

## A Snake 821

### Chapter 821: Nightmare Demon

"Sister-in-law? \*Hiccup\*" Yu Rongling was tired, hiccuping as he looked at me.

I saw his tearful and pitiful face and patted his big head, "Hm?"

"Since he is the old man, why... does he ignore me!! He only talks to my brother. Does he not love me anymore?"

"Well... Dragon Dad is such a gentle person. He certainly loves both of you brothers. As for not talking to you..."

"What's the reason? Sister-in-law?"

"It should be... he had something urgent to tell your brother... didn't have time to greet you..."

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After much effort calming the sobbing Yu Rongling, I let him return to his residence.

I went back to the great hall from earlier, and looked around briefly.

Xiao Shenshen was indeed still sitting on the armrest of the chair, looking adorably dazed.

"Shenshen, do you want to be a boy again?" I hugged the lightweight Xiao Shenshen like a child and carried her towards the Lotus Courtyard.

Seeing her lost look made me feel quite guilty.

If it weren't for me, she wouldn't have become a girl, nor would she have been disliked and distanced by her master.

Xiao Shenshen shivered and snapped back to her senses.

She left a fragrant, soft kiss on my cheek, "Being a girl is good."

"Hm?" I was quite surprised upon hearing that.

Xiao Shenshen smiled sweetly, "Girls can be with Young Madam~"

A ripple of emotion stirred in my heart.

Am I already more important to her than her master?

Letting the little girl be happier as a girl, staying by my side.

At night, without Yu Longting by my side.

I hugged Xiao Shenshen, lying on my side on the soft bed.

I couldn't calm down, a vague worry lingered.

Perhaps it's the hormones of pregnancy being off, causing negative emotions, feeling suspicious and paranoid.

Even though they are father and son, my heart can't settle, always uneasy.

Dragon Dad's strength should be unparalleled, there's almost nothing in the world he can't do.

Using threats to take Yu Longting away, it's unlikely that he wants Yu Longting to help with anything.

Although Yu Longting has recovered significantly under my nurturing, his level is still not comparable to before.

If Dragon Dad couldn't accomplish something, Yu Longting probably has no room to interfere.

Then... why did Dragon Dad take him away... could it be harmful to Yu Longting...

"Don't come over, Second Young Master." Xiao Shenshen was sleeping soundly, perhaps dreaming of Yu Rongling.

Her quiet and cute little face suddenly became worried and wrinkled.

I pinched her little cheek, gently comforting, "With the Young Madam here, no one can bully you."

"Young Madam~ hug." Xiao Shenshen snuggled into my arms, the ginseng's fresh scent truly aids sleep.

It has a calming effect~

I composed myself, supporting Xiao Shenshen's back.

I closed my eyes, and gradually fell asleep myself.

Then, I drifted into a dream full of white mist, but I knew immediately this dream was anything but simple.

It's not a haven constructed by my brain for rest,

More like someone designed and forcibly pulled me into the nightmare.

After Yu Longting and I together solved the Earth Pulse Evil Qi, I felt my body's meridians widen again, my strength increased to a new level.

I easily discerned the unusual nature of the dream, standing motionlessly in the thick white mist, not wandering around, "Who are you? A Nightmare Demon plotting against me?"

"Plotting?" In the white mist appeared a corpulent woman, she stroked her round belly and let out a bitter smile, "Su Wan, I am you. I am sealed deep within your mind, have you truly forgotten? Or are you so love-struck, you choose not to remember."

"You're me?" Through the white mist, I couldn't see her face clearly, but her aura and figure indeed felt a little familiar.

Though I'm not easily convinced, a Nightmare Demon can create any dream, appearing like a harmless forest deer but secretly eating people's sweet dreams.

It's said to be an Ancient Evil Spirit evolved into an Evil Demon.

Once entangled and deceived, you'll become increasingly emaciated and fearful from nightmares, eventually dying from exhaustion.

The woman spoke with the same tone as me, with a trace of resentment between the lines, "I'm the eighteen-year-old you. Do you still remember the last time you saw Ye Jiqing during your youth? You were upset and drank a lot... Yu Longting took advantage of it to bully you..."

Chapter 822: Died with Hate in the Heart

It feels like a needle is piercing into my temple, my head is splitting with pain, "My head... it hurts so much..."

Even though my head is in agony for reasons unknown, I have an inkling deep within me.

For Yu Longting's power to claim me, he doesn't need me to be drunk.

Even when he's at his weakest, dealing with me then would still be effortless.

Amidst the dense fog, the eighteen-year-old "me" claiming to be me is very suspicious.

