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"And I also heard that Feng Wu cut her wrist open to save Gongsun Qing. Her blood was what stopped Gongsun Qing from dying."

"Feng Wu did that?"

"I heard it from Shi Xuan herself. Shi Xuan is Gongsun Qing's best friend and she was there the whole time. She saw it with her own eyes. It has to be true."

"So... Feng Wu is actually a kind person."

Those on Mu Yaoyao's side couldn't take it anymore and interjected, "No, she's not! Even if what you said is true, she only did it to win popularity!"

"So, you would cut your own wrist to save other people with your own blood to win popularity?"

"Th- that's because Feng Wu is a physician! She was only doing what she's supposed to do!"

"That's moral coercion. Since when is it mandatory for all physicians to offer their blood?"

"Then..."

Shi Xuan stared at Yao Ying, who was standing next to Mu Yaoyao. "Answer me this: could you do the same if you were her?"

Yao Ying stammered, "I..."

Shi Xuan smirked. "Feng Wu didn't even treat her own wound when she told Young Lord Feng to save Sister Qing.

"Answer me. Could you do the same if you were her?!"

"[..."

Shi Xuan went on, "I've heard a lot about Feng Wu in the past few days. Everyone's been telling me how impossible she is and how infatuated she is with guys. They made her sound like an idiot and a good-fornothing. But after observing her myself, why do I get the feeling that she's a worthier friend than a lot of other people?"

Many pondered Shi Xuan's words...

Naturally, Jun Linyuan heard the conversation as well.

Feng Xun was pleased. "They've finally realized how amazing my sister is! I'd say what happened was a blessing in disguise. Xiao Wu turned out to be the winner."

"You moron!"

To Jun Linyuan, no fame was remotely as important as Feng Wu's safety!

Back in the tent.

Feng Wu looked up to find the stunning face of Jun Linyuan, but it didn't bring Feng Wu any joy. Her face only darkened.

The atmosphere was rather awkward.

Before Feng Xun could smile, Feng Wu rose to her feet and headed for the door. She blurted out when she walked past the crown prince, "Come outside!"

Her tone was so commanding!

Feng Xun jumped.

How bold! Had the girl forgotten what happened to Gongsun Qing?

Gongsun Qing had assumed too much and thought too highly of herself. Look what happened to her! Feng Wu, on the other hand, had just given the crown prince an order!

Even His Majesty wouldn't order Boss Jun around...

However, Feng Xun was still venting his sarcasm in his head when his Boss Jun followed Feng Xun out.

Feng Xun was rendered speechless.

He looked at Xuan Yi in amazement.

Xuan Yi shrugged.

It was so obvious. And this Feng Xun called himself the smartest man in the imperial capital?

Next to a high pile of snow.

Feng Wu took a deep breath and looked up at Jun Linyuan, who was at least 20cm taller than her.

Feng Wu barely reached the crown prince's shoulder.

Feng Wu convinced herself that she was still young. She was sure that she could grow up to Jun Linyuan's ear in a few years!

But that wasn't the point!

Face dark, Feng Wu said in a solemn tone, "Jun Linyuan, with everything that has happened, are you still going to deny you're at fault?!"

Jun Linyuan ignored her. He picked up her right hand.

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Her thin wrist was wrapped in thick layers of gauze. It looked hideous.

The look on Jun Linyuan's face was very dangerous.

"Jun Linyuan! Let go of me! I'm talking to you!" Feng Wu struggled.

She took a deep breath. "I know you're a distinguished figure and that you're expected to look down upon everyone else, but that doesn't give you the right to ignore the lives of others!

"Fine, you're all powerful, but that doesn't mean that the weak deserve to die!

"Gongsun Qing only spilled a drop of tea on you and you wanted to kill her over such a petty thing!

"Jun Linyuan, I've never met anyone as cold-blooded as you!"

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After everything Jun Linyuan had put her through over the past few days, Feng Wu had had enough. She blurted everything out without hesitation!

