Jiang Liqun yelled out firmly, looking as serious and solemn as ever. Even Lin Wenjing was moved by him.

Honestly speaking, Lin Wenjing didn't really remember Jiang Liqun before this because Jiang Liqun was just an insignificant person to him. Even though Jiang Liqun had succeeded in business, seeing that he was not in the Heavenly Realm, he was just a mere mortal.

After that, even though Jiang Liqun broke into the Heavenly Realm, it was because of his help. Although Jiang Liqun had surrendered himself to him, Lin Wenjing did not really regard him seriously.

Up till now, when Lin Wenjing saw Jiang Liqun's performance tonight—the profound look and the deep gratitude in Jiang Liqun's eyes moved him.

"Very well!" Lin Wenjing laughed out loud and helped Jiang Liqun up. He then spoke in a serious tone. "Jiang, as long as I'm still alive, I will never treat you badly."

Jiang Liqun was overjoyed to hear that. "Thank you, Chairman Lin!"

When Du Feng saw this scene, the envy in his eyes was obvious. He knew that Jiang Liqun had completely become Lin Wenjing's subordinate now, and as long as Lin Wenjing was still alive, Du Feng could not afford to provoke Jiang Liqun, otherwise he would be going against Lin Wenjing.

To be honest, this was the first time he saw a genius like Lin Wenjing, who was so amazing and skilled.

After all, anyone who was able to train from an ordinary mortal to the Heavenly Realm was the most skilled among people and the most intelligent among geniuses.

Du Feng himself, as an example, was a genius among geniuses. Among his peers and opponents who started training at the same time as him, he was the only one who had cultivated until he reached the upper-tier of the Heavenly Realm today.

Initially, he had always been complacent and arrogant, thinking that he was the absolute king; but compared with Lin Wenjing now, he was, in fact, a nobody.

Even at that instant, he had an impulse to surrender himself to Lin Wenjing, like what Jiang Liqun had done.

At this moment, Lin Wenjing fixated his gaze at Du Feng and gave him a meaningful and deep look, as if he had seen through him directly, causing him to break out a cold sweat.

Du Feng hastily lowered his head.

Soon, Jiang Liqun asked some people to clean up the scene and resume the banquet. The atmosphere later became more lively than before, as if nothing had happened just now.

The banquet continued with none of the guests leaving. When they looked at Jiang Liqun, their expressions had become even more different.

Now that Jiang Liqun had killed Yao Sheng, it was without a doubt that his influence would definitely grow stronger in the future.

More importantly, Jiang Liqun had Lin Wenjing backing him up now.

Although many of them didn't know who Lin Wenjing was, they had all witnessed what happened just now. It was obvious to them that Lin Wenjing was an extremely powerful person who was no longer on the same level as them.

Jiang Liqun felt appeased and joyous, and his smile didn't disappear even for a second. He had finally put down something that had been troubling him, so he felt very different from before.

As for Du Feng, he didn't have the dignity to stay here anymore and left disheartenedly.

When Lin Wenjing watched him leave, there was a flicker in his eyes—he wanted to stop Du Feng and warn him not to tell others about his whereabouts. But after thinking about it, he realized that there was no need at all.

After all, many people there had already seen him and knew his name, so he was sure that the news would soon be spread out.

Now, he had returned to his peak state before the

injury, and the life source in his body had not been completely digested. When the digestion had completed, he would then enter the ultimate-tier of the Heavenly Realm.

Since this was going to happen, there was no need for him to hide.

He bade farewell to Jiang Liqun before leaving as he wanted to send Yin Hong home first.

Yin Hong's mood had never calmed down—she had never been as excited as she was today. On the way back, she couldn't help glancing at Lin Wenjing's face, and every time she saw his handsome and determined side profile, her heartbeat sped involuntarily.

While Lin Wenjing was driving, he saw Yin Hong's reaction and asked in a puzzled tone, "Miss Yin, is there something on my face?"

"Huh?" Lin Wenjing's sudden gaze at her shocked her. "No! Nothing!" she hurriedly explained.

She hurriedly lowered her head, but her entire face had turned red.

Seeing her reaction, Lin Wenjing smiled bitterly. "Miss Yin, what happened tonight must have scared you. I'm sorry."

Seeing that Lin Wenjing had misunderstood her, Yin Hong shook her head. "No, I j-just—"

"Just haven't seen such a scene?" Lin Wenjing

completed her sentence with a smile.

Yin Hong looked up at Lin Wenjing before immediately lowering her head, looking cute and docile.

Lin Wenjing sighed. In fact, he didn't want to show his violent side to Yin Hong. In his opinion, she was a very ordinary woman, and seeing this side of him was not a good thing for her.

He went silent for a while before saying, "Miss Yin, don't worry. What happened tonight was just a dream. You won't remember anything when you wake up tomorrow, and you don't have to worry about the thugs bullying you later."

When Yin Hong heard this, she was stunned and confused about what Lin Wenjing meant. What happened tonight had left a deep impression on her, and she would never forget it throughout her lifetime. So how could she wake up tomorrow and forget about everything?

Thinking that Lin Wenjing was just comforting her, a warm and fuzzy feeling swept across her, and she didn't take his words seriously.

Lin Wenjing was a quick driver, so he reached the Yin's residence in no time. Lin Wenjing parked the car and then personally walked Yin Hong to the door of her house.

"Miss Yin."

He stopped suddenly and addressed Yin Hong

formally.

