

## Village Girl 91

### Chapter 91: A Second Shocking Meeting!

On a tree-lined road in the deep forest, the surrounding branches creaked with the wind. Dark green leaves fell to the ground, adding a thick layer of the green quilt to the dark soil. In the gap between the leaves and the branches, the sunlight filtered through, creating a serene atmosphere.

However, in this quiet place, a massacre was happening!

A group of men in black surrounded four tall men who were covered in wounds, black mud, and red blood. The four men were in a protective position, protecting a man wearing a mask in the middle.

Jiang Zhennan half-knelt on the ground, the long knife in his hand was stained with blood that had turned black, but it could not hide its sharpness.

He held the handle of the knife with one hand and used it to support his entire weight. He used the other hand to wipe the blood from the corner of his mouth under the mask.

His sharp eyes under the mask shot straight at the men in black. Then, he looked at the subordinates who were protecting him and said in a stern and stern tone, "Guo Bing, little three, little six, little twelve, don't worry about me. Fight your way out and save yourselves. Don't die here with me!"

It was all his fault. He was so careless that he fell into a trap. The poison had reached his heart. He couldn't hold on for long.

However, his brothers still had a chance to live. As long as they gave up on him, they could kill their way out.

"No, boss!" Guo Bing's expression was serious, without a trace of his usual cheeky smile. He said seriously, "You are the War God of Long Yan Country. We can all die, but you can't."

That person and the people from Zhengguo Court were too vicious. For their own selfishness, they actually colluded to poison their boss.

By the time they discovered it, the poison was already on the verge of acting up. The doctors in the capital were helpless, and only the divine Doctor Wu Yazi might have a chance of saving Jiang Zhennan.

In order to find the legendary doctor, they departed from the general's residence overnight. They didn't expect to be assassinated the moment they left the capital.

It was obvious that those people had already predicted that they would leave the capital to find Wu Yazi, so they'd set up an ambush along the way, waiting for them to leave the city and then start hunting them down.

From twenty-five of them, there were only five of them left, including their boss.

However, at this moment, the poison in the general's body had taken effect. The four of them were not enough to deal with the more than 20 men in black. However, they still didn't want to give up.

Regardless, Jiang Zhennan wasn't going to let his men sacrifice themselves for him.

Jiang Zhennan's heart was filled with sorrow.

Jiang Zhennan did not die on the battlefield as a general should, but he was going to die due to the conspiracy from within the Imperial Palace.

He was very indignant and unwilling. The anger in his heart made him want to kill his way back to the capital and kill those selfish, despicable, and shameless people who did not care about the safety of the country and the interests of the people. However, at this moment, he could do nothing about it.

The poison had reached his heart, and he didn't have long to live. However, his brothers were still so young. Therefore, no matter what, he had to protect his brothers.

He had already let down the 20 brothers who had sacrificed their lives for him.

Jiang Zhennan propped himself up with a knife. Then, with a stern look in his sharp eyes, he ordered, "Guo Bing, take little three, little six, and little twelve with you and rush out. Don't worry about me. This is an order!"

The bloodied faces of Guo Bing and the other three suddenly changed, and they said in shock, "General! We swear to die with you!"

Jiang Zhennan said sternly, "This is my last order to you as your general. Are you going to disobey my order? As soldiers, you should be very clear that it is your duty to follow orders! So, I order you to abandon me and retreat!"

Upon hearing Jiang Zhennan's words, one of the men in black, who was standing at the back of the group, said sarcastically, "Haha, Jiang Zhennan, you're about to die, but you still want to put on the airs to save the lives of your subordinates. This is the funniest thing I've ever seen!"

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Then, his tone changed into arrogance and coldness. He said loudly, "Hmph, Jiang Zhennan, I'm telling you, you and your brothers are not returning to Beijing alive!"

"You can only blame yourself for being too meddlesome and blocking my master's path. Now, not only have you paid with your life, but you'll also have to pay with the lives of all your brothers and subordinates!" His tone turned into a mocking and intense sarcasm. "Jiang Zhennan, I believe the heart-eating poison in your body has already acted up! Otherwise, you wouldn't be thinking of ordering your brothers to abandon you."

