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Chapter 1291: Making You a True Lustful Glutton!_2

Without any delay, Qin Fang quickly arrived at Ruan Yingxiu's room. The door was closed, but the window was open. Qin Fang easily leapt in, slipping into the room.

Even though Qin Fang was as careful as possible, from the outside to the inside of the room, landing inevitably made some noise.

"Who?"

Hearing this disturbance, Li Yaonan couldn't help but frown and angrily reprimanded, extremely displeased at being interrupted at such a critical moment.

Unpleasant or not, someone had entered, and he needed to see what was going on, so he turned to look.

"It's you... come... mmm mmm mmm!"

Upon seeing Qin Fang's face, Li Yaonan panicked and instinctively wanted to shout for help.

But before he could yell, his vision blurred, a shadow appeared in front of him, and he felt a numb sensation at his neck, rendering him speechless.

Not only that, seeing Qin Fang lift a hand, not knowing what he did, Li Yaonan found his body unable to move, losing control over it entirely.

"Sorcery?"

Confronted with such bizarre changes, the first thought in Li Yaonan's mind was these two words.

Southeast Asian sorcery isn't just about witchcraft; there are various strange sorceries, not as renowned but not necessarily inferior.

Li Yaonan had encountered several eerie sorceries and would have used them widely if they weren't so creepy and disgusting.

But this change before him clearly wasn't a good sign for Li Yaonan, even a terribly bad one...

"Tsk tsk, seems like I arrived just in time..."

Seeing the terrified expression on Li Yaonan's face, Qin Fang couldn't help but tease.

"You can talk?"

Upon hearing Qin Fang speak, Li Yaonan was astonished, almost wanting to exclaim but was reduced to muffled sounds instead.

Anyhow, Li Yaonan was destined to become a dead man; whether or not he knew Qin Fang was pretending to be mute was insignificant, and Qin Fang didn't care much.

Ignoring the pitiful Li Yaonan, Qin Fang turned to look at Ruan Yingxiu, lying on the bed.

Ruan Yingxiu was now in a completely dazed state, appearing odd, as if drugged, but not reacting like a woman in heat, only showing a pink flush on her skin...

Located in the tropics, Anlang has long sunlight exposure; hence, Anlang people generally have darker skin. Although Ruan Yingxiu was better than most Anlang people, her skin was a light wheat color, now with a pink hue, looking very enticing.

At this moment, her gown was half-off. The evening dress she wore for the banquet was already scant and thin, now torn to shreds, barely covering her body.

Faced with such a beauty in disarray, few normal men could resist, let alone a lustful ghost like Li Yaonan.

But alas...

He clearly had no such chance anymore.

Of course, though Qin Fang had the opportunity, he wouldn't take advantage of others; he was an assassin, not a flower thief...

"Sister, are you back?"

Just as Qin Fang pondered on how to deal with Li Yaonan, he heard an extremely rough and distinctive voice from outside the door.

Ruan Erjie was here...

Qin Fang had never encountered such a unique sound, impossible not to recognize.

"You've come just in time..."

At this critical moment, Ruan Erjie's sudden intrusion didn't bother Qin Fang at all; instead, his eyes lit up, and he smiled brightly.

Previously, Qin Fang would've hidden as far as he could, almost playing the role of a monk to banish a demoness.

But now, things were different; Ruan Erjie came at the perfect time... if only she were less revolting, Qin Fang might've even hugged and kissed her gratefully.

Ruan Erjie never knew what politeness meant, no door in the Ruan family she couldn't enter, including Ruan Yingxiu's small courtyard; she just pushed the door open.

The courtyard gate was initially closed, but someone moved swiftly, reaching the gate first and opening it.

Ruan Erjie pushed the door open and entered, and before she could see who was in front of her, she felt her vision blur and stood frozen like a log.

"Phew~~ fortunately, it worked!"

Of course, it was Qin Fang who acted. Right before Ruan Erjie could react, he hypnotized her using Cheating Skills.

Hypnosis is a type of Cheating Skills, ranging from simple hypnosis to advanced illusions and even more powerful secret techniques...

Qin Fang's Cheating Skills, enhanced by the Qianji Ring, were at an advanced level, making it too easy to hypnotize a common person.

Of course, such simple-minded people were easy targets. For those with firm willpower or resilient nature, Qin Fang would need more effort.

Such as Ba Song or Li Yaonan, Qin Fang restricted them through acupuncture techniques rather than hypnosis because these two were beyond the capabilities of hypnosis, at least with Qin Fang's current skill level.

After hypnotizing Ruan Erjie, Qin Fang immediately brought her in, closed the door securely, and took her to Ruan Yingxiu's bedroom.

"Li Yaonan, you're known as a lustful ghost... so this time, I'll fulfill your wish—allow you to truly be one. This one should suit your taste quite well!"

Bringing the hypnotized Ruan Erjie before Li Yaonan, Qin Fang smiled mischievously and said.

Li Yaonan's face turned green instantly. He had seen the Second Miss of the Ruan family before, almost throwing up his meal from the day before.

He was indeed lustful but only played with beautiful women, never experienced such grotesque earthly demons?

"You might as well kill me..."

Faced with the thought of such intimate contact with this demoness, Li Yaonan, who had been praying to escape this ordeal, suddenly wished for death to avoid such humiliation...

Too bad...

His wish was undoubtedly unmet!

Watching Qin Fang whisper unknown words into the hypnotized Ruan Erjie's ear, her dazed eyes turned green, and she lunged at Li Yaonan, tearing his scant clothing to pieces and pounced like a hungry tiger...

"Tsk tsk, this body... so good! This old lady loves muscle men like this..."

She kept murmuring, to Qin Fang's embarrassment as he stood beside them.

Although Li Yaonan had some muscle, he wasn't quite a muscle man, but at this moment, in Ruan Erjie's eyes, he transformed into a muscular version of Qin Fang...

Watching the lust-driven earth-demon Ruan Erjie ravaging Li Yaonan's small body, Qin Fang produced a Silver Needle and pierced it into Li Yaonan's meridian with a secretive technique...

If nothing unexpected happens, in about ten minutes, the Silver Needle will pierce Li Yaonan's heart, releasing its lethal poison, killing him instantly...

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After all this was done, Ruan Erjie was already like a madwoman, wreaking havoc on Li Yaonan's immobile little body...

The scene was truly unbearable to look at, almost making Qin Fang vomit his last meal...

Just seeing such a rare human spectacle made one want to vomit, let alone watching this live passionate performance...

So after handling these things, it was basically equivalent to sentencing Li Yaonan to death, and Qin Fang saw no need to stay any longer.

Just as he turned to leave, he suddenly remembered Ruan Yingxiu, who was drugged and lying in bed. After thinking about it briefly, Qin Fang still felt it was inappropriate to leave Ruan Yingxiu there.

Qin Fang wasn't particularly clear about what drug Ruan Yingxiu had been given, but he figured it could be something like fly water.

The reason it hadn't erupted thus far was likely related to Ruan Yingxiu's sorcery, but there's no guarantee that if suppressed for too long, the drug's effects wouldn't erupt more violently.

Right now, Ruan Erjie was tormenting Li Yaonan. It was possible that Ruan Yingxiu, once overwhelmed by lust, would also come over to defile him... that would be like throwing a baozi at a dog—gone forever!

Not to mention, in ten minutes, Li Yaonan would immediately die from the poison. It's really disgusting to be already subject to such a beastly act!

Qin Fang didn't hold back, he quickly walked to the bed, picked up the now completely dazed Ruan Yingxiu, and swiftly jumped out the window, taking her to the room Qin Fang had previously occupied.

And after Qin Fang completed all this, he quietly left the Ruan family and wandered back to the clubhouse where the banquet was previously held.

His speed remained extremely fast throughout, not daring to delay for even a moment, just to take advantage of such a simple time difference.

Just like when he left, Qin Fang avoided all the cameras and returned to the banquet hall. The banquet was still ongoing, and since Qin Fang was an inconspicuous small fry, naturally, no one paid much attention.

The only two people watching him were those lackeys tasked with tailing him. When Qin Fang suddenly disappeared, these unlucky kids started searching for his whereabouts.

"There he is..."

When those two lackeys couldn't find anyone and were about to report this to Ruan Youlin, they were surprised to see Qin Fang emerge from some corner.

And just as they were about to give up, Qin Fang leisurely reappeared, sipping wine at his original spot...

"Phew~~ that's a relief, that's a relief!"

Seeing Qin Fang appear, the two lackeys didn't find anything amiss and instead sighed in relief.

