

HEAVENLY STAR 11

Chapter 11:

As time went by in terrible silence, the shadow in Wu Chen's heart grew larger and larger. When a cold wind blows, it slowly blows away the black clouds in the sky. Little by little, the stars begun to appear in the sky, faint starlight drive away some darkness. After a while, the moonlight shone from the sky brighten the silent forest.

Ye Wu Chen look up into the sky. The full moon in the sky shines a dazzling light. He silently thought: It turned out that there is a moon in this world which was even bigger and brighter than that world..... Was it full moon? In his previous world, full moon represented family reunion, was it the same meaning here? Who were my family members, where were they?

He stopped his steps, and stared at the full moon as if his eyes were attracted. His heart started beating faster and faster...

Finally, he touched the place where his heart is, kneeling on the ground, then his whole body started to severely tremble. On his forehead, a thin but dense cold sweat quickly integrated together then those beads of sweat quickly dropped down from his forehead.

"Uh... ah..." Even though he gritted his teeth with great efforts, painful groans still came out from his mouth.

"Master! What is wrong with you master? What happened?" Nan Er who was stuck in the Nan Huang sword was anxiously calling him but didn't get any reply. Great pain had completely deprived his consciousness, vision, hearing, spirit were all messed up.

At the moment that he was looking at the full moon, a dozen of air in his body started to disorderly flow, then started to strike fiercely as if those air was smashing his internal organs. There was some much weaker air trying to stop this but was easily scattered. He felt himself devastated just like a dozen of knives were cutting his inner organs.

Why.... Why even such a killing pain was so familiar..... He used to... often endured such torture?

In unbearable killing pain, his consciousness eventually wanders and gradually runs away from him. He heavily fell down onto the ground while touching the position of his heart.

It ended already..... even if it didn't even start?

He whispered, then his world finally turned all grey, not a light at all.

"Master! What's wrong with you master... sob... master please wake up, please don't scare Nan Er."

"Sob... Master, please wake up now, please don't make such a joke with Nan Er."

"Poor Nan Er... I just found my master but he died now..... someone help Nan Er?"

No one could hear her calling in the quiet forest. Moonlight freely brightly shone on Wu Chen's body that couldn't see any signs of life. As time passed, the full moon begun to move to the west.

Eventually, the curtain of the night disappeared while the first sight of dawn appeared in the early morning. All living things became lively again—except Ye Wu Chen who had been resting the whole night as if he really died.

Ye Ning Xue was running all the way, she dared not rest or even stop. She was afraid that she couldn't catch up with her brother if she stopped. On her way, she didn't know how many times she tumbled, how many cuts she got on her hands, feet and face because of the sharp branch. But each time, she tried to stand up quickly and refrained from the pain and tears. She was wiping her tears while calling her brother's name then kept running along her brother's breath.

After running whole day and night, she had been scratched on her feet again and again, and felt so painful that at last she couldn't feel any pain. She didn't eat anything or even drink a drop of water during the day and night. Eventually, the world in her eyes began to blur, grey, she couldn't see clearly. Her biggest hope right now was her brother's shadow coming into her sight.

At last, her consciousness turned blur, only her feet were still moving forward like a machine. She had no idea how long and how far she had been running, but the only thing which supported her was the obsession of catching up with her brother and not leaving him forever.

Flop!

She was tripped over by something and fell down on the ground once again, but the pain made her blurry conscious a bit cleared. She tried to use her small hands to forcibly hold up her body but instantly fell down again. With falling down, she saw what tripped her then her mind instantly turned blank

Because that was her brother who she had been catching, even though he lied on the ground and his face couldn't be seen, how could it be possible that she wasn't familiar with his clothes and hair?

She forgot the pain and exhaustion on her body due to the fear and she grit her teeth to stand up then threw herself onto him, shaking his body and calling with crying voice. "Brother, what happened to you, brother? Wake up please, this is Ning Xue!"

"Brother, please don't make me worry... brother, wake up please!"

"Waaa....!"

She finally could no longer suppress and made a helplessly and heartbrokenly cry.

Tian Lie town.

It was a remote and sparsely-populated region but a good place to live in seclusion or take refuge since wars wouldn't spread here, but it still unavoidably suffered from a shortage of goods. The native-born people were seldom willing to get out of here, because there was a powerful sky beast— Tian Lie bird living less than 10 miles away from the town. Because of the Tian Lie bird, the not too high mountain was called Tian Lie mountain, and the town was called Tian Lie town.

Heaven Rank demonic beast, who could compete with it? except a few geniuses who reached Heaven Realm and God Realm. For ordinary human, the sky beast is like a guardian angel, they settled here confidently because they considered that the sky beast Tian Lie bird would guard them. Gradually, more and more people were in the town including all kinds of people.

In the morning, an old man in his 60s took a basket on his back and came to the forest located in the north of the town. He had a kind face and looked a bit like a sage but judging from his eyebrows seemed to be worrying about something.

“It has been 20 years, is Tian Long city still the same as it was?” He talked to himself and constantly swept bushes, searching for medicinal materials he needed.

At this moment, some sounds of bushes came from the distance, the old man frowned his eyebrows and was about to put his hand into the basket but instantly froze there.

A girl who had cuts on all her face and hands and even had contaminated half of her snow-white shoes with blood, was dragging an unconscious man and moving hard bit by bit.

She didn’t know how long she had been dragging but with great efforts she just gathered her strength from her weak body, because she couldn’t let him die and she had to save his life.

Seeing the old man, Ye Ye Ning Xue’s glassy eyes finally flashed, and she knelt on the ground with her last bit of strength then said in a husky voice. “Grandpa... grandpa... please... save..... him...”

Taking a look at her brother’s pale face, she finally collapsed on the floor.

Chapter 12: Grandpa Long

The old man walked back to them quickly then put down the basket on his back. First he tested Ye Wu Chen’s breath, then used his withered old hands to clench Ye Wu Chen’s wrist. After a long while, he revealed a surprise on his face then sighed and shook his head. Finally, he put his attention on the young girl who would be unforgettable to people at first sight. His fingers touched her small wrist then suddenly his face turned astonished. “She has such strong stamina even though she is very young. She almost exhausts her vitality and potential..... If this happens, even god can’t think of a way to save her. But now, she has already used up most of her vitality, hence, it is unknown when she will completely recover, sigh!”

“I will make an exception this time, for you—a surprising young girl.”

The old man use one hand to grab Ye Wu Chen, and the other hand to grab Ye Ning Xue. His old shriveling body grabbed them easily then his body rose up from the floor and flew out of the forest.

Brother... Brother.....

She constantly called his name in a coma, because it was a big fear for her if she lost him.

It was he who took her hands and became her brother when she was in the most helpless moment and didn’t know how to live. When she was rejected and hated by others, he touched her face and told her that he would protect her and wouldn’t make her starve nor be bullied. He even didn’t mind offending all people and taught those who bullied her a lesson.....

From then on, her world was not grey darkness any more but a person came into her world. Because of his existence, she became loving to this world.

If she lost brother...

She slowly opened her eyes and whispered. "Brother, brother.....where is my brother?"

Feeling exhausted and weak, she even had difficulty in moving her eyes. A mild old voice came to her ears, "You woke up, kid? Get more sleep, you are too tired."

"Brother, I need my brother..."

"Your brother is right beside you, you can rest assured and sleep. If you don't recover, who will take care of your brother for you?"

Ning Xue eventually closed her sleepy eyes tightly then fell asleep again. She was really too tired.

The old man looked at her for a while with tender affection then whispered. "If I had a granddaughter like her, I would feel very happy. Even though she has a terrible scar on her face and weird white hair, she is so kind-hearted that I..... Sigh, forget it, now that I had made an exception, I won't mind helping her one more time. It is useless for me, as I am old enough."