"Haha, who would have thought that the decisive, selfless, and ruthless War God general would have a woman's charity? He actually trusted the people sent over by Zhengguo Court and drank the soup they had poisoned."

"Jiang Zhennan, it's not just my master who wants you dead. You were born to be a jinx, so your father and stepmother want you to die. Your siblings are jealous of you because you are the defender-general of the state. Jiang Zhennan, your life is a failure, don't you think?"

Once the leader was done, the other men in black cackled.

Jiang Zhennan was severely poisoned, and the poison had attacked his heart. His face under the mask turned from red to yellow to purple and then white. The palm of his hand that was holding the hilt of the knife was sweating and trembling constantly. The heart-wrenching pain almost made him lose the strength to speak. However, Jiang Zhennan was ultimately the War God of Long Yan Country. His perseverance and endurance were not comparable to ordinary people.

Even in the face of the enemy's arrogant mockery and sarcasm, he didn't back down.

He supported himself with the hilt of the knife and stood up straight. The purplish lips under the mask retorted in a mocking tone. "Even if I'm seen as a stumbling block by your master, and even if the people from the Zhengguo Court hate me, I've made my way from a small soldier to the defender-general of the state. I am known and even worshiped by the people. I have a clean and upright life!

"On the other hand," his sharp eyes glanced at the Men in Black and said disdainfully, "even under the hot sun, you can only wear black clothes and black masks. You can never show your true appearance and can only live in darkness forever. You are the most pitiful people in the world!"

Jiang Zhennan used the last of his strength to speak. Blood immediately gushed out of his chest, but he tried his best to suppress it.

The expression of the men in the black changed. The leader shouted angrily, "Jiang Zhennan, you're still gloating even when you're about to die. Since you like to be a general that much, I'll send you to hell to be a ghost general!

"Brothers, go! Once we bring Jiang Zhennan's head back to our master, we will get ten thousand taels of gold!"

The men swarmed forward.

Jiang Zhennan's group of five was already exhausted after being hunted all the way. Jiang Zhennan was poisoned. Jiang Zhennan's men wanted to save their general, but not while saving themselves. They couldn't do both. It was why Jiang Zhennan had ordered them to abandon him.

Jiang Zhennan gave his orders again. Guo Bing and the others were in tears. They were determined to break out of the siege so that one day, they'd avenge their general.

However, their enemies had the advantage in numbers, while they were poisoned or heavily injured. Very quickly, they were surrounded.

Their hope of escape dwindled. The four either lay or knelt on the ground.

Little three and little twelve were lying on the ground, bleeding from their abdomens. Their legs were twisted. One of their hands was holding a knife, while the other was grabbing the soil on the ground. Tears were flowing from the corners of their eyes. They were unwilling to die like this!

A man doesn't shed tears easily unless it is because of something truly heart-breaking.

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However, they didn't think that they wouldn't die on the battlefield to protect their country but would die because of the conspiracy within the government they swore to protect. Of course, they were unwilling to die just like that. But they could only pray to reincarnate as their general's subordinates in their next lives.

Guo Bing and Little Six were kneeling on the ground with their hands on the hilts of their swords. Blood was flowing out of the corners of their mouths. There were wounds on their chests and backs. They no longer had the strength to resist.

But it was not ideal to die in such a desolate mountain forest. After they died, they would become food for the wild animals in the deep mountains. If they died like this, their general would never be avenged, and no one would know the truth. Their killers would live to enjoy the peace and wealth brought by their general. They felt indignant, but what could they do? They were about to die.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the tragic appearance of his four subordinates, and his sharp eyes instantly burst with a sense of hatred.

He suddenly grabbed the hilt of the knife and raised it. The sharp blade glowed with a cold light. Even under the high temperature of the hot sun, the people around could feel the bone-chilling cold.

The sharp blade seemed to sense its owner's intense hatred. The blade buzzed with the call for blood.

