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Chapter 161: Astounding the Imperial Court IV

As a man, Liu Yuchen had actually made a girl suffer on his behalf?

What gave him the right to do so?

“Chancellor Liu!” Tan Lin was incredibly outraged and so he asked, “Don’t you owe me an explanation?”

Chancellor Liu shrugged and replied helplessly, “You heard what the princess said. I can do nothing as she did it on her own accord.”

“You...” Tan Lin trembled and pointed at Chancellor Liu furiously. He could hardly say a word.

Feng Ruqing put her palm to her cheek and gave Tan Lin a scornful look. “If you guys want to deal with this, deal it later. It’s my turn to ask questions now.”

“What?” Tan Lin was stunned and did not understand what Feng Ruqing was trying to say.

Feng Ruqing repositioned herself on the chair gently and asked defiantly, “Grand Tutor Tan, did you... bring your medicine along today?”

Tan Lin held back his anger and replied, “Please cut to the chase, Your Highness. Don’t beat around the bush.”

“Oh, it’s nothing actually. If you didn’t bring it along, I would call the imperial doctor to prepare some herbs as Tang Zi might beat him to death. We should keep you alive anyway, after all, this here is the imperial court. I don’t expect a bloody palace as this might put great public pressure on Father.”

“...”

Tan Lin got angrier. Did the princess really want to punish him in public?

Feng Ruqing turned and winked at Tang Zi. “Quickly, drag him down and strike him till he’s dead! Of course, you don’t really want him to be dead, it’s fine to cripple him but if he’s dead... it will be awful as this will bring a negative impact to my father.”

“Yes, Master.”

Tang Zi smiled.

When the empress was still alive, the civil officers had pissed her off as she had risked all the dangers with her army. These bastards were useless as they knew nothing but talk nonsense behind her. They even lured the emperor into doting on other concubines.

If it were not the deep love of the emperor toward the empress by resisting all the pressures, the princess would have had a lot of siblings by now.

With support from the princess, she felt extra comfortable as she could finally fulfill her past grudge.

“Your Highness, what are you doing? All of you let me go!” Tan Lin’s arms were grabbed, and he was dragged out of the court. He turned his head back and screamed, “Your Majesty, you can’t indulge the princess in doing this. At least my efforts deserve credit after all those years of serving at the palace. You can’t do this to me!”

As ministers, they were all spoiled and overprotected at the court. Even if they were capable of doing something, they became physically fragile because they were not gaining any robust experience. How could they bear with the stroke?

He knew the Iron-Blooded’s temper well. Even if he could survive, it would leave him in pain for months.

Feng Ruqing did not spare a second look at Tan Lin. She simply glanced toward the other ministers.

“I think I heard that all of you want to resign and go back to your hometown, right? Since all of you miss your hometown, my father will not shove something down your throat as it can be very inhumane. Please speak out if you wish to resign and I will be in charge and allow you to return to your hometown!”

The ministers’ faces were frozen.

All they wanted to do was just to just put a little pressure on the emperor. The official position was not easy to obtain, how could the ministers really resign? They were just simply saying it.

“Your Highness, we were... just kidding. Yes, it’s just a joke,” The minister that supported Tan Lin just now forced a laugh and answered.

Feng Ruqing shook and replied, “No, I can’t stop you if you want to return to your hometown. Besides, Liu Yun Kingdom is full of talent. The worst would be having my uncle to work a little more as he will help Father assign new people.”

“No, no, no, Your Highness. There’s no need to trouble Master Nalan. Master Nalan has a lot of things to be busy with. How can we bother him with these little things?”

The minister forced a smile and wiped the sweat from his forehead.

Chapter 162: Feng Tianyu Spat Blood I

“Minister Li, there is no war in Liu Yun Kingdom now. And I am barely busy with anything. Furthermore, if we’re in a real need to declare war, I can also let Jing’er go instead of me. Therefore... I have plenty of time to recruit new talents.”

Master Nalan gave a brittle laugh.

The ministers were helping Tan Lin to coerce the emperor just now, but now? Seeing that Tan Lin was dragged out, now everyone was frightened? If they were ambitious enough, why didn’t they resign as nobody was in their way?

Minister Li’s expression turned stiff. He could not fake his smile anymore as his lips suddenly started to twitch.

Now, all the ministers realized that this Feng Ruqing... was not the old dumb princess anymore!

