

## Little Girl 96

Chapter 96: A Way Out

Wise people are often not good people.

Moreover, the other party is only six or seven years old. Such early wisdom is rather eerie.

When Shi Guiren woke up, she had already taken notice of the corpse beside her.

The bandit leader was strong and powerful; as an adult woman, she herself could not break free, so how did he manage to save her and her son under such dire circumstances?

Having originated from the Imperial Palace and experienced many vicissitudes, Shi Guiren's disposition was extraordinary.

She thought for a moment and then deeply bowed to Xin Lin.

"Thank you, young lady, for saving our lives. Unfortunately, as an insignificant concubine who neither has a status nor wealth, this Jade ring is the only valuable thing I possess. I would like to offer it to you as a thank-you gift. Prince, come and bid farewell to our benefactor."

Having said that, Shi Guiren pulled Little Xinzhuo toward Xin Lin to kowtow.

Implying that she wanted to sever ties cleanly with Xin Lin with a jade ring and a few kowtows.

"Shi Guiren, what plans do you have moving forward?"

Xin Lin remained calm and did not accept the jade ring.

Although she loved wealth, she knew better what should be taken and what should not. The jade ring was an Imperial Gift, inedible and unexchangeable, keeping it would only be a hot potato.

"I wish to take the Prince to a distant place to live a peaceful life."

Fear still lingered on Shi Guiren's beautiful face.

She thought that by living in isolation in the other garden and years slipping by, the affairs of Purple Cloud City had nothing to do with her anymore. Little did she know that someone was still mindful of her and her son.

Tonight's incident made her even more fearful, prompting thoughts of faking death and fleeing with the Prince to a distant place.

"Under heaven, isn't all land the King's soil? Noble, where do you think you can escape to? You might escape today but not tomorrow. Besides, are you truly willing for the Prince to endure suffering with you, to depend on others even for medicine and live in constant fear?"

Xin Lin struck directly to the heart with every word.

The experience at the Alchemy Hall seemed like just yesterday, Shi Guiren's delicate body swayed, her face turning pale.

She looked down at Little Xinzhuo in her arms, his cheeks slightly sunken.

Her child, originally just below one person and above tens of thousands, should be enjoying luxurious clothes and jade food in the Imperial Palace, but now, even his basic needs are a problem.

Tears streamed down Shi Guiren's face as she held Little Xinzhuo tight, sobbing.

"What should I do, Prince, all mistakes are my fault."

"Mother, don't cry, in the future, I will protect you."

Seeing Shi Guiren crying sorrowfully, Little Xinzhuo waved his little fists, swearing earnestly.

"Shi Guiren, there's a dead end and a way to survive in front of you, it depends on which one you choose."

Xin Lin gently persuaded.

Little Xinzhuo's adoptive mother seemed to have a weak nature, but she was Little Xinzhuo's mother after all.

Moreover, her status is very useful to Xin Lin today.

Thanks to Bai You, Xin Lin is still a wanted criminal, accused of murder. Under this identity, it's difficult for her to move in and out of Purple Cloud City, not to mention finding Chu Beiqing.

After all, Purple Cloud City isn't a small place like Bainiao City in Ping'an County; any slight carelessness would lead to capture.

But having Shi Guiren as an amulet would make a difference.

"I...I want the way to survive, young lady, please show a way of survival to me and my son."

A woman becomes strong at the thought of her child; Shi Guiren looked at the child in her arms and recalled the hard days they had gone through, a newfound courage surged within her.

Xin Lin walked over to Shi Guiren, whispering in her ear.

"One must learn to get up from where they fell. Shi Guiren, first tell me, why exactly were you ostracized from the Imperial Palace?"