"The headache is right, a headache means you're about to remember." That silhouette walked closer to me, stopping just when I could almost make out her appearance, "Yu Longting is nothing but a vile snake, when Father killed him back then, it was justice! Yet, you always felt indebted to him!! Stupidly nurturing him to strengthen his body..."

"You... how can you prove... he's a vile snake, your baseless accusations without evidence are slander." The throbbing in my head was so intense I nearly lost consciousness, collapsing to the ground, trembling uncontrollably.

Damn it, the pain in my head is unbearable.

In the dream, I couldn't summon Spiritual Power to defend myself, utterly helpless against this rampaging Nightmare Demon.

After it infiltrated my Sea of Consciousness, it seemed capable of attacking my brain.

I can't recall anything, but my head is dull and aching.

A pregnant woman stood before me, sweeping away the mist veiling her face, revealing a visage identical to mine.

Her scarred, bruised fingers gently stroked her belly, "You haven't remembered yet? After you gave birth to his child, Qingyang planted a seed of Demonic Qi into the child within your arms."

This time, unlike before, the pain was not aimless and without thought.

Instead, it injected a series of eerie images, even though fragmented.

Yet I saw myself exhaust every bit of strength to give birth to an adorable child, in the next moment Qingyang struck the child with a palm.

The child cried incessantly, their eyes turning a deep green.

"No... this isn't real... you're lying!! You fabricated this!!" I sucked in a cold breath, clutching my aching head before fainting directly.

The images were so vivid that, given my current strength, I could confidently discern.

They are not fabrications of the Nightmare Demon, but my real memories.

To think... one could fall unconscious even in a dream...

After some time, I slowly opened my eyes.

What I still saw was an expanse of white fog, surprisingly, from fainting to waking, I had never left the dreamland.

However, the person claiming to be the eighteen-year-old "me" was nowhere to be seen.

I bit my lip, propping myself up to look all around.

Slowly, a human head emerged from the dense white fog.

The head was enormously large, but it had no skin.

The entire head was covered in layers of scales, tears running across them, floating through the white mist towards me, "Mom, save me, save me... Dad cut off my head, ate my flesh..."

"This isn't real... this isn't real..." I closed my eyes tightly, striving to stabilize my Taoist Heart.

The child's cries were tender and melancholy, piercing my heart.

Then, my voice echoed, "Su Wan, our first child died with resentment, the soul has nowhere to go, it still lingers where he died, you must rescue him, don't let... the second child... follow the same path..."

"Ah!!" Hearing this, the resilient Taoist Heart I had carefully constructed was directly shattered.

Drenched in sweat, I completely awoke from the two layers of dreams, things blurred for a couple of seconds, and then my vision cleared.

Xiao Shenshen was awakened by my scream, her little hand touched my sweat-drenched forehead, "Young Madam, had a nightmare?"

Chapter 823: Beautiful but Soulless

Outside the window, dark clouds gathered densely.

The once magnificent distant mountains were shrouded in leaden clouds, pressing down oppressively.

I rubbed my slightly aching head, "I'm fine, you can change back into a bracelet."

"Okay, Young Madam~" Xiao Shenshen obediently transformed into a withered vine, wrapping around my wrist.

I gently stroked the bracelet, shook off my daze, and got out of bed to find water to wash up.

When Yu Longting was around before, he always took care of me meticulously.

He treated me completely like a child, and now that he was suddenly taken away by Dragon Dad, I almost felt incapable of taking care of myself.

I found the small towel I usually used, but had no idea where Yu Longting had put the wash basin.

"Madam, you're awake, I'll fetch water to serve you... ah!!" A pretty snake attendant came in with a basin, and upon seeing me, was so startled she dropped the basin on the ground.

The steaming water spilled everywhere, soaking a part of her skirt. She screamed, "Who are you? Why are you wearing our Madam's clothes? What have you done to our Madam?"

"I am your Madam, Su..." I hadn't finished explaining when the snake attendant rushed out.

In her panic, she instantly transformed into a snake, speeding up as she moved, and shouted for help, "Someone, help! Madam has been kidnapped! Quickly notify Elder Chang Hao and Second Master Yu..."

Madam... has been kidnapped??

My face twitched unnaturally. I walked to the dressing mirror and looked at myself.

Seeing the exact same face as before, I was also stunned.

Having gotten used to that ugly face, when returning to my original appearance,

Looking in the mirror again, it was as if I had crossed worlds and felt it wasn't my own face.

I stared into the mirror, touched my cheek, feeling somewhat dazed, "I changed back."

Yesterday Dragon Dad touched my brow, and at that moment my appearance and bones started to change drastically.

The bone pain was originally excruciating, impossible to ignore.

Later, it was soothed by the Ginseng Flower, and no matter how dramatically the bones changed, I didn't feel much.

I... just... forgot that the face would change back...