When the men in black saw this, their pupils under the black masks contracted violently. They had no idea that Jiang Zhennan would still be able to lift his 108-catties broadsword and fight them. Did he not get poisoned?

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The leader of the men quickly shouted, "Brothers, don't worry. Jiang Zhennan is of no threat to us. We just need to take his head. When we return to the capital, we will be able to obtain ten thousand taels of gold!"

With that, more than a dozen men in black immediately stepped forward with their knives, eager to be the first to take Jiang Zhennan's head.

Guo Bing and the other three had tears in their eyes as they looked at their boss, who was using the last of his life force to fight for them to escape.

Jiang Zhennan raised his knife and slashed at the men in black. The heart-eating poison sealed up his internal Qi. Jiang Zhennan had to rely on brute force. However, the poison had also invaded his internal organs and limbs. At this moment, his vision was blurred, and all he could hear was a deafening roar. His hands were already numb, and his legs were like heavy lead.

However, he charged on pure instinct. There was no sense or reason. He just needed to kill.

For a moment, the men in black were held back. They couldn't get close to him, much less take his head.

Jiang Zhennan suddenly shouted at Guo Bing and the others, "Hurry up and leave!"

With red eyes and tears, Guo Bing and the other three struggled to get up and fight again. They couldn't just leave the general alone, even if it meant disobeying their general!

They were brothers who had gone through life and death together on the battlefield. They couldn't be like cowards and abandon their general. They needed to be alive to avenge their general, but when they thought about how they'd only live with their general sacrificing his life, they couldn't bring themselves to escape. Therefore, even if they were to die, they would die with their general.

They believed that the truth would be revealed one day, and someone would avenge the general.

A new round of killing was carried out on this quiet battlefield.

It was an intense, bloody, and painful battle with a great disparity in strength!

The men in black didn't expect such a hard resistance from the five dying men. The five appeared to suddenly burst with power. This shocked them deeply.

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However, what could they do?

The five of them were either disabled or injured. There were more than twenty enemies. Even if they just piled on, the five would eventually be overwhelmed.

The leader of the black men sneered, "Since they're still so feisty, let's play with them a little. I want to see how long they can last!"

Even if Jiang Zhennan couldn't use his Qi, he could still hold the men back. However, he was running low on energy. He would eventually succumb to the poison.

Therefore, the men in black were merely teasing them with small skirmishes. Eventually, the blade in Jiang Zhennan's hand fell to the ground, and then his whole body fell back.

"General!" Guo Bing and the others immediately cried out in shock, their eyes almost popping out of their sockets. Jiang Zhennan's accident flustered Guo Bing and the others. Instantly, a few more holes appeared in their bodies.

Guo Bing and the men didn't care. All of them crawled to Jiang Zhennan's side.

The leader made a hand gesture, and the group of men in black stopped their attack. The assassins stopped to watch the show. They focused on Jiang Zhennan, the War God who was worshipped by all men, women, and children of the Long Yan Kingdom, lying on the ground, unable to move. His left and right hands were riddled with thousands of holes, and the bleeding did not stop. The men in black felt a sense of pleasure.

The leader walked forward without any hesitation. Guo Bing and the other three immediately became alert. However, it was useless. The man kicked them aside one by one. Then, he raised his foot and aimed it at Jiang Zhennan's chest. With extreme pleasure, he said to Jiang Zhennan fiercely, "Jiang Zhennan, weren't you trying to kill us earlier? Why are you lying on the ground now like a dead person? No, wait. You are supposed to be a dead person." He stomped heavily.

In an instant, black blood flowed out from the corner of Jiang Zhennan's mouth under the mask.

Guo Bing, little three, little six, and little twelve's eyes were filled with tears. They were emotional, and their expressions were pained.

The man was extremely angry and shouted at Jiang Zhennan, "Jiang Zhennan, aren't you War God who has won every battle? Aren't you highly skilled in martial arts and have deep inner strength? Didn't you kill nearly 200 of our brothers the moment you left the capital?"

"Why are you lying on the ground like a weakling now?"