“Your Majesty...” Minister Li turned and kneeled. He wept bitterly, “Tan Lin threatened us to side him in the imperial court. I did not dare to disobey Grand Tutor Tan, and Your Majesty, I beg for your mercy.”

Feng Tianyu stood up from his throne, and he felt a pain in his chest as if something was burning.

“You dare not disobey Tan Lin but you dare to coerce me!” He smiled coldly. “Announce my decree, Tan Lin has openly framed the princess and has brought along people to stage a coup. Put him in jail and wait for the trial.”

“...”

A coup?

All the ministers were stumped.

Tan Lin had just wanted the emperor to punish the princess. How could it turn out to be a coup?

“As for the others...” Feng Tianyu scanned through the crowd in the court and raised his voice. “Since you have responded that these military generals are useless, then I will need you guys to guard the frontier for half a year. During this half-year, I will get someone to replace your positions. When you return, it is your ability that decides if you’re still capable of being in this position. In the future, all the minister positions will be assigned to those who are capable of it.”

All these ministers were too spoiled to live at the frontier. Not to mention half a year, even staying there for only a month could be devastating to them.

“Please spare us, Your Majesty.”

Thud!

With tears in their eyes, the ministers fell to their knees one by one. They could not let go of the luxurious life in the palace and leave to live and guard in a barren place.

“It seems that you are unwilling to do so. Fine, please announce my decree, put them in jail and we will deal with them again someday!” Feng Tianyu waved and said as it was of no concern to him.

“...We... will follow your order, Your Majesty, we will go to the frontier...”

They could still keep their positions by obeying the emperor. If it were to be in jail, they could never get their jobs back...

“Since all my lovely ministers have agreed with me, let’s end the morning court.” Feng Tianyu looked disapprovingly at the ministers and continued, “Master Nalan and Qing’er stay.”

“As Your Majesty’s wish!”

The officials left the imperial court sorrowfully.

Those who were tempted by Tan Lin felt a strong resentment inside. They wanted to tear that bastard into pieces.

If it were not for him, they would not have to suffer at the frontier.

“Chancellor Liu...” Outside the courtyard, Minister Li glanced at the delighted Chancellor Liu and said bitterly, “Liu Yuchen and Tan Shuangshuang seem to be close as they are constantly together. I would never have expected that Liu Yuchen is just like you, timid and afraid of things, what a coward!”

Chancellor Liu was sitting on the fence by staying out of the affairs at first, so he had received no punishment until that day.

Well, Tan Lin nearly became his in-law...

Chapter 163: Feng Tianyu Spat Blood II

“That’s because you people are foolish. Do you really think that the emperor is the same as the old emperor twenty years ago? Stop dreaming of controlling him, and you guys are overthinking.”

Chancellor Liu smirked and continued, “I won’t be as stupid as you people. Besides, it was Tan Shuangshuang who had volunteered to receive the punishment on my son’s behalf. How is that my son’s fault?”

Hmph! Minister Li brushed his long sleeve, his eyes were filled with hatred. “Do you think that I’m not aware of your thoughts? Don’t you still wish for the princess to be your daughter-in-law so that you can flaunt among the nobles and climb up to a higher position? Do you really think that... the princess would only marry into your family?”

Chancellor Liu squinted and said, “Yuchen is still young, and he will realize that what I have done now is for his own good in the future. By then, the princess will surely become the Liu family’s daughter-in-law. There is no doubt about it.”

The underlying meaning was this, if Liu Yuchen was willing to change his mind, Feng Ruqing would definitely accept him.

Censor Lin, who had just supported Nalan Zhangqian in the court, happened to pass by at that very moment. He couldn’t help but shake his head and sigh when he heard Chancellor Liu’s words.

‘Chancellor Liu is delusional. Hasn’t he noticed that... the princess has no affection for Liu Yuchen anymore? Otherwise, how could she show aggression toward him downtown?’

‘What a pity that his thought is doomed, never to be realized.’

In the court, only Nalan Zhangqian, Feng Ruqing, and Feng Tianyu and his personal eunuch—Eunuch Lin, were left. The rest of the officers had already left.

Even the spirit beasts and the Iron-Blooded army were told to leave as well...

“Zhangqian...” Feng Tianyu’s expression turned gentle and said calmly, “During this half a year, I hope you can recruit some talents that are suited to these positions.”