A large group of Snake Sect disciples hurriedly gathered in the courtyard, all wearing practice uniforms and holding training locust wood swords.

This was probably called over while they were midway through their morning practice.

At this moment, the group of snakes poked their heads and looked inside, their snake eyes widening, "Oh wow, she's too beautiful."

"Skin like coagulated fat, face like a blooming red, shoulders like jade towers."

"The one who's kidnapped Madam is such a great beauty, too bad Snake Lord is out, otherwise he might really have been tempted."

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Just then, a rattlesnake slithered in, disdainfully sweeping its gaze over the chattering group of snakes, and said, "Can just anyone enter the Snake Sect? Are the cheongsam and fine clothing made by our Snake Lord's true body for just anyone to wear?"

The words were spoken with authority, and the snakes agreed in support.

Even I thought it made sense, so had this clever rattlesnake recognized I was indeed their Lady of the Snake Lord?

"There's only one truth: The Snake Lord has had a change of heart, abandoning his old wife for a superficial beauty," the rattlesnake proudly raised its head, eyes half-closed in disdain, "Beautiful but soulless, glamorous yet disloyal, aiming to seduce!!"

The other snakes, feeling indignant, started protesting, "Though Madam isn't pretty, she's virtuous and gentle, incredibly strong, and uniquely gifted! She and the Snake Lord together broke a fiercely dangerous feng shui formation, saving our entire Snake Sect."

"Exactly, not to mention Madam is carrying the Snake Lord's child, whereas even though this woman is also pregnant, can she attract someone like Yun Hao to join our Snake Sect?"

"Anyway, Madam has done a great favor for our Snake Sect, we can't allow the Snake Lord to discard her so easily. This woman must leave the Snake Sect, let Madam return!"

"That's right, let Madam return!! Mistresses should scram!!"

The snakes' anger flared, excitedly telling me to scram.

I pressed my brow, let out a long breath, "Though I'm touched by how you stand up for me, but... I am Su Wan~ everyone~"

Chapter 824: My Name Is 666

The surroundings fell into a strange silence, and pairs of snake eyes reflected complexity.

For a moment, they weren't sure of my identity, worried that I might be an imposter or afraid of offending the real Lady. They whispered among themselves about inviting Second Master Yu Rongling.

"No need to invite Second Master, she is the Lady of the Snake Lord." Liu Xianzhi, dressed in white, gracefully approached.

Her almond-shaped eyes, gentle like spring water, fell on me, and she seemed momentarily dazed.

The Rattlesnake who earlier commented on my beauty sidled up to Liu Xianzhi, "The voice and height are different. How could she possibly be our Madam? These are two different people! Liu Xianzhi, did you get it wrong?"

The other snakes nodded in agreement, as my current appearance bore no resemblance to what they had seen before.

"Ahem~" Liu Xianzhi cleared her throat and came to her senses, "You might have forgotten that Madam has Blood-weeping Syndrome, which alters a person's appearance."

The snakes were in uproar, looking at me with amazement, "The change is really drastic."

"The trait of the Blood-weeping Syndrome is that the uglier the person, the better they look," Liu Xianzhi waved her hand dismissively.

The crowd nodded vigorously, expressing their astonishment.

Some snakes took out their phones asking for pictures together. I couldn't bear to refuse their enthusiasm, and agreed with an awkward smile.

The Rattlesnake trembled all over and lay prostrate on the ground, daring not to move, "Madam, I... I was talking nonsense just now. Your beauty absolutely has soul, so lively and ethereal like a fairy~ I was wrong~ I beg you to forgive me this once~"

"It's alright, it's alright, get up. You all return now; I will definitely not hold a grudge against you; everyone is just concerned about me." I smiled and encouraged them to leave, feeling quite touched.

Seeing me get mistaken, they were so passionate about standing up for me.

The Rattlesnake was delighted, excitedly sticking out its tongue, "Madam is truly magnanimous. My name is Liu Liulu, feel free to call upon me if needed in the future. I am willing to go through fire and water for you."

Six-six-six??

What kind of name is that??

I admired the Rattlesnake's parents in my heart, the name is truly "six" enough!!

The group of snakes paid their respects and withdrew.

I kept Liu Xianzhi back alone, "Liu Xianzhi, stay for a moment."

"What instructions does Madam have? Xianzhi is at your service." Liu Xianzhi replied respectfully.

I thanked her with a smile, "Thanks to you for appearing in time to prove my identity."

"It was my duty to do so. Even without me, they could have invited Second Master to verify your identity." Liu Xianzhi smiled mildly, lifting her head as bright, clear eyes once again locked onto me, "I guessed Madam's true looks would definitely be beautiful, but didn't expect... this level of beauty, simply breathtaking."