Seeing his eyes looking right into hers, Yin Hong's heartbeat couldn't help but accelerate again, even though she had just calmed herself down. However, she did not lower her head to avoid Lin Wenjing's gaze this time; instead, she mustered up the courage to face Lin Wenjing. "Yeah?"

"I really appreciate your care these days. Thank you," Lin Wenjing uttered solemnly to Yin Hong.

Yin Hong waved her hand and smiled. "It was nothing much. I'm the one who should thank you!"

Lin Wenjing smiled slightly, but he did not answer her. Instead, he looked directly at Yin Hong and asked, "Miss Yin, if you were given a choice now, would you choose to be someone who was skilled or an ordinary person who would live a peaceful life?"

This question caught Yin Hong off guard for a moment. She didn't quite understand why Lin Wenjing would ask this question. "Mr. Lin, I don't quite understand what you mean."

"You just need to answer me."

Yin Hong thought for a while and smiled. "In that case, I will choose to be a carefree, ordinary person."

Lin Wenjing looked at her with a mysterious gaze. "Okay, then. Miss Yin, please forgive me for the offense."



"Huh?" Yin Hong was stunned when she heard this, and then she saw Lin Wenjing approaching her. Suddenly, her breathing became ragged, and her mood was extremely tense. Oh my God, what is Mr. Lin doing? Could it be that he is going to...

However, when her fantasies ran wild, Lin Wenjing had already walked in front of her. When he snapped his fingers, his eyes immediately became deep and hypnotic. Yin Hong's entire being was attracted to him, and her eyes became blank. In a few seconds, she tilted her head and passed out, leaning against Lin Wenjing's chest.

Lin Wenjing gently caressed her hair and spoke apologetically. "Miss Yin, I have erased your memories of the past few days. When you wake up tomorrow, you will still be that ordinary person..."



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Two minutes later, Lin Wenjing sent Yin Hong back to her room and tucked her in before he quietly retreated.

To ordinary people, his behavior just now was almost like a demon's—he had the ability to erase one's memory without affecting their nerves. This was already beyond the scope of ordinary people's understanding.

But for Lin Wenjing, it was just another normal feat.

After all, he was now in the top-tier of the Heavenly Realm. Not only was he powerful physically, his spiritual strength was also extremely strong.

As long as he was willing to, he could affect many people and make them become lunatics. It was something simple to him.

Otherwise, why would the social status of a master in the Heavenly Realm be so high?

Yin Hong was his savior, so he was unwilling to affect her life trajectory because of him. This would be detrimental to her.

After getting to know her for a few days, Lin Wenjing knew that Yin Hong was the kind of woman who would lead an ordinary life, and that she would be happiest to spend her life peacefully.

Of course, in order to repay Yin Hong's kindness, Lin Wenjing did not just delete her memory. He

also asked Jiang Liqun to secretly take care of the Yin family.

After doing this, Lin Wenjing felt a lot relaxed.

In fact, the higher the realm he reached, the more he could feel the power of heaven and earth.

Positive and negative, Yin and Yang—there were rules of nature, and those who were alive must abide by the rules.

In particular, causality was something that he felt most deeply; the more powerful he became, the clearer he understood this. This time, he was saved by Yin Hong, so he owed her a favor—this was the cause. Hence, he must return this favor to end this cycle of causality. Otherwise, he might be affected by this in the future.

It sounded mysterious, but it was the truth.

He didn't go back to Jiang Liqun's manor right away; instead, he drove around for a while. He went back only when Jiang Liqun's birthday celebration was over in the late evening.

His timing was just right—when he returned, the last guest had just left.

When Jiang Liqun saw Lin Wenjing, he immediately greeted him 'Chairman Lin' respectfully.

Lin Wenjing nodded slightly and then motioned for him to find a quiet place to chat.

Jiang Liqun understood that and immediately led the way to a closed study.

"Chairman Lin, in the past few days, there have been rumors outside that you were dead. What's going on?" Jiang Liqun asked after some small talk.

Lin Wenjing briefly described what had happened in the past few days to Jiang Liqun nonchalantly, without exaggerating or bragging about how powerful he was. He merely stated simply how he had killed many masters of the Heavenly Realm, and how he escaped from Jian Rushuang. However, after Jiang Liqun listened to this, a chill ran down his spine!

He could totally imagine how intense the situation was at that time, and how spectacular and courageous Lin Wenjing was!

There were more than forty masters from the Heavenly Realm. He had run into a few top-tier Heavenly Realm masters, and there was also a powerful master in the ultimate-tier. Even an army would have been wiped out facing such powers!

However, Lin Wenjing was able to escape just like this. Even Jiang Liqun didn't know how to describe this anymore.

Jiang Liqun had vaguely heard about this before, but it was from the others. Now that he had heard this from Lin Wenjing, the shock that it had brought was even greater!

After all, Lin Wenjing accomplished such a feat without dying—not only had he survived, on top of that, he was unscathed.

After being in a daze for almost ten seconds, Jiang Liqun came back to his senses. He then immediately thought of something and couldn't help himself from asking, "Chairman Lin, the Colorful-origin Fruit..."

"I ate it," Lin Wenjing replied nonchalantly and simply, as if he was just talking about a very ordinary thing.

After Jiang Liqun heard that, he was dumbfounded.

Jiang Liqun had also heard about the Colorfulorigin Fruit. This was the treasure of the earth that had infinite magical functions, and its value could not be estimated. But now, it was actually eaten by Lin Wenjing. If that was the case, then he...