It was a helpless situation for them, as if their failure to complete the task was reported to Ruan Youlin or even Ruan Wenzhong, they wouldn't escape unscathed.

Now that Qin Fang was back, they naturally breathed a sigh of relief. After all, the space of this club was quite large, and with just the two of them, it wasn't guaranteed they could find anyone... so now that Qin Fang returned, they didn't find anything unusual.

When these two let out a long sigh of relief, they continued to monitor Qin Fang, who sat alone far away, savoring his glass of red wine with a slight serene smile on his lips.

It was obvious that his plan had succeeded. He distanced himself from any suspicion and effortlessly eliminated the target, Li Yaonan, achieving two goals at once, which was very satisfying indeed.

"Almost time..."

Thus, Qin Fang didn't sit for long before estimating the time and murmuring calmly, but there was no one around, so naturally, no one heard him.

Even if someone had heard, it wouldn't matter. It's unlikely anyone would associate his words with Li Yaonan's time of death.

From the time Qin Fang acted until now, it's been almost ten minutes. According to the dosage of poison and his needle technique, Li Yaonan should already be poisoned by now.

As the deadly venom essence of the Golden Crested Snake, even the tiniest amount was enough to take a human life.

Li Yaonan might have a slightly sturdier physique than the average person, but it didn't make much difference. Unless, within those ten minutes, a medical expert who was also proficient in making and neutralizing poisons, coupled with remarkably complete medicinals or special Detoxification Pills, could Li Yaonan have a chance of surviving...

But such things are rare and impossible to seek. In such a place where heaven and earth were unresponsive, his body was completely paralyzed, facing a similarly hypnotized and numb Ruan Erjie, it truly sealed off all of Li Yaonan's escape routes!

Li Yaonan is dead...

This fact, though Qin Fang couldn't witness it firsthand, should not hold any surprises.

This task seemed far too easy, taking only a little over ten minutes to effortlessly complete a mission of a Three-star Assassin.

With Li Yaonan's death, Qin Fang's task was also completed, leaving him in a much smoother mood that even two more glasses of wine couldn't help but indulge.

About ten minutes later, Qin Fang heard a noisy commotion outside, so loud that even the music in the banquet hall was overshadowed.

Whoosh whoosh whoosh~~

The noise outside was quite loud, resembling the sound of a military operation, making everyone in the banquet hall feel very peculiar.

Before long, Ruan Youlin appeared at the scene in full military gear, leading a squad of military police. These soldiers were the most elite under Ruan Wenzhong, normally tasked with protecting him personally. No one expected Ruan Youlin to be the one bringing them here...

Seeing such a scene, those in the know immediately showed expressions of extreme surprise, obviously something incredibly significant had happened for Luo City's ruler, Ruan Wenzhong, to react in this way.

When everyone's gaze focused on Ruan Youlin, this would usually be an extremely gratifying experience for him. Ruan Youlin loved this kind of attention. Unfortunately, his father was still alive, holding a tight grip on power, leaving him only to relish and amuse himself.

But right now, he couldn't help but wish he could gouge out everyone's eyes, as only then would his thick-skinned nature feel slightly comfortable.

He stopped at the entrance, with the squad of military police, and asked the two men guarding the door.

"Where is he?"

Ruan Youlin looked extremely displeased, as if something had happened that made him very angry. As he asked this, his gaze quickly scanned the banquet hall.

"Inside..."

The two men immediately pointed towards the direction where Qin Fang was seated, and following their finger, Ruan Youlin quickly spotted Qin Fang.

"Has he never left?"

Seeing Qin Fang still in his original spot, his position unchanged, and even his expression and actions without significant alteration, Ruan Youlin frowned as he asked.

"Never left..."

The two men had already agreed on their statement, conveniently ignoring the brief moment when Qin Fang disappeared, and firmly stated so.

"Could it not be him..."

Upon hearing their words, Ruan Youlin slightly hesitated, looking quite puzzled, while the two men lowered their heads cautiously, seemingly afraid of offending their master.

Li Yaonan was dead!

Dead in his little sister Ruan Yingxiu's room...

This was already an incredibly strange occurrence, but an even more bizarre scene was that his rather domineering second sister, Ruan Yingmei, was present at the time.

Furthermore, when Ruan Youlin recalled something he wanted to tell Li Yaonan, he discovered something significantly abnormal.

After finally forcing the door open and rushing in, Li Yaonan was found foaming at the mouth, dead... As for his second sister, she was furiously shaking on Li Yaonan's corpse!

His short, squat, ugly second sister was a lustful ghost, quite similar to Li Yaonan's character, only one played women like changing clothes, while the other played men the same way...

With Li Yaonan's vast experience with women, even if he wanted heavy taste, he had to be able to stomach his second sister's ugliness. In this world, it's hard to find someone who could see that face without feeling nauseated.

Yet even so, Ruan Youlin observed that the intense battle between his second sister and Li Yaonan lasted for quite some time; she was so engaged that even in his presence, she acted as if nothing unusual was occurring.

Li Yaonan had an extremely important role for the Ruan Family, and when he found him dead there, he was completely stunned...

He almost immediately informed his father, Ruan Wenzhong, who led his personal guard – Luo City's military police – rushing over.

A vicious slap woke Ruan Erjie from her stupor, but upon seeing Li Yaonan's corpse lying on the ground, she was immediately terrified.

Although she was a lustful ghost, occasionally playing heavy taste, like whips, candle wax, ropes and whatnot, she could handle them well, but her taste wasn't so heavy to go to this extent!

Doing things lovers do with a dead person...

Just thinking about it is unbearably disgusting!

Chapter 1293: Unconvinced!

"Why did you kill him?"

Ruan Wenzhong's face was exceptionally grim, almost as if moss could grow on it, looking particularly ferocious and terrifying... His current fame was undeniably linked to his ruthless nature.

"No... I didn't kill him!"

Ruan Erjie was stunned at first, then her face turned pale, and she immediately stammered in denial, her voice trembling, sounding guilty.

Ruan Erjie wasn't truly fearless; she feared one person... her father, Ruan Wenzhong. Apart from him, no one in the Ruan Family dared to bully her.

But precisely because of her fear of Ruan Wenzhong, she was incredibly slow to respond this time. She couldn't recall how she had any contact with Li Yaonan.

"Could it be diabetes?"

Ruan Erjie seemed to think of a disease name and began to mutter internally. Her combat power was exceptionally strong, but Li Yaonan was a guy hollowed out by wine and women; it wasn't surprising he couldn't handle her strong desires.

It was just unexpected that, before she knew what had happened, she had a connection with Li Yaonan, yet he unfortunately ended up dead...

But no matter the reason, she was very clear on one thing: Li Yaonan had great significance to the Ruan Family. Coming here for a blind date was to push her troublesome sister Ruan Yingxiu out.

Afraid her jealousy would ruin things, she didn't even attend the banquet, fearing she couldn't resist seducing Li Yaonan...

And now, she didn't know when she had reached this point with Li Yaonan, only that his health seemed too fragile, and he simply died because of her...

Originally, a death or two wasn't a big problem, but if the person who died was Li Yaonan, then it became a huge issue. Didn't Ruan Wenzhong come personally?

Looking at his most cherished and spoiled daughter, although not much to look at, she understood him best, which was why he doted on her so much.

But unexpectedly, everything went wrong because of this daughter, actually causing Li Yaonan's death...

Thinking that his plan had barely started and was now completely wrecked due to Li Yaonan's death, Ruan Wenzhong was filled with hatred!

Pow~~

A slap was viciously swung, nearly sending the plump Ruan Erjie flying, leaving her completely bewildered, her face full of intense shock.

Ruan Erjie feared Ruan Wenzhong, but in all these years, he had never laid a hand on her; this time he struck her so heavily, how could she not be shocked?

"Father, I... I really wasn't the one who wanted to kill him!"

Ruan Erjie appeared incredibly pitiful, whispering in a low, pitiful, and resentful voice.

"Father, I think Erjie is right, the murderer might not be her, but someone else..."

At this moment, Ruan Youlin took the opportunity to take a small walk in the courtyard, dragged the unconscious Ba Song out of a corner, then saw little sister Ruan Yingxiu lying in Qin Fang's room, prompting the question.

When he left earlier, only Li Yaonan, Ba Song, and the drugged Ruan Yingxiu were there, just those three people.

While it was hard to say for others, Ruan Youlin was very familiar with Erjie's character; they were close since they were born of the same mother.

His Erjie, although dominating and arrogant, would never do something like murder, let alone knock out a master like Ba Song.