Little six touched his injured thigh with one hand. His eyes were bloodshot as he roared at the leader, "the general is not a weakling. You are the real weakling, the real despicable villains!"

If weren't for the fact that the general was poisoned by them, even if there were another 200 assassins, the general would have easily taken care of them, let alone these 20 or so. To think the general would be insulted by these people!

A man in black stepped on Little Six's injured leg.

Little Six cried out in agony.

The leader was very satisfied with his follower's cruelty. He snorted coldly, "Jiang Zhennan is a weakling, and that is a fact!" The leader kept calling Jiang Zhennan a weakling as if he was trying to make up for his own weakness. He couldn't win Jiang Zhennan in a fair match, so he had to take advantage of this situation.

Jiang Zhennan spat out black blood. He said coldly, "Kill me. I have done nothing wrong. I can face the heavens and earth without shame.

"I can only blame myself for being too trusting.

"However, have you heard of the saying, 'when the cunning rabbits die, so will the hunting hounds'? You already know that man's secret. Do you think he'll let you live? In your dreams!"

The men in black's hearts trembled after hearing that. After all, Jiang Zhennan's words made a lot of sense.

His meaning was simple...

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Only the dead wouldn't speak and spill secrets!

They were loyal to their master, but not if their master wanted them dead. For a moment, some of them wavered, and some even had thoughts of rebelling.

When the leader saw this, he shouted angrily at Jiang Zhennan, "Jiang Zhennan, don't you try to sow discord here! If master really wanted to silence us, he wouldn't have rewarded us with ten thousand taels of gold. That's contradictory!" Then, he turned around and shouted angrily at those people, "Don't be incited by him. He just wants to make a chink in our minds. Don't fall for his trick!"

After he finished shouting at his subordinates, he then said angrily to Jiang Zhennan, "Jiang Zhennan, you're really asking for it. I was planning to keep your corpse intact at first, but you lost your chance. After all, we only need your head. As for your body, I'm sure it'll feed plenty of wildlife."

After that, he raised the big knife and aimed it at Jiang Zhennan's neck.

Jiang Zhennan had lost all energy he had. His entire body was numb. He was bleeding all over his body, and he couldn't do anything. He knew that he was about to die. However, he was calm.

Many people say that one would reflect on one's life before dying. Jiang Zhennan was cursed as the ultimate jinx from the moment he was born. This seemed fitting for his life.

His memories fluttered around his mind like scattering flowers. Then, he thought of Liefeng. He missed and worried about his partner the most. If Liefeng had only taken him, he would have escaped safely. However, Jiang Zhennan couldn't leave behind his brothers, the people who always had his back. So he had Liefeng leave first. He wondered if Liefeng was safe. He hoped that it wasn't captured.

Liefeng was a very clever horse. Everyone in the capital knew that. Many people wanted to get their hands on Liefeng. Jiang Zhennan was worried that Liefeng would be found by that person. Then, Liefeng would be subdued or killed. The chance of the latter being higher.

His blurry eyes were staring at the gaps between the leaves. Through the gaps, the intense sunlight shone on the ground in a cylindrical shape.

He suddenly thought of the young woman he had met once. They were not very far from where they met. It was just the mountain next to this one.

Jiang Zhennan laughed bitterly in his heart. He didn't think that the young woman would be featured in his mind before he died.

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The young woman was the only person who was not afraid of him. She'd call him masked uncle, be angry and even smile at him. In his short life, she was the only person who treated him as a normal person and communicated with him as a friend. That was the first time he had experienced the joy and pleasure of having friends.

But now, he was about to die.

He would never have the chance to see that smart and adorable young woman again.

The sharp tip of the knife touched Jiang Zhennan's throat. Jiang Zhennan also closed his eyes, waiting for his head to be separated from his body.

At this moment, a series of tapping sounds entered everyone's ears. Everyone there knew martial arts. They could tell from the sound that it came from the hooves of a horse.

The leader immediately stopped what he was doing. He frowned. 'Is there someone else in this wild forest with us?'