He stretched out his two fingers, then touched the middle of Ye Ning Xue's eyebrows, then a flow of warm air was constantly pouring into her body from the old man's two fingers. When sleeping Ye Ning Xue's pale face turned red bit by bit, the old man began to smile then took back his fingers and looked at his two hands with strange expressions. "After all, she is just a young girl, and don't consume much of my vitality...In this case, she will recover when she wakes up, sigh..... It is really a bother for her."

Just...

His eyes fell on Ye Ning Xue's face again with full confusion and whispered. "It is so strange because this is my first time to see scars like this in my lifetime..... What can cause such scars?"

When dusk came, Ye Ning Xue opened her eyes once again. Although she still felt her body painful and limp, she almost recovered from exhaustion. She subconsciously called "Brother" then stood up in a hurry and finally saw Ye Wu Chen lying beside her. But his face was still pale like paper and only had a weak breath. She could not say even one word, but just stare at him with all her eyes. Tears gathered quickly in her eyes, she slightly sniffed nose to prevent her tears, but eventually the tears fell down.

The old curtain was opened, the old man took a small bowl and came in then smiled. "Kid, you woke up. First drink the medicine in the bowl." Ye Ning Xue seems to see hope, she hurriedly got down from the wooden bed then kneel to the old man. "Grandpa, please save my brother's life, please, I beg you... I will do anything you ask me to do."

After saying this, she was going to kowtow when the old man instantly pulled her up. He slightly sighed and smiled to her with much pity. "Kid, drink the medicine first, then we can discuss okay? By the way, you can call me grandpa Long."

"Okay, thank you grandpa Long." Ye Ning Xue nodded with huge gratitude and took the bowl of medicine porridge then drank it fast without using a spoon because she was too hungry. However, she then put down the bowl after drinking half of it. "Grandpa Long, I want to leave the rest to my brother."

The old man's face twitched then he took a long breath and said. "Kid, sit down first, sit beside your brother."

Ye Ning Xue followed his words but felt anxiety in her heart.

Just then, a young man's lively voice came. "Grandpa, I am back!"

The curtain was opened and a handsome face came into sight. He was around 20 years old, with a heroic face but obvious arrogance and subtle melancholy. Even though it was just an isolated small town, either from imposing manner or temperament, ordinary people could never be compared with him. Seeing Ye Ning Xue, he was surprised at the beginning then asked with concern. "You woke up, little sister. Do you feel uncomfortable anywhere?"

Grandpa Long had told him everything about Ye Ning Xue, which not only touched the young man but also made him surprised. It was so rare to see such a girl who took feelings so important at such a young age.

Ye Ning Xue raised up her anxious small face and asked. "Big brother, you are.....?"

"He is my grandson, Long Zheng Yang. You can call him brother Long." The old man said mildly.

Long Zheng Yang's face flashed an obvious surprise, because his grandpa told his real name to a stranger easily.

"Long brother, glad to see you. I am Ning Xue, Ye Ning Xue. My brother gave me this name." Her eyes stopped at Ye Wu Chen's face because she expected he would wake up immediately.

"Your brother gave you this name... your blood brother or.....?" Long Zheng Yang asked with confusion.

Ye Ning Xue shook her head, "Only my brother is kind to me while others hated me. He plays with me, protect me and gave me a name."

Long Zheng Yang smiled. "Little sister, most men judge people by appearance, you can just ignore them. It appears that your brother is not an ordinary person. No wonder you don't even cherish your life just to save him. By the way, how come you got that scars on your face?"

Ye Ning Xue hesitated for a moment, because she had never thought of this question, so she had to only shook her head. "I don't know either. I can't remember anything just like my brother..... Please save my brother..... please..."

Grandpa Long sighed in a low voice with a glittering eyes. "Yang Er, go check his body."

"Me? Long Zheng Yang was surprised. "But grandpa, I just know some basic medical skills....."

"Just try and you will know."

Long Zheng Yang seemed to understand something and became silent, he pressed his right palm on Ye Wu Chen's chest after a short hesitation. But instantly he took back his palm as if he was burnt by fire, with full of fear on his face.

Chapter 13:

"How..... how is this possible? Something is crashing inside his body, which totally made his internal organs chaotic and injured. However, there is another force struggling to protect him from being hurt. Maybe... maybe someone used black magic on him?"

"Yang Er, in your opinion, do you think he can still recover?" Grandpa Long asked.

Long Zheng Yang shook his head: "It is already an unbelievable miracle that he still keeps breathing. Totally recovery, no way! There is also the possibility that he may use up his last life breath."

Ye Ning Xue's suddenly couldn't stand firm, her wide-opened eyes turned dark grey. She could only look at them with her dull wide-opened eyes and give an almost desperate whisper: "Save.....save my brother....."

"I have never heard of a disease like this, let alone met it. Maybe there is a hope to save him if Xuenu who is called the greatest doctor in the world is willing to help." Long Zheng Yang mused.

The greatest doctor in the world..... Xuenu?

Ye Ning Xue hurriedly asked because she seemed to grasp the last straw: "Where is she? I am going to find her, she can definitely save brother's life, definitely!"

Grandpa Long gave a bitter smile and said: "Xuenu does master incomparable medical skills which has been recognized by people. Even if a learned doctor still feels ashamed when he or she meets her. It is said that as long as a person still keeps his/her last breath, she can make him/her recover within a month. But the problem is that she has been living at Xuenu peak which is located in the northern of Cang Lan country all year round, and she only steps onto a continent once a year. What is worse, initiative patients have always been kept out of her house, even if you are a royal relatives of Cang Lan country. Little girl, even though you are willing to beg her, it is still very far away from Cang Lan country. According to your ability, we have no idea when you will get there, sigh! Even if you can support far distance, your brother can't."

Her last slim of hope was mercilessly extinguish. Ye Ning Xue moved her lip then clenched her small fists, trying to control her tears.

"Oh, grandpa. There is a method to continue his life. Spirit beasts, heavenly beasts, god beasts have strong vitality in their eggs which can extend a week or even a month life of dying people." He asked Grandpa Long with inquiry eyes.

Long grandpa shook his head: "I know there are a few eggs of Spirit Beasts and Heavenly Beasts, but it takes a month to go there and back, moreover..."

They are just strangers, is it really necessary to sacrifice those rare eggs to save this strange teenager?

Ye Ning Xue kept staring at them, her two small hands held her clothes tightly. Long Zheng Yang felt not at ease while being stared so he turned his face with pity: "I just went to Tian Lie mountain today and found it was laying eggs... sigh, if I was able to kill a Heavenly Beast, I would definitely help him."

Grandpa Long shook his head and patted Ye Ning Xue's thin shoulders: "Tian Lie bird is mild so it won't attack people initiatively. But once someone touches its eggs, he will be killed with cruel attack. Heavenly beasts are so strong that we can't resist against at all."

Ye Ning Xue kept silent then she raised her head after a short silence and gave a smile with gratitude: "Grandpa Long, brother Long, really thank you two. You are a very nice people. Not only you didnt hate me, but you also help my brother and I so much, I really appreciate it."

Grandpa Long shook his head then smiled: "It is not us who help you but yourself."

"I really appreciate your help. If there is a chance someday, I will definitely reward you."

"Oh? Little girl, if you really want to reward us, how about taking me as your blood grandpa?" Long grandpa smiled.

Ye Ning Xue was stunned there for a short moment after hearing this, let alone Long Zheng Yang who was even more astonished. Long Zheng Yang was about to say something when he was given a fierce glare from grandpa Long, he instantly turned his back and kept silent, but with complicated feelings in his eyes.