"You don't need to flatter me. The Snake Sect is full of handsome men and beautiful women, you must be used to seeing high beauty." Since I arrived at the Snake Sect, I had heard enough compliments to get tired of it and didn't want to hear rainbow praise from acquaintances like Liu Xianzhi, "Do you know where Elder Chang Hao is? I have something to discuss with him."

"Elder Chang Hao is out taking care of business. I came to the mountain to act on behalf of him and the Snake Lord, managing the sect's affairs." Liu Xianzhi exhaled, telling me, "If Madam has any matters, please command me directly."

I pondered briefly, then told Liu Xianzhi, "I want to investigate if there are Nightmare Demons within the Snake Sect."

"Nightmare Demons?? Has Madam been plagued by nightmares?" Liu Xianzhi's gentle eyes suddenly turned sharp.

I nodded, "The Snake Sect is heavily guarded. If any demons are around, it should be easy to catch them."

"I will issue the orders immediately to help Madam capture the Nightmare Demon." Liu Xianzhi acknowledged the command and solemnly exited.

Chapter 825: Brother Rongling, Do You Still Recognize Me?

After wasting most of the morning, I finally got to use hot water to wash my face.

The Snake Attendant delivered hot water and then brought breakfast.

The breakfast was placed on the dining table, and she stood there for a long time.

Secretly staring at my face, as if I had an extra mouth and two eyes compared to others on my face.

The Snake Attendant who brought lunch in the afternoon had changed, looking as if they'd been beaten up.

Both their eyes were blackened, and their nose was smashed flat.

Later, I found out that a few Snake Attendants designated by Yu Longting got into a fight over delivering my meal.

The one who won over all the Snake Attendants got the opportunity to deliver my meal.

After eating, snakes would occasionally find excuses to come and serve me, making me feel like a celebrity surrounded by "sasaeng fans"...

I didn't know whether to laugh or cry, so in the afternoon I found a chance to sneak away.

I strolled around the back mountain of the Snake Sect to clear my mind.

The sky was overcast, but it didn't rain for a long time.

I still brought an umbrella, the kind with landscape painting on an oiled paper surface.

I took a selfie with the oiled paper umbrella and, after some thought, sent it to Yu Longting.

Along with the text: Where did Dragon Dad take you? Not even a phone call or a single message.

After a while, Yu Longting replied.

[I'm in the Tibetan Plateau, all good and safe, my dear, you're really beautiful, miss me not.]

Sweetie~ you're really beautiful~

I silently repeated his words over and over, happily pressing the phone to my chest.

It seems my inner worries are nothing but unnecessary concerns.

Yu Longting is good and even complimented me on being beautiful.

Unfortunately, before my face could return to normal, Yu Longting had already left.

The last thing he saw before he left was my face that looked ready for a ghost film without makeup.

I walked while thinking, fingers rapidly typing on the screen.

[What are you doing in the Tibetan Plateau?]

Suddenly, I stopped in my tracks.

Stunned by the scene in front of me!

On a tree ahead, there was someone with their butt sticking out.

The owner of the butt had a leather hood on their head and was using a jar to scoop honey from a beehive.

This guy was a genius, scooping honey with one hand and licking the honeycomb with his tongue.

Maybe it was the taste of beeswax that attracted him.

This guy went so far as to unzip his leather hood's mouthpiece, opening his mouth to bite into the honeycomb, tearing off a chunk.

Chewing it happily, he was overjoyed, "So delicious, so delicious~ Indeed, the honey from Snake Sect Mountain is the best! I'll take some for my sister-in-law and Little Fairy~"

Hearing the familiar voice, I couldn't help but laugh.

Who else but this dumbass Yu Rongling would climb up a tree to gnaw at a beehive.

If I were a bee, anyone who dared to gnaw at my hive, I'd sting them to death.

Just as I thought that, Yu Rongling yelled, "Damn, damn!! Those pesky bees actually stung my tongue, ow~~ and stung my handsome nose too?? Looks like I have no choice but to..."

At first, I thought he would have a tantrum and smash the beehive to bits.

Who knew he would zip up the leather hood with a huff, climb down from the tree, "I can only come back next time. Don't think Second Master would destroy your hive. I'll be back next time."

Who would have thought, Yu Er has the presence of mind not to exhaustively fish but to think sustainably.

Suddenly, a village woman with a blue floral headscarf emerged from behind the tree. Her skin was tanned, but she was still pretty at the core, "I've been waiting here for you for two days, Brother Rongling! I'm Hongluan, do you still remember me?"

Chapter 826: She's Not Even Half as Feminine as Me

"Huh? How did you become like this? Did your Primordial Spirit find someone to possess?" Yu Rongling asked in surprise.