The sound came closer to where they were.

Even if they killed Jiang Zhennan and his men now, they couldn't immediately destroy the corpses to get rid of the evidence within the short time frame. The men's military gear would reveal their identity.

Therefore, they would have to kill this person who was wandering over with the house. That was the only way!

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After the leader made this decision, he immediately pulled the knife from Jiang Zhennan's neck. Then, he took a few steps forward and turned around. The sharp eyes under the mask looked in the direction of the sound of horse hooves.

The man hoped for all their sake that the person would just pass by.

However, Jiang Zhennan and his men were very familiar with the sound. Their pupils shook. 'Why is Liefeng back?'

The sound of galloping came closer, and soon, the horse appeared. However, the horse didn't come alone. A young woman who looked around nine sat on the horse's back. She was wearing a light green dress. She had fair skin, big eyes, delicate eyebrows, a small nose, and pink lips, and her bangs were parted to the left. Her hair was held in place by a silver pin, and her long hair fell on her shoulders.

She looked innocent, simple, refreshing, cute, and sweet.

The leader thought the newcomer was a martial arts master and was considering how to kill them, but it was just an innocent girl.

Jiang Zhennan's vision was about to turn dark when he heard the footsteps of his old friend, Liefeng. Then, a blurry shadow seemed to appear in the darkness. It was Liefeng's shadow, but straddling Liefeng was a petite figure. He was shocked. He had so many questions, but he didn't have the strength to move his lips anymore. No matter how anxious he was, he could do nothing.

When Guo Bing and the others saw the person sitting on Liefeng, their pupils suddenly contracted violently, and their pale faces showed a surprised expression, feeling particularly incredulous.

They found the young woman to be very familiar, but they couldn't be sure.

The person they met two months ago was just a child. Her skin was sallow and her frame was weak. But this young woman looked like she was around nine. Could a person have grown so much in the span of two months? Could a person have such immense growth in height?

The malnourished child with stick-like limbs couldn't be compared to the young woman with rosy cheeks. But the young woman had the same facial features as the child.

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Another piece of evidence was Liefeng.

Liefeng didn't resist the young woman at all. It even let her ride on its back. Therefore, could they really be the same person? This confused Guo Bing and the rest.

Regardless, all they had was a worry for this young woman who suddenly barged in.



Little six was half-lying on the ground with a knife in his hand. His abdomen was bleeding, and his face was pale. When he saw Lin Yuelan, his eyes were filled with surprise. He raised his hand with great effort and pointed at her. He looked at Guo Bing and said suspiciously, "First lieutenant, this young woman, she..."

Guo Bing immediately shook his head at Little Six.

Little Six grasped the meaning. They couldn't reveal their past connection with the person, or the assassins wouldn't let her go.

Lin Yuelan rode Liefeng and leisurely went through a small path in the deep mountains and wild forests. Her eyes looked here and there as if she was very interested in the surrounding scenery.

Suddenly, when she saw a group of men in black surrounding a few people who were lying on the ground, her eyes were dazed. She looked stunned and slightly surprised.

However, the surprise only lasted for a moment. Then, she became calm and waved her hand at the men in black. She said innocently, "Hey, brothers in black, I'm just passing by. Please pretend that you don't see me."

Then, she patted Liefeng's back and said, "Feng 'Er, why did you bring me into the mountains? What if we meet some robbers? I'm just a child, so how can I beat them? I'll be killed so that they'd be cleaned of all the witnesses!"

She said these with a very relaxed and insouciant tone.

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Not only Guo Bing and the rest but also the men in black were momentarily stunned by Lin Yuelan's monologue.

However, before they could react, the child turned around and said to the men in black, "Brothers in black, Feng 'Er has led the wrong way. I've already taught him a lesson. We'll be leaving now!" As she spoke, Lin Yuelan patted Liefeng's back. Liefeng was very sensible. He really turned around as if he was ready to leave with Lin Yuelan.

This action simply surprised Guo Bing and the other three.