Jun Linyuan didn't say anything in response. Instead, he narrowed his eyes and stared at Feng Wu's wounded wrist the whole time. At his side, Feng Wu felt overwhelmed by his intimidating aura. It was hard to breathe.

Feng Wu wanted to go on, but Jun Linyuan had picked up her hand and began to examine it.

"You --"

Was he even listening?

"Does it hurt?" Before she knew it, Jun Linyuan had removed the gauze and was staring at her mangled wrist.

"No, not really..."

This unexpected show of affection gave Feng Wu the creeps.

But that didn't last. The next second —

Jun Linyuan had wrapped his fingers around Feng Wu's wrist!

"Do you want to die that badly?"

Feng Wu stammered, "I... I don't... It's just..."

"This is the last time!" Jun Linyuan said in a husky voice, and he squeezed out each word through gritted teeth. "I'll kill every single person you save this way!"

That look in his eyes!

It was so malicious!

He meant it!

There was a gust of wind and the hair on Feng Wu's back stood up!

Jun Linyuan then released her wrist. Feng Wu almost lost her balance, and had to lean back on the pile of snow as she gasped for air.

Jun Linyuan stared at her for another moment with a gaze as sharp as an eagle's. Only then did he turn around and leave.

Feng Wu didn't know what to say.

She only realized a moment later that she had been the one to summon the guy out here.

She was supposed to tell him off!

How did it turn into a lecture for herself?

She was so mad!

However, Feng Wu's stomach lurched a little when she recalled the look in Jun Linyuan's eyes...

She was seldom afraid of someone, but Jun Linyuan did frighten her.

Because the guy was unpredictable, had no respect for life, and was capable of doing anything!

"Xiao Wu, sob, Xiao Wu —"

A voice rang out a short distance away.

Feng Wu's eyes lit up!

It was Chaoge!

That was her voice!

Feng Wu turned around to see Chaoge running toward her. Her face was smeared with dust.

"Xiao Wu, Xiao Wu —" Chaoge cried out in excitement, but she was limping. Before she could reach Feng Wu, she lost her balance and rolled down the slope.

Exasperated, Feng Wu ran over to Chaoge and helped her to her feet.

"Xiao Wu, sob —" Chaoge was thrilled as she hugged Feng Wu. "Where have you been? I was looking for you everywhere."

Feng Wu rubbed her head. "I've been looking for you, too. Why weren't you with them?"

"Them?"

"Mu Yaoyao, Gongsun Qing, and the others."

"Hmph, I don't like any of them. I wanted to find you on my own. Ouch —" Chaoge cried out in pain all of a sudden.

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Feng Wu frowned. "Show me."

Chaoge chuckled. "Don't worry. I'm fine. A magical beast just bit me in the leg, and it hurts a little, that's all."

"What magical beast?"

"A snowy white snake. It was really pretty and I wanted to catch it. But it didn't go as expected..." Chaoge said with a long face.

"You silly girl—" Feng Wu jabbed Chaoge's forehead with a finger and went on examining her. She froze all of a sudden.

The look on her face turned grave.

Chaoge was bewildered. "Xiao Wu, what's wrong? Are you feeling unwell? What happened to your face? And your hand..."

Chaoge reached out to hold Feng Wu's hand, but Feng Wu remained serious.

"Xiao Wu... wh- what's wrong? Are you very ill?" Chaoge was flustered.

Feng Wu took a deep breath. "Chaoge, I need to tell you something."

"Of course. I'll help you no matter what, come hell or high water. Xiao Wu, please don't be afraid." Chaoge held Feng Wu's hand and nodded solemnly.

Feng Wu would be lying if she said she wasn't moved...

Feng Wu wanted to tell Chaoge that the snake was extremely poisonous and that she didn't have any antidote on her, not even adequate raw ingredients to make one... But she couldn't bring herself to tell Chaoge!

"Let's get you back first." Feng Wu helped Chaoge to her feet.