Ye Ning Xue knelt down to grandpa Long again, then called: "Grandpa."

"Aye, okay, okay, get up, get up now. You are very weak now, so you are not allowed to kneel again. Although I have a blood granddaughter who is several years older than you, she is very mischievous and unruly. It has been several years since she visited me last time, but you are much more thoughtful than her!" Grandpa Long pulled her up and looked at her with a joyful and mild face. Ye Ning Xue was about to cry while her tears dimmed her eyes: "Finally.....I have more relatives.....except brother....."

"Exactly. Even though your brother is gone, grandpa will be with you as well because you are such a lovable little girl." Grandpa Long smiled. His words immediately made Ye Ning Xue face stiff. She looked down and turned her back to look at Ye Wu Chen who was still lying there, then said gently: "Grandpa and brother Long, can you allow me to leave brother and I alone?"

Grandpa Long nodded, giving a glance at Ye Ning Xue and Ye Wu Chen separately, then walked out with Long Zheng Yang.

When they went far, Ye Ning Xue couldn't control her tears any more, lying on Ye Wu Chen's body, she controlled her crying voice and tears wet Ye Wu Chen's clothes very fast.

Just walking out of the house, Long Zheng Yang couldn't wait to say: "Grandpa, I consider that it is not proper to let her be your granddaughter prematurely. You just met her for the first time, what is more, grandpa is....."

Long grandpa waved his hands to stop him then said slowly: "did it ever occur to you, what will Ye Ning Xue do according to her personality if that young man dies?"

Long Zheng Yang took a moment then said at a low voice: "Will... commit a suicide."

"Exactly." Grandpa Long showed a regret face: "I am trying to give her a reason to continue living. Yang Er, when you are at my age you will know that power, reputation, wealth and beauties are all unneeded and tasteless. What is the most precious is that there is a person with you and treat you sincerely. If there was a good girl like Ye Ning Xu at that time, I would definitely discard all.....When I really get insight into this, I am old and all is late. For such a good girl, how can I stand to watch her... alas!"

Long Zheng Yang was in a daze, he was thinking of something after hearing these.

Grandpa Long glanced at Long Zheng Yang then asked flatly: "Yang Er, how many years you have been here with me?"

"5 years." Long Zheng Yang quickly answered.

“You have been living a hard life with me and earning your own living for 5 years, I know you have suffered a lot.”

Long Zheng Yang shook his head: “No! I Know grandpa does all these for me. During the 5 years, I really learn a lot and grow up bit by bit.”

Grandpa Long smiled then said: “During the 5 years, you have left here for 7 times. There is another person who knows this except your family members, are you willing to tell me who he/she is?”

Long Zhen Yang turned panic and peek at grandpa’s face, he dared not answer.

Chapter 14: For Brother

“Alas, it has been 5 years. Your mind became calm and kind-hearted. But your calm heart apparently turns upset each time you come back. You..... still can’t get rid of the thing called ‘Love’.” Granpa Long sighed.

Long Zheng Yang revealed a miserable face. “I can’t forget her.....Since I saw her at first sight, I already couldn’t forget her. I secretly observe her without letting her know, each time I go to Tian Long town. Afterwards, I was not able to see her face, but I still felt satisfied if only I could hear her voice. As long as she accepts me, I will really give up everything as grandpa told me.”

“Hehe, that girl named Shui Meng Chan makes you so obsessed with her, she definitely is not an ordinary girl. I really would love to meet her if I didn’t escape from the secular world. Every hero fails to pull through beauty pass, you shouldn’t be blamed if you are addicted to love, but..... the wicked ways” Grandpa Long raised up his head and looked into the sky then gave a deep sigh.

Long Zheng Yang touched his forehead and took a deep breath, still with a miserable face, because he was addicted to a girl whom he shouldn’t fall in love with.

He came to his grandpa for 2 reasons: First, practice his heart, Second, escape from his feelings and try to forget. However, love is like a poison, during those 5 years, he not only failed to forget, but also felt more sad when he thought of this each time.

“Yang Er, you don’t have to stay here from tomorrow on. Go back. 5 years is enough. Staying longer will just waste your time and affect your prospect.”

Long Zheng Yang looked down and replied: “Ok... Just, I am just reluctant to leave you, grandpa.”

Granpa Long patted his shoulders and smiled. “If you worry about me, you just come back and visit me more often when you have time. Yang Er, now that you can’t remove her from your mind, neither escape from your true feelings, then don’t escape. An old saying tells: True man will never be tripped over by love..... Hehe, ridiculous. If a man can’t protect his love and has to give it up, he will truly be a loser! Understand?”

Long Zheng Yang solemnly nodded his head. “I got it, grandpa. I never want to give up.”

“Hehe, alright. I have another purpose to take Ye Ning Xue as blood granddaughter. If she arrives in Tian Long town someday, she will definitely be rejected due to her white hair and ugly face. This identity can protect her. Moreover, you are counted as her brother and should protect her from being bullied, or I will be unhappy.”

Long Zheng Yang nodded his head again: "I will keep it in mind that I won't let anyone bully her because she is my sister."

Long grandpa nodded then reluctantly looked towards that house. "That teenager can't survive his life till tomorrow. After tomorrow, let Ye Ning Xue stay around me. When she wants to go out someday, I will let her start for Tian Long town."

His eyes turned deep..... According to his life experience and social status, why would he take someone as relatives easily? True reason of this even confused himself. It seemed that a voice was telling him that there was no better choice than this if he shortened distance between this strange girl and him.

But..... they still underestimated Ye Ning Xue's persistence.

That night, while Granpa Long and Long Zheng Yang were sleeping in Long Zheng Yang's house, Ye Ning Xue was keeping in company with Ye Ye Wu Chen. At midnight. A white small shadow opened the door of room secretly then ran towards west— the direction of Tian Lie mountain.

She didn't make any sound, because she knew that she would be stop if she was found.

Just, she just could concern nothing except the only hope to save her brother. If her brother was gone, she really didn't want to live alone.

Ye Ning Xue didn't notice that Ye Wu Chen's mouth slightly trembled just at the moment that Ye Ning Xue tried to secretly leave..... because he wanted to make a sound then call her back.

Although he was unconscious and couldn't control his body, but his mind is wide awake. Ye Ning Xue kept running after him at all risks, and was tripped over by his body, pulled him out of the forest with her feminine body for several hours then they were saved by grandpa Long..... He could hear every word they said and even every tiny sound. He even felt each drop of tears from Ye Ning Xue, which made him heartbroken.

Now, she was starting for Tian Lie mountain to steal the Tian Lie bird's egg, regardless of her life, just for him to live several weeks longer.

Chaotic air was still crashing in his body as if those chaotic air was about to crash his body into pieces. This was killing pain, but far beyond his heartache.

Xue Er.....He called her name silently, an indifferent heart was filled with a strange thing bit by bit.

The ground was totally bright when it was shined by a round moon hanging in the sky. Night was cold like water, silent but terrible.

How could it be possible that a 10 years old girl was not scared at all? Her heart turned painful when she recalled the scene that she was lying in her brother's arms and falling asleep comfortably the day before yesterday, so she began to speed up her steps.

When she came at the foot of the mountain, after running for an hour her whole body is wet due to sweat. She had to go up bit by bit after failing to find the mountain pass and tried not to make any sound, because all beasts in Tian Lie mountain were asleep, she would fall in danger if she wake them up.

The mountain was neither high nor steep. Most beasts had mild temperament. But no matter human beings nor beasts dared to get close to the top of the mountain, because it was the territory of the Tian Lie bird. Even though it was said that it wouldn't attack human beings, few people were bold enough to bet their lives to try. For beasts, they even dared not to get close due to the Heavenly Beast's vigor.