Nalan Zhangqian was a little shocked, he said, “Does Your Majesty really... want to fire them?”

He had thought that the emperor was only attempting to frighten the officers. He did not expect that the emperor had really made up his mind on this.

“They had acted in such a manner, wanting to control me in making decisions since the very beginning. Unfortunately, my father had passed away early, and I was young at that time. I had my limits in fighting against them. I could only let them make waves but now...”

He looked down resolutely.

“I’m not the old me anymore! No one can control me! I have long wanted to demote them, I needed only one reason to do so, and now they have given me the reason!”

The emperor had no reason not to fire them now!

“Yes...” Nalan Zhangqian’s eyes shone brightly. “I will dismiss those people who disobey, all of them. No one can coerce Your Majesty in the future anymore!”

Feng Tianyu finally smiled, but his throat was pumped with that bloody pressure again.

Splat.

A mouthful of fresh blood spurted out of his mouth.

That handsome face suddenly turned pale.

“Father!”

Feng Ruqing was astonished and got pale. She quickly rushed in front of Feng Tianyu and held his staggering body.

“Father, what happened to you? Why is this happening?” Feng Ruqing panicked as her voice trembled. Her eyes glittered with tears as she was clouded with worry.

Feng Ruqing did all these simply because the previous owner of this body was gone. She had to apologize for what the previous owner had done.

But it wasn’t until this moment that she realized that she had already... assimilated herself into this body.

Whether it was the soul, emotion, flesh... she was all completely occupied by them now.

She couldn’t ignore her family, nor could she... not love these people.

Chapter 164: Feng Tianyu Spat Blood III

“Cough...” Feng Tianyu lifted his fingers and gently wiped away his little daughter’s tears, with a soft smile he said, “Don’t worry Qing’er, I’m okay. It’s an old ailment. I’ll be fine after taking some rests.”

Eunuch Liu couldn’t stand it anymore. He walked to Feng Ruqing’s side and sighed. “Your Highness, since the empress’s death, His Majesty has been mentally and physically exhausted. His Majesty is getting worse year after year, if it weren’t for the princess, His Majesty would probably...”

“Lin Zhenyun, you’re crossing the line!” Feng Tianyu stood up straight with some difficulty, his eyes were filled with solemnity. “You may leave now.”

“Yes, Your Majesty.”

Eunuch Lin dared not say any more. He swished his hossu, bowed, and left.

The Hall of Supreme Harmony quietened down.

Feng Tianyu’s hands gently caressed the young girl’s face. “Qing’er, I’ve been hiding from you all the time. Since you’re grown up and have become more sensible now, I’ll have to let you know that there’s something you need to understand. Or else, if I suddenly leave you someday without letting you know first... it will bring you more... disadvantages...”

His voice was soft. His eyes were gentle, and the stern attitude toward the ministers earlier was gone.

Feng Ruqing’s heart skipped a beat, her eyes looked hard but calm. “I’ll never let you go!”

If Feng Ruqing wanted to save someone, no one could take them away from her!

“Qing’er... ” Feng Tianyu smiled bitterly. “I know my body well more than anyone. Watching how you have confronted those ministers with ease today, I believe that handing over the power to you in the future... you will be capable of handling the situation. Besides, your grandfather and uncle will give you a helping hand, which makes me feel relieved...”

“Father!” Feng Ruqing’s voice trembled.

There should be a way to cure her father, but she got the message that her father did not want to live any longer simply from his tone.

Yes.

Feng Tianyu... did not want to live anymore.

“Qing’er, listen to me.” Feng Tianyu held Feng Ruqing’s shoulder tightly, with a serious look and knitted brows. “Your mother didn’t die of childbirth, in fact... she was killed...”

Feng Ruqing had already known that long ago, but it was the first time Nalan Zhangqian realized what had happened. His heart trembled as he looked at Feng Tianyu in disbelief.

“Your Majesty, Yan’er... she was killed?”

How could it be?

Yan’er was so strong. How could anyone... kill her in the palace?

Recalling what had happened sixteen years ago, Feng Tianyu slowly closed his eyes, as if in pain.

“On that fateful day, I wanted to be by her side when she gave birth to you, but someone strong snuck into the palace, and I had to face them myself. By the time I returned... Yan’er was already... dead...”

For this matter, Feng Tianyu had blamed himself for sixteen years. If he had not left Yan’er’s side, perhaps Yan’er would still be alive.