'What is going on? Did Liefeng really bring her here by mistake? But Liefeng is the general's mount and a good companion. With Liefeng's intelligence, it wouldn't give a lack of response when it sees the general lying on the ground, dying by the seconds. But if it did, how could it be so calm?

'Could Liefeng have abandoned the general and acknowledged her as the young woman as its new master?'

The four glared at Liefeng and the young woman with faint anger. However, they were on the verge of death. What could they do anyway?

The men in black saw the young woman leave with the horse. Finally, they reacted. Of course, they couldn't allow that. No matter if the young woman had barged into this scene unintentionally or intentionally, she had to stay to accompany the general and his people. She had to die!

The leader immediately shouted, "Stop!"

Lin Yuelan patted Liefeng's shoulder, and the latter stood still. Then, Lin Yuelan turned and said with an innocent expression, "Big Brother, I told you that I didn't mean to interrupt you on purpose. I thought to lead Feng 'Er out to play. Who would have thought that it'd lead me to this mountain forest?"

"But don't worry. I really have not seen anything. Nothing at all!"

Well, she was just making this worse. Lin Yuelan saw the expression of the leader, and she raised one hand to make a vow. She said in a serious tone, "Big Brother, I can swear on it if you like. If I repeat anything I see here to anyone else, the rest of my current family will die a horrible death."

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Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes internally. After all, she was a single orphan with no family. The oath was just empty talk. She might have a family in the future, so she swore using her 'current' family.

The men in black were surprised by this turn of events. They almost let her go. The girl was too cunning!

The leader held his knife and shouted at Lin Yuelan again, "I don't care if you come here on purpose or not, and I don't care if you've seen anything. You must leave your life here!"

"Besides, you keep saying that it was this horse that brought you here. Do you think I'm blind? The horse you're riding is called Liefeng. Everyone in the capital knows that it's Jiang Zhennan's mount!"

"So, you will have to die!"

Lin Yuelan was immediately frightened by his words. She patted Liefeng to turn around. With a frightened expression and nervous eyes, she looked at Liefeng and then at the leader. She gasped in disbelief, "Big Brother, what did you say? Does this horse belong to Jiang Zhennan, the famous War God of the Long Yan Kingdom and the defender-general of the state?"

"But that's impossible. Liefeng is my horse!"

The leader's pupils shrank when he heard that Lin Yuelan was able to identify and name Jiang Zhennan.

Then, his sharp eyes shot toward the girl on the horse. He looked at her round face, soft white skin with a tinge of red. Although her facial features were not fully developed, her big eyes, white teeth, and pink lips showed that she would definitely be great beauty in the future.

Of course, she wouldn't have that chance anymore.

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However, they wouldn't mind using her for a pleasant enjoyment.

As assassins, they couldn't use prostitutes lest they leak the secrets of their masters. Most of the time, they would kidnap a young woman on the road. After they were satisfied, they would kill them or lock them up as sex slaves.

However, they usually had a lot of tasks and didn't have time for sexual release. To kill Jiang Zhennan, the assassins hadn't had a chance even to stop to catch a breath, much less have sex with a woman.

Now, a woman had landed before them. So, it would be a waste not to use her even though she looked only nine. However, the leader heard that young girls were more feisty, and it was fun to ruin their innocence.

At the thought of this, the leader's blood suddenly started to boil. A warm feeling suddenly rose in his chest. The desire in his eyes burned like fire.

He looked at Lin Yuelan with an undisguised lecherous look.

His big tongue under the black mask licked the corner of his lips. Then, with an excited look, he said with a sinister smile, "Miss, it doesn't matter whether the horse you're riding on is Liefeng or not. Since you've barged in here, you'll have to leave your life behind!"

Then, the sharp eyes under the mask deliberately scanned Lin Yuelan. The leader said salaciously, "However, if you stay and have some fun with my brothers, I might consider letting you live. How about it?"

What was more important than life? Many people would surrender their dignity to live. These assassins were used to people doing anything to beg them for mercies, and they got their high from that.

However, they didn't expect...