Jiang Liqun jolted fiercely. He only felt a chill running down his spine, and he didn't dare to think about it anymore. Lin Wenjing's skills and powers were already unrealistically strong; now that he had eaten the Colorful-origin Fruit, how powerful would he become?

He felt very fortunate now. Fortunately, he chose the right decision to rely on Lin Wenjing.
Otherwise, how could he have taken revenge on Yao Sheng? And he would not even have everything he had today without Lin Wenjing! He could foresee that his life in future would only get



better by following Lin Wenjing!

Lin Wenjing knew what was going through in Jiang Liqun's mind and smiled. "Next, I will stay at your place for a few days and try my best to reach the ultimate-tier of the Heavenly Realm. I don't want anyone to disturb me during that time."

Jiang Liqun stood up immediately and said solemnly, "Chairman Lin, please be rest assured. With me here, I guarantee that no one will disturb you!"

"Good." Lin Wenjing nodded and believed that Jiang Liqun was able to make sure of that.

After a pause, he thought of something and said, "Also, in the next few days, send a few trustworthy and capable people to Hua City to check on my family there."

Jiang Liqun was a smart man, and he understood immediately what Lin Wenjing meant. He nodded vigorously and accepted his orders, not wanting to let Lin Wenjing down. Now, he was totally devoted to Lin Wenjing.

After that, Lin Wenjing chatted with Jiang Liqun for a while and gave him some advice. Many doubts that he didn't understand before were solved at once.

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In Yuan City, in a corner of a bar, there was a woman wearing a cheongsam, looking

exceedingly exquisite. She exuded femininity and looked extremely alluring. There was a slight frown between her brows, and her eyes were unfocused, looking sorrowful and in pain.

She drank a lot with an impassive expression on her face, as if she no longer cared about anything in the world.

She was now extremely decadent, as if only alcohol could provide nutrients for her to survive. Apart from that, she was not interested in anything else.

Her beauty was so alluring that even if she sat in the corner and the darkest place of the bar, she still attracted the attention of many people. Men, especially, could not resist her deadly temptation, due to her gorgeous face and her voluptuous figure; she looked just like the heroine in an anime with a sweet look and a sexy figure. Besides, the cheongsam she was wearing accentuated her curves extremely vividly.

Logically speaking, a woman like her should live a very happy life, because she lacked nothing—be it men, wealth, or status. They were all the things that she had at her fingertips.

However, she was now extremely dispirited, and she felt endless pain, as if her soul was lost, leaving an empty shell behind.

This woman was none other than Tao Sanniang.

From 9.00PM tonight until now, countless men



had come to chat with her, but she had refused all of them without any exception, merely sitting there like a block of ice.

Finally, a handsome man with an extraordinary identity noticed her not long after he came into the bar. He walked over to her with a drink and flashed his most handsome smile. "Sweetheart, do you mind if I sit down and have a drink with you?"

Tao Sanniang didn't reply to him. She just stared at the wine glass in front of her, as if it was everything to her.



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The man got a clearer view of Tao Sanniang when he came face to face with her. His heartbeat sped wildly, almost bursting out from his chest, and blood boiled in him

It was just because the woman in front of him was drop-dead gorgeous!

Xu Tianyou swore that he had never seen such a beautiful and delicate woman in his entire life! The woman in front of him had a vixen-like quality. Just by looking at her, he was immediately strongly attracted, and it was hard for him to move his gaze away.

He was one of the most well-known and eligible bachelors in this area. He was rich and handsome, and he had played with a fair share of women. At one point, he even got bored, thinking that all women in the world were not much different. He had forgotten when was the last time he had fallen for a woman until now. When he saw the woman in front of him, he finally felt the long-lost feeling of being in love. He swore that he must get this woman tonight!

Hence, he was so full of motivation and fighting spirit that he didn't mind Tao Sanniang's indifference. He thought that she was just pretending and playing hard to get, and he didn't believe that a decent woman would come to the bar alone.

"Haha! I've always admired women who are as cold as you. Nice to meet you. A-hem, I'm—"

"Get lost."

Before Xu Tianyou could finish speaking, Tao Sanniang interrupted him without any expression on her face. She didn't even look at him, treating Xu Tianyou as if he was just a dog.

Xu Tianyou's face darkened now. "Hey, beauty, you aren't giving me the respect I deserve. You can ask around nearby. I—"

With a sharp sound, a dagger suddenly appeared on the table in front of Xu Tianyou, stabbed directly onto it. The cool light that reflected from the dagger shot on Xu Tianyou's face, making him frightened immediately. He didn't even see how the dagger had appeared.

Tao Sanniang glared at him. "If you disturb me while I'm drinking again, prepare to die!"

Xu Tianyou gulped heavily, feeling terrified after sensing the murderous intent in Tao Sanniang's eyes.

However, Xu Tianyou's fear was soon occupied by evil thoughts. He had never seen a woman like Tao Sanniang, who was beautiful, sexy, decadent, and full of threats.

"Hahaha! Sweetie, you are very interesting. I didn't expect that a beautiful woman like you would perform magic tricks. Now, I am even more interested in you." With that, a flash of lustful intent was shown in his eyes as he stretched out his hands to grope Tao Sanniang.

This time around, Tao Sanniang was not polite to him anymore. She snorted and kicked the table in front of her, toppling it over. At the same time, she also kicked Xu Tianyou, who was sent flying backward like a rubber ball.