Even when the massacre happened in the palace, he should have stayed by Yan'er's side and not go anywhere nor care for anyone no matter what they would do. He should not have left Yan'er...

These were all his fault!

"Someone strong snuck into the palace? Why is it Father and I... never knew about this?" Nalan Zhangqian slowly closed his eyes. He clenched his fists, his body trembled. He felt a flame burning inside his chest.

During that year, the frontier was in turmoil, so he and his father had to guard it, and could not return to the palace. Finally, when they returned to the imperial city, they had received news about her death...

Chapter 165: Feng Tianyu Spat Blood IV

They had always thought that Yan'er had died in childbirth. Now, Nalan Zhangqian came to realize that his younger sister, the sister he had cared for for so many years, the sister who had caused heartache to the Nalan family for so many years, was killed by someone evil!

Nalan Zhangqian turned pale. He felt as there was an infinite pain spreading from inside him, making it difficult for him to breathe.

"I did find some evidence before you guys were back. I didn't say it because you were young and irritable. Qing'er was a newborn baby and I hoped... this matter wouldn't affect General Manor and Qing'er."

He had borne all the pain alone.

He had taken all the responsibility alone.

He was unwilling to let the people, whom Yan'er cared for, suffer from a single bit of damage.

As an emperor, he could hold back, but Zhangqian might not have been able to do it.

If this matter had spread, it would have definitely affected the general manor, and also the young Qing'er as well...

He had already lost Yan'er, he could not afford to lose his daughter too!

"Those people... who made you afraid..." Nalan Zhangqian clenched his fists tighter. "Are they... the people who are from the reclusive family?"

Feng Tianyu tacitly admitted to Nalan Zhangqian's questions.

He remained silent for a while and continued, "But I still couldn't find out who was behind this after years of searching. Zhangqian, Master Nalan is in his old years, and he shouldn't be in hardship anymore. You must not let him know what I have said today."

Nalan Zhangqian's heart was trembling. If even he could not bear it after hearing the news that his sister was murdered by someone, let alone his father who had been doting on his sister since she was young.

He couldn't imagine what would happen if his father knew what had happened...

“Why are you telling me this now, Your Majesty?”

“It’s because...” Feng Tianyu couldn’t help but smile bitterly. “I need you to support Qing’er. Qing’er will know about Yan’er death sooner or later, and it’s better to tell her myself.”

He had been drinking the spirit wine that Feng Ruqing had brought, and his condition was getting better. Unfortunately, he was angered by those ministers, and he almost could not stand it...

He was afraid that his life might end, handling those matters even for just one more day. That would force Qing’er to face reality without any preparations.

Feng Tianyu finally decided to reveal everything after watching Feng Ruqing’s performance that day.

“Father,” Feng Ruqing held Feng Tianyu’s hand tightly. “Your sickness, I will cure it for sure. But, you have to stay strong and alive! Or else, as for Imperial-Mother’s temper, even if both of you meet at the Bridge of Helplessness¹, she will not care about you anymore if she knows that you gave up on yourself!”

Feng Tianyu was stunned. This little girl... how could she know that he had lost his will to live?

He did not even know how he had managed to survive all these years.

What was the point of living without Yan’er?

“Okay...” Feng Tianyu smiled lightly as he stroked the girl’s hair with his fingers, he replied gently, “Father will survive.”

Feng Ruqing was skeptical and asked, “Really, you promise?”

“I’m the emperor of Liu Yun Kingdom. If I have said so, you can take my words for it.”

With his smiling eyes, his voice was soft but feeble.

“Father, I can trust you one more time.” Feng Ruqing helped Feng Tianyu up to his feet. Her eyes were firm and steady, “But, if you wish to end your life someday, even if I need to rush to King Yan¹’s Palace or the Bridge of Helplessness, I will definitely drag you out from there.”

Chapter 166: The Little Stray Wolf?

‘I don’t want you to die! You are not allowed to die!’

“Uncle, let me help my father sit down first.” Feng Ruqing turned her head to look at Nalan Zhangqian.

Currently, Feng Ruqing’s mind was filled with worry about Feng Tianyu’s health condition. She did not want to stay in the palace any longer. She only wanted to go back and discuss with Fu Chen how to cure her father.

Thinking of Fu Chen, he was truly a precious gift. Not only did he have plenty of treasures, he was actually a walking dictionary—there was nothing in this world that he did not know.