"Gosh, this leg is killing me." Chaoge drew in her breath and smacked her own thigh!

"Don't!" Feng Wu cried out.

The toxin was in a dormant state, but her smack could trigger the flow of her blood and quicken the spread of the toxin.

"I'll carry you."

Feng Wu immediately threw Chaoge on her back and headed for the tent.

"Xiao Wu, put me down! Put me down now! You're dying, you shouldn't be doing this! I should be the one carrying you!" Chaoge squirmed on Feng Wu's back and yelled.

Feng Xun rushed out at the noise. "What's going on? What is it? What do you mean Xiao Wu's dying?"

Feng Xun freaked out.

After the blood loss, Feng Wu was in fact too weak to carry Chaoge. She put her friend on Feng Xun's back instead. "Take her back into the tent."

Feng Xun didn't want to, but he obeyed after seeing his sister's pale face. After steadying Chaoge on his back, he told Feng Wu, "It's so cold out here. Let's go back in."

All the other candidates were sitting out in the open as a cold, snowy wind blasted through the valley.

Someone had tried to start a fire, but with the howling wind and the heavy snow, the fire was smothered almost as soon as the wood lit up.

Their faces had turned blue and everyone was shivering.

Looking at their pale faces and purple lips, Feng Wu shook her head in resignation. These people had zero ability to survive in the cold.

As she walked past the crowd, she said coldly, "Dig a hole in the snow where it's less windy. It'll be warmer inside."

She had told them what to do; it was up to them to make the choice. That was as much help as Feng Wu could offer.

Feng Wu didn't try to keep her voice down, so a lot of candidates heard her.

They whispered among themselves after Feng Wu left.

"What did Feng Wu say?"

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"She said we should dig a hole in the snow and sleep in it. It'll be warmer that way."

"Is she trying to kill us? The snow is freezing, and a hole underground will be the same. And she's telling us to sleep in it?"

"We won't live to see another sunrise if we do that."

A voice cut them off at that moment.

"Why do I get the feeling that Feng Wu's instruction makes sense?"

It was Shi Xuan.

Ever since Feng Wu saved Gongsun Qing with her own blood despite how the latter had mistreated her, Shi Xuan had changed her opinion of Feng Wu.

Many smirked at this.

"Is that so? Miss Shi, please enlighten us."

Shi Xuan said, "I can't, but I'm willing to try. We'll freeze to death all the same if we just sit here."

Shi Xuan was the first to dig.

Those around her tried to stop her, but she persisted.

She was willing to trust Feng Wu, although she also found it impossible that a snowpit could be warmer.

Soon, she made a hole big enough for one person.

Shi Xuan was the first to enter.

Wait!

Shi Xuan's eyes lit up!

She had thought that Feng Wu was making fun of them, but as it turned out, Feng Wu was right!

It was so much warmer inside!

Shi Xuan wasn't on her own; after Gongsun Qing was injured, she became the leader of Gongsun Qing's team.

She walked out and gave the order to her team of fifteen.

"Let's start digging! From 50m to the east and 30m to the west under this big rock! We're making a very big snowpit!"

"But..." The others hesitated.

Shi Xuan said decisively, "I know you all have doubts, but you'll see after you do this!"

Facts spoke louder than words.

With Gongsun Qing gone, the team members followed Shi Xuan's instruction.

They knelt and began to dig with their weapons.

Cold and starved, they began to show signs of hypothermia and grew weaker.

Luckily, with their combined efforts, the hole was finished in time.

After they climbed in...

There was no need for Shi Xuan to explain, for —

Everyone beamed at one another!

"Oh god! It's so warm here!"

"It completely blocks the wind from getting in!"

"I didn't think this would work! Feng Wu was right!"

Quite a few candidates were still outside and waiting to laugh at the team. However, they were baffled when they saw how cheerful they were.

What was going on?

Some of them found excuses to enter the little cave.

They felt the difference in temperature as soon as they walked in!

The looks on their faces changed!

That actually worked!

A teenager named Fan Yuan was the first to take action.