Sharp rocks and tall or short brambles scratched on Ye Ning Xue's face and left a scar. She tried hard to hold her surging tears in her eyes even though she felt pain. Then she climbed up step by step and she wouldn't allow herself to step back at all.

The God of Fortune seems to blessed her, because she didn't alarmed or encounter one beast on her way up. She felt exhausted when she eventually get to the top of the mountain, but she desperately still held her heavy breath for fear of startling something.

Ye Ning Xue hid herself behind a big stone and secretly watched everything at the mountain top. It was flat and large at the mountain top.

A big bird nest located in the middle of the mountain top, however there wasn't a giant bird in the nest as she imagined but a white round ball that reflected strange light under the moon.

Ye Ning Xue's heart started to beat quickly and she slowly came out then quietly walked to the bird's nest. Then she gently put that white egg into her arms, and finally gave a satisfied smile on her face.

Just then, an angry bird screaming came from the sky. Suddenly, a shadow covered the moonlight. Ye Ning Xue hugs the Heavenly Beast's egg more tightly since it was the only hope to save brother. Then she looked up to the sky but was ghastly pale with fear.

Chapter 15: Heavenly Beast's Egg

A huge white bird was flapping its wings. It had a 5 meters long body and all the white feathers on its body stood erect. Its feathers looks like a clusters of white flames under the moonlight. The white bird has a sharp claws like hooks and flashed cold light, glaring at her and even screaming with warnings and anger.

Ye Ning Xue trembles while staring at it with fear, then held the white egg and stepped back but she never put down the egg.

The Tian Lie bird's screams became sharper and sharper, it had a mild temperament and never attacked people. Even if its patience had been hit by this little human, it still gave her 3 warnings. After the 3 warnings, Ye Ning Xue just held the egg more tightly and tried to hit the bottom line of its patience.

"Please..... Give this egg to me, my brother needs it, I can't lose my brother." Ye Ning Xue was begging while she was stepping back, she had deeper persistence besides fear.

"My name is Ye Ning Xue..... I promise to visit you more often and play with you..... I will bring delicious food to you as well..... Would you please give it to me..... I really need it badly."

"I know it is your baby..... I am quite selfish person but I can't lose my brother. Would you please give it to me, please....."

Heavenly Beast had very high intelligence but generally speaking, it couldn't understand the human language. Even if it could understand, how could it be possible for it to gives its baby to a human?

Eventually, after 5 warnings, its patience had worn out. After a sharp cry, it dived down then one of its claws that flashed cold light was going to scratch Ye Ning Xue's face, the other claw was grabbing the egg in Ye Ning Xue's arms.

Ye Ning Xue gave a frightful shout and closed her terrified eyes then subconsciously hugs the egg in her arms more tightly. The Tian Lie bird came to her in the blink of an eye, it was just its strong strength could almost tear down her body. Ye Ning Xue shouted desperately. "No..... I have to save my brother, I won't let him leave me....."

The Tian Lie bird's sharp claws which seemed to be able to scratch the space scratched Ye Ning Xue's face and stopped just on her scars that ruined her beauty. In just a second, Ye Ning Xue's body shined with dazzling white light, her scars faded in white light and finally disappeared then shows an unbelievable exquisite face, from her closed eyes, eyelashes, nose, lips to her skin that was even much more tender than snow, all were flawless— maybe perfect was not enough to express her beauty. With all of her organs' cooperation, the 10 years old girl release a breathtaking beauty as if the god poured all his efforts onto this small face. Although those light scars that were cut by brambles, amazingly they didn't destroy her amazing perfect beauty. On the contrary, they made people have affection for her.

Maybe the god envied her face, so he totally destroyed her beauty with two scars but now kindly took them back.

At the moment that the scars fades away, dazzling white light covered the whole mountain top. A miserable bird screaming broke the silence, which could even be heard clearly by the people in the Tian Lie town which was 10 miles away, and woke up many sleeping residents.

This powerful heavenly beast which frightened both human beings and beasts and was only 1 rank lower than the highest rank [God Rank], was swallowed bit by bit by the [White Light]. In just several seconds, its huge body was totally swallowed and turned into flying ashes, nothing else left. When the [White Light] fades away, Ye Ning Xue finally fell down on the ground and passed out with her eyes closed, but her hands still held that egg tightly. However, those two disappeared big scars turned up on her face once again, from light to deep till they recovered as they were.

"Brother..."

The unconscious Ye Ning Xue was trembling while she was sleep talking then she subconsciously tightened her hands for fear of losing the egg that could save her brother.

In the early morning, when the dawn was coming, Ye Ning Xue finally woke up while her body was all wet due to the dew. The first thing she did when she woke up was to hug the egg that was even more precious than her life more tightly. After this, she became slightly relaxed then looked around for a moment nervously but she didn't find that big white bird. She was confused for a while and she could only recall that it suddenly rushed at her..... then she was too scared and passed out...

She stopped recalling this and didn't dare to stay longer. Thus she stood up with great efforts then ran down the mountain in a hurry because the longer she stayed, the more her brother was in danger.

In the morning, it was all bright. Grandpa Long stretched himself and walked out of house then said to Long Zheng Yang behind him. "Yang Er, you can leave after breakfast. Remember to dress up yourself in case someone identifies you."

“Okay. By the way, did you hear a strange sound at midnight grandpa?” Long Zheng Yang asked with confusion.

Grandpa Long nodded his head. “If I am not wrong, it should be the Tian Lie bird’s screaming, or someone offends it..... I will go to see my new granddaughter now.”

Creak.....

The Old wooden door was pushed out, Ye Ning Xue was standing outside with exhausted body. Her white hair were all messed up with sand and leaves, while her body was all wet with either sweat or dew and a few more pitiful scratches were added on her face. She stretched out her hands trembling because she was so exhausted and raised up that White Egg then moved her lips, but it was all black in front of her eyes before she was about to say something, eventually she fell down to the ground.

Grandpa Long just realized from the surprise and he instantly held her then took the white egg but found she passed out once again. For him, in only 2 days, she had no idea of how many times she had been unconscious.

An astonish voice came from behind grandpa Long. “That is... Tian Lie bird’s egg, I just saw it yesterday, this...she...”

Grandpa Long suddenly felt grieved in his eyes, he sighed. “Silly kid, what a silly kid!”

He put the egg into Long Zheng Yang’s hands. “Yang Er, you know what to do. Promise you won’t screw up the little girl’s efforts.”

“I know.” Long Zheng Yang took the egg then hurriedly walked into house.

Half an hour later, Long Zheng Yang took a small bowl of soup into Ye Wu Chen’s room. Grandpa Long was walking up and down tensely with two hands tied behind him. He instantly asked when he saw Long Zheng Yang coming.

“Everything went well?”

Long Zheng Yang wiped the sweat from his forehead. “All the innate vital essence coming from that egg has been poured into him. If he is still alive, his life can be extended to half a month.”

Chapter 16: Recovery

Ye Wu Chen was lying together with Ye Ning Xue on the same bed, his face remained serene. Grandpa Long said in a low voice. “Heavenly Beast’s Egg has a real innate vital essence, which largely increases the common people’s development and extends dying people’s life to dozens of days. Young man, Ye Ning Xue got it from the Heavenly Beast the Tian Lie bird, for you, she even throws her life. For your last 10 days of life, you can’t disappoint her.”

Even though Grandpa Long spoke in a very low voice, he still woke up the nervous Ye Ning Xue. She opened her eyes then slowly sat up and stared at Ye Wu Chen with all her eyes. Grandpa Long suddenly rush, and he hurriedly put down the bowl then said with care. “My good girl, grandpa begs you to have more rest just for your weak body.”