Even since Feng Ruqing had commanded the spirit beasts to leave the emperor's audience hall, the spirit beasts were wandering all over the palace.

As the spirit beasts had always been feral, naturally, Tang Zi was not capable of handling them. However, the spirit beasts did not hurt anyone. Hence, Tang Zi did not stop them from wandering around.

In the inner court, the snow wolf stuck its nose in the air as it snorted while staring disdainfully at the servants who were hiding away.

Previously, in the princess manor, the snow wolf could feel the fear in Liu Li and Qing Ling's eyes whenever the snow wolf looked at them. However, ever since it had submitted to Feng Ruqing, this snow wolf of the Heavenly Mountain had completely lost its dignity as the two servants were no longer afraid of it.

Now that the snow wolf had regained its dignity in the palace, it seemed that the snow wolf could come into the palace more often so these humans would bow their heads to the snow wolf.

"Cousin, look! The wolf is so imposing. Why is there be a wolf in the palace? Since I need a mount, can I take it?"

An unseemly voice, like a child's voice at the tender age, spoke not far away from the snow wolf.

Hearing this, the haughty snow wolf stopped moving and turned to look for a moment. However, nothing came into sight besides its own body.

'Am I the wolf that he was talking about?' The snow wolf raised its head to look ahead as it wondered.

Standing not far away were a lady and a young master at the age of about ten years old.

With little makeup on her face, the lady in a flattering pink dress was extremely adorable. A dusky and rosy blush on her cheek was like an exquisite jade ¹ and her arched eyebrows were like the crescent moon. With a sweet, glittering smile on her lips, she looked extremely pure and gorgeous.

Likewise, the young master had a pair of bright eyes and delicate features. However, he looked extremely annoying as his eyes were filled with greed.

When the lady saw the haughty snow wolf, her face stiffened and the smile suddenly vanished.

"That's Feng Ruqing's spirit beast?" Feng Rushuang was the one who gave Feng Ruqing the snow wolf. Originally, Feng Rushuang had thought that Feng Ruqing would regret getting the snow wolf. It turned out that the snow wolf had submitted itself to Feng Ruqing.

"Cousin Rushuang, I want that spirit beast. Can you give it to me?" Liu Yu did not hear Feng Rushuang's words. He tugged at the Feng Rushuang's sleeve with one hand while pointing at the snow wolf with the other.

This time, the snow wolf finally understood. The snow wolf was truly the mount that the human had mentioned just now.

Burning with rage, the snow wolf howled furiously as it stared at the two people before it with murderous intent.

'Will the master stop giving me the Divine-Spirit Fruit if I eat these two humans? Will the master stop loving me and throw me out of the manor after this? Will I be a stray wolf? If humans fed on wolf flesh before me, I would explode with rage. Will Master also feel the same?' The snow wolf sank into deep contemplation.

Chapter 167: The Old Master of the Liu Family I

The earth bear squinted at Liu Yu who was extremely demanding and turned to look at the snow wolf as it roared.

Roar! 'Butler Snow Wolf, do you know these two people?'

Howl! 'I've seen the lady at the beast court. However, I guess she is one of the bastards in the beast court.'

Roar! 'Butler Snow Wolf, can we eat them? They are just two humans but there are so many of us.'

Howl! 'No, we can't eat humans. The two of them are humans, they are the same as the master. What if the master blames us and doesn't give us the Divine-Spirit Fruit?'

Roar! 'The human caught you because they want to take away the Divine-Spirit Fruit that you are hiding?'

Originally, the snow wolf was indifferent. However, when it heard the earth bear's words, a sudden fiery rage swept over him.

'If you dare take my Divine-Spirit Fruit, you are no doubt digging your own grave!'

Seeing that the earth bear and the snow wolf were roaring, Feng Ruqing was lost in bewilderment. She actually felt that both the spirit beasts were actually communicating with each other. However, not long after they had communicated, the snow wolf's disdainful gaze turned ferocious, as if Feng Rushuang had taken away its wife.

For the snow wolf, the Divine-Spirit Fruit was far more important than its own life. Not only did Liu Yu want to make the snow wolf his mount, he even wanted to take away its Divine-Spirit Fruits.

As Feng Ruqing was stingy, she only gave the snow wolf two Divine-Spirit Fruits every day even after the snow wolf had become a butler. Since then, the snow wolf had put away some of the Divine-Spirit Fruits so it still had enough food if it made any mistakes in the future.