With a loudbang, he slammed into the wall behind him with such great force that the wall cracked. Xu Tianyou let out a scream, and a mouthful of blood spurted from his mouth. At that moment, his pupils contracted suddenly as fear appeared in his eyes.

This huge movement had shocked everyone in the entire bar, who turned their gaze to them.

Meanwhile, Tao Sanniang looked as if she had just done a trivial thing. She went to the other seat and sat down before starting to drink again. Her movements were decadent and elegant, as if she was not the person who had done the attacks just now.

The bar went quiet for two seconds. In the next moment, Xu Tianyou spat out a mouthful of blood with a face full of anger. He shouted out in an ear-piercing volume, "Attack her! I'm going to land this b*tch!"

With that, several men around him immediately rushed toward Tao Sanniang with evil smiles on their faces, trying to catch her.

Tao Sanniang merely showed a disdainful sneer. Facing a group of garbage like them, she could crush them without any effort.

Though she was just a woman, Lin Wenjing had taught her some martial arts before, and she was in the Pinnacle Realm now. Therefore, it was more than easy for her to teach them a lesson.

But when she thought of Lin Wenjing, her heart was stabbed fiercely with a sharp pain that was so strong that she almost cried out loud.

Immediately, she converted this pain to anger to be vented out.

She started to move. Instead of retreating, she advanced like a tiger into a flock of sheep. In just ten seconds, the men were beaten up until they lay on the ground, unable to even get up. Her attacks were quite vicious this time, and she hurt their muscles and bones until they had to be bedridden for three to five months.

She picked up the dagger on the table and walked to Xu Tianyou step-by-step without any expression on her beautiful face. Her eyes, that were staring at Xu Tianyou, did not seem to be staring at a person, but at a dog that she was about to slaughter now.

Xu Tianyou was completely frightened at this moment. He finally realized that he had gotten himself into big trouble this time, and that the woman in front of him was a demon.

His legs were trembling with fear as he tried to say sternly, "Hey! D-Don't mess around with me! I'm Xu Tianyou, and my dad is—Ah!"

Before he could finish his sentence, he screamed again as the dagger in Tao Sanniang's hand suddenly disappeared and reached his thigh. He fell down in pain and rolled on the ground.

This scene also frightened many people in the bar—after all, they had never seen such a cruel person, who was also breathtakingly beautiful.

She was almost like a demon from hell.

Tao Sanniang walked up to Xu Tianyou and stepped on his face. "How do you want to die?"

She remembered that this was an action that Lin Wenjing liked very much. Due to the fact that she missed Lin Wenjing too much, she resembled him in the end.

"No, no, don't kill me! I'm begging you! Please!" Xu Tianyou broke down and sobbed out loud, begging for mercy.

But Tao Sanniang didn't seem to have any intentions of letting him go. She continued to apply pressure as she stepped on Xu Tianyou's neck, gradually increasing her strength. In no time, Xu Tianyou's neck would soon be broken by her!

At this moment, a voice came from behind. "Sanniang, enough."

Tao Sanniang frowned slightly when she heard this voice. Soon, a tall man walked to her.

Tao Sanniang glanced at him expressionlessly without paying any attention to him and continued



to exert force. Xu Tianyou had already started to suffocate and rolled his eyes.

The man frowned and began to attack Tao Sanniang to prevent her from killing Xu Tianyou.

"Wang Hang, are you trying to fight me?" Tao Sanniang stared at the man coldly.

Wang Hang shook his head and replied, "I'm here to take you back."

"I won't go back." With that, she walked out of the bar, but soon, Wang Hang's words made her stop.

"This is Old Master Fan's order. If you don't go back, he will personally come to drag you back."

Tao Sanniang stopped in her tracks immediately and showed a sad smile. "Old Master Fan is so all-mighty now. Now that Lin Wenjing is dead, he can't wait to control me!"

After saying this, she remembered Lin Wenjing's determined expression, which she would never see again. A lump was formed in her throat involuntarily, and tears streamed down her cheeks.



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Tao Sanniang had already left Grand Skylight Pavilion behind. Previously, due to Lin Wenjing, no one from Grand Skylight Pavilion dared to complain; on the contrary, they tried their best to please her.

However, now that Lin Wenjing was dead, Grand Skylight Pavilion took a completely different stance, and Tao Sanniang was ordered to return several times. They even sent masters over to 'invite' her back.

Now, they even sent over a master like Wang Hang over!

Tao Sanniang couldn't hold back her tears once she recalled Lin Wenjing's face. Although a week had passed, she still couldn't fully accept the reality.

Lin Wenjing is actually dead. That defiant man, whom I fell head over heels for at first sight, is dead, just like that! I didn't even get to see him for the last time. I can't believe this is true, and I can't accept that this is the truth!

However, the truth was staring right back at her, forcing her to accept the unthinkable. *Lin Wenjing is truly gone, and I won't see him ever again...*

Tao Sanniang's heart clenched painfully and uncontrollably when she thought of that. It felt as if her heart was constricted into a mush, and she even felt docility in breathing.

Wang Hang sighed when he saw the state Tao

Sanniang was in. "Old Master Fan is serious this time, Sanniang. I advise you to go back, because no matter what happens, you are from Grand Skylight Pavilion, and you shouldn't betray us."