He had always been kind of an outsider, and he was now the first to take action!

Without another word, he dashed off and began to dig under that big rock.

More people joined in...

Everyone was digging like rats, and snow scattered everywhere.

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Mu Yaoyao and Xuanyuan Yi were dumbfounded.

Especially Mu Yaoyao. She grabbed a girl by the arm when the latter ran past her.

"What's going on there? What are you people doing?"

"Oh my, Princess Mu, please let go of me. I need to hurry up before all the good spots under that rock are taken! That's the least windy place!"

The girl, who had always respected Mu Yaoyao, shoved the latter to one side and ran off.

Mu Yaoyao stumbled and almost fell to the ground.

Her face darkened.

Could it be that Feng Wu's method actually worked?

When Mu Yaoyao finally entered one of the holes, she had to admit that Feng Wu was right!

It really was warmer inside than outside!

With the holes, they no longer had to sit in the open and shiver in the freezing wind.

What frustrated Mu Yaoyao more was the conversation around her.

"Feng Wu knows so much. I never knew that."

"That's right. She's really smart. Although, she did get full marks in the written exam. We should have known that."

"We've said so many bad things about her, but she's still willing to share this piece of information with us. She's not a bad person."

"So true. Remember how Gongsun Qing targeted her before? But she cut her wrist open to save her. That's proof enough of her character."

"That doesn't make sense. If Feng Wu is so kind and warmhearted, why are there so many rumors about her?"

"I bet she offended the wrong people. She's so pretty. It's only normal that some people would be jealous of her. That's the price of being so brilliant."

"I don't care what other people think, but from now on, I'm going to form my own opinion."

"Me, too."

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Mu Yaoyao was furious!

"These people are singing her praises over such a petty favor? Do they even have principles?!" Mu Yaoyao whined.

A petty favor?

Those in Xuanyuan Yi's team eyed Mu Yaoyao.

To Feng Wu, it was just a kind reminder, but it was a life-saving tip for everyone else!

Many had thought highly of Mu Yaoyao before.

The girl came with many flashy tags.

As the daughter of Lord Mu and a pupil of Firmament Palace, she had Zuo Qingluan the genius girl as her senior sister and the vice principal of Imperial College as her grandfather... Every candidate had wanted to be part of her circle.

However... They had a different opinion of her now.

Because of her privileged background, Mu Yaoyao had never thought of any of these people as her equal.

She was very angry now, not just because of the change in their views about Feng Wu. What was more ____

Because Shi Xuan was the first to react, her team had taken the best spot, whereas Mu Yaoyao and Xuanyuan Yi's teams had to share what was left.

Feng Wu had no idea that her little reminder would change these people's minds so drastically.

Although, she probably wouldn't care even if she did know.

Three beds lay side by side in the tent.

And three patients were on one each. They were Yu Mingye, Gongsun Qing, and Duan Chaoge.

A fire was burning in the brazier.

All three patients had fallen into a lethargic sleep.

Feng Xun was bemused. "Why did Duan Chaoge fall asleep so quickly?"

Feng Wu said gravely, "She's not sleeping."

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"What's she doing, then?"

"She's unconscious."

"What?" Feng Xun looked shocked. "She passed out? That girl is stronger than a calf. How could she pass out?"

"She was bitten by a venomous snake." Once the blade of her dagger was red with heat from the fire, Feng Wu picked the dagger up and pulled up one of Duan Chaoge's legs.

Seeing that Feng Xun was still standing there, Feng Wu shook her head. "Brother, go fetch me some rocks."

Feng Xun was bewildered. "How big do you need them?"

Feng Wu said, "The size of baby fists, preferably."

"What do you need them for?"

"You'll see. Please hurry."

Feng Wu cut Feng Xun off before he could ask another question. "Get me those rocks and you'll know what they're for."

That was all the explanation she was going to give...

Feng Xun promptly left the tent.