"The facts are clear, who else could it be if not her?"

Ruan Wenzhong was furious; all his efforts were wasted, and because of Li Yaonan's death, the Li Family in the south wouldn't let it go easily.

Had it been merely the Li Family, Ruan Wenzhong wouldn't have feared them, but the problem was with Li Yaonan's death, his territory in the Golden Triangle would soon be divided by others.

These territories were not just controlled by Li Yaonan; they were supported by powerful interest groups, all having invested significant manpower, resources, and finances.

If such territories were divided by other warlords, these interest groups wouldn't even cry... as for the Ruan Family, who started it all, there wouldn't be much politeness.

Of course, that was for later. Now, Ruan Wenzhong wanted to investigate who exactly killed Li Yaonan. He himself doubted this daughter had such capabilities.

"This..."

With Ruan Wenzhong's remark, Ruan Youlin was also stunned, stammering, finding it hard to identify who was suspicious.

"Could it be him?"

When mentioning another murderer, Ruan Youlin immediately thought of Qin Fang, as in Luo City right now, the known people who could kill Li Yaonan were really few, and Qin Fang happened to be one of them.

Ba Song was Li Yaonan's bodyguard, with formidable cultivation, of a level that Ruan Youlin was not worthy even to tie his shoes...

But even such a master still fell at the hands of Qin Fang.

Look at poor Ba Song now, knocked unconscious by someone, which means the assassin on this trip is even more formidable than Ba Song...

Whether Luo City still has such experts, Ruan Youlin isn't very sure, but at least he knows there's one person who definitely has this ability, and that's Qin Fang.

"Who?"

Seeing Ruan Youlin's expression and tone, Ruan Wenzhong couldn't help but ask.

"It's the guard that my younger sister brought back, this person's strength is extremely strong, much more formidable than Li Yaonan's bodyguard..."

Ruan Youlin immediately said without hesitation.

This was his analysis of several suspicious points about Qin Fang, but it was also evident that this boy was sneaking in some personal agenda, clearly intending to use Ruan Wenzhong's hand to get rid of Qin Fang.

"It's him..."

Ruan Wenzhong had some impression of Qin Fang; in fact, he had even sent people to investigate him, but the information they returned was too limited, so he hadn't paid much attention.

"Go investigate, and make sure you give me results as soon as possible!"

Ruan Wenzhong's expression was also quite unpleasant, but with the situation as it was, it was up to him to see if he could turn the tide...

"Yes..."

Ruan Youlin naturally accepted this task without hesitation.

"And about my younger sister..."

Having received the task, Ruan Youlin was just about to leave when he couldn't help but pause, hesitating as he inquired. His people had already found the drugged Ruan Yingxiu from Qin Fang's room.

"Throw her into the water prison..."

Upon hearing this, Ruan Wenzhong's already displeased brow furrowed even tighter, and the anger on his face slowly rose. He looked at the gradually cooling corpse of Li Yaonan on the ground and spoke in a very harsh tone.

That tone was extremely cold and ruthless, exuding a chilling and bloody aura!

"Yes..."

Upon hearing these words, Ruan Youlin immediately saluted, his mouth and eyes full of a bright smile... It was clear he had been looking forward to this day for a long time.

Having received Ruan Wenzhong's permission, Ruan Youlin wasted no time and immediately led a squad of gendarmes back, intending to catch Qin Fang in the act.

But to his surprise, Qin Fang hadn't left at all, which only heightened the questions in his mind.

"Young master, who are we to arrest?"

The adjutant following Ruan Youlin noticed him hesitating there and couldn't help but ask. This squad directly reported to Ruan Wenzhong himself, and although Ruan Youlin was leading it, he still needed the adjutant's approval to give orders.

Therefore, it was only natural for the adjutant to inquire of Ruan Youlin.

They were there to arrest someone, but with so many people in the banquet hall, they didn't know who to seize. They had to wait for Ruan Youlin to point out the target before they could take action.

"Wait a moment..."

However, Ruan Youlin hadn't become so foolish as to act rashly, simply gesturing with his hand to indicate.

The main issue was that the banquet hall was full of prominent people from Luo City or members of wealthy families. Although they couldn't compare to the Ruan Family, it would be unwise to offend so many people at once, as that would create a massive vulnerability in the Ruan Family's stronghold...

As Ruan Youlin pondered whether to take action, Qin Fang, sitting as if unconcerned, couldn't help but frown.

This time, the soldiers Ruan Youlin brought were clearly stronger than those government troops Qin Fang had previously killed—definitely not just riffraff, and they seemed quite capable.

"Tsk tsk, it seems Ruan Wenzhong is more troublesome than I imagined!"

Qin Fang wasn't particularly afraid of these soldiers, but Ruan Wenzhong's decisions left him feeling rather annoyed and helpless.

Originally, he just wanted to stay behind to study sorcery thoroughly, but now, life was clearly not going to be that peaceful...

After all, Ruan Wenzhong was willing to spare no expense to strike a deal with Li Yaonan. The opportunity to make a deal with this warlord wasn't unique to his family; if he didn't go all out, it would be hard to secure such an opportunity.

But unexpectedly, just as things were looking promising, with Li Yaonan softening his stance and Ruan Youlin having completed his mission, the situation changed within just a few minutes. The financier-like Li Yaonan was assassinated on the Ruan Family's turf, something nobody would be pleased about!

Moreover, given that Ruan Wenzhong's mind wasn't all that broad and his vengeful nature was extremely intense, being an Anlang warlord...

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"Is he the murderer after all..."

Li Yaonan died suddenly, and the killer was very strong, coming and going without a trace. This actually doesn't cover a very large range, in fact, it's very small.

Almost the first suspect was Qin Fang. This was also partially because Ruan Youlin had his personal motives, but it was a reasonable assumption.

"Arrest him, or not?"

This was also a question. Now that the person had been brought here, all it would take was his command, and these military police would immediately swarm over and tie Qin Fang up tightly.

If Qin Fang dared to resist, these military police would not be polite and might even use knives or guns without hesitation!

But the problem is Qin Fang has always been here, it's impossible for him to slip away and commit the murder.

If they forcibly pinned this crime on Qin Fang, and couldn't find any evidence, the impression on his father Ruan Wenzhong might not be very good.

But if they don't arrest him, it seems that Luo City doesn't have anyone capable of defeating Ba Song... Qin Fang is the only known expert, and the biggest suspect is not just for show.

Because of this, Ruan Youlin hesitated, with so many people blocking the entrance, attracting the attention of many.

"Young master... the General is still waiting for your news!"

Seeing Ruan Youlin hesitating again, the adjutant couldn't help but frown and reminded him softly once more.

They weren't a regular army, and if this chance was missed, Ruan Youlin wouldn't have another opportunity to command them unless he achieved the position of his father, Ruan Wenzhong.

However, Ruan Wenzhong is only in his fifties, still in his prime, and would perhaps take another several or even more than ten years to retire from such a position.

So for now, Ruan Youlin didn't have such an opportunity... This adjutant wasn't particularly focused on him, which is why he urged him this way.

"Arrest him!"

At this moment, as Ruan Youlin was at the crucial point of hesitation, the adjutant's urging made him abruptly make up his mind, nodding and pointing to where Qin Fang was.

His grievance with Qin Fang was intense; humiliated so badly by Qin Fang, she had always wanted revenge. Wasn't this the perfect opportunity?

Now, Qin Fang was acting a bit reckless, and he gave the order directly.

"Move in..."

The adjutant confirmed the target to be arrested and immediately led the team into the banquet hall, heading straight for Qin Fang.

The guests inside the banquet hall had long noticed these military police and were figuring out if something had happened or who in the hall might be in trouble... and then they saw the troops gradually infiltrating... forming a semicircle and enclosing the area completely.

Click, click, click~~

Not only that, but the soldiers also took out their guns. Although to ensure the safety of the banquet, no one had brought guns in, now all these soldiers were armed, who wouldn't be afraid?

"Come with us..."

Ruan Youlin did not approach himself, primarily because the feeling of being choked by Qin Fang was uncomfortable, so for his safety, he let the adjutant handle it.

"You want to arrest me? Give me a reason..."

Looking at the military police in front of him, their spirits surprisingly good, indeed not disappointing for being Ruan Wenzhong's close guards. Far more reliable than riffraff.

Even though he clearly knew these people came to arrest him, Qin Fang remained composed as ever, seeming to ignore the guns in their hands.

"A reason? I am the reason..."

