we beg you to forgive our ignorance."

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Yu Longting halted his pace, his heavy gaze dark and inscrutable.

Liu Xianzhi snorted lightly, picking at them critically, "You bumpkins don't even know the cause of Snake Scales disease, yet you start blaming this and that. Not only are you short-sighted, but you also lack integrity."

Though he seemed to be scolding them, he was actually giving them an out.

It was clear that Liu Xianzhi, having accepted disciples from the Horse Immortal in the mortal world, seemed in his heart to favor humans over those biased snakes.

"Yes, yes, Snake Immortal Master speaks truly."

"We will change, we dare not do it again."

"Please, Snake Lord, don't forsake us."

The villagers were trembling, hastily agreeing with Liu Xianzhi's words, for fear that the Snake Sect would indeed abandon their ill-fated village.

I knew that Yu Longting never had a need for "closing the barn door after the horse has bolted," but he also did not stoop to quarrel with ordinary people.

"We still have other matters to attend to, don't block the way here." Before I came down the mountain, I had picked many pomelo leaves and took them out from my sling bag, handing them over to one of the men, "These are pomelo leaves, use them to wipe the scaled areas, it will temporarily get better. If there aren't enough, you can find some yourselves."

"Thank you for the grace of the Lady of the Snake Lord, Madam, you are as beautiful as a celestial being, surpassing Xi Shi and Yang Guifei." With just a few pomelo leaves, they worshipped me as if they owed me everything, bowing deeply.

The flattery they spouted was excessively familiar, almost strain and seemed bizarre...

Finding it awkward, my lips twitched and I waved my hand, "Disperse."

"Eh, where are you going? We'll take you there; in the village, there are still many who misunderstand the Snake Sect." No sooner had they risen, they scurried to stick close to me and Yu Longting, unwilling to leave.

Though none were grievously ill, each had been tainted with some evil aura.

They hurriedly distributed the pomelo leaves among themselves, rolling up their sleeves and pant legs to reveal densely clustered snake scales and began rubbing them with the leaves.

Looking at the snake scales growing on their bodies, the evil aura showed a stark black-purple hue.

The snake scales were thick and deeply embedded, gradually spreading towards their vital channels.

A slight stir arose in my heart, the villagers' Snake Scales disease was far too severe.

Lucky that we came down to the village today, otherwise who knows how many more would have perished overnight.

With a temper that seemed on the verge of an outburst, Liu Xianzhi told them, "If you want to help, go ahead and lead the way. Don't disturb the Lady's peace here anymore."

"Yes, yes~"

The villagers kept saying yes repeatedly.

Along the way, these villagers proved quite helpful.

When the people in the village saw us, not understanding the full situation, they inevitably gossiped and pointed fingers.

The villagers would go over to intimidate them and simultaneously distribute pomelo leaves.

Entering a household, every member of this family was sick.

The house had not been cleaned for a long time and was full of the stench of feces.

Yu Rongling, who had intermittent OCD, could hardly stand such a filthy, messy environment.

Seeing his face turn green, I asked him to wait outside on watch duty.

A heavily pregnant woman lay on a crude wooden bed, her body covered with snake scales.

Her complexion was purplish-blue, and she was barely breathing.

The whole family being sick must have left her uncared for, leading her to not have eaten for at least two or three days, her cheeks hollowed from hunger.

My heart inexplicably ached for her, and I had Liu Xianzhi feed the woman something to eat first.

Unable to find any food in the woman's house and having none himself, Liu Xianzhi took a peach I had in my bag and fed it to the woman.

After eating the peach, the woman slowly began to regain some vital energy.

Yet, she still looked at us with terrified eyes, her lips pale, too frightened to utter a word.

Chapter 778 I've Never Seen a Woman More Beautiful Than You

"Auntie, my surname is Su. I'm the doctor here to see you." After sitting down by the bed, my hand lightly touched the woman's belly, pressing to feel what was inside.

As soon as I touched her, it felt as if there was a strange creature inside her belly, causing the entire abdomen to undulate and bulge.

I frowned but continued to reassure the woman, "Don't be nervous. I can cure you and ensure you give birth to a healthy baby. Just relax."

The woman's pupils constricted but she said nothing.

Her body shivered finely, maintaining a fear of me.

It seemed she was extremely frightened and unlikely to listen to anything I said.

"Shenshen, come over here and touch this auntie's belly." I glanced at my watch. "Her condition is quite severe. It will probably take about five minutes."

"Alrighty." Shenshen approached the bed soiled with the woman's excrement without a word of complaint, gladly agreeing.

Five minutes later, I looked at my watch and reminded Shenshen to withdraw her hand.

Shenshen got up and came to my side, and we stood and observed for a moment.

The snake scales on the woman's body began to fade away with the dissipation of the evil qi.

The bulging abdomen quieted down, with no longer the sensation of long shapes moving within it.

My heart, which had been in suspense, finally settled down. "Let's go; she's fine now."

If we had arrived any later, it might have been a case of one body, two lives lost.