Tao Sanniang burst into laughter when she heard that. "Betray Grand Skylight Pavilion? Where should I start with that?! Aren't the things I've done for Grand Skylight Pavilion throughout the years sufficient?! Previously, if it weren't for me, Grand Skylight Pavilion would have been destroyed by Lin Wenjing! Now that Lin Wenjing is dead, you guys have the audacity to threaten me? Is this Grand Skylight Pavilion's style? Is this how Old Master Fan repays the kindness of someone else's heart?!"

Wang Hang was silent when he heard her, and he spoke again after a long pause. "No matter what you say, Lin Wenjing is already dead. The winner takes it all in this world. Hence, this is your fate, and you'll have to accept it."

Tao Sanniang gritted her teeth, and at that point, she was furious and deep in sorry, but she felt helpless at the same time.

That's right. Why does it matter how angry I am or how much I despise Grand Skylight Pavilion? This is the reality—Lin Wenjing is dead, and there's no one to protect me anymore.

Tao Sanniang remained silent for a very long time, and soon, Wang Hang sighed before commenting, "Sanniang, you've done so much for Grand Skylight Pavilion, so Old Master Fan will not make

things difficult for you. As long as you return to Grand Skylight Pavilion, everything will be forgiven."

Tao Sanniang smirked in disdain before uttering, "Is that so? I don't think it's as simple as that, because I know that Old Master Fan wants me to return this time to make use of whatever little I can offer and present me to the man surnamed I an!"

Wang Hang did not respond to her in silent acquiescence.

Tao Sanniang chuckled before glaring at Wang Hang. "Wang Hang, I belong to Lin Wenjing—when I'm alive, and even after death. No one can make me betray him, not even the gods. Grand Skylight Pavilion should kill me if they have the courage. Otherwise, I will destroy Grand Skylight Pavilion one day! Hahaha..."

Tao Sanniang appeared very proud at that moment, and she seemed to be well-prepared. Even if she were to die, she wouldn't betray Lin Wenjing, and even though he was already dead, she was willing to be ghosts with him; she was willing to be Lin Wenjing's ghost bride in her afterlife!

She decided so before taking her dagger out, and she charged toward Wang Hang to fight him to death!

However, at that moment, Wang Hang said something which stopped Tao Sanniang dead in



her tracks.

"Sanniang, your whole family is in the hands of Grand Skylight Pavilion, and this is Old Master Fan's trump card. If you still refuse to return, your family will suffer because of you," warned Wang Hang.

Tao Sanniang came to a sudden halt, and she stood rooted to the spot while she appeared deep in pain!

Several emotions flashed across her face, which included anger, incredulity, panic, regret and pain...

She shut her eyes, and her breathing became erratic as she gasped for air. It took a long time for her to be calm, and when she opened her eyes again, her voice was hoarse. "Alright, I will head back with you..."

It was a simple sentence, but it seemed to have exhausted all her energy, making her seemed worn out. Her tears streamed down her cheeks in silence.

"Wenjing, I'm sorry, I'm so sorry. But don't you worry, because I will be joining you soon. Please wait for me, wait for me..."

...

Two days had passed.

Everything seemed calm, as if things had gone back to how they used to be. Lin Wenjing

disappeared into thin air, just like that, and so rumors and discussions about him went on for a week before finally dying down.

In all honesty, after Jiang Liqun's 50th birthday, there were people spreading rumors which claimed that Lin Wenjing wasn't dead, and that he had, in fact, survived. However, not many people believed in that rumor, because the news of his death came from numerous masters of the Heavenly Realm. Hence, they were more convincing than that of wealthy businessmen.

As for Du Feng, he did not try to gain publicity ever since Lin Wenjing left. It wasn't because he didn't like gossip, but it was due to the fact that he did not have the courage to do so. He did not have the audacity or courage to expose anything to the public when Jiang Liqun wasn't doing that.

Although Lin Wenjing did not warn him, nor did he drop any hints, Du Feng was a smart man, after all. He surmised that Lin Wenjing must have had his reasons, and so he remained silent.

In fact, he had a feeling that Lin Wenjing's return this time wouldn't be as peaceful as it seemed, because there would be a bloodbath in the near future!

On the other hand, Lin Wenjing didn't do anything apart from staying in Jiang Liqun's secret room to cultivate in seclusion. He was doing everything he could to break through to the Heavenly Realm's ultimate-tier!

Ever since Lin Wenjing consumed the Eightcolored Spirit Fruit, his body had been undergoing continuous changes. A very rich life source was running within his body, and in the past two days, his body had excreted all sorts of impurities continuously.

His physical body was now twice as powerful than before he was injured. He was now as malleable as gold, but as hard as diamond.

He even had a feeling that his physical body was now halfway in the Immortal Realm now. Even bullets wouldn't be able to penetrate his body!

He knew, of course, that it was an illusion on his part, for bullets were still one of the most deadly weapons available in society. Hence, it was impossible for his body to be invincible to bullets.

He could only achieve that when he had a body that had truly reached the Immortal Realm.

However, his body was changing continuously after he consumed the Spirit Fruit, and so, it was only a matter of time for him to break through to the Immortal Realm.

Whoosh!

Two large vortexes appeared out of thin air in the secret room, and they started to suck in the air in the room while making swishing noises; it seemed as if the air itself was being ripped apart.

Lin Wenjing inhaled persistently for a minute,

inflating his stomach, and he looked like an eightmonth-pregnant woman.

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In reality, he had already inhaled and collected a huge amount of air in his stomach, which he already effectively compressed.

He then exhaled vigorously.

His exhalation was remarkable as a huge whooshing noise reverberated throughout the room. Jiang Liqun, who was guarding outside, thought that there was a tornado in the room when he heard that.