The adjutant didn't expect such a defiant person and was instantly displeased, angrily roaring, wishing he could tear Qin Fang to pieces.

"You're the reason... Well, I didn't see that coming!"

Seeing the adjutant's bulging veins, Qin Fang maintained a calm expression and even mocked the chubby adjutant.

"Bastard... What are you all standing idle for, hurry up!"

The adjutant, overwhelmed by Qin Fang, paid less attention to his wording, and to prevent any delays, ordered to arrest him immediately.

"You can speak..."

Compared to the adjutant's embarrassment, Ruan Youlin seemed to have anticipated this point and didn't involve himself, but there was one thing he found very strange.

"Nonsense, of course, I can speak..."

Distracted by mocking the adjutant, he forgot his supposed identity should be mute.

But at this point, it didn't matter whether he was mute, initially not wanting to converse more with the Anlang People and avoid falling for a trick.

Now, having exposed the fact that he could speak, there was no further point in pretending, so he straightforwardly dropped the act.

At this moment, those military police were unceremonious, immediately someone came with handcuffs to arrest him.

Snap~~

Just as the handcuffs were about to clasp onto Qin Fang's wrist, Qin Fang suddenly acted, grabbing the arm of the soldier holding them. The soldier struggled hard but couldn't break free from Qin Fang's grip...

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However, Qin Fang did not do anything to that gendarmerie subordinate, he simply grabbed the subordinate's hand to prevent any further actions.

Crack, crack, crack...

Qin Fang's impulsive action immediately attracted the attention of many people, and the pitch-black gun barrels were all pointed at Qin Fang.

"No, no, no, I'll go with you..."

To everyone's surprise, Qin Fang seemed not to intend any resistance at all, and he surrendered immediately.

He was just acting righteously, seemingly ready to fight Ruan Youlin's group and be gloriously executed by a firing squad, but in the blink of an eye, he became a coward afraid of death, puzzling everyone.

However, Qin Fang himself appeared calm and indifferent, as if he had no awareness of being a captive; it was as if he was there for a tour, looking remarkably peculiar.

"Take him away..."

Ruan Youlin didn't expect it to go this smoothly, much simpler than he imagined, which was really surprising.

The Water Prison was a truly terrifying place, said to be the most dreadful area of the Ruan Family, an experience most people could not endure.

Although Qin Fang, who assassinated Li Yaonan, wasn't executed on the spot, he was locked up in the Water Prison. The taste of that was probably far worse than being executed!

"Hey, you were caught too?"

When Qin Fang saw that his neighbor was none other than Ruan Yingxiu, whom he had rescued, he also showed a rather strange expression.

People say that even a tiger doesn't eat its cubs, but Ruan Wenzhong completely disregarded Ruan Yingxiu, locking her up without hesitation, and even putting her in the Water Prison!

Qin Fang originally thought that since he saved Ruan Yingxiu, at the very least, when he was in trouble, she could plead for him or send some food and drink his way, like Tang Bohu's maid Autumn Fragrance.

"You can talk?"

Like everyone else, Ruan Yingxiu's first reaction to hearing Qin Fang speak was one of great surprise.

"Sorry, I didn't tell you the truth..."

Qin Fang scratched his head a bit embarrassedly as he spoke.

At this moment, Ruan Yingxiu was soaked in water, her thin clothes clinging tightly to her body, looking particularly enticing.

However, because her important parts were submerged, Qin Fang could see nothing, feeling somewhat regretful.

"By the way, Ruan Beauty, I've been meaning to ask, is Ruan Wenzhong really your biological father?"

Looking at Ruan Yingxiu, who wasn't too far away, Qin Fang suddenly remembered something and couldn't help but ask.

They say that even a tiger doesn't eat its cubs, but Ruan Wenzhong not only usually treated Ruan Yingxiu horribly, but this time he also treated her like a prisoner, throwing her into this dark Water Prison, incredibly cruel...

Of course, Qin Fang's inquiry wasn't out of genuine curiosity; it wasn't important to him whether or not he knew the truth.

"No..."

But to Qin Fang's surprise, Ruan Yingxiu shook her head, giving a negative answer: "He's my stepfather..."

"Oh..."

This time it was Qin Fang who was dumbfounded. He was just joking when he asked, but he unexpectedly guessed correctly; there was no direct relationship between Ruan Yingxiu and Ruan Wenzhong!

"So it's true..."

With this answer, Qin Fang understood why Ruan Wenzhong treated Ruan Yingxiu so poorly; it all stemmed from this.

While many men in Anlang didn't pay much attention to their daughters and saw them as items to be sold for profit, it wasn't typically this ruthless.

They not only drugged their daughters to be abused by men, but for even minor mistakes, they were thrown into this dank, hopeless Water Prison without notice, extremely cruel.

"Beauty, let me ask you, do you want to become a Queen..."

Qin Fang's eyes twinkled as he asked in a very enticing tone.

"Queen?"

Ruan Yingxiu was taken aback, her gaze filled with confusion, as she couldn't quite grasp what Qin Fang meant.

"I mean... to have you take your father's place, to control the entire Anlang Northern Region!"

Qin Fang quickly organized his words and spoke with a smile.

Ruan Wenzhong's current status was essentially that of the King of the North in Anlang; Luo City was almost entirely his territory, like his personal property.

He held absolute authority over Luo City and the northern forests, even though there were other powerful families, they all looked to the Ruan Family as their leader.

Nobody dared to offend the Ruan Family easily; regardless of their power or wealth, without control of the military, it was meaningless!

The reason Ruan Wenzhong became the King of the North wasn't unrelated to the tens of thousands of troops he commanded; otherwise, he'd have been overthrown many times by now.

Qin Fang was now very displeased with Ruan Wenzhong and wanted to topple him...

But Qin Fang didn't want someone as selfish and shameless as Ruan Youlin to ascend, either...

Therefore, with fewer Ruan Family members left, Qin Fang turned his attention to Ruan Yingxiu. Despite her pride, she would be quite formidable if she got serious.

Haven't you seen how Dragon Country's fighter jets bombed the Hand of the Demon's camp? Almost all the Hand of the Demon's people were killed or wounded, yet Ruan Yingxiu managed to escape with two others, proving her considerable skill.

Moreover, despite the significance of collaborating with the Hand of the Demon, Ruan Wenzhong entrusted the task to Ruan Yingxiu rather than Ruan Youlin, clearly recognizing her abilities were far superior.

Because of this, as Qin Fang pondered, he couldn't help but plan to oust Ruan Wenzhong and his son, and help Ruan Yingxiu rise to power... perhaps it was a good choice!

Qin Fang didn't intend to be the man hiding behind Ruan Yingxiu; in a small country like Anlang, he had no interest. Only local warlords like Ruan Wenzhong cared about these matters.

Qin Fang would rather enjoy a leisurely life than deal with complex affairs...

As for whether Ruan Yingxiu would become a friend or a new enemy, Qin Fang didn't care.

He could help Ruan Yingxiu rise; likewise, he could also pull her down if needed, which wouldn't be too difficult.

It was said that Li Yaonan was tough to kill, but Qin Fang accomplished it effortlessly.

Did Qin Fang have Four-Star Level strength?

Obviously not!

Qin Fang's advantage lay in his highly versatile and elusive assassination techniques, something even more skilled assassins couldn't possess!

Remember, it's only been a few months since Qin Fang joined the Assassin's Alliance, yet he advanced from a mere One-Star Assassin at the Beginner Level to a Three-Star Assassin, becoming one of the mainstays of the Alliance.

His speed was proof of his strength!

This was also why Qin Fang believed he could overthrow Ruan Wenzhong and Ruan Youlin, and install Ruan Yingxiu as Queen...

People say, "if you don't have what it takes, don't try to defy the odds..."

Qin Fang was the same; without the capability to achieve this, he wouldn't even consider such ideas.

Or, more accurately, since encountering the Anlang Government Army, Qin Fang had already conceived such thoughts!

Chapter 1296: Deception vs. Deception

"You... what did you say?"

Qin Fang maintained a calm smile on his face, but over on Ruan Yingxiu's side, she was clearly not so composed. Her eyes seemed about ready to pop out.

Qin Fang's words brought her an immense shock... almost to the point where she couldn't accept it.

Her feelings towards Qin Fang were very complex; trying to describe them with simple words is very hard, as they were very unique.

Back then, she thought Qin Fang was just a mute. Even if he knew some of her secrets, he wouldn't speak of them. But she didn't expect Qin Fang to actually talk, though his pronunciation of Anlang language sounded a bit raw.