Ye Ning Xue slightly shook her head and gave a smile on her pale face. "I will be fine, I dare not sleep..... I am worried that I won't see my brother if I sleep too much."

"....."

"Grandpa, I have heard everything you said just now. That egg can really save my brother's life?" Ye Ning Xue pointed to the bowl.

"yeah, he should... he must recover after drinking this."

"Then..... Can I feed him?"

Grandpa Long was a bit surprised then passed the bowl and spoon to Ye Ning Xue with a smile.

The liquid in the bowl was odorless and colorless just like water. Ye Ning Xue put a small spoon of medicine in front of Ye Wu Chen and slowly lean the spoon. But the unconscious Ye Wu Chen wasn't able to drink and swallow, so the medicine falls one drop at a time then gathered a flow of water and fell down from his mouth. Even she had tried twice, but not too much flew into his mouth.

Ye Ning Xue was so anxious that she almost cried out, because every drop of medicine was to save her brother's life.

She put down the spoon, picked up the small bowl then took a sip and lean down to make his mouth open with her hands. And then she fed him mouth to mouth, the medicine flows into Ye Wu Chen's mouth bit by bit, she gently blows to let the medicine slowly flow into Ye Wu Chen's body.

Raising her head up, she looked at him with a silly smile. "Brother, you said you will protect me forever... When you aren't able to protect me, let me protect you then."

Long Zheng Yang turned his back and left quietly. Grandpa Long quietly stood up and walked out of the house as well.

Standing in the courtyard, Long Zheng Yang was looking up into sky, not knowing what he was looking at. Grandpa Long walked beside him and asked. "What are you thinking?"

"I guess... Compared with killing and lighting fire, betraying such a girl will be the greatest sin, even if she is only 10 years old."

Long Zheng Yang sighed with emotion.

"Hehe, don't worry about it. Everything happens because of a reason. If that young man isn't nice to Ye Ning Xue, Ye Ning Xue won't do that for him either. Yang Er, keep in mind that if you want someone to treat you with all her sincere heart, first of all, you should treat her that way."

Long Zheng Yang nodded his head.

"But, grandpa, is she really 10 years old?"

".....You asked a good question. Is she really 10?" Grandpa Long shook his head, he himself even didn't know what he was confused at.

In the dark world, he was listening to everything outside quietly. At the same time, a familiar distant voice seemed to occur in his deep consciousness.....

“.....If we want to develop our power, we must have not only enough spirit but also enough heart. Spirit, means the Spirit of Heaven and Earth which our body can spontaneously absorb from the Heaven and Earth and increases every minute and every second, it can even be poured into immediately. While Heart means the Mind, you have to experience Life, Death, Hope and Faith. When you get enough spirit and heart, your power will definitely develop.”

Life, death, hope and faith.....

Wasn't this exactly what he was experiencing during the past one day and two nights? He had been lingering at the edge of death, one hope after another, obsession of keeping his last breath for Ye Ning Xue..... Did this mean that he had enough experience of mind, now what was lack of..... was just so-called spirit?

A kind of soft warmth with coolness flowed from his mouth into his body. With new breath flowing in, those breath that was protecting his inner organs became stronger, while those dozens of crashing breath weakened.

With the cool breath flowing bit by bit into his body, the protecting breath became thicker while the chaotic breath became mild, till it hid silently somewhere in his body. Just then, he felt a string was broken in his heart. Around him, countless heaven and earth essence was surging into his body and fixing every abnormality in his body.

Was this—spirit?

Spirit given by Ye Ning Xue?

Now, his ability reached the second level of [Wu Chen Spell]? If he wanted to reach third level, it meant more essence from heaven and earth should be absorbed?

Tears had been blurring Ye Ning Xue's eyes, due to this, she didn't even notice that Ye Wu Chen's face began to recover the glow of health, even his breath recovered to normal and became more smooth.

The disordered inner organs which were crashed by the chaotic breath recovered immediately, which made him get rid of the pain. What was more, those mysterious breath had increased many times. When he opened his eyes, he stretched his arms then tightly hugged Ye Ning Xue while they were still doing mouth to mouth.

Ye Ning Xue's eyes widened then she threw herself in Ye Wu Chen's arms heavily and burst into tears as if she was going to release all fright, grievance, pain and despair she had experienced.

Her crying made Grandpa Long and Long Zheng Yang face change color suddenly, since they thought Ye Wu Chen lost his last breath. When they walked into room in a hurry and pulled open curtain, only to find a smiling young man who was lying in the bed now stand in front of them. There wasn't any sign of weakness on his face or body after a heavy disease. He was holding Ye Ning Xue who was crying on his shoulders.

Ye Wu Chen smiled to them. "Grandpa Long, Brother Long. I won't speak more appreciative words for your great kindness, but I— Ye Wu Chen must return a favor to you someday."

Right now, they wouldn't really take Ye Wu Chen's promise seriously. But several years later, they would know that it was great wealth even glory to get a promise from Ye Wu Chen.

"Young man, you...?" Grandpa Long asked with a bit of surprise.

"I have recovered completely, thank you for saving my life." Ye Wu Chen answered smilingly.

"Completely..... recovered?" Grandpa Long almost couldn't believe his ears, but when he realized that Ye Wu Chen was not an ordinary person after all, he soon continued with smiles. "You don't need to thank us. If you have to thank someone, then it should be your sister. She neglects everything in order to save your life."

Chapter 17: Whoever hurts you, I will definitely make him regret it all his life.

At this time he began to seriously observe the young man in front of him. he felt more surprised as he was observing him more. He was eye-catching wherever he was due to his excessively handsome appearance. And his body seemed vaguely to be born with aloof elegant temperament, even though he stood together with hundreds of people, he still looked aloof and still was the one who caught people's attention! A faint smile on his face, but his eyes showed a kind of bland disregard all in the world, only when he looked at the girl in his arms, that pair of eyes completely turned soft.

His overly peaceful tone sounded like a superior who overlooked the living beings, even though not that obvious, smart people would be able to see through clearly.

Grandpa Long considered that the young man was definitely not ordinary, but a descendant of a certain big family. The superiority and tolerance was sensed, which meant it was absolutely impossible for him to be nurtured by a small family! Considering his courage, not even a big family could cultivate him into such a person.

Grandpa Long couldn't help being more curious about this teenager's background.

Grandpa Long eyes fell on Ye Wu Chen's left hand that was holding Ye Ning Xue, a black finger ring came into grandpa Long's sight. His pupil fiercely contract, but he immediately concealed this. Ye Wu Chen clearly saw grandpa Long's gaze and instant changes, Ye Wu Chen smiled at grandpa Long then glanced at the black ring on his left hand as if absorbed in thought.

"Xue Er, stop crying please. People will laugh at you if you don't stop." Ye Wu Chen shook Ye Ning Xue's body gently as if he was coaxing a newborn baby.

"I... I was not crying. I just feel very happy..." Ye Ning Xue tried to stop her crying and hugged Ye Wu Chen's neck tightly with her two arms, and was not even willing to let go for a moment.

Long Zheng Yang finally asked. "Brother, are you really fine now? Your inner organs injuries were really....."

If ordinary people were hurt like that, they would absolutely die. If they could survive, it would already be a miracle. But he stood here safe and sound now, it was..... unbelievable. The strong innate vital

essence from the Tian Lie bird's egg could only extend his life for some days, but there would never be such a magical effect.

Ye Wu Chen nodded his head with a smile. "I didn't get any serious damage as you have imagine, moreover, the martial arts I have been practicing helps me to automatically restore my injuries. I have been conscious these two days even though I can't move my body, I can still hear all what you said."