"Your Highness Princess Rushuang, this is nothing but a snow wolf. Since Yu'er wants it, why don't you just give it to him?" Before Feng Rushuang could say a word, a soft disdainful laugh sounded.

Standing rooted to the spot, Feng Rushuang turned her head only to see a noblewoman walking over.

With a faint smile hanging on her lips, the noblewoman looked dazzling in silk and satin. She looked extremely elegant and dignified.

“Why are you here?” Feng Rushuang’s brows knitted together.

The noblewoman was Feng Rushuang’s aunt—Liu Yu’s biological mother, Mei Ying. Previously, although the emperor disliked Liu Rong, he simply could not do anything to her because of Feng Ruqing. Naturally, Mei Ying had worked very hard to keep in touch with Liu Rong. However, now that Liu Rong had offended the emperor and was stranded in the chamber, she had resorted to the Liu family to secure her foothold at the palace.

As the saying goes, even a shrimp dares to dupe the dragon when it is in the shallow water. It was no wonder that Mei Ying had such an enormous ego.

Seeing Mei Ying, Feng Rushuang sneered disdainfully.

“If I were not here, I will never know that Your Highness Princess Rushuang was so mean and could not bear to give the snow wolf to Yu’er,” Mei Ying faked a smile as she said.

Now that Liu Rong was confined to her chambers, apparently, she had lost her foothold at the palace. On the contrary, the Liu family was growing increasingly strong all these years under Liu Rong’s great influence at the palace. As soon as Mei Ying’s father attained Spirit Warrior tier, the whole world would fall within the Liu family’s grasp.

Even the emperor would not dare to mess with the Liu family. Noble Consort Rong and Feng Rushuang would be nothing!

“Mommy, I want to make the snow wolf my mount but Cousin Rushuang refused. She said that she would rather give it to Feng Ruqing.” Liu Yu fell into his mother’s embrace as he whined in an aggrieved tone.

“Liu Yu, what are you talking about?” Hearing this, Feng Rushuang’s face changed.

Feng Rushuang had always been so kind to Liu Yu but he had gone and actually dug her a grave.

Chapter 168: The Old Master of the Liu Family II

If Liu Yu was not the only young master of the Liu family and if Liu Rong did not love him so much, Feng Rushuang would not be bothered about him.

“Your Highness Princess Rushuang, how could you do that? You have never learned to honor and show respect to the Liu family. Even when you have something good, you gave it to Feng Ruqing. However, you can never please her regardless of what you do.” Mei Ying’s face darkened a few shades.

Initially, Mei Ying thought there must be someone in the palace who raised the snow wolf. Hearing Liu Yu’s words, it turned out that Feng Rushuang was the one who owned the snow wolf. She had never thought the Feng Rushuang was such an ungrateful wretch and had actually given such a divine gift to Feng Ruqing instead of Liu Yu.

“Aunt Liu, you have gone too far. Are you not afraid that I will tell my mother about this?” Feng Rushuang blushed with rage. She gritted her teeth tightly as she spoke.

“Be my guest. I wonder if Noble Consort Rong will take your side,” Mei Ying sneered.

Hearing this, Feng Rushuang’s face collapsed like a deflated balloon. It was true that Liu Rong had always loved and cared for Feng Rushuang. However, when it came to a situation where Liu Rong had to choose between Liu Yu and Feng Rushuang, Liu Rong had always sided with Liu Yu.

Not long ago, after Feng Ruqing had laid her hands on Liu Yu, Mei Ying had brought Liu Yu back to her parents’ manor as she was afraid that Feng Ruqing might look for more trouble. Hence, Mei Ying did not know the things that had happened in the imperial city recently. Not to mention the incident when Feng Ruqing had brought a large group of spirit beasts back to the city. Moreover, Mei Ying and Liu Yu’s strength was too low to find out that the snow wolf was actually a Tier-3 spirit beast.

“If you truly want the snow wolf, go and get it now.” Feng Rushuang lowered her eyes as she sneered.

‘As long as the snow wolf is willing to bow its head to both of them...’

“Yu’er, let’s go and get your mount. Since Her Highness Princess Rushuang agrees, the snow wolf dares not go against us.” Mei Ying was brimming with joy.

Seeing this, the snow wolf and the earth bear exchanged glances.