Perhaps because of this, she wondered if she'd misunderstood Qin Fang's meaning. After all, his pronunciation wasn't precise, maybe he meant something else.

"It's about your father and brother suddenly disappearing. Could you control the army they left behind and take their place in ruling this region?"

Qin Fang repeated his words playfully and stared straight into Ruan Yingxiu's eyes, trying to catch something from her gaze.

"You... you..."

This time, Ruan Yingxiu listened very carefully. She wanted to confirm if she had heard incorrectly before, but contrary to her hopes, the reality was exactly the opposite, reflecting the meaning she dared not imagine.

Her delicate fingers trembled slightly, pointing at Qin Fang, with endless surprise and a hint of fear in her eyes. At the moment, Ruan Yingxiu's emotions were extremely agitated and scared, as Qin Fang's idea brought her too great of a shock...

"Ruan Wenzhong is not your father. He hasn't treated you and your mother well either, so there's no need for you to continue serving such a father."

"Look at what he's done to you? Is this something a father would do? And... think about how your mother really died... sigh, take care of yourself!"

Looking at Ruan Yingxiu's exquisite face, noticing the surprise and fear flickering in her eyes, Qin Fang held no restraint and threw out an even bigger bombshell, almost instantly dazing Ruan Yingxiu completely!

"Who... who are you? How... how do you know these things?"

Ruan Yingxiu was even more incredibly surprised; few people knew these secrets, only a few direct members of the Ruan family vaguely knew some details.

Especially regarding her mother's death, only a handful of people, three or four at most, knew about it. Even Ruan Youlin and Ruan Yingmei didn't know.

She herself learned the truth of that past incident under extremely coincidental circumstances, and she had never revealed it to anyone.

Yet Qin Fang seemed to know her affairs so clearly, as if he had witnessed the entire event firsthand. It was truly hard for Ruan Yingxiu not to be astonished...

"In fact, I've long known you've been looking for a chance all these years, trying to gain the trust of your stepfather Ruan Wenzhong, just to uncover the truth of that past incident from him, and then... avenge your mother!"

Watching Ruan Yingxiu's surprised, slightly open mouth, Qin Fang wasn't finished. He continued to supplement his words.

"Unfortunately... Ruan Wenzhong is inherently suspicious, trustful of no one. Despite your hard efforts, he remains vigilant towards you, preventing you from making any progress!"

It's as if he could read Ruan Yingxiu's most inner thoughts like an open book, understanding her thoughts without a single flaw!

How could this not leave Ruan Yingxiu in utter disbelief?

Initially, she imagined Qin Fang was sent by Ruan Wenzhong to probe her, trying to gather some clues from her, so Ruan Wenzhong could eliminate her without hesitation.

On second thought, that seemed unlikely...

One, Qin Fang's appearance was a coincidence, encountering her by chance. Two, although Ruan Wenzhong always guarded against her, he wasn't fully aware of her deepest thoughts.

Especially about the suspicious circumstances surrounding her mother's death, Ruan Yingxiu had never disclosed it to anyone, not even to Ruan Wenzhong...

"Well? Have you made a decision?"

Seeing Ruan Yingxiu's surprised yet hesitant expression, Qin Fang didn't want to give her too much time to consider. He asked very directly.

It's better to deal with the mess quickly; the longer the delay, the more adverse it would be for both him and Ruan Yingxiu. Rather than dragging it on endlessly, it would be better to get a prompt resolution.

"Although I wasn't there to witness that incident firsthand, I am at least 80-90% sure your mother's death is definitely related to Ruan Wenzhong! Even... he might have done it with his own hands!"

To solidify Ruan Yingxiu's resolve for revenge, Qin Fang immediately threw out another shocking revelation, a very crucial piece of evidence, shaking Ruan Yingxiu to the point of quivering all over!

In truth, Qin Fang was completely unaware of the intricate details. The reason he knew all these undisclosed secrets boiled down to them being revealed by none other than Ruan Yingxiu herself.

No way, stimulated by Qin Fang like this, Ruan Yingxiu's emotions couldn't remain stable and became quite agitated. Even the cold water couldn't extinguish the blazing flame in her heart.

Of course, Qin Fang wouldn't miss such an opportunity and immediately used the Mind Reading Technique on Ruan Yingxiu...

Perhaps it was the key doubts raised by Qin Fang that stimulated her, and she couldn't help but recall her deepest pain in her heart...

And just as Qin Fang was probing her innermost thoughts, he discovered some hidden secrets inside her, using them to his advantage.

Of course, Qin Fang's earlier words may have been nonsense, but the last sentence held strong evidence; Ruan Yingxiu's mother's death had a significant connection to Ruan Wenzhong... and her death might truly have been personally executed by Ruan Wenzhong!

It was precisely because of this that Ruan Yingxiu tried her utmost to please Ruan Wenzhong, hoping to get close to him and thus uncover some unknown secrets from him.

Unexpectedly, Qin Fang saw through everything clearly, as if she was entirely exposed before him.

The more she understood these things, the more excited Ruan Yingxiu grew, and the internal war within her was extremely intense.

If her suspicion were confirmed, she would absolutely not let Ruan Wenzhong go, even if it meant mutual destruction, Ruan Yingxiu was willing!

For the sake of revenge, she had delved deeply into sorcery and even apprenticed under a famous sorcerer in Thailand, and her sorcery skills had now reached a considerable level.

This posed no pressure for her; even though Ruan Wenzhong was her stepfather, he was quite cruel to her. No matter how hard she worked for him, the result was this outcome today, leaving her heart almost dead!

The reason she stayed wasn't to perform filial piety as a dutiful daughter for Ruan Wenzhong, but purely to gather evidence for revenge!

Her thoughts were kept well hidden; although Ruan Wenzhong didn't trust her much, he hadn't noticed anything unusual about her. Yet unexpectedly, Qin Fang, a stranger, saw through it, leaving her both surprised and worried.

Just then...

After taking several deep breaths, Ruan Yingxiu's breathing gradually steadied, no longer as agitated as before.

As a practitioner of sorcery, mastering one's emotions has a significant effect; otherwise, how could one cast spells on others?

Moreover, Ruan Yingxiu's level of sorcery was quite high.

"What do you want?"

With her breathing even, her mind also cleared up considerably.

Ruan Yingxiu wasn't a fool; Qin Fang helping her with so much effort to topple Ruan Wenzhong definitely didn't come without a demand.

There is no such thing as a free lunch!

Even in a transaction, if Ruan Yingxiu gained control of Northern Anlang, Qin Fang would certainly need something in return...

"What do I want? Honestly, I don't quite know..."

Qin Fang was taken aback, then shook his head with a wry smile, knowing full well that this answer was hard for Ruan Yingxiu to fully believe.

"Perhaps I just want a free environment..."

This response was somewhat grandiose and vague, almost as if nothing was said.

"Alright, I agree..."

Even though Qin Fang felt his reason was weak, he was surprised when Ruan Yingxiu agreed without a trace of doubt.

"How could this be..."

Subconsciously, Qin Fang thought in bewilderment, but as he looked at Ruan Yingxiu's slightly disdainful expression, he understood the thoughts in this beauty's mind.

Simply put, this beauty wanted to reap the benefits effortlessly!

If Qin Fang failed, then everything they had talked about would become meaningless, as if nothing had been said, with everything remaining the same.

But if Qin Fang could truly remove Ruan Wenzhong and Ruan Youlin for her and help her ascend to that position, controlling tens of thousands of the Anlang Army, she could indeed become a queen-like figure in the Anlang Northern Region!

In reality, she wouldn't have had to sacrifice anything, as everything would be accomplished by Qin Fang, with her naturally reaping all the benefits!

Moreover, when the time came, with power in her hands and control over the Anlang Government Army, she could easily pin the blame on Qin Fang, allowing her to become the queen openly and righteously...

Chapter 1297: Desperate Situation? Easy Escape!

Understanding the scheme in this beautiful woman's mind, Qin Fang was quite helpless despite being surprised, as there are many smart people in the world, making it hard to deceive them.

"You're ruthless..."

It's not surprising that Ruan Yingxiu would have such an idea, as she seems not to believe that Qin Fang could help her achieve that goal.

Being the stepdaughter of Ruan Wenzhong and part of the Ruan Family, she was very familiar with Ruan Wenzhong and knew how difficult he was to deal with.

If not for this, she wouldn't have waited so long without finding the slightest flaw, only to be used and schemed against by Ruan Wenzhong.

In her view, Qin Fang might have some skills and ability, perhaps to protect and rescue people, but to deal with Ruan Wenzhong, he was clearly inadequate.