"You've really angered me this time!" The voice was like ice, chilling to the bone.

Hearing Lin Yuelan, the men in black, led by the leader, immediately laughed.

"Little Miss, so what if we've angered you?" He said disdainfully.

He said to his brothers. "Actually, now that the girl's face is all tensed up, she looks very cute. You know what. I'm sure her cries will be very melodious when we are poking into her!"

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A lot more obscenities were said.

Lin Yuelan's face was cold, and her eyes were sharp. She looked at these people and listened to them. She sat on the horse's back and didn't move.

In her eyes, these people were already dead.

The leader also laughed loudly, "little sister, big brother advises you to be more obedient, or else ..."

However, before he could finish his sentence, a wild gust of wind gathered in the forest. The branches moved. The branches grew and twisted madly like they had gained a life of their own. In an instant, the space was enclosed within a branch cage.

As suddenly as the cage was formed, the branches slithered back into place, and everything was normal again.

This strange and unbelievable scene made everyone's eyes widen, showing an expression of shock and even horror.

'Have the trees come alive?' That was the only explanation they had. This was something they had never encountered before. Thus, they were afraid of it. The lusty thoughts left their mind. All they wanted to do was to leave this creepy forest as soon as possible. But before that...

The leader angrily said to Lin Yuelan, "Little girl, prepare to die. There's no reason for me to spare you!" The knife left his hand and flew at Lin Yuelan at lightning speed.

Guo Bing and Little Six, who had not fainted yet, opened their bloody mouths and looked at the scene in horror. They had to close their eyes because they didn't have the heart to watch this. The young woman was going to die because of them!

When Guo Bing closed his eyes, he shouted with all his might, "Liefeng, take the young lady and run!"

At that moment, Jiang Zhennan suddenly gained a surge of energy. Perhaps he was worried about Liefeng... or the person sitting on Liefeng. His right hand picked up the big knife. He lunged toward Lin Yuelan's direction by instinct.

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The two blades clashed violently. Yellow and red sparks bloomed like fireworks. There was even the smell of smoke. Soon, a saber was halved, and they fell to the ground.

Everything happened in the blink of an eye.

When the leader finally reacted, he saw his weapon lying on the ground in two pieces.

The leader turned his head in anger and shouted at Jiang Zhennan, "Jiang Zhennan!"

When the leader's saber was about to reach Lin Yuelan, Jiang Zhennan intercepted it with lightning speed.

The leader failed to kill Lin Yuelan. On top of that, his weapon, Jin Chan Dao, was destroyed by Jiang Zhennan's blade. Jin Chan Dao was ranked eighth on Jiang Hu.

However, Jiang Zhennan only wielded a normal broadsword. According to legends, Jiang Zhenhan had used that 108-catties sword ever since the first day he stepped onto the battlefield. The leader's Jin Chan Dao was destroyed by an ordinary blade. If the word got out, he would be laughed at, and he would lose face as the leader of Broken Soul.

This leader was not only an assassin of a certain Prince in the imperial city, but he was also the leader of an assassin organization. What service did he provide his master? Simple. It was to assassinate the prince's dissenters in Jiang Hu!

Of course, neither the Imperial court nor Jiang Hu was aware of this relationship.

The leader, who was embarrassed and angry, immediately grabbed a big knife from one of his subordinates and quickly walked to Jiang Zhennan. Then, he swung it at Jiang Zhennan's neck.

Guo Bing and the others could only look on helplessly.

"General!"

"Boss!"

Jiang Zhennan looked up at the cloudless blue sky with a sorrowful, angry, and helpless expression.

What had he done wrong? Why were the heavens so unfair? Was it because he was the ultimate jinx? Even in death, he couldn't have an intact corpse!

"Did you get my permission to kill him?"

A clear, loud, sharp, and cold girl's voice suddenly rang in everyone's ears.

Suddenly, a small light green figure whooshed through the air. A burst of green light appeared before Jiang Zhennan. Then, the green figure flitted back onto the horse. This shocking twist stunned everyone.

When the leader came back to his senses, his hands were already empty.