Ye Wu Chen was cured indeed, leaving no injury all over his body. But that dozens of strong breath hiding inside his body were just like a sleeping time bomb, no one would know when they would wake up and threaten his life.

Long Zheng Yang slightly frowned with a confused look.

"What you did for Xue Er and me, I will definitely keep in mind. Since we have troubled you a lot these two days, now we don't want to bring more troubles to you, so we have decided to say goodbye to you."

He was decisive and natural while he was communicating and doing thing, which made grandpa Long appreciated him more, so grandpa Long didn't urge him to stay but said. "Okay, then I won't make you stay. Only thing is, your body is really okay? Make sure you do not waste Ning Xue's great efforts."

"Thank you for caring about me grandpa Long, but I am sure that I am really fine." He looked down and patted on Ye Ning Xue's soft back then gently said. "Xue Er, it is time for us to leave, and say goodbye to your grandpa and Brother Long."

Raising her head from Ye Wu Chen's arm, Ye Ning Xue reluctantly had to wave her hands. Grandpa Long and Brother Long, my brother will bring me... I appreciate your help, and will think of you in this lifetime. We will come back to visit you again."

Grandpa Long burst into laughter. "I feel extremely happy when I hear you say this."

"Goodbye." Slightly nodding to them, Ye Wu Chen didn't stay at all but walked out immediately. Soon, Ye Ning Xue's shouting came from the outside. "Grandpa Long, goodbye..." Then her voice went farther and farther.

"They left in such a hurry. Even if his body completely healed, Ye Ning Xue sister needs a rest..... But, his body is really all right? Till now, I am still confused at this." Long Zheng said casually.

Grandpa Long dropped into silence then said to himself. "No..... 15 years ago I saw his grandson, his grandson was around 5 years old at that time with strong bones. Their age and appearance doesn't match, weird."

"Grandpa, you saw him before?" Long Zheng Yang asked.

Grandpa Long shook his head and said meaningfully. "Yang Er, try to build up friendship with him if possible, he should be helpful to you."

Long Zheng Yang nodded his head then said in a low voice. "It is weird why I always think I have ever met him somewhere."



“Brother, you said that you will protect me forever.”

“Yes.”

“Then don’t leave me alone and walk away, okay?”

“Okay!”

Gurgling sound of water came into their ears, Ye Wu Chen stopped walking and put Ning Xue on a flat stone besides the river then gently wiped her tears on her face. After that, he gently stroked those light marks scratched by brambles then gently asked. “Does it hurt?”

“No, not at all.”

Ye Wu Chen tapped on her small nose, his eyes swarming with sorrow and grief, then he smiled. “Xue Er suffered so much pain all because of me, I know you won’t blame me……. I swear that I won’t leave you alone no matter where I go in the future.”

Ye Ning Xue heavily nodded her head then gave a shallow smile, bending her eyebrows. Her terribly scarred face at the moment was dazzling beautiful in the eyes of Ye Wu Chen.

Her scars were completely wiped away while he was touching every red scar on her face by using his fingers. No residual trail left at all, as if they were not cut, but some colors which could be easily wiped. He made use of Ye Wu Chen spell’s power to wipe away every cut on her face, hands then hugged her in his arms he took off her snow white cute shoes carefully, but which made Ye Ning Xue cry out in pain.

The pair of white socks were less than half red, it was not hard to imagine that how much pain she had been enduring in this two-days walking. Ye Wu Chen was distressed as if needles were pricking his heart. He dared not to take off her socks but then gently held her small feet, then his power immediately went into Ye Ning Xue’s feet to fully heal her foot injuries.

“You are so amazing brother, I feel no pain any more.” Ye Ning Xue kept staring at him, her crystal-clear eyes that were even more glittering than crystals were filled with obsession and fascination.

Taking off her two small socks, Ye Wu Chen said in a low voice. “Whoever hurts you in the future, I will definitely make him regret it all his life.”

He was speaking at such a low voice, Ye Ning Xue couldn’t even hear what he said, but just blinked her eyes watching him. Only people who lost something knew how terrible it is, regaining the thing that is lost makes people appreciate it more. and he was truly happy that he did not lose Ye Ning Xue.

Chapter 18: Shui Meng Chan (I)

Ye Wu Chen put his hands on Ning Xue’s chest trying to untie her clothes. Against the girl’s instincts, Ning Xue’s eyes suddenly filled with panic, she subconsciously placed her hands to cover her chest. Ye Wu Chen gently peeled off her hand, smiled and said: “Xue’er makes big brother look bad.”

Ning Xue's skin casted a layer of a soft pink color. This girl who only looked like 10 years old should not have reacted like this, but she still obeyed and removed her hands with her eyes tightly shut.

As he fully removed her dress, a snow white body carved like a piece of jade completely appeared in front of him. A young and immature body unexpectedly released an aura of astonishing charm, beautiful enough to suck men's souls. Ye Wu Chen's mind turned into a mess, he quickly looked away, breathing lightly, he calmed his mind until it was calm as water and only then did he look at her body again. He meticulously began to examine every part of Ning Xue's body, and his face began to show a puzzled expression.

There were so many wounds on her face, hands and feet but why didn't her body sustain any injuries?

And he suddenly remembered Ning Xue's tiny feet was covered with abrasions but there were no signs of wear and tear on her socks and shoes.

Ye Wu Chen took Ning xue's white dress, and found that it did not have any scratches, he rapidly stroked the dress using his fingers while using his power to try and slash it, and was surprised to see the dress undamaged.

What kind of material was used to make this dress?

Ning Xue picked up the dress and came to the brook, using the clear water, she started washing away the red marks on her feet. Every wound on her body, every ounce of pain she suffered, every bit of blood that she spilled, Ye Wu Chen knew it was all for him.

"Xue'er, you are my only flaw." He softly whispered in her ear. After erasing the traces of water on her feet, Ning Xue started to gently put her clothes on one by one.

Ning Xue lightly blinked her eyes a few times, remembering the words whispered to her ear, although she did not fully understand the meaning behind this sentence, she could not help but involuntarily engrave these words into her heart, because this short sentence continuously let her feel happiness in her heart.

"Xue'er, Let's go"

He did not pull Ning Xue's hand. But instead carried her in his arms, moving slowly forward, like a father holding his daughter, she was still tired from the stress of these past few days, so how would he be willing to let her get tired.

His emaciated body, to Ning Xue, was undoubtedly where she could find the warmest embrace, as she fell on his shoulder, her eyes closed comfortably and soon she was sleepy.

"Brother, we should come back and visit often to see Grandpa and Brother Long, they are good because they saved brother and Xue'er." Said Ning Xue with her eyes closed, whispering dreamily.

"En, we will often come to visit Grandpa Long, because he is our savior. But you will be seeing your brother long quite soon. And also, you can always think of Grandpa Long but, don't think about your Brother Long". Says Ye Wu Chen.

"Ah... but why?" Xue'er asked curiously.

Ye Wu Chen was silent for a while, and said: "The most ruthless emperor in his later years, Grandpa Long, found a place to live in that was perfectly suited to his age and position, but it is not suited to your brother Long, 5 years of training can only achieve the opposite result. If one wants to become a true emperor, then he must not do it unscrupulously, his goal must be to remove evil and to help the weak, to be a hero filled with chivalry, unafraid of death, not restrained by the charm of material rewards nor to become famous, such things will only make him a pawn of an ambitious person, and will prevent him from becoming a true emperor. If he wants to become an emperor, he must first become a hero, fierce and ambitious, such a hero will ignore his real family, we should not care for such a false family, unless he really is willing to give up the world for one person."