Feng Wu shook her head with a wry smile. She was about to cut one of Chaoge's trouser legs open, and a guy shouldn't be in the room. There would be rumors if they weren't careful.

Feng Wu swept her palm across Chaoge's right calf after Feng Xun left the tent.

The cloth turned to ash at her touch.

And it revealed the wound on Chaoge's calf.

The wound had swollen to the size of a peach and looked as if it was ready to burst at any moment. The skin around the wound had turned black and gave off a strange energy as well as a horrible smell...

Moreover, a black line had emerged on Chaoge's skin and was moving up her calf.

Feng Wu examined it and saw that it had reached as far as Chaoge's thigh. It wouldn't be long before it reached her spine.

When that happened, Chaoge would spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair!

And she would die when it reached her heart!

Feng Wu gritted her teeth. It pained her just to think about it.

She tried to find a spot to cut into the wound with the red-hot blade, but shook her head after a moment of hesitation.

She couldn't find one.

It was easy to release the puss, but not as easy to clear all the toxins from Chaoge's system.

Feng Wu had a 90% chance of saving Chaoge if they were outside this place and had full access to all the medicine she needed. However, stranded in this abominable place, that chance had fallen to 50%.

If anything unexpected happened during the procedure, Chaoge would die!

Taking a deep breath, Feng Wu put the dagger down.

"If only I had some Cleansing Bee Pills on me..." Feng Wu rubbed her forehead.

Feng Wu had designed the Cleansing Bee Pill herself, and she knew that it would be the perfect antidote for the Red-Eyed Snake.

But where was she supposed to find Cleansing Bee Pills now?

She didn't have any on her.

"You need Cleansing Bee Pills?"

A voice rang out behind Feng Wu.

She turned around to find Xuan Yi at the door.

Feng Wu asked, "Why are you here?"

Xuan Yi said, "To bring you the rocks. Can you tell me what they're for, now?"

"Throw them in the brazier."

"That's it?"

"How elaborate did you expect it to be?" Feng Wu found Xuan Yi's question amusing.

Xuan Yi shrugged, then tossed a dozen or so rocks of roughly the same small size into the fire. He then turned in Feng Wu's direction. "You need Cleansing Bee Pills?"

"Do you have any?" Feng Wu frowned.

"Actually, I do. But I've only got one bottle."

Feng Wu was elated. "Give it to me, then."

"Why should I?" Crossing his arms, Xuan Yi stared at Feng Wu with a half-smile on his face.

Feng Wu frowned. "Those aren't exactly expensive pills. You can get a bottle for a coin anywhere outside."

"But you can't do that here, can you? It's a scarce resource." Xuan Yi grinned at Feng Wu.

Feng Wu's frown grew bigger.

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Why did she get the feeling that Xuan Yi was behaving differently today? And did he seem more talkative than usual?

Feng Wu said, "I'll pay you a hundred-fold."

Xuan Yi chuckled. "Little Feng Wu, do you think I'm in need of small change like that?"

Taking a deep breath, Feng Wu looked into his eyes. "Chaoge is mortally wounded and she needs those Cleansing Bee Pills, which you don't really need at the moment. Please let me use them. I'll owe you a big favor."

Xuan Yi only smiled, but wouldn't reply.

Feng Wu darted a look at the tent entrance.

Xuan Yi said casually, "Feng Xun has gone to His Royal Highness and won't be back for a while."

"So, you came prepared." Putting the dagger away, Feng Wu stared at Xuan Yi. "We'll talk outside!"

Holding his sword between his crossed arms, Xuan Yi followed Feng Wu out.

Once they walked behind an ice wall, Feng Wu narrowed her eyes in an intimidating manner.

"Xuan the Second, speak your mind." She stared at him.

Feng Wu believed that she knew Xuan Yi well enough to know that he wouldn't turn away from the wounded. It was obvious that he had his own reasons.

"It's nothing, really."

"I can tell there's something behind it. Just say it."

"I won't put it that way."