Lin Wenjing had exhaled all the accumulated air within thirty seconds.

He did not stop there. In fact, he inhaled immediately and repeated the process on loop.

He went on like that for twelve hours, which left the secret room in a horrible mess.

In the end, on the thirteenth hour, Lin Wenjing opened his eyes abruptly and stopped inhaling and exhaling. He broke into a grin and exclaimed. "I have finally broken through..."



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Indeed, Lin Wenjing managed to break through from Heavenly Realm's top-tier to the ultimate-tier!

He was now in the same league as Jian Rushuang.

Furthermore, the most important thing here was that, although Lin Wenjing broke through to Heavenly Realm's ultimate-tier, he only exhausted half of the Spirit Fruit's life source.

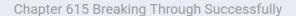
He could continue to make use of the second half, which meant that he would be able to fight, or even defeat, Jian Rushuang if they were to fight again!

He clenched his fist casually, and it gave out loud cracking sounds, as if metals were grinding against boulders. It sounded strong, as if he was filled with power and intimidation!

The power of a strike from Lin Wenjing was a force to be reckoned with now, because a powerful master from Heavenly Realm's top-tier might not even be able to counter a hit from Lin Wenjing.

For example, people with similar levels as Zhong Tao and Fang Xingping would buckle under Lin Wenjing's punch, and they would suffer from a terrible injury.

Lin Wenjing felt the continuous surging energy in his body, and it was a completely different feeling from when he was in Heavenly Realm's top-tier. Despite his usual calm nature, he couldn't help but



feel excited!

This wasn't just about feeling powerful; the most important thing here was that, after breaking through to the Heavenly Realm's ultimate-tier, it also meant that Lin Wenjing could now return to Hua City without hiding in secret!

Although he had left Hua City not too long ago, which was less than half a month, too many things had happened within these past two weeks. There was the undeniable fact that Lin Wenjing almost died, and everyone presumed that he was already dead, and so there were vast changes in many things.

I wonder what will I see once I return to Hua City?

I wonder how happy Chu Ling will be when she meets me?

There are my old subordinates as well, namely, Wang Yunqian, Han Kunpeng and Joker. I suppose they would be rendered speechless by happiness.

That's right, there's Tao Sanniang as well.

The woman, who was as beautiful as a vixen, with her cheongsam and breathtaking beauty. She was a very alluring woman, who had succeeded in making men throw themselves at her. Lin Wenjing could even remember clearly the scene where he met Tao Sanniang for the first time.

He also vividly remembered many things which happened after, and the fact that a woman like Tao

Sanniang had fallen irrevocably in love with him.

Lin Wenjing couldn't help but smile when he thought of Tao Sanniang. He had not seen her for a very long time, and he would be lying if he were to claim that he didn't miss her.

Although he established his relationship with Tao Sanniang, they had never taken it further.

Nevertheless, in the depths of his heart, he had already accepted Tao Sanniang.

In any case, I wonder how Tao Sanniang has been during this period? I wonder if she's heard of the news of my death? Was she devastated? Or was she sad for some time, but she finally let go of me?

Would Grand Skylight Pavilion make life difficult for Tao Sanniang after learning about my 'death'?

All of a sudden, countless thoughts flashed across Lin Wenjing's mind, making him miss Tao Sanniang even more.

The key thing here was that for some reason, he had a bad feeling about things, as though Tao Sanniang might be in some sort of trouble.

This was a very mysterious and inexplicable prediction, and it was difficult for him to analyze objectively. However, in the back of his mind, and in the depths of a void, Lin Wenjing received some sort of information, which felt like some sort of mysterious brainwaves.

It truly existed, but in his physical reality, he

couldn't analyze or explain that feeling at all.

Lin Wenjing was a very meticulous person, and since he received such a message, he couldn't just ignore it. He had to find out more about it.

After straightening his clothes, he walked out of the secret room.

Jiang Liqun was the first one to realize Lin Wenjing was out, and he stood up abruptly as well to welcome him. "Congratulations, Chairman Lin, for exiting seclusion!" He greeted Lin Wenjing respectfully.

There were hundreds of neat rows of people behind Jiang Liqun, who bowed at Lin Wenjing with their heads lowered before greeting him in a booming chorus. "We welcome you for exiting your seclusion, Chairman Lin!"

Lin Wenjing was used to such a thing because he knew that Jiang Liqun must have arranged for it to present him his unrivalled respect and loyalty.

Lin Wenjing nodded calmly before replying, "Mmhmm, thank you for your hard work."

Jiang Liqun answered hastily, "It isn't hard work at all. It really isn't."

Hundreds of subordinates behind Jiang Liqun shook their heads as well while gazing admiringly at Lin Wenjing.

Jiang Liqun approached Lin Wenjing before asking

him softly, "Chairman Lin, have you succeeded in breaking through?"

"Mm-hmm." Lin Wenjing admitted graciously.

Jiang Liqun's heart raced immediately when he heard that. Oh my god, he's now at Heavenly Realm's ultimate-tier!

This is the legendary Realm! If this had happened in the olden days, he would have been considered a god now!

At this moment, such an awesome person is now standing in front of me as my boss; this is an incredible feeling.

Those who were at higher levels of the Heavenly Realm would understand better how difficult and challenging it was to break through. Jiang Liqun, for instance, had no idea where to start to break through to Heavenly Realm's mid-tier, and he was completely at a loss.