Moreover, if Qin Fang were truly so powerful, he wouldn't be trapped here in this dark water prison like her, not knowing when they would not hold on any longer and die here!

"Forget it, there's nothing good in arguing with a woman like you, let's leave here first..."

Understanding Ruan Yingxiu's mind and her helplessness and despair about the current situation, Qin Fang decided not to argue much with her.

Estimating the time, Qin Fang figured it should be about right and immediately informed Ruan Yingxiu, starting to act.

"Let's see how you escape..."

Upon hearing Qin Fang, Ruan Yingxiu almost instinctively wanted to retort.

The water prison has always been a terrifying place, surrounded by dark, icy waters. Staying long in this water gradually chills the whole body.

The surroundings of the water prison are built with very smooth bluestone, perhaps due to long-term darkness and humidity, covered with a very slippery layer of moss.

It's basically ... devoid of anything to dig into or grab, making climbing impossible.

Moreover, the water prison is like a deep well built of stones, just larger in area. There's an approximately one-meter-square opening above, the only entrance and exit, allowing a sliver of light to penetrate.

This opening is sealed by an iron grid, completely closing it off.

This opening is the only way in and out, initially where Qin Fang and Ruan Yingxiu were thrown down, and the only exit to leave.

Let's not mention the distance from the water surface to the opening, which exceeds two meters in height. If the ground below were solid, this height would be easy for Qin Fang.

But the ground is all water, making it impossible to exert force, leaving Qin Fang to float his upper body above the water. To leap and reach the two-meter-high opening is almost impossible, not to mention the sealed iron grid!

Due to such an environment, none of the prisoners thrown here managed to escape, eventually turning into floating corpses, whether from hunger, drowning, or freezing... In any case, only when confirmed dead would someone come to retrieve the bodies.

However, that might be three to five days, sometimes even a week later...

"I said I'd escape, so I definitely will..."

Qin Fang anticipated Ruan Yingxiu's skepticism, as anyone facing such an impossible situation mostly wouldn't think they could escape.

Even his brother-in-law Tang Cheng, a soldier king, if thrown here without rescue, was almost certainly doomed.

There's no way to escape without excellent tools, like ropes or at least a dagger or the like.

However, prisoners before being thrown in had all potential escape tools confiscated; they were fortunate not to have their clothes stripped off.

Without tools, unless a Qinggong master like Monk Wukong with the ability to float and leap across rivers, there might be a chance of escape.

But such masters are exceedingly rare; even ancient sects like Tiantchi have not preserved light body techniques, showing how scarce they are in the world.

Reportedly, only thousand-year sects like Shaolin Temple and Kunlun have preserved it, while similarly strong Tang Sect seemingly hasn't.

Actually, Qin Fang knew that even within thousand-year sects like Shaolin Temple and Kunlun, few were qualified to cultivate Qinggong, almost countable on fingers!

Otherwise, the world might have long been filled with countless strong martial artists capable of amazing lightwork, preventing Dragon Country's martial arts from declining to this extent.

Qin Fang greatly envied the light body techniques, once considering killing Monk Wukong to gain such skills, but ultimately he gave up, not due to fearing insufficient strength, mainly considering his very good relationship with Monk Wukong...

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The appearance of the Bloody-handed Demon Tu San made Qin Fang unable to resist calculating. This wicked and overflowing thug actually knew Qinggong. Although it was a defective version, for Qin Fang, it was almost no different from the real thing...

The only unfortunate and helpless thing is that Qin Fang is not currently a match for Tu San. Although the gunfight between the two ended in a draw, Qin Fang knew he had lost!

These are side issues, and there will be more opportunities for Qin Fang with Qinggong later. There is no rush. The main focus now is how to escape from this water prison, which is virtually a dead end, and this is what Qin Fang has to worry about now.

At the same time, it's also something Ruan Yingxiu is very concerned about!

Although she almost completely doesn't believe Qin Fang can escape, seeing Qin Fang's confident demeanor filled her with a sense of anticipation.

After all... no one alive and well wants to die so inexplicably and unjustly!

"Watch carefully..."

Noticing Ruan Yingxiu's expression, Qin Fang showed a slight, calm smile. Then he raised a hand that had been submerged underwater, which should have been empty, but surprisingly held something... something that appeared to be a crossbow.

Indeed, it was a crossbow!

And it appeared to be a specially made crossbow, the kind even Anlang's army didn't have! At a glance, anyone could see it was standard issue for Mercenaries!

"How did you bring it in?"

Ruan Yingxiu was shocked, utterly unable to fathom how Qin Fang had managed to get such a thing. She had been thrown into the water prison earlier than Qin Fang and had personally watched as her brother Ruan Youlin threw Qin Fang in.

Before Qin Fang was thrown in, Ruan Youlin had specifically ordered someone to search Qin Fang. Something as large as a crossbow couldn't possibly go unnoticed unless all ten-plus people present were blind!

"Hehe, a wise man has his own plans..."

Faced with Ruan Beauty's puzzle, Qin Fang gave a mysterious smile, nonchalantly expressing himself, then raised the crossbow in his hand and aimed it at the hole above before pulling the trigger.

Swish~~

A sound was heard as the arrow was quickly ejected and accurately shot through the small hole in the iron grate above.

At the same time, Ruan Yingxiu clearly noticed that the arrow Qin Fang shot had a very thin cord bound to it, appearing to be a very soft fine steel cable!

Thud~~

Almost right after the arrow passed through the small hole, its head suddenly opened like a hidden weapon from the Tang Sect, forming an umbrella-shaped head.

Qin Fang pulled it gently, and the arrowhead was immediately tugged back, landing steady and securely on the iron grate, making a crisp "ding" sound.

Having done all this, Qin Fang did not rush into action but took a moment to listen intently.

It was quiet all around, seemingly devoid of any guards, which allowed Qin Fang to slightly relax.

"Done..."

Reaching this point, Qin Fang finally relaxed a bit, waved his arm slightly as if cheering for himself, but the lone audience Ruan Yingxiu seemed oblivious to this, leaving Qin Fang to appreciate his work alone.

"Beauty, are you coming up with me, or should I pull you up after I've gone out... Or do you want to stay here?"

Having completed the preparations, Qin Fang finally glanced back at the utterly dumbfounded Ruan Yingxiu, teasing her nonchalantly.

"I... I'm going with you!"

Ruan Yingxiu almost instinctively wanted to refuse, but at the thought of the eerie, dark, humid, cold water prison, her heart filled with dread, and she immediately expressed her decision.

To demonstrate her resolve, Ruan Beauty directly moved in front of Qin Fang, wrapped her arms around Qin Fang's waist, and pressed her shapely body close.

"Damn, do you have to do it like this..."

But her action was rather savage. Her soaked clothes, already sparse, clung completely to her body, making her appear almost naked as she pressed against Qin Fang.

Qin Fang, a young man in the prime of his blood, could not possibly remain unaffected by such a hot body clinging tightly to him.

However, at this moment, Ruan Yingxiu seemed terrified of the enclosed environment and didn't want to stay a second longer.

There was no helping it; with Qin Fang around, she at least had someone to talk to and wouldn't feel so afraid and anxious.

But if Qin Fang left, she'd be alone and doubted she could endure for long... It was just like the military's black room; staying too long would cause anyone to break down.

"Fine, you win..."

Yet Qin Fang knew it was impossible to reason with Ruan Yingxiu at such a moment. Anyway, despite the substantial impact, he wasn't exactly the one losing out, and since Ruan Yingxiu herself didn't seem to mind, why should he, a man, care?

"Hold tight..."

Before taking action, Qin Fang softly whispered a reminder to Ruan Yingxiu clinging tightly behind him, feeling her arms tighten even more around his waist, and their bodies became even more tightly pressed, even the nub of a small grape on her chest was now noticeable against his back.

"Let's go..."

Setting aside irrelevant thoughts, Qin Fang gave a little push with his hand, and the thin cord began to retract automatically, instantly lifting Qin Fang and Ruan Yingxiu towards the over two-meter-high exit.

This special crossbow made by mercenaries had an automatic retractable feature, very advanced in its functionality, and was one of the spoils Qin Fang had acquired from the Hand of the Demon.

As the world's largest arms dealer, the Mercenary Alliance itself possessed many advanced weapons rarely seen on the market, and as one of its cores, the Hand of the Demon naturally also had plenty of such weapons.

Qin Fang's crossbow was just one of the ordinary types, and Qin Fang had kept it for its utility, not expecting it to be useful so soon.