"You sent Feng Xun off on purpose before coming to me and you're using Cleansing Bee Pills as bait. If that's not deliberate, I don't know what is."

"Well..." Xuan Yi rubbed his nose.

"You've been acting strangely these days. What's going on?" Feng Wu narrowed her eyes and looked Xuan Yi up and down.

"No, I haven't." Xuan Yi didn't sound so sure.

"You used to be as prim as an old man. What happened? You're all nosy and meddling."

Xuan Yi looked embarrassed. He then stared at Feng Wu. "Do you want those Cleansing Bee Pills or not?"

Feng Wu said, "Tell me what's on your mind."

Xuan Yi rubbed his nose again. Feng Wu's intense gaze made him fidget a little. "Actually... I was going to save those Cleansing Bee Pills for myself."

Feng Wu nodded. "Alright."

"But if you really want them... We'll leave it up to God's will."

"What do you mean by 'God's will'?"

"Easy. Let's make a bet."

"What bet?"

"The simplest one. How about rock, paper, scissors? I'll give you those pills if you win. But if you lose... I can still give you those pills, but on one condition."

Feng Wu smiled a little. There we go.

Xuan Yi lowered his head and whispered something in Feng Wu's ear.

Feng Wu's face darkened immediately!

"What's that supposed to mean?!" She flared up.

Xuan Yi shrugged. "You heard me. It's up to you whether to take the offer or not."

In Xuan Yi's hand was that bottle of Cleansing Bee Pills, which cost next to nothing in the outside world, but was invaluable here.

Feng Wu took a deep breath.

"What will you get out of this? Nothing!" Feng Wu was torn inside, for that offer was so... She felt like freaking out just thinking about it.

"You can always say no." Xuan Yi turned to leave.

"Wait!" Feng Wu called after Xuan Yi.

The teenager smiled a little.

"Fine. Alright." Feng Wu ground her teeth.

Her top priority now was Chaoge. If that wound was left untreated and something else unexpected happened... Feng Wu couldn't take that risk.

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Xuan Yi secretly let out a breath of relief when he heard Feng Wu's reply.

He was going so far just to help Boss Jun.

"Are you sure about playing rock, paper, scissors?" Feng Wu found the idea preposterous.

"That's right. We'll leave it to fate."

"Xuan the Second, you really have nothing better to do, don't you?"

"We don't have much to do around here anyway, do we?"

Feng Wu asked, "So, best of three wins?"

Xuan Yi said, "No, let's get it over with in one go."

"Get what over with? Hey, what secret are the two of you keeping from me?" Feng Wu and Xuan Yi jumped at the sudden voice.

Feng Xun?

The teenager eyed the two of them suspiciously. "Since when are you so close?"

Feng Wu snapped, "Xuan the Second here is so bored that he wants to play rock, paper, scissors."

"You have time to do that?" Feng Xun rolled his eyes.

With everything that was going on in the campsite, all the candidates were on edge, not to mention that people were cold and starving. And these two were playing rock, paper, scissors here?

"Good, you can be our judge." Xuan Yi then turned to Feng Wu. "Let's stand back to back and raise our right hands. We'll move at the same time. Sounds fair?"

Feng Wu nodded. "Alright." The guy had the Cleansing Bee Pills and he was the one to call the shots.

Three, two, one!

They showed their hands at the same time!

Without seeing each other's faces, it was really all down to luck.

"Little Feng Wu, you're so lousy! He's scissors and you're paper. You lost!" Feng Xun cried out.

Feng Wu didn't know what to say.

Xuan Yi stuffed the bottle of pills into Feng Wu's hand, then whispered in her ear, "Be sure to come tonight."

He left after that.

Feng Wu had never looked so conflicted.

Feng Xun was bewildered. "What did he just tell you?"

Feng Wu said, "Nothing."

"And what's with that look on your face?"

"It's the losing face."

Feng Xun said, "...Alright. I can't believe that Xuan the Second! He tricked my sister! He couldn't lose!"

Feng Wu asked, "How so?"