Ning xue has already fallen asleep in his arms, Ye Wu Chen was more like talking to himself.

At this time he heard the brisk sound of hooves behind him, then a hearty young man shouted "Brother!"

"Brother Long, how are you?"

"hahaha, coincidentally I'm also on a trip back to Tian Long City, the city is still a long way ahead, why don't you ride a horse?. Although Brother Ye is extraordinary, but you cannot let little sister suffer." Long Zheng Yang was riding a yellow horse, and the side of the yellow horse was a white horse. He pulled the reins and patted the side of the horse, the horse neighed softly and went to Ye Wu Chen's side.

Ye Wu Chen laughed and said: "many thanks for your kindness brother long" as he accepted brother long's invitation.

Ye Wu Chen jumped on the horse, his feet were as light as a feather and looked elegant as if they were magically dancing, although he had never ridden a horse, he found it extremely simple to maintain his balance while riding on horseback. Long Zhang Yeng's eyes flashed with admiration and wonder for an instant, then he laughed "Xue'er is my half-sister, you are her brother, then naturally you are my half-brother, there is no need for thanks between brothers."

Ye Wu Chen deliberately closed his heart to those words, because he knew the meaning behind the few sentences that were said to him.

The white horse and the yellow horse started traveling side by side towards the south.

10 days later at Tian Long City.

Even after passing through numerous small towns during the past 10 days, not a single one of them can match the prosperity in Tian Long City. During this time Ye Wu Chen and Long Zheng Yang, became even more familiar with each other until they were just like real brothers. During these past 10 days Long Zheng Yang kept beating around the bush, he wanted to know Ye Wu Chen's true origin and what his reason was for coming to Tian Long City. His mind could not help but wonder what kind of secret he was hiding under that calm appearance of his.

They were walking in the street and both of them were handsome, which caused girls to often look at them. And some self-conscious people changed color out of shock. Xue'er was curious and was looking around everywhere with her eyes filled with splendor. But the surrounding people ignored her strange looks.

After entering Tian Long City, Long Zheng Yang looked powerful and free, but underneath looked a bit preoccupied. Ye Wu Chen pretended he didn't notice that and instead was looking everywhere, noting every building he could see. Up ahead, they were getting closer to the city palace. The streets were getting crowded with pedestrians and peddlers.

Although Long Zheng Yang was distracted, his feet seemed to move subconsciously, turning right and left. Going to a place as if it were his heart's desire. Finally, He stopped, he lifted his head and looked forward.

House of Dreams and Smoke. Ye Wu Chen glanced at the piece of red plaque to remember the name. Then half-jokingly said: "Is Brother Long really the type of person to spend his time in a brothel?"

Long Zheng Yang seemed as if he did not hear him and stared at brothel for long while, suddenly his face flashed with sadness then finally filled with ridicule, and said "Brother Ye wait here for a moment, this brother will be right back." He did not wait for Ye Wu Chen to respond.

He hurried his footsteps and went inside.

Chapter 19 Shui Meng Chan (II)

Ning Xue curiously asked: "Brother, What is Brother Long going to do?"

"He went to find a seductress." Ye Wu Chen smiled and said.

"Seductress... what's that?" Ning Xue turned her face upwards and asked.

"A smile from a seductress can start a deadly war, a gesture from her can melt a steel like man into mud, a seductress is a truly terrible person. If a man is not strong enough, she will lead him into all kinds of catastrophe, but if a man is strong enough, then a seductress will let him enjoy her collection." A light smile appeared on the corner of Ye Wu Chen's lips, she did not know what he was thinking.

Crowds of people passed by continuously and Ning Xue's white hair attracted most people's eyes, but after seeing the young girl's face, they quickly looked away as if they were scared of catching a plague, and their faces showed obvious expressions of disgust.

Ye Wu Chen coldly glanced around, and gently picked her, leaning her on his arms, he asked: "Xue'er, most of ordinary people judge others by their appearances, because of that many people will hate you because of your face, are you scared?"

Ning Xue shook her head, put her arms around his neck and sweetly said: "As long as my brother doesn't hate me or leave me, I don't care if others hate me."

A light smile appeared on Ye Wu Chen's lips: "Never in my life, nor in Xue'er's life, will I hate Xue'er, just like Xue'er will never hate brother right?"

Ning Xue nodded, her eyebrows bent, and very seriously she said: "Xue'er will never hate her brother."

Ye Wu Chen smiled and nodded, his eyes inadvertently glanced past the crowd, suddenly his gaze collided with a very sharp gaze.

It was a boy around 16 or 17 years old, plainly dressed, he had a handsome figure, his hair was a little messy but his face was very cold and stiff, and his gaze felt as sharp as a blade edge. His eyes concealed hatred, indifference, and vigilance as if there was no one he could trust.

At this time, a middle aged woman he was supporting staggered forward slowly. She was only 40 years old but most of her hair was turning grey which made her look 10 years older than her actual age. The young man carefully held her. Ye Wu Chen faintly heard the middle woman's constant nagging: "... Tian Long City..... I have finally returned to Tian Long City"

The young man's eyes swept across Ye Wu Chen and Ye Ning Xue's face for half a moment, it looks as though as long they were in his gaze, no people could escape from his eyes. It seems this young man was constantly on high alert.

Watching him go back, Ye Wu Chen whispered thoughtfully "is this a lone wolf or an eagle?"

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On the top floor in the house of smoke and dreams, Long Zheng Yang was in a room filled with hazy aroma, on top of a circular table was several cups of steaming fragrant tea, in front him was a translucent pink veil, the soundproofing here was exceptional, no street noise from the outside could be heard. In the silence, Long Zheng Yang looked slightly uneasy, making no sound lest should he alert someone.

Finally, light appeared from the pink veil and he heard the soothing sounds of footsteps, a shadow of a woman appeared behind the veil. gracefully walking between the wind and the willow, and although you cannot see her face, her figure alone is enough to enchant normal men.

Long Zhen Yang's breathing cramped up, although it has been a year, this figure appeared in his dreams in almost every night, how could he forget it?

He took a small sip from the cup of tea to ease his emotions, then he stood up and calmly said: "Meng Chan... we have not seen each other for a year, you... .. are you well?"

The graceful figure behind the veil sat down, the wind carried a soft voice: "Meng Chan is all right, thank you for your concern your highness. I see that after 5 years of refining his mind, your royal highness Prince Edward has returned to Tian Long City."

Long Zheng Yang bitterly laughed: "Meng Chan, you can call me Yang'er like always, we've already known each other for so long, the title of prince is too ... distant...."

"Meng Chan is just an ordinary woman, how can I disrespect his royal highness the prince." Said Shui Meng Chan her voice was like a curling breeze that could swing people's hearts.

"Ordinary... .. If you are ordinary, all the other women in the world are sticks and dry leaves.

Long Zheng Yang thought silently, he looked senselessly at the fairy's shadow on the other side of the veil: "Meng Chan knows I did not conceal anything to return, It must have been when I stepped into Tian Long City that she found me, Shui Meng Chan must have the same worries as me."

After a brief silence, Shui Meng Chan sounded helpless and sighed with melancholy: " Your Royal Highness Prince Edward is honored as the crown prince, you are supposed to bring peace and prosperity

to the nation, and not to deal with worldly affairs, Meng Chan did not dare to dream to harm the crown prince. And so this love affair should stop. His Royal Highness Prince Edward can only visit Meng Chan every full moon, and Meng Chan would be thankful, Your Majesty can also return my gratitude.”