The rope did not retract particularly fast, but neither was it slow. Even with over two hundred catties of weight, it seemed to bear it effortlessly.

Seeing they were about to crash into the iron grate, Ruan Yingxiu almost screamed, but Qin Fang, agile as a monkey, easily extended a hand through a space in the grate, grabbed it firmly, and suspended himself and Ruan Yingxiu with just one hand.

Bang~~

The steel grate was just for show because it was known that the prisoners in the water prison couldn't escape, so it was just placed simply, like a manhole cover.

Qin Fang suddenly punched, sending the 30 to 40 catties heavy grate flying up, granting Qin Fang and Ruan Yingxiu instant freedom...

With the grate gone, the only obstacle naturally also vanished.

Qin Fang wasn't going to miss such an opportunity, so he extended his arm slightly, grabbed Ruan Yingxiu by one arm, and swung her out.

Then he flipped his own body, easily squeezing through the exit, even having time to catch the grate that was about to fall, preventing it from hitting the ground and causing a loud noise that could alert potential trouble...

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"Phew~~~ Finally managed to do it, got out!"

Although Qin Fang didn't actually exert much effort, escaping from such a dark, damp water prison was a relief, and he couldn't help but murmur.

"Thank you..."

Ruan Yingxiu was also taking deep breaths at this moment; the dark environment of the water prison was very oppressive to many, Ruan Yingxiu included.

She had originally thought she was doomed, but unexpectedly, Qin Fang, who she thought couldn't possibly succeed, managed to bring her out as well.

Faced with such immense help from Qin Fang, even though she was quite displeased with him earlier, she sincerely expressed her gratitude at this moment.

"Beauty, what are your plans for the future?"

Qin Fang waved his hand indifferently; it was just a small effort on his part, really not much, just that he thought about it and looked at the exquisite and stunning Ruan Yingxiu in front of him and asked.

At this moment, Ruan Yingxiu's clothes were completely soaked, revealing her perfect figure almost entirely, which added an extra touch of charm, allure, and sensuality.

If it were an average person, their eyes probably wouldn't be able to leave her body.

But Qin Fang seemed to completely ignore all this, his gaze remained clear, even more righteous than a gentleman.

Such an open and honest gaze, even Ruan Yingxiu herself did not realize her current awkwardness.

However, Ruan Yingxiu did not anticipate that Qin Fang was indeed appreciating such a beauty; he admired her openly with only admiration in his eyes, without any other implication, preventing Ruan Yingxiu from feeling awkward...

"I don't know either..."

Faced with Qin Fang's question, Ruan Yingxiu felt very troubled.

A short while ago, she was abandoned in the inescapable water prison, thinking she was certainly doomed, with all hope lost, ready for death.

Yet unexpectedly, Qin Fang did save her...

In the midst of joy, excitement, and surprise, she was also quite confused and uncertain, truly unsure of where to go.

She was originally the third young lady of the Ruan Family, a daughter of a prominent warlord, a goddess-like figure in the hearts of young men in Luo City.

But now, she is just an abandoned child by her stepfather, a prisoner sentenced to death by him...

Returning to Stepdad Ruan Wenzhong is impossible; doing so would only lead him to submerge her in the water prison again.

Qin Fang saved her once; what about next time? Would she have such good fortune again?

If she can't return to the Ruan Family, where else can she go?

At this moment, Ruan Yingxiu was truly confused, uncertain about her future path.

"Beauty, would you consider my earlier proposal?"

Seeing Ruan Yingxiu so perplexed, Qin Fang smiled faintly and jokingly suggested.

Ruan Yingxiu was stunned, recalling Qin Fang's earlier proposal quickly, and her face showed a conflicted expression.

"Can you really help me?"

But in just a brief moment, Ruan Yingxiu asked calmly, clearly not believing Qin Fang had such capability.

"I certainly will help you... Not for any other reason, just because we are sort of compatriots, I must help you!"

Qin Fang's expression turned slightly serious, unlike his previous playful demeanor.

"Compatriots?"

Ruan Yingxiu was startled, clearly not understanding Qin Fang's meaning.

"Actually, I'm from Dragon Country..."

Qin Fang seemed very calm, saying casually.

"You're from Dragon Country..."

Ruan Yingxiu was completely stunned when she heard Qin Fang's answer.

Hearing Qin Fang's choice of words, Ruan Yingxiu was even more astonished, realizing Qin Fang's understanding of her was quite thorough, even knowing such hidden details.

Ruan Wenzhong is Ruan Yingxiu's stepfather, so her biological father is naturally someone else, and this person is actually a biological compatriot of Qin Fang.

To be precise, Ruan Yingxiu's biological father was a descendant of the Myanmar Expeditionary Army, who lived in the jungles of Myanmar and northern Anlang.

These descendants of the Expeditionary Army did not return to Dragon Country, but had grown accustomed to life here, although they always recognized themselves as descendants of the Dragon, unwilling to go back.

As for the reasons, they are hard to say...

Unfortunately, their identity was rather awkward, unloved both in Myanmar and Anlang, belonging to the oppressed group.

Ruan Yingxiu's grandfather was a resourceful person who organized these descendants of the Expeditionary Army into a formidable armed force, managing to occupy a stretch of land and began resting and thriving here.

This force was then passed on to his son... who was Ruan Yingxiu's father. Unfortunately, her father died in a battle, leaving behind a widow and a lonely daughter.

At this time, Ruan Wenzhong suddenly appeared, persuading Ruan Yingxiu's mother to marry him with enticing words, but on condition that the force also fell into his hands.

Of course, Ruan Wenzhong made significant promises back then, such as the descendants of the Expeditionary Army being able to live equally in northern Anlang without any oppression...

At that time, these descendants had a tough life, and faced with such temptations, they were clearly moved.

For the sake of these people's survival, Ruan Yingxiu's mother agreed to Ruan Wenzhong's request, married him, and handed over the force to him.

If it weren't for this, how could Ruan Wenzhong have unified the entire northern Anlang region so quickly back then?

Unfortunately, Ruan Wenzhong was a typical person who kills the donkey when the grind is done, dismantling the bridge after crossing it. After achieving all this, he immediately started taking action.

He first scattered the troops, reorganizing them into his own army. As long as these troops couldn't gather, he wasn't afraid of them rebelling.

Later, he took advantage of a good opportunity to harm Ruan Yingxiu's mother... Although the coroner's report declared she died of disease, some things once done will still leave traces to be found.

At that time, Ruan Yingxiu was already several years old, not particularly clear about these matters, but gradually understood them as she grew up, finding the past events very suspicious.

Later, an accidental incident revealed further suspicions to her, confirming that Ruan Wenzhong was likely the murderer of her mother...

To investigate this matter clearly, she kept lurking beside Ruan Wenzhong, trying to find clues or opportunities... Unfortunately, Ruan Wenzhong never trusted her.

Having no choice, for a girl with no blood relation, even as Ruan Wenzhong watched her grow up, he still couldn't trust her at all.

Yet, Ruan Yingxiu's abilities were extremely strong, so Ruan Wenzhong was happy to assign troublesome tasks to her... even instructing his children to bully Ruan Yingxiu but not to harm her!

In essence, it was making Ruan Yingxiu a laborer for him and the Ruan Family, yet having to endure endless resentment!

This time, however, the events took Ruan Wenzhong by surprise, blowing out of proportion, causing him to lose his temper and throw Ruan Yingxiu into the water prison...

"How do you know so much about my affairs?"

Ruan Yingxiu had to remain vigilant about Qin Fang, who seemed to know even such hidden matters, regarding him almost like a thief.

"How I know, you don't need to know; it's of no benefit to you..."

Qin Fang waved his hand, naturally unwilling to admit he had mind reading abilities. Not to mention whether anyone would believe it, just this act of peeping into others' thoughts would be despised, as nobody would want to stand "unreservedly" before him.

"That said... what are your plans? Leaving here to flee elsewhere, or with my help taking down Ruan Family's father and son, gaining your rightful position?"

Unwilling to say things that shouldn't be said, Qin Fang firmly avoided them, but couldn't help bringing up the subsequent matters.

"You really could help me rise to power?"

Yet, Ruan Yingxiu was the same, her wary eyes remaining as she still doubted and distrusted Qin Fang.

"I'll just take it that you agreed..."

At this moment, facing the exquisite, wet figure before him, Qin Fang straightforwardly stated, "Putting things aside first, do you have any reliable people in Luo City... I'd go deal with Ruan Wenzhong and Ruan Youlin, without the means to look after you, you need to find a place to settle down!"