‘What are these few humans fighting for? However, regardless of what they are fighting for, these few people are evil.’

Roar!

Seeing the noblewoman walking toward them with a kid in tow, the earth bear roared again. ‘Butler snow wolf, should we attack?’

Howl! ‘Why don’t we give them a chance? We will only attack if they take one more step forward.’

‘Perhaps, the master will not penalize us as long as we don’t eat humans.’

At this moment, Mei Ying took one more step forward while Liu Yu said scornfully, “Mommy, this bear is too fat and bears some resemblance to Feng Ruqing. I don’t like a butterball. I like the snow wolf more.”

The fat bear was too disgusting. Liu Yu hated a bloated wretch!

Roar!

The earth bear flew into a furious rage. ‘You can say that I am stupid and foolish but definitely not fat! What’s wrong with being fat? Is it true that a fatty doesn’t deserve anything but humiliation? What about a fatty’s dignity?’

Burning with anger, the earth bear beat its chest with its fists ceaselessly, and let out an earth-shattering roar. Its roar was so loud, Mei Ying and Liu Yu could not help but take a few steps backward.

Mei Ying and Liu Yu stood rooted to the spot and did not regain their composure for a long while. At this moment, a buzzing sound echoed in their heads and blood streamed from their ears without them even realizing it.

Feng Rushuang was dumbfounded. Originally, she had wanted to teach the two people a lesson. She had never intended to take their lives.

Chapter 169: The Old Master of the Liu Family III

Mei Ying's death was nothing, but if anything were to happen to Liu Yu, Liu Rong would explode with rage and would not care about Feng Rushuang in the future ever again.

"Stop it!"

"Stop it!"

Two loud voices sounded, the former was Feng Rushuang's while the latter was aged and wrathful.

Before the earth bear could react, a powerful aura quickly rushed toward it. Stunned, the earth bear quickly stopped moving but was not capable of dodging the deadly aura.

Howl!

Seeing this, the snow wolf quickly stomped over, its eyes reddened with rage. Even though the earth bear was huge and bulky, it was not capable of handling such a strong aura. As the butler of the princess manor, if the snow wolf disregarded the safety of the earth bear, how could he command respect from the others?

Just as the snow wolf rushed over to help the earth bear, a huge body as tall as a mountain quickly rushed over and stood in front of them.

Stunned, the snow wolf and the earth bear flew into a great panic, their eyes widened in shock. The person standing before them looked like a god who had descended from heaven and was even taller than Mount Tai.

"If you dare to lay your hands on me, my father would do nothing but kill the whole Liu family!" A light and clear voice sounded.

The murderous aura vanished in a flash and the whole palace regained its peaceful silence.

Standing rooted on the ground, the old man held his fist reluctantly in mid-air, right before Feng Ruqing and did not put down for a long while.

"Father, you... you have attained Spirit Warrior tier? Disregarding the blood streaming from her ears, Mei Ying quickly rushed to the old man. She was thrilled when she saw the old man.

The Spirit Warrior tier cultivator was the most powerful warrior in the whole Liu Yun Kingdom.

The Liu family's foothold in the kingdom was growing increasingly stronger all through the years as Liu Yunxiao's strength had grown in leaps and bounds. He had even found a quiet and secluded place for closed-door cultivation, to attempt the attainment of Spirit Warrior tier.

Even though Mei Ying did not know what had Liu Yunxiao had encountered that his strength had made an enormous stride forward, she understood that as long as Liu Yunxiao had attained Spirit Warrior tier, the Liu family would scruple at nothing in Liu Yun Kingdom.

In Cang Yue Mainland, the strong should rule and the weak should simply get out of the way regardless of the royal status.

It was a pity that the emperor of Liu Yun Kingdom was also of Spirit Warrior tier. Hence, it was not the right time for the Liu family to take over the kingdom unless Liu Yunxiao could surpass the emperor and be the top warrior of the kingdom.

Even so, as Liu Yunxiao had attained Spirit Warrior tier, the emperor would not simply mess with him. After all, no one had a solid upperhand in winning the battle between two Spirit Warriors. For a Spirit Warrior, killing cultivators who had attained lower tier than the Spirit Warrior tier was nothing but killing an ant.

“Your Highness, these two spirit beasts attacked my grandson. Why are you stopping me?” Disregarding all the ethics, Liu Yunxiao balled his hands into fists as he snarled.