He looked at his hands and asked in shock, "Where's the saber?" He looked around and was blinded by silver light. He looked up and was shocked. The young woman was toying with the saber he was just holding.

The young woman turned the knife around as if she was very curious about it. However, after a while, she lost interest in the knife and said in a calm voice, "And I thought this is some special knife. But it's just a normal butcher's knife."

The owner of the saber became furious and vomited a large amount of blood. He was so angry.

Lin Yuelan was confused. All she said was that the knife was unremarkable. Did the man have to react so violently? Were these assassins that weak?

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The leader was terrified. He couldn't explain how the saber was taken from his grasp and appeared in Lin Yuelan's hands.

Then, the cold voice continued, "Regardless, today I shall make this butcher's knife to make you pay for the things that you've just said earlier!"

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Then, everyone, including Guo Bing and the others, saw a flash of silver light. The six men in black who said those obscene things about Lin Yuelan fell to the ground.

Guo Bing and the others widened their eyes and looked at Lin Yuelan with even more disbelief and shock.

At this moment, they all had the same thought in their hearts, 'Damn! No wonder Liefeng brought her here. She's a hidden martial art expert!'

The other men in black were also shocked, but they were trembling in a completely different way!

Their companions had fallen before they could tell what the young woman had done. As members of Broken Soul, how could they not hear of this expert on Jiang Hu? Plus, she looked just around ten!

This young woman terrified them!

After the leader recovered from his shock, he immediately reacted. He snatched a nearby weapon and shouted at Lin Yuelan in shock, fear, and anger, "Girl, you're going to die!" Then, he turned to the others, "All of you, attack! Avenge our dead brothers!"

The men no longer cared about Jiang Zhennan and his people. They were burning with anger, indignation, and fear. They had to first eliminate Lin Yuelan before they could deal with Jiang Zhennan.

Lin Yuelan saw the anger on the men's faces. She stood up on Liefeng's back. She held a vine that was as thick as an adult's finger in her hand. Her cold and proud demeanor radiated the aura of an empress.

A gust of wind blew, and her black hair and clothes fluttered. Suddenly, she flew up from the horse's back, and a vine jumped from her hand.

The green vine ruthlessly slithered around the men in black.

"Ah!" One of them instantly had a large hole in his chest.

"Ah!" Another was beheaded.

Then, one painful scream after another sounded in the deep mountains. Then, there was a series of thuds as the dead weight fell to the ground.

The twenty men in black, with the exception of their leader, were all lying on the ground, dead.

Lin Yuelan put away the vine and then walked to Guo Bing and the others. Lin Yuelan looked at their injuries and frowned. But she quickly relaxed her frown. She kicked Guo Bing, who was still dumbfounded, and asked, "Hey, are you still alive?"

Lin Yuelan's kick landed on Guo Bing's wound, and the pain doubled in an instant. He gritted his teeth in pain, but it also brought him back to his senses. Then, he gritted his teeth and said, "Thank you for your concern, miss. I am not dead yet."

Their pursuers had mostly died. They just needed to rest, and they could recuperate.

Guo Bing then thought of something. He looked at Lin Yuelan. He asked with uncertainty, "Miss, have we met before?"

Lin Yuelan didn't nod or shake her head. She said bluntly, "two hundred and eighty thousand taels!"

"What?"

Guo Bing and the other three didn't understand what was going on. What did this sudden 280,000 taels mean?

Lin Yuelan pointed at the fallen men with her little finger and said, "10000 taels for each death!" One kill cost ten thousand taels, and there were 28 men on the ground, so the total cost was two hundred and eighty thousand taels.

The corners of Guo Bing and the other three's mouths twitched. This was definitely the girl they had met back then. She was still a bandit like before.

However, every time they met Lin Yuelan, she would give them a huge surprise.

None of them expected her to be so powerful. Her aura was no weaker than any of them.

The leader looked at the corpses of his companions in shock.

In the end, he looked at the child standing in front of Guo Bing and the others with a terrified expression. The situation was clear. He was not her match.