"Don't you know?"

"Know what?"

Feng Xun sighed. "Xuan Yi has this ability: He can read other people's minds when he makes contact with them."

Feng Wu didn't know what to say.

That explained everything!

No wonder he wanted to stand with their backs against each other.

That Xuan Yi!

He was going to give her those pills no matter what. Why did he go through that extra step?

"Why did you tell me?!" Feng Wu glared at Feng Xun.

Feng Xun grinned. "You wouldn't have taken the bet if I told you, would you? Plus, you're always so sure of yourself; it feels nice to see you get tricked for a change..."

"You!"

"... Speaking of which, what did you bet on?"

"Cleansing Bee Pills. They're for Chaoge."

Rubbing his chin, Feng Xun eyed Feng Wu suspiciously. "Why do I feel that there's more to it... Are you two planning something behind my back?"

"...I'm not telling you!"

Feng Wu turned to leave in frustration.

Feng Xun followed her. "Hey, little Feng Wu, I'm your brother!"

Feng Wu glared at him. "Is that why you just helped that guy to trick me?!"

Feng Xun rubbed his nose.

With Cleansing Bee Pills, Feng Wu could operate on Chaoge.

"Take those rocks out of the fire, wrap them in fish skin, and bring them to me," Feng Wu instructed Feng Xun, before she cut Chaoge's skin open.

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"Why do we need to wrap the rocks in fish skin?" Feng Xun was confused.

However, when Feng Wu began to put the wrapped rocks around Chaoge —

Feng Xun saw the light. "Why, Chaoge seems to be warming up."

Feng Wu nodded. "That's right. Heated stones don't cool down that easily and can stay warm for much longer once wrapped in this special fish skin. They'll be able to keep her warm throughout the night."

Someone cried out a few steps away.

Feng Wu turned around and saw that it was that girl who had been taking care of Gongsun Qing. She remembered she was called Shi Xuan.

Shi Xuan looked excited. "Miss Feng, can I use that method as well?"

Feng Wu asked, "What method?"

Shi Xuan said in excitement, "To warm up with heated stones."

Feng Wu looked very innocent. "Of course. Isn't it common sense?"

Common sense?

Shi Xuan and Feng Xun exchanged looks. They had never heard about such common sense!

Feng Xun was thrilled. "The other people won't freeze to death! Little Feng Wu, you're brilliant!"

Feng Xun ran out of the tent after that.

Feng Wu didn't know what to say.

What did she do? Why was she so brilliant?

After treating Chaoge, Feng Wu checked the sky outside and saw that it was about time.

She was conflicted.

Should she keep her promise with Xuan Yi?

If she didn't go... She could almost see Xuan Yi sneering at her.

But if she did go... It would be so humiliating!

But one had to always honor a bet, no matter how hard it would be. She had her principles!

Alright!

Feng Wu took a deep breath. So be it! It wasn't like she was going to do it again!

Taking off the white apron which she had worn for the operation, she tossed it aside and marched out of the tent.

All the candidates were sleeping in their holes and the campsite was empty.

Feng Wu's tent was on the north side, while Jun Linyuan's cabin was on the south side. There was some distance between the two.

Holding her breath, Feng Wu walked all the way from her tent to the cabin; the entire time, she couldn't see any light in the windows of the cabin.

It was deep into the night and it was all hushed.

When Feng Wu reached the door to the cabin, the courage she had summoned up began to fade.

Xuan the Second was the worst!

He had done this on purpose and was waiting to laugh at her!

His request was that she had to kiss Jun Linyuan and tell the guy, "I'm in love with you."

It was...

Feng Wu walked around the cabin in circles and her courage kept fading...

Should she talk to Xuan the Second and change the terms?

"No."

Xuan the Second popped up behind her when she wasn't paying attention.

"Gosh!"

Feng Wu turned around to find Xuan Yi behind her, which made her jump. She glared at him. "You scared the crap out of me!"