Throughout the entire process, I hadn't been much of use; it was all thanks to Xiao Shenshen's selfless help.

With this innocent and lively little girl by my side, it often warmed my heart.

Just as we were about to leave, a man covered in snake scales suddenly burst out of the kitchen.

His eyes were blood red as he lunged at us.

Yu Longting's first reaction was to protect me, a chilling light bursting forth from his eyes.

But the man wasn't coming for me.

He headed straight for Xiao Shenshen, his eerie, green snake eyes glowing, his long tongue forked as it extended, "Little beauty, mate with me... I want to mate with you... "

"Swift as a decree, vanquish the evil!" I pushed Yu Longting aside, and the talisman flew towards the man.

But the talisman could not stick to the man's head and fell to the ground instead.

He was merely a person tainted with evil qi, with none of the characteristics of a demon monster for the talisman to attack!

Damn, I was too hasty and used the wrong method in my urgency.

All this happened in just a few breaths' time.

The man pounced on Xiao Shenshen, pinning her to the ground, "Give it to me! Give it to me!! You're so beautiful, I've never seen a woman more beautiful than you."

Being pinned down by the man, Xiao Shenshen's face turned green, and she struggled weakly, "Get away, get away from me!!"

"Off with you!" Yu Longting grabbed the back of the man's collar and threw him away.

His strength was immense, but he was very restrained with ordinary people. Otherwise, a throw like that could smash someone like tofu, shattering them on impact.

This time, he hadn't used much force.

The crazed man simply staggered backward, colliding with the wall.

He wasn't hurt and tried again.

Panting heavily, he lunged once more toward Xiao Shenshen on the ground, her face full of fear, as the large, open, decayed-toothed Big Mouth advanced on her cherry lips.

Xiao Shenshen wasn't unable to overpower this robust man covered in snake scales; it was just that she was too timid, and his frenzied actions frightened her.

Without saying another word, I kicked the man away.

Yu Longting, when with me, always tried to restrain himself so as not to harm lives, but I didn't have that worry.

My kick wasn't strong enough to kill a man; at most, it could cause paralysis, "Get lost and stop using the guise of being a snake to take liberties. I know you're in your right mind."

"Husband!! Husband!! Are you alright?"

The woman on the bed took a turn for the better, leaping from her previously unresponsive puppet-like state to protect her husband, teeth bared and claws out as she came at us, "Why are you hitting my husband? It was clearly that slutty girl who seduced him first. What's his fault? He's so sick, and yet you're so harsh with him. I'll kill you!"

Chapter 779: Returning Kindness with Enmity Too Quickly

"Liu Xianzhi, take care of it."

Fearing I might catch some virus, Yu Longting stretched out his long arms and enveloped me completely in his broad embrace.

Just like that, without understanding how, I was instantly whisked outside by Yu Longting.

Inside, Immortal Liu slapped a talisman onto the woman's face.

The woman then stiffly collapsed onto the ground.

Immortal Liu clapped his hands and walked out the door with a pleased expression.

This Snake Immortal, having dealt with people all year round,

had grown wary of knives through his many worldly experiences and had developed protective skills.

His talismans, it turned out, were a bit more sophisticated than those Yu Longting had given me and could be used against people.

"What happened in there?" Yu Rongling, hearing the commotion, hurriedly asked us.

Yu Longting's face looked incredibly grim, and he didn't say a word.

My mood wasn't much better; the ingratitude of this family was swift.

It wasn't just Yu Longting—I too had regrets.

But isn't that just reality?

There are many who offer help only to be resented for meddling.

Just then, I felt several peculiar gazes turning our way.

But they were not looking at me; their attention was fixed on Shenshen, who was gripping the fabric of the cheongsam on my body.

All these men bore snake scales on their faces and bodies to varying degrees.

They flicked their tongues, which forked like serpents', a sight so frightening it made one's hair stand on end.

I asked Yu Longting sternly, "Although Shenshen possesses the power of charm, this is the first time... she's encountered this situation. What in the world is going on?"

"Whether in Tianying Village or at Snake Sect, after all, those who have cultivated have a firm disposition," Yu Longting said, furrowing his brows as he cautioned me, "Today, these men lack Taoist Heart and are driven by ill intentions, merely showing their brutish nature."

No sooner had he finished speaking.

Four or five old men who had been ogling Shenshen started drooling.

They approached with an uneven and aimless gait, laughing weirdly, their eyes scanning Shenshen as if she were naked, "Such a beautiful girl. Don't you know outsiders are not allowed to visit our village?"

"You say the Snake Lord brought you here? What status does the Snake Lord have, and how could he possibly visit such a broken-down place so casually? Who are you trying to fool?"

"Nothing but a little swindler looking to deceive others. Since you've come, don't think about leaving."

Without hesitation, I pushed Yu Longting back gently, took Shenshen into my arms, and glared at the group who had already begun intruding on Shenshen with their eyes, "So it turns out you were informed of our identities, but even knowing that, you deny it for the base desires in your hearts."