Liu Yunxiao was completely different from the person in the princess’s memory. Back then, the Liu family had always been meek and subservient to the princess in order to please her. However, Liu Yunxiao had left the kingdom ten years ago and was nowhere to be found. Even the emperor had no idea where Liu Yunxiao was hiding.

Although the princess had rarely met Liu Yunxiao back then, she could never get rid of his obsequious expression that was deeply engraved in her mind.

Little did Feng Ruqing expect that when she met Liu Yunxiao again, he would have actually attained Spirit Warrior tier.

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Feng Ruqing’s eyes narrowed. Back then, when Liu Yunxiao had vanished from the city all of a sudden, Feng Ruqing had resorted to the emperor to look for Liu Yunxiao. Now, it turned out that the Liu family knew what had actually happened to Liu Yunxiao, but pretended to be clueless of his whereabouts so he could secretly cultivate to enhance his strength.

Most importantly, the master behind this was truly something as he was capable of keeping Liu Yunxiao out of sight from all the masters in Liu Yun Kingdom.

Perhaps, this had something to do with Empress Nalan’s death.

“My spirit beasts will never hurt anyone without a reason. Both of them must have done something that had infuriated my spirit beasts.”

“What have they done to you?” Feng Ruqing turned to look at the earth bear.

The earth bear pointed its claw at Liu Yu as it roared, tears nearly fell from its eyes as if it had suffered a great deal of grief.

“What did the Beary say? I don’t get it.” Feng Ruqing was caught dumbfounded and turned to look at the snow wolf.

Beary was the name Feng Ruqing had assigned to the earth bear. Hence, the earth bear was the only spirit beast with a name.

Howl! Howl!

The snow wolf pointed its claw at Liu Yu as if telling Feng Ruqing about Liu Yu’s evildoings. However, Feng Ruqing still could not get the snow wolf.

Fortunately, Liu Yu quickly straightened it out.

“That’s my spirit beast! Cousin Rushuang gave it to me. Who do you think you are to take it away from me? You devil! Bastard!”

Seeing that Feng Ruqing wanted to take the snow wolf away from him, Liu Yu disregarded his ears that were still bleeding and stared furiously at Feng Ruqing as he stomped his feet in rage.

Feng Rushuang flew into a great panic. Originally, she had induced Liu Yu to approach the spirit beasts as she wanted to teach Liu Yu a lesson. It turned out that Liu Yu had dug her a grave. However, Feng Rushuang quickly felt relieved after she glanced at Liu Yunxiao.

Feng Rushuang’s grandfather—Liu Yunxiao, had returned with such an almighty power. Naturally, Feng Ruqing could no longer bully her.

However, seeing Liu Yunxiao had stopped moving forward, Feng Rushuang quickly understood.

The emperor loved Feng Ruqing more than himself. If anything were to happen to Feng Ruqing, the emperor would never let Liu Yunxiao off so easily.

As there were only two people who had attained Spirit Warrior tier in Liu Yun Kingdom—Liu Yunxiao and the emperor, if a battle started between the two Spirit Warriors, the emperor might not be capable of defeating Liu Yunxiao.

The battle between the two would only cause destruction to both sides as the emperor would fight to the death and perish together with Liu Yunxiao.

Liu Yunxiao had strived extremely hard to attain his current strength and foothold. Naturally, he would not take such a risk. Moreover, he just needed a little more time to overtake the emperor. It was not a wise decision to make such a move.

Hence, Liu Yunxiao dared not lay his hands on Feng Ruqing.

“Since when did my snow wolf belong to Feng Rushuang?” Feng Ruqing squinted at Feng Rushuang coldly.

“Your Highness, Shuang’er said that the snow wolf was her spirit beast but you had forced her to give it to you. You truly are a master in taking someone else’s belongings.” Mei Ying felt greatly relieved seeing that Liu Yunxiao had returned to the city. She forced a smile as she spoke.

Mei Ying would have never spoken to Feng Ruqing like that before this. Now that she had a strong backing, she was no longer afraid of Feng Ruqing.

There was a barricade, which was almost impossible to break through, to attain each tier along the cultivation journey. Even though the emperor owned hundreds and thousands of troops, they were simply a piece of cake in the eyes of Spirit Warriors.

'When did I say that? I don't recall ever saying that before.'

Hearing this, Feng Rushuang was rendered speechless.