"We're not changing it." Xuan the Second grinned. "Although, you can always leave if you're willing to admit that you're a person that won't honor your word."

Feng Wu gritted her teeth. "Xuan the Second! You just can't wait to laugh at me, can you?!"

Holding his sword between his crossed arms, Xuan Yi raised an eyebrow.

Feng Wu challenged him. "You think I can't do it?!"

"Can you?"

Feng Wu didn't know what to say.

She really wanted to back out...

However, she was so irritated by the taunting look in Xuan Yi's eyes!

"It's just a bet and I'm going to keep my word!" Feng Wu snorted and marched toward the cabin!

Looking at Feng Wu from behind, Xuan Yi narrowed his eyes.

870 A Kiss! 1

Did Xuan Yi have no feelings for Feng Wu at all? That wasn't the case.

However, he had to find out how little Feng Wu felt about Jun Linyuan first.

Xuan Yi believed that she would never agree to such preposterous terms if she didn't have any feelings for Jun Linyuan at all, hence the seemingly pointless bet.

He was testing Feng Wu.

Maybe the girl hadn't realized how much she actually cared about Jun Linyuan.

Feng Wu reached the door to the cabin, and for some reason, she flinched. She looked over her shoulder at Xuan Yi.

A few steps away, Xuan the Second stood in the snowfield, holding his sword between his crossed arms.

He gave her a knowing look and a half-smile.

That irritated Feng Wu.

So be it! She wouldn't be intimidated! She would get it over with and run away before Jun Linyuan found out.

Feng Wu pressed her ear to the door and listened carefully.

The breathing sounded long and even. His Royal Highness was really asleep.

But that didn't fully convince Feng Wu. Taking out a tube filled with sleeping incense powder, she began to blow it into the cabin.

Whoosh -

The powder was a special concoction of Feng Wu's, and was supposed to be highly effective. It should take effect in less than five minutes.

Because Jun Linyuan was the person in question here, Feng Wu waited for a few more minutes. She only pushed the door open fifteen minutes later.

The cabin had been crudely built and a straw rope had been used to lock the door, which Feng Wu thought would be easy to untie. However, she soon realized that the knot was impossible to untie.

She moved to the window instead.

Luckily, the window wasn't locked. Feng Wu carefully pried the window open and jumped in as quiet as a cat.

She did everything in one smooth motion without any pause in between.

The window was left open, for Feng Wu knew she would be leaving soon.

Silver moonlight poured into the room like running water and shone on Jun Linyuan's face.

The crown prince was lying there with his hands crossed on his abdomen.

The clear and bright moonlight gave his deep-set, exquisite features extra charisma, bringing out his natural charm.

Taking a deep breath, Feng Wu walked gingerly to the bed and sat down on the edge.

Feng Wu waved a finger in front of his face. "Jun Linyuan? Jun Linyuan?"

She had to make sure he was really asleep.

He gave no reply.

Feng Wu was elated!

However, she still wasn't fully convinced. Could a formidable man like Jun Linyuan be drugged that easily?

She drew a dagger out of her sleeve for another test.

The blade glinted coldly in the moonlight.

She then swept the blade down at Jun Linyuan's forehead!

Jun Linyuan's eyes remained closed and he didn't move a muscle.

He would have dodged if he was pretending to be asleep.

However, he didn't even flinch when the tip of the blade was 1cm away from him.

That was to say...

Jun Linyuan was really drugged?

Oh god, this was a one-in-a-million chance!

Putting the dagger away, Feng Wu put a hand on either side of Jun Linyuan's head and lowered her head. Staring at Jun Linyuan's face, she quickly said the words that Xuan Yi had told her to say.

Although, there was a little twist. Feng Wu said it in French, which was unknown in this world.

Je t'aime.

Feng Wu couldn't even bring herself to look at Jun Linyuan's face after saying those words, fearing that the guy might wake up. It would be so embarrassing!

She then lowered her head to kiss him.

But she was too nervous and lost her balance. The next second, she fell on top of Jun Linyuan!