Liu Hongluan wiped the tears sliding down her cheek, crying pitifully, "To see you, I tried so many bodies, only to find the right one, Brother Rongling."

"Uh, what does this have to do with me? Please don't get me involved!"

Seeing Liu Hongluan in tears, Yu Rongling took out a handkerchief to offer her, but then thought twice and picked two tree leaves for Liu Hongluan. "Possessing someone else's body at will is a serious crime according to the sect's rules. Wipe your tears quickly and leave before any other snakes see you."

Liu Hongluan looked at the two leaves, which turned out to be pine needles.

Awkwardly twitching the corner of her eye, she couldn't bring herself to take them, her misty eyes gazing deeply at Yu Rongling. "I was wrong before. I shouldn't have been so indifferent to you. Can you give me another chance and rekindle your feelings for me? You said that you would only ever love me~"

"Did I...did I say something like that? How come I don't remember?!" Yu Rongling scratched his nose, suddenly having his hands grabbed by Liu Hongluan. Quickly withdrawing them, he wiped them a few times on his clothes. "Don't touch me. Let me tell you, consider me a jerk, because I have a Little Fairy I like. I'm devoted to her now."

Truly a world-class jerk. He used to say the same devoted words when he liked Liu Hongluan.

Then he turned his back on Liu Hongluan, and now he's fallen for Xiao Shenshen!!

"Little Fairy~? Are you talking about that Ginseng Spirit that clings to Su Wan every day?"

Liu Hongluan's eyes flashed with a hint of hurt, then sneered, "Her? That little chick doesn't have half the femininity I do."

"My fairy is the cutest, purest, gentlest, most charming, most elegant girl in the world!! Don't talk about my Little Fairy like that, or else... or else... I..." Yu Rongling raised his hand, looking at the teary-eyed, coy woman, and couldn't bring himself to strike.

Liu Hongluan deliberately leaned her face forward, tearfully and resolutely saying, "Or what? Are you going to hit me? Go on, hit me!! Rongling, I've ended up like this, and even you don't want me. I might as well die."

"Oh, Liu Hongluan, you totally deserve this outcome now." Yu Rongling sighed, lowering his raised hand, looking at Liu Hongluan with eyes full of pity.

Liu Hongluan was momentarily confused and frowned, asking, "What... do you mean?"

"I really suspect you're an idiot. Knowing my brother cares the most about my sister-in-law, who carries his precious son, my adorable nephew," Yu Rongling laid out the facts logically, explaining clearly, "Anyone with a bit of common sense wouldn't dare offend her easily, yet you wouldn't stop provoking my sister-in-law, getting worse each time, ruining her appearance, and now my brother has struck you down with a sword."

Listening to Yu Rongling, within Liu Hongluan's gradually reddening pupils.

There was no regret, only a deeper level of hatred.

Yu Er completely failed to notice, continuing to talk nonstop, concluding, "In summary, you'd better hurry and leave! Run as far as you can. If Liu Xianzhi sees you, or if Chang Hao encounters you, even your Primordial Spirit won't be safe."

"I don't believe it, Rongling, you can't possibly have no feelings for me at all." Liu Hongluan lowered her head, clenching her fists tightly. "For old times' sake, help me find a snake body in the Snake Sect."

"Are you kidding me?" Yu Rongling was shocked, his head exceptionally heavy. "You expect me to hunt other snakes for you to possess? You've gotten yourself into this mess, fallen into the evil path, and you want to drag me down too??"

Chapter 827: A Centipede Won't Die Easily

"I'm not asking you to kill for me." Liu Hongluan weakly leaned against the pine tree next to her. "I just need Yun Hao's snake corpse; having a vessel to place the soul is enough for me."

Yu Rongling was taken aback, clearly not expecting Liu Hongluan to make such a request.

Liu Hongluan took advantage of the moment, with a bit of a palace coup flavor, "You won't refuse even this request, will you? Back when you were pursuing me, you swore you'd walk through fire and water for me."

Wow, I was secretly watching from the side and couldn't help but think, wow.

Judging from her age, Liu Hongluan could definitely qualify as the ancestor of green tea.

Any man would find it hard to refuse a woman like her, let alone Yu Rongling, who made such vows in his naive youth.

With Xiao Yuer's intelligence, he is absolutely no match for Liu Hongluan!

So... how will he handle it next?

I was genuinely curious~

"Did I really make such a ridiculous oath back then?" Yu Rongling had a doubting-life expression, probably cursing his past self a hundred times over in his heart, "Let me think~ This is a huge deal; I'd get myself killed by Yun Hao if I'm not careful."