Lin Wenjing, on the other hand, was already in Heavenly Realm's ultimate-tier, and that was just like being at the pinnacle of humanity.

Taking into account everyone on earth, there were most probably less than ten people who had achieved this level!!

When faced with Lin Wenjing now, Jiang Liqun felt even more unreal, because if he hadn't seen it in person, he couldn't have sensed Lin Wenjing's presence at all, as though he was invisible.

People with insufficient cultivation base would most probably assume that Lin Wenjing was just a helpless ordinary person. They wouldn't have guessed that he was an absolutely powerful master who could murder several people with a flick of the finger!

Lin Wenjing went for a bath immediately after completing his cultivation in seclusion, and he enjoyed a delicious meal afterward. His appetite now was shockingly large; in fact, he could polish off food for twenty people, effectively scaring those around him.

After his meal, Lin Wenjing went ahead to rest for an hour. By the time he came out again, he looked energized, and he seemed to be in peak condition.

He was very confident that even if Jian Rushuang were to show up, he would be able to fight him on a leveled ground!

Even if he couldn't win Jian Rushuang, Lin Wenjing could at least be on par with him.

"Have you investigated the matter I told you about?" Lin Wenjing asked Jiang Liqun.

Jiang Liqun reported everything he found out in the past two days, and it was almost the same as Lin Wenjing's guess.

The news of him being alive did not cause much of a stir, because most people didn't believe the rumor.

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However, what he was most concerned about was whether anyone caused trouble for Chu Ling and her family in Hua City after the news of his death.

Fortunately, Chu Ling and her family always had a low-profile, and with Joker's protection in secret, no one dared to bully or bring trouble to them.

At that moment, Jiang Liqun looked slightly constipated while his lips twitched, as if he wanted to say something but stopped himself in time. Lin Wenjing noticed it immediately and frowned at him before asking, "Did something bad happen?"

Jiang Liqun replied, "Well, Chairman Lin, I received some news about Grand Skylight Pavilion yesterday..."

Lin Wenjing's eyes flashed dangerously suddenly. "Spill!"



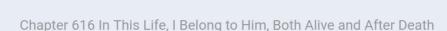
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Jiang Liqun shuddered involuntarily, and he didn't dare to withhold information anymore. "Well, I heard that Grand Skylight Pavilion wants to unite by marriage with Xuan Dan Sect, and the person Grand Skylight Pavilion is sending for the unity is Miss Tao..." Jiang Liqun explained hastily.

Jiang Liqun's voice got softer toward the end, and the color drained from his face because he saw Lin Wenjing's expression darken straight away. The atmosphere felt chilly suddenly, and it felt terrifying as Jiang Liqun felt as though he had difficulty breathing now.

"Is the Miss Tao you mentioned Tao Sanniang?"

Lin Wenjing was undoubtedly angry, because his tone was icy-cold as he stared at Jiang Liqun.

"Y-Yes, that's right."

Jiang Liqun knew about the relationship between Lin Wenjing and Tao Sanniang, and when he met Lin Wenjing for the first time, Tao Sanniang was present as well. However, right now, Grand Skylight Pavilion wanted to use her to unite with Xuan Dan Sect by marriage, and it was a betrayal to Lin Wenjing!

Initially, Lin Wenjing was happy after breaking through to the Heavenly Realm's ultimate-tier, for it meant that he could return to Hua City soon. However, his mood took a turn for the worst when he received such news now.

It was just about half a month after the news of



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his 'death', but now, Tao Sanniang seemed to have forgotten all about him and was prepared to throw herself at another man.

In all honesty, Lin Wenjing had doubts that Tao Sanniang would forget all about him in such a short time because he knew her personality. Despite her alluring and seductive appearance, Tao Sanniang wasn't a promiscuous person; on the contrary, she was very loyal. Lin Wenjing recalled everything he went through with Tao Sanniang, and he didn't believe that she would agree to the marriage to Xuan Dan Sect willingly.

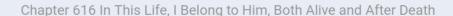
The only plausible explanation was that Grand Skylight Pavilion forced her.

Lin Wenjing was furious when he thought of that possibility because he could imagine Grand Skylight Pavilion causing trouble to Tao Sanniang after learning about his death and making use of her.

Earlier on, thanks to Tao Sanniang, he didn't stoop to Grand Skylight Pavilion's level, but now, Grand Skylight Pavilion went overboard, and he wouldn't let them go easily this time!

"What is this Xuan Dan Sect about?" Lin Wenjing calmed down significantly and asked steadily.

Jiang Liqun answered him sincerely, "Xuan Dan Sect is rather mysterious, and rumor has it that everyone in there is superb doctors with extraordinary medical skills. In fact, they are skilled at alchemy, and that's why they have a



powerful influence. I heard that they have several masters of Heavenly Realm as well, and the head of their sect, Lan Xing, is a master from Heavenly Realm's top-tier, but Lan Xing's younger brother, Lan Feng, is the one involved in this time's union by marriage with Grand Skylight Pavilion."

Lin Wenjing heard a little about Xuan Dan Sect in the past, but he did not find out more about it.

"What is the exact venue and time of the wedding?"

"It's tomorrow night at Tingyu Villa, and I'm invited as well. The union between Grand Skylight Pavilion and Xuan Dan Sect is a huge event, and they are making everything grand."

Lin Wenjing's gaze sharpened as he mumbled to himself, "Tomorrow night? Sanniang, I'm back, and I will not let you suffer anymore. Just wait for me."