The group's eyes were red with bloodshot, spitting as they hurled insults at me, "Get lost!! You even dare to impersonate the Lady of the Snake Lord!! If you don't leave, we'll take care of you too."

Shenshen started shivering with fear as she heard these horrifying profanities, "Young Madam~"

"Don't be afraid, Shenshen, nothing will happen. I'm here," I said firmly as I took off my face veil, meant to hide my flaws, and placed it on Shenshen.

Though her allure was naturally enchanting, perhaps if we concealed her beauty a bit, the situation would improve slightly.

I didn't give these men any chance to get near Shenshen and me, and there was no need for Yu Longting to step in personally.

Immortal Liu sent those lecherous men flying with his kicks, one after another, "Get lost! Daring to disrespect our Lady of the Snake Lord is courting death!"

"Damn it, you actually stole my chance to play the hero!" Yu Rongling was too slow to react, and Immortal Liu had beaten him to the punch in starting the fight.

At that moment, with him chanting,

Snakes from all around slithered over, completely enveloping the bodies of these few men in a close and thick swarm.

Chapter 780: Sister-in-law, I Flunked Out

Piercing screams echoed through the village, those people writhing on the ground in agony.

They tried to shake the snakes off their bodies, but to no avail.

The ground was mottled with blood seeping from their wounds, inflicted by the toxic snakes.

Many villagers, alerted by the noise, came over, and the crowd surged nearby.

Despite some friction between the Snake Tribe and the villagers, there were many devotees of the Snake Tribe among them.

Hearing of our identities, they needed no further explanations.

They unconditionally dropped to their knees in worship, with not a single one pleading for the lecher's life.

This was a stark contrast to the betrayal I had faced in that woman's house just moments before.

It was as if that was then, and this was now.

My heart was touched by everyone's devoutness, and seeing Yu Longting maintaining a cold facade, I spoke on his behalf, "Everyone, please stand up. The Snake Lord will not blame you..."

Amidst the grateful voices of the crowd, as they were just starting to get up, someone blurted out, "I never imagined the Lady of the Snake Lord... to be this ugly. I always thought she must be an extreme beauty to have caught the Snake Lord's eye."

"Who dares to call my sister-in-law ugly?" Yu Rongling was the sort who would explode at the slightest provocation, and he was fiercely protective of me.

The air went silent in a second, and the villagers fell deathly quiet.

Only a fool would dare stand out and admit to this at such a time.

I couldn't just let Yu Rongling bite someone just because they spoke an ugly truth, "Stop it, what they're saying is the hard truth. Am I supposed to forbid people from speaking just because I'm ugly?"

"But sister-in-law, you are actually very beautiful..." Yu Rongling said, chastened and hanging his head low, sounding wronged.

I waved my hand, unconcerned, "No matter if I was beautiful or ugly before, it's just a shell, after all. You don't need to take it to heart, there, there, good boy."

Anyway, I could revert back after drinking the medicine.

Why bother about others' opinions here?

Baby Rongling was even more easily soothed than Yu Longting; a couple of gentle coos calmed him right down.

He pouted, haughtily saying, "I'm only letting it go for your sake, sister-in-law. What are you two looking at?"

Hearing Yu Rongling's words, I turned to look at Qiu Yuchuan.

He stared blankly at my ugly face, a complete absence of expression on his serpentine face.

Poor thing, I guess Qiu Yuchuan and his master Liu Xianzhi had all along thought I was a great beauty.

Little did they know that my looks were a blight on the eyes, and now that they knew the truth, their mindsets were bound to crumble.

Qiu Yuchuan scratched his head, hastily diverting his gaze, "No, nothing."

Watching the villagers, who were kneeling tremblingly under Yu Rongling's intimidation.

I sighed, unable to think of any words to comfort these villagers, "Yu Longting, let's go."

"Okay," Yu Longting, like me, didn't care a bit and took my hand to leave.

Behind us, Liu Xianzhi had already begun beseeching Yu Rongling with the method of universal salvation, "Second Master, could you please take back the snakes from those five people? It's not that I want to let

them off lightly, I just think that since they are villagers here, any punishment should be decided by the village itself?"

Yu Rongling was not one to be easily persuaded, "Xiao Zhizhi, your tricks don't work on me. Daring to covet my woman, I will not let them off! If you keep talking nonsense, I'll kill you."

"Rongling, hurry up and follow," I glanced back at Yu Rongling, giving him a sharp look, leaving the rest for him to interpret.

Yu Rongling certainly got my meaning instantly, although very reluctantly.

He obediently retracted the colorful venomous snakes crawling over those men, and also "kindly" neutralized the snake venom in them.

Then, the group that had attempted to harm Xiao Shenshen was tied up by the villagers and taken away for punishment.

Yu Rongling caught up, his face eager to please, practically transforming his body into a serpentine form, zealously wagging his tail, "Sister-in-law, how did I do? You didn't even have to say it, I knew you couldn't bear to see those five villains suffer, so despite your discomfort, you retracted all the snakes."