"Brother Ling, you're his uncle now; how could Yun Hao kill you?" Liu Hongluan slowly moved behind Yu Rongling, her figure enchanting and seductive as she leaned in, her red lips approaching Yu Rongling, tempting him, "Just help me with this... and I'll be yours..."

"Haha, what a heavy and peculiar gift." Yu Rongling had been indecisive, but upon hearing this, he simply laughed, "I was hesitant, but now you're forcing me to refuse."

Liu Hongluan's face turned as black as the bottom of a pot, "Yes, my body is that of a peasant woman now, but if I get Yun Hao's past life snake corpse, I'll still be me, even more beautiful than before. Why are you so obsessed with appearances?"

"Don't you get it? To me, there are only two types of creatures in the world: my Little Fairy, and the other species!" Yu Rongling faithfully replied.

My heart was stirred upon hearing that.

I glanced at the Xiao Shenshen on my wrist; truly, it's an Erha among snakes.

Dumb as it might be, it compensates with dog-like loyalty.

Having no other choice, Liu Hongluan reluctantly agreed, "Fine, you help me with this, and I'll owe you a promise."

"That's more like it, it's getting late, I'm off to deliver some honey to my sister-in-law~ and see my Little Fairy~" Yu Rongling hummed a tune and left Liu Hongluan behind.

Liu Hongluan stomped her foot hard on the spot and cursed bitterly, "Idiot, you moved on too quickly. If you weren't Yu Longting's brother, would I be here begging you? Today you ignore me, tomorrow you won't be able to reach me!"

I squinted, watching Liu Hongluan's hurried figure disappearing down the mountain.

Even though Liu Hongluan has already died, her cultivation runs deep.

The centipede might be dead, but it doesn't fall over easily, it won't end just like that.

She left her Primordial Spirit behind, Yu Longting's last shred of mercy towards her.

Using the Seven-Star Golden Lotus Step, I returned to the Lotus Courtyard ahead of Yu Rongling.

Back in my room, I sat down as usual, working on some Yin Yang Embroidery to pass the time.

I have no intention of exposing this; I'm waiting to see what Xiao Yuer will do, anyway, if he really dares to steal Yun Hao's snake corpse, he'll certainly get taught a lesson.

Properly teach him how to be a snake without any interference from me??

"Madam, here's some juice; where have you been all day?" The Snake Attendant came in with juice, shyly sneaking a glance at me.

I looked at Yu Rongling as he approached, winked at her, "Just took a walk to the back mountain to relax. Don't tell anyone, especially Second Master, that I went out, alright?"

"Got it, Madam, whatever you say." The Snake Attendant blushed slightly at my wink and quickly ran out.

She almost bumped into Yu Rongling who was whistling as he entered, both of them were startled.

The Snake Attendant, deeply embarrassed, covered her cheeks and hurried off.

Yu Rongling proudly stroked his handsome face, "Has my snake-like charm gone up a notch? Even Snake Ladies see me and shyly cover their faces as they flee?"

Chapter 828: Let's Start as Friends

"Sit down, Rongling. What's that in your hand?" I glanced at the ornate carved wooden jar in Yu Rongling's hand.

Yu Rongling circled the round table and sat across from me, "Hundred Flowers Honey, I collected it myself. I even got stung on my nose while collecting it."

"Let me find some medicine for you. If you want honey, you could just ask someone to buy it from the mountains." I fetched the medicine box from the room, dabbed some ointment on a cotton swab, and applied it to his nose.

"Ouch, hiss!~ Thanks, sister-in-law. The honey outside can't compare to the wild honey from Snake Sect Mountain." Yu Rongling opened the lid and handed it over, "Sister-in-law, take a sniff. Does it smell good~"

The fragrance of the honey was overwhelming. I cradled the jar, feeling a bit enchanted, "It does smell nice indeed. No wonder you risked bee stings to collect it. Here you go."

"Sister-in-law, since you like it, consider this jar of honey my humble gift to you." Yu Rongling hurriedly pushed his palm forward when he saw me trying to return the honey, "Quick, have a taste. I spent all afternoon collecting just this amount."

Lately, I've had a sweet tooth, so I tried a spoonful to satisfy my craving. Instantly, my heart was filled with a ripple of contentment, "Mmm~ It's rich, fragrant, and sweet. Thank you for your thoughtfulness~ But Xiao Yuer, you weren't just bringing honey for me, were you? I'm guessing there's another reason."

"Hehe, sister-in-law, you're so wise. Can I just quickly see Little Fairy?" Yu Rongling rubbed his hands together eagerly.

I tapped my fingers lightly on the table, scrutinizing Yu Er, "Didn't you just see her yesterday?"

"I've caught lovesickness. If I go a day without seeing Little Fairy, I feel uncomfortable all over~" Yu Er pleaded pitifully.