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"Sanniang, you haven't eaten for two days; if this goes on, your health will suffer." A middle-aged woman brought a bowl of noodles into the room before placing it in front of Tao Sanniang, and she advised her with a gentle tone. "Sanniang, I've prepared your favorite Yang Chun noodles. Why don't you have some?"

It was a very spacious room with magnificent decorations, which screamed riches and wealth. A slender figure sat at the dressing table, and her silky black hair was styled up, which accentuated II.

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her fair neck. The figure had an almost-perfect shapely body as well.

She was wearing a white wedding gown today, and she looked especially pure and innocent, which perfectly presented her beauty, dignity, and elegance; it made her look just like a fairy from the heavens.

However, the breathtakingly beautiful woman was expressionless, and although it was supposedly the happiest day of her life, she didn't look happy or content at all. On the contrary, she had a blank expression, as if she had lost her soul and was left with nothing, except for a beautiful but empty shell.

At a closer look, there was an immeasurable sense of depression and pain in the depth of her eyes, and it was truly heart-wrenching!

When faced with the middle-aged woman and the bowl of Yang Chun noodles, the beautiful woman appeared unmoved. She barely blinked, looking just like a zombie.

"Sanniang, please have something to eat. If you don't eat, I'm afraid that you might starve!" the middle-aged woman advised her tenderly.

"I'm not hungry," Tao Sanniang replied with a very weak voice because she barely had any energy now. Her lips were dry and chapped, and since she was dehydrated, she looked frail and especially depressed.



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To be fair, not only had she not eaten anything for two days, Tao Sanniang hadn't slept for two whole days as well.

Hence, at that moment, her body was just like a hollow shell. Forget about a powerful master, because even an ordinary person could defeat her easily in her current state.

The middle-aged woman sighed loudly before she remarked, "But you can't just go on without eating like this, because you will only hurt your body in the long run. Just look at you; you don't even have the strength to speak!"

Tao Sanniang answered, "I don't have an appetite."

The middle-aged woman was angry and scolded, "Sanniang! You are just torturing yourself. Your body belongs to yourself; do you think that Old Master Fan would change his mind just because you stopped eating? He has decided to marry you off now! This is your fate, and you wouldn't be able to change that! Are you trying to fight against yourself? Besides, Lan Feng is the younger brother of Xuan Dan Sect's leader, and he looks dashing and successful. It really isn't that bad for you to marry him."

Tao Sanniang did not reply to her, and she remained tight-lipped, as she seemed to be unimpressed.

The middle-aged woman picked the bowl of Yang Chun noodles up and brought it to Tao Sanniang. "You will be heading out to the main hall soon, so



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please, eat something. You are a bride tonight; you shouldn't be like this."

"I'm not hungry." Tao Sanniang repeated her answer.

The middle-aged woman lost her patience and was furious now. "You keep saying you're not hungry! Look at how famished you are now, but you still insist that you're not hungry! Will you feel better if you starve yourself to death?"

"Madam, you don't understand."

"I don't understand? What do you mean, I don't understand?! You can't let go of Lin Wenjing; it's all over your face. Tell me what don't I understand!" the middle-aged woman scolded loudly before approaching her menacingly. "You are too naïve, and you've never experienced love before. It's very childish of you to seek death just because you've experienced one man! He is just a man, and there are plenty more available on earth! Besides, it was Lin Wenjing's fault to have had such a short lifespan and died at such a young age. You are still young. Are you telling me that you're planning to waste your life dwelling on Lin Wenjing?"

Tao Sanniang remained silent.

The middle-aged woman continued with her advice. "Sanniang, you are a mature woman, so why can't you just let it go?! No matter how well Lin Wenjing treated you, he's dead now! What good is there to keep thinking about him? Listen to my advice and finish the Yang Chun noodles now."



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Something gleamed in Tao Sanniang's eyes, and she looked at the steaming hot Yang Chun noodles. Lin Wenjing's face reflected in the bowl of noodles, making her tears come streaming down her cheeks again as she insisted softly, "In this life, I belong to him, both alive and after death. Now that he's gone, there's no meaning in my life anymore."



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The middle-aged woman was shocked when she heard that, and she stared at Tao Sanniang's pale and sad face. It seemed as if Tao Sanniang had lost her soul, and the only thing left in her body was the basic needs to survive.

The middle-aged woman had known Tao Sanniang for a very long time, but this was the first time she witnessed her in utter despair!

As a seasoned person, she had experienced heartbreak and divorce as well, and not to mention that she had seen countless people going through heartbreaks and divorces. However, she had never seen anyone going through anything similar to Tao Sanniang; it was as though she had lost all meaning in life, and being alive was a form of torture.

She could tell that Tao Sanniang wasn't pretending. In fact, she could sense Tao Sanniang's pain and sorrow, which seemed to be rather contagious.

"Sanniang..." she called out to her softly, as if wanting to console her. However, she was at a loss for words, and in the end, she let out a long sigh before exclaiming, "Fate! This is fate!"

She didn't continue advising Tao Sanniang and threw away the bowl of Yang Chun noodles before she started helping the latter with her makeup...

Soon, someone called for Tao Sanniang; it was time for her appearance. After all, the wedding feast had started, and all the guests had arrived.

"Sanniang, it's time. Let's go out now," the middleaged woman helped Tao Sanniang up as she spoke softly.

Tao Sanniang stood up stiffly and walked out with the middle-aged woman.

The huge villa quietened down the instant she walked