This is the first time Shui Meng Chan straightforwardly denied Long Zheng Yang and also the first time she asked him to leave. Even after 5 years of refining his mind, today, she would not even give him a glimmer of hope. Long Zheng Yang was struck a blow, he was slightly pale as he slowly stood up and said in a lonely voice: “In that case, Zheng Yang will leave.... Meng Chan its been more than five years since I saw you, will you let me see you again as I saw you that day?”

“Meng Chan is without freedom to act independently, your highness Prince Edward please return, do not make your friends wait too long.” Meng Chan’s faint voice said. She was referring to Ye Wu Chen and Ye Ning Xue.

Long Zheng Yang stayed for a long time, after a while he finally turned away and left.

Outside of the room, he leaned on the door and laughed loudly: “Prince.... What kind of prince am i? what can I do with wealth? How can I be all powerful, when I cannot even see my own woman’s face... .. why her alone, why her alone AH!” Long Zheng Yang walked out of the house of smoke and dreams looking like a different person.

Ye Wu Chen patted him on the shoulder and quietly said: “want to drink?”

“Drink alcohol?” Long Zheng Yang nodded, his lips pulling upward for a moment, then he asked what are you laughing at? As he took Ye Wu Chen to the opposite restaurant.

Chapter 20: Southern Emperor Sect

In a closed room, a table was filled with the color of savory fragrance from a variety of dishes. Long Zheng Yang and Ye Wu Chen were seated opposite of each other, and Ningxue was sitting beside Wu Chen, her mouth was almost overflowing with saliva while she looked at the delicacies on the table, and sometimes she was secretly looking at her brother. In the sealed area she only ate fruits and barbecue, and on the way to Tian Long City they mostly ate rations, when she saw all of these dishes that she had not seen before, she wanted to reach for the dishes and greedily eat all of them.

Long Zheng Yang was holding a wine cup in one hand and a bottle of wine in the other, drinking and skillfully pouring for himself every time the cup was empty, he didn’t force Ye Wu Chen to accompany him in drinking and only poured for himself, he seemed like he was truly miserable and wanted to vent off his feelings using wine. Ye Wu Chen did not speak, he picked up Ningxue’s bowl, giving her each of every dish, until the bowl was slowly filled, and then put the bowl in front of the small Ningxue: “Xue’er, eat fast.”

“En... Im really hungry” Ningxue has endured for a long time and finally her saliva fell out, she quickly picked up her chopsticks and ate eagerly.

After drinking another cup of wine, Long Zheng Yang’s eyes became even more blurred, he put his glass down heavily and absent-mindedly said: Brother Ye, I love her, am I right or wrong?

“Liking a person is neither right nor wrong.” Ye Wu Chen replied.

“neither right nor wrong.... But why does the emperor like her AH!” the suffering Long Zheng Yang said, he could not help clenching his hands which almost broke the glass he was holding.

Ye Wu Chen filled Ningxue’s bowl again and quietly said: “Brother Long, you’re drunk”

“Drunk.... I really want to be drunk, I want to always be drunk, being drunk will remove all of my worries. Every time I faced her I thought I was ready, but every time I see her I will realize that I have failed once again. Even after 5 years of refining my heart and exercising my mind, I can’t forget her. “Brother Yu, you are not an ordinary person, with your talent, don’t tell me that you really can’t guess my identity?”

Ye Wu Chen laughed. “I know your identity, after all I am not a man of this world, your identity is not important to me, even if you’re a crown prince or an ordinary civilian, I just need to know that you saved my and ningxue’s lives, and besides saying “your royal highness prince Edward” is longer and more distant than saying “Brother Long” which is more familiar.

Long Zheng Yang laughed. “if you were an ordinary person, saying such a thing can really be regarded as an offense. But you are entitled to say these things.... Some years ago, An old sword deity used his ability to save the entire city of Long Cheng, then disappeared afterwards, his ability was so great that he didn’t even put the world in his eyes, even my father needed to show courtesy seven times to meet with him. You are a descendant of that old sword deity, in the future, you will also obtain the qualifications to rule the world and look down upon our royal family.”

Ye Wu Chen smiled and didn’t comment. He naturally knew Long Zheng Yang’s status and reasons. Because of the black ring of the old deity was on his finger. Grandpa Long and Long Zheng Yang considered him to be a true descendant of the old deity. The sword deity’s name was known by everyone in the entire tian chen continent, his existence was like he came from the legends told across the Tian Chen continent. Even the royal family had to curry favor with him, rather than provoke.

“It seems the old man silently sent me a gift.” Ye Wu Chen quietly thought.

However, The crown prince secretly fell in love with the emperor’s wife. Long Zheng Yang told this kind of imperial scandal to the one sitting in front of him. Even if Ye Wu Chen himself wanted to stay uninvolved it was now impossible to do so completely.

Long Zheng Yang filled the glass in front of him and leisurely said: “Brother Ye, if you were me, what would you do?”

This kind of question, if one was an intelligent man he would not respond immediately. Because of the consequences of getting involved with the internal scandal of the emperor and the crown prince, is bad beyond redemption. Ye Wu Chen watched him as he slowly said “ Is it possible for you to give up now and never see her again?”

“I’ve spent 5 years training and didn’t even slightly forget her, so i know that in my lifetime it is impossible for me to forget her, if I give her up, I will suffer for my whole life.” Long Zheng Yang shook his head.

“If you’re determined then you can compete with your father and fight for her.”

Long Zheng Yang's body became stiff, his lips pulled downwards a few times, and softly sighed. "She is originally my father's wife, even if I love her she should not love someone else, if I compete with father for her... That would be really disgraceful, furthermore how would I compete with father anyway?"

"Is suffering for your whole life better than being disgraceful and recklessly fighting for your woman? Brother Long pick your choice, I'm merely a stranger."

Ye Wu Chen made a small circle with his hands, but didn't say anything. Ye Wu Chen picked up a glass and lightly took a sip, and afterwards he frowned lightly. Long Zheng Yang called the wine in this restaurant one of the best, but this wine truly could not compete with the wine in Wu Chen's memory. Wu Chen set the glass down and silently thought: "The Tian Long City here is from thousands of years ago in china, without any of the Chinese modern technology, even the wine making techniques are a rotten mess."

Long Zheng Yang was silent for a long time. Ye Wu Chen filled the glass in front of him and casually asked: "What kind of fairy-like woman can make Brother Long this infatuated with her? I don't know which girl is so lucky."

Long Zheng Yang was really worried as he started to raise his wine cup, but he didn't drink but rather he smiled and his eyes brightened, afterwards he put down his cup and his face became disappointed and frustrated as he thought: "how many years have I never had a truly calm and honest person. They either flatter or say yes, or even afraid to say anything else, I've always wanted a brother to talk with me like a friend." He soon smiled and said: "This is truly helpless under the righteous external appearance of the emperor's family."

Ye Wu Chen's mouth was slightly pulling. "Because you were born in the emperor's family you can say such a thing but what if one day you can become an ordinary person, would you really choose it?"

"that person.... She really is like a fairy. Born in the imperial family, I've seen countless of beautiful women, but after I saw her, I knew that all the other women cannot compare to her. 5 years ago, the first time I saw her I became scared of her dazzling beauty. That was the day she first came to Tian Long City. That year she was 17 years old, she was originally travelling with the clan head of the Southern Emperor Sect to visit father, the emperor.... Then father reacted just like me, he almost didn't hesitate to request for the Southern Emperor Sect's Clan head to give her to him as his concubine, the Clan head agreed on the spot, but he gave him a deadline – she must be 25 years old before she can enter the palace, and during this period, she will live in Tian Long City, and no one will be allowed to interfere with her actions.

"Southern Emperor Sect?" Ye Wu Chen's heart began to beat frantically as he heard the word "Southern Emperor Sect" again and again.