I couldn't stand Yu Rongling's pitiful expression, and reluctantly touched my bracelet, "Xiao Shenshen, come out~"

"Here I am, Madam." Xiao Shenshen landed enthusiastically, without any sense of caution.

Upon meeting Yu Rongling's wolf-like gaze, Xiao Shenshen immediately darted behind me.

Yu Rongling worked hard to muster an innocent smile, looking very much like a big bad wolf eyeing a little white rabbit, "Little Fairy, don't be afraid of me. I swear I won't bully you anymore. Can you not be so scared of me?"

"No way, you're terrifying." Xiao Shenshen poked out a little head, replying with clear repulsion.

Yu Rongling looked thoroughly disheartened and asked gloomily, "What will make you not fear me anymore? I'll swear if I bully you, I'll slap myself harshly. Don't be afraid of me, I'm not forcing you to be my girlfriend, let's start as friends."

"No~!" Xiao Shenshen was still very resolute, clearly finding it hard to accept Erha.

Yu Rongling was completely defeated and said to me, "You're not even willing to be my friend?? That's too heartless~ Well, sister-in-law, I'll head out first, I won't disturb you all any longer, bye-bye."

After saying this, he took one last reluctant look at Xiao Shenshen before leaving dejectedly.

Watching Yu Rongling leave, Xiao Shenshen finally relaxed.

Her pale little face returned to normal, her body no longer stiff and tense.

"Do you truly dislike Yu Rongling that much? He...is actually quite kind-hearted..." I felt that asking this question was pointless, yet I couldn't help but ask.

As things stand, unless Xiao Shenshen has Stockholm syndrome.

Otherwise, how could she accept someone who once wanted to cook her by boiling water?

Xiao Shenshen sat on the chair next to mine, nodding repeatedly, "He's very scary."

"Let's not talk about that scary guy, ruin the good mood, have some honey." I silently lit a candle in my heart for Yu Rongling's love, even if it couldn't make Shenshen like him.

But since he painstakingly collected the honey, even unwilling to eat it himself, and sent it here to me.

I should definitely let Xiao Shenshen try it.

Yet Xiao Shenshen looked at me with unwavering resolve, shaking her head decisively, "I won't eat the young master's things."

Chapter 829: I Can't Do It!

"It's over, totally Barbie Q, the ultimate funeral of chasing a wife." I silently lit a second candle for Yu Rongling.

Xiao Shenshen raised her little head and looked at me curiously, "Young Madam, what are you talking about?"

"Nothing, if you don't eat honey, then eat peaches." I handed an Immortal Peach to Xiao Shenshen.

Xiao Shenshen, upon seeing the peach, got a bit emotional, her eyes reddening.

My heart ached, just as I was about to comfort her.

She earnestly held the peach, squeezing out a slight smile at me, "Thank you, Young Madam, thank you..."

Clear, pure tears slid down from the corner of her eyes.

"There, my peaches are all yours." I heartily petted her little head, saying, "If it's not enough, you can plant the peach pits in the courtyard, and eat as many as you want."

"Mm." Xiao Shenshen sniffed a bit and cherished each little bite.

Looking at the obedient yet somewhat pitiful Xiao Shenshen, I was completely captured by her, treating her like my own daughter, "Shenshen, I have a way to stop Yu Rongling from bothering you ever again."

Heh, if Yu Rongling knew about this reverse operation of mine, he might regret calling me sister-in-law.

It's not your fault for being not cute enough, and I am helping Xiao Shenshen, but this is also giving him one last chance to prove himself.

Whether he can capture her heart, it depends on his own performance.

"What's the plan? Tell me quickly!" Xiao Shenshen said excitedly.

I stroked her incredibly smooth hair, speaking leisurely, "We can torment him."

"Torment him? How?" Xiao Shenshen asked, her eyes full of little stars.

I gave a mischievous smile, "Torment him until he's desperate, you can make all sorts of unreasonable demands on him and let him fulfill them. With his short-tempered nature, he may have some enthusiasm initially, but with enough demands, hmph, he will definitely run whenever he sees you."

"Wow~ Young Madam, you're so clever!" Xiao Shenshen happily kissed my cheek, then spun around several small circles on the spot.

Seems like... really... even in her dreams, she wants to escape... the dumbass snake's pestering...

Before sleeping, I took a bath in the tub.

The Snake Attendants and Xiao Shenshen together helped me dry my hair with towels.

I truly had a feeling like being an oppressive tyrant from old society.

Checked the phone, Yu Longting didn't reply to my second message, feeling a bit uneasy, and missing him slightly.

But all in all, today my mood was especially good.