Qin Fang's reasoning was quite sensible, as Ruan Wenzhong and Ruan Youlin lived in the Ruan Family, while getting in wasn't difficult for Qin Fang, bringing Ruan Yingxiu wasn't easy.

Originally leaving Ruan Yingxiu temporarily in the water prison was a good choice, yet Ruan Beauty was too timid, unable to endure that environment, insisting on coming out, thus necessitating her temporary settlement for Qin Fang to act boldly...

"I have a sister living in the eastern city, I can stay with her!"

Ruan Yingxiu, although half believing and half doubting, thought over it and chose to temporarily trust Qin Fang...

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"I'll take you somewhere to hide..."

Hearing that Ruan Yingxiu had a safe place to hide, Qin Fang felt more at ease, but the primary concern was naturally ensuring her safe escort to that place.

The place before them was the Ruan Family's death imprisonment, although no one would come to check for the time being, Ruan Wenzhong might not be completely at ease.

If someone were dispatched to check, then the news of their disappearance would soon be exposed.

That wouldn't be much of an issue, the disappearance of two people together could be somewhat explained, like being buried at the bottom of the water prison...

But if Qin Fang left and Ruan Yingxiu remained here, that would be quite troublesome.

Moreover, Qin Fang needed to deal with Ruan Wenzhong, and if things went smoothly, it could be quickly resolved, but if not, it might delay for some time.

People need to eat, and Ruan Yingxiu staying here alone, with eating and drinking water being issues, obviously wasn't a long-term solution, thus sending her to a safe place was the most important thing at the moment.

"But..."

Just as Qin Fang finished speaking, Ruan Yingxiu seemed a bit hesitant.

"No buts, I'll handle everything!"

However, Qin Fang did not give her the opportunity to say more nonsense, and with a shake of his wrist, a slender Silver Needle flashing with silver light appeared in his hand, quickly aiming towards Ruan Yingxiu's face.

"What... what are you going to do?"

Ruan Yingxiu became immensely tense when she saw Qin Fang approaching her with the needle, with a hint of fear, her body trembling slightly, almost instinctively wanting to dodge back.

"Don't move! I won't hurt you..."

Qin Fang suddenly stretched out his hand and clasped Ruan Yingxiu's shoulder, immobilizing her, preventing her from dodging, as the Silver Needle in his hand promptly pricked down.

"Hiss..."

Almost instinctively, Ruan Yingxiu wanted to let out a scream to alleviate the possible pain, but she quickly froze.

"No... no pain?"

Because she clearly sensed Qin Fang's needle had pierced into her face, yet she could hardly feel any significant sting, as if nothing had happened.

"Don't move..."

Yet Qin Fang did not answer her question, continuing with what he was doing, the Silver Needle flicking over Ruan Yingxiu's face.

A series of tingling yet numb sensations occurred, feeling extremely strange and a bit ticklish, making Ruan Yingxiu instinctively want to scratch.

But with just a glance from Qin Fang, she stopped such actions instantly, obediently letting Qin Fang "operate" on her face.

It didn't take long, just about one or two minutes, Qin Fang never paused, and even sweat dripped from his face.

"Phew~~ Success!"

Finally, when he lifted his arm and removed the Silver Needle, he exhaled a long breath, speaking like a weight was lifted off his shoulders.

"What... exactly did you do to me?"

Ruan Yingxiu had long been extremely curious, and at this moment couldn't bear it any longer, carefully inquiring, feeling that Qin Fang's methods weren't simple.

"See for yourself..."

Without clear motion from Qin Fang, a small mirror suddenly appeared in his hand, which he handed directly to Ruan Yingxiu.

"Ah... is this... is this still me?"

As Ruan Yingxiu took the mirror from Qin Fang with a puzzled face and looked at her own reflection, her beautifully wide eyes suddenly enlarged.

It wasn't from a lack of experience or surprise, but because the woman reflected in the mirror bore hardly any resemblance to her!

If Ruan Yingxiu could be considered a top-tier beauty, then the one in front of him could only be described as ordinary at best, perhaps even slightly unattractive.

The originally exquisite, stunning features had been forcibly rearranged under Qin Fang's Silver Needle, no longer harmoniously perfect—though they still remained in their original positions.

The reason for the slight unattractiveness was because Qin Fang used the Silver Needle to pierce and explode hidden blackheads and acne under Ruan Yingxiu's skin, making her look somewhat distressed.

The transformation from a beauty to an ugly woman took mere moments!

Now, even standing before Ruan Wenzhong and Ruan Youlin, the father and son would definitely not recognize Ruan Yingxiu.

At most, they would feel that a face like this on such a flawless body was an enormous waste...

"Alright, this is much safer now!"

Qin Fang was not at all surprised; he did it himself, so how could he be surprised? It was done deliberately.

The Acupuncture Secret Technique was inherently magical, especially when combined with True Qi, making it extraordinarily miraculous. This method of changing facial muscles was not mystical at all; in ancient Martial World, it was the most basic Face-Changing Technique...

The transformation skill Qin Fang knew was actually quite similar, but changing the body's bones was far more complex than altering facial muscles.

Although advanced Face-Changing Techniques include mystical skills like Bone Shrinking Skill and Bone Extending, those are extremely complex, rare, and special skills that Qin Fang clearly couldn't master.

Thus, Ruan Yingxiu's face had completely transformed. Qin Fang somehow found a piece of women's clothing, allowing Ruan Yingxiu to temporarily wear it, partly to cover her moist, clinging clothes and also to avoid drawing attention.

Once these preparations were complete, Ruan Yingxiu seemed much calmer, allowing Qin Fang to handle her without any resistance.

"Let's go..."

With all the preparations done, Qin Fang immediately led Ruan Yingxiu out from the death prison.

This death prison was equivalent to the jail of Luo City, and for death sentence prisoners. With Ruan Wenzhong's complete control over Luo City, he had the ultimate power over life and death, deciding who lives and who dies.

Those sentenced to death in Luo City were destined not to survive, so the soldiers guarding the prison simply threw them into the water prison to die.

Hence, there was no need for guards here because there were no prisoners, just two or three people to watch the door.

Qin Fang and Ruan Yingxiu walked out without encountering any real obstruction; just as they reached the entrance, they found the guard happened to be in the restroom, allowing them to walk out boldly and disappear into the crowds of Luo City's streets.

Ruan Yingxiu's sister lived in the east of the city, married to an officer under Ruan Wenzhong's command. Originally a dangerous circumstance, but this officer was one of Ruan Yingxiu's confidants, well-behaved enough not to betray them!

Moreover, Qin Fang came as friends of Ruan Yingxiu, claiming she invited them to stay for a few days.

Ruan Yingxiu's sister was quite hospitable, graciously inviting them to stay in her home.

Ruan Yingxiu being thrown into the water prison by Ruan Wenzhong was still a secret, known only to a few such as the father and son Ruan Wenzhong, and the gendarmerie carrying out the order.

Aside from them, almost no one else knew. Qin Fang guessed that Ruan Wenzhong planned to create this situation and casually find an excuse for it later.

Given his status in Luo City, no one dared question his word, and he wasn't worried about the true cause of Ruan Yingxiu's death being discovered.

Because the news hadn't spread, Qin Fang and his companions weren't worried about their plan being exposed, allowing them to stay boldly.

To be precise, Ruan Yingxiu was safely lodged here, while Qin Fang quickly disappeared.

No one knew where he went or what he was doing. Ruan Yingxiu suspected he might be completing the task he previously mentioned, but she still had doubts.

Regardless of her belief, Qin Fang wasn't planning to let it end like this...

Being thrown into such a water prison, he felt humiliated, and the father-son duo of Ruan Wenzhong praying for it to pass like this? Impossible.

Thus, Qin Fang soon changed clothes, altered his appearance, and went directly to trouble Ruan Wenzhong and his son.

Ruan Wenzhong, as Luo City's ruler, was extremely cautious and rarely left the heavily guarded Ruan Family, always surrounded by protection.

Qin Fang had personally experienced this when meeting Ruan Wenzhong, sensing countless hidden cold guns aimed at him!

Faced with this stern defense, Qin Fang wasn't necessarily afraid of Ruan Wenzhong, but approaching him was extremely difficult. Assassinating such a warlord was far more challenging than taking down Han Long.

"If I can't deal with the older one, then I'll start with the younger..."

By comparison, dealing with Ruan Youlin was much easier. Although he was a formidable soldier, comparable to professional special forces in strength, to Qin Fang, he was no stronger than unarmed civilians—dealing with him was a breeze.