When hugging Xiao Shenshen to sleep, I thought about last night's strange dream, took the flower hairpin from my head, and held it in my palm.

Flower hairpin in the hair can't be commanded in the dream.

Not sure if holding it in hand afterward will change anything, I just hope for some reliance in such helpless, terrifying dream environments...

However, maybe there won't even be a strange dream tonight.

The Snake Sect is full of formations and prohibitions, with clouds of experts, Liu Xianzhi has likely already captured the Nightmare Demon lurking within.

"Su Wan... Su Wan..." As soon as I fell asleep, I heard calls of my name in the chaotic darkness, the tone drawn-out, somewhat alluring, but the voice line was mine.

I pressed my chest, stabilizing my wildly beating heart in the dream.

Looking down at my palm, surprisingly the flower hairpin was really held in my hand, somewhat calming, "Is it you again? What's your trick today?"

"As long as you don't wish to recall the past, you will see me every day and night, I'm merely a shadow of your sealed memories." From within the darkness in front appeared a white mist identical to last night's, but different this time, the woman didn't keep hiding in the mist.

Just a slender white foot stepped out from the mist, followed by seeing a woman holding a child walk out.

Her bosom was all bloody, her eyes unbelievably hollow, showing me the closed-eyed head in her arms and the headless corpse of an infant, "Save him... save him... Even if you can't remember the past, but now being a mother, you should be able to feel... the pain of a mother losing her child..."

"How can I save him, he... his head's been chopped off, your request... I can't do it!!"

Chapter 830: He Actually Likes You, This Vicious Woman

I couldn't tear my gaze away from the corpse of the infant, resisting with all my might, as if my entire being was caught in a whirlwind.

The woman who looked exactly like me took advantage of my weakness, stepping closer and closer to my safety zone.

She stretched out her delicate hand, her fingertips gently caressing my cheek, "I don't ask you to save his life, only to redeem his imprisoned Primordial Spirit. Please, have a little compassion."

"Then... where exactly is he imprisoned?" I initially believed that with my trust in Yu Longting, not a word the Nightmare Demon said could be trusted.

Yet, the question slipped out unconsciously, and I realized that the strange dreams of the past two nights had deepened the estrangement between Yu Longting and me.

The woman's body appeared behind me in the blink of an eye, and she bent down.

She sighed a few times next to my ear, her breath cold and laced with decay, "Liuyin Mountain, hurry and find him; he's been trapped for so, so long..."

Liuyin Mountain... this mountain name...

I had never heard of it before, yet it sounded familiar.

"What kind of place is Liuyin Mountain? Can you give me a general location..." I turned my head, and behind me was a bottomless abyss.

Below the abyss, dark clouds loomed, and polluted air rose upwards.

The black tide in the depths transformed into countless Black Snakes, breaking through the clouds and surging upwards.

As if they were about to drag me into that deep abyss, bringing me endless disaster.

I quickly stepped back a few paces, keeping a distance from the abyss, "What is this place?"

"Wanwan, you're pregnant, don't stand in the wind; what if you catch a cold?" A tall man walked out of a nearby thatched hut, holding a coat with a reproachful look on his face.

But in the dream, I couldn't clearly see his features, only feeling an inexplicable sense of familiarity, as if he was the villain in my heart.

As he approached, his features became clearer.

The world went dark in front of me, I couldn't see anything, but my ears were filled with the distant yet magnetic voice of the man, "Su Wan, stop being sentimental, you mean nothing to me, just as despicable as Su Chongwen."

"This child has already become a demon, he must die!!"

"If you regret it, I'll fulfill your wish, as if we never met."

I stood in the void, surprisingly following the last voice, my lips slowly touching to answer, "Alright, Evil Snake, we shall never meet again in life or death."

Though just a dream, my heart felt the torment of losing a loved one, as if my entire being was being scorched into ashes by fire.

I was still waiting for Yu Longting to return, to spend every day of my remaining life with me...

No... life or death... not seen...

But to say it's just a dream, it indeed echoes reality.

If that child's soul is still trapped in a place called Liuyin Mountain, wouldn't that explain why Yu Longting's dismembered demon spawn had no Soul Spirit!

Suddenly, a thread of light appeared in the darkness.

But it wasn't the glow of light, it was a glow of blood.

The blood-red light shone into the dark corner, illuminating a woman in green clothes, barefoot.

Her body was bruised and battered, bound by green vines full of complex incantations, resembling Lanna script, ancient and intricate.

The woman was Qing Li, and the room she was in was an attic of an ancient building, her hollow gaze shifting from the outside to me, "Su Wan, how despicable you are. Haven't you harmed my son enough? Now you come to harm me, harm my daughter... My Tingting is too pure-hearted! How could he ever like a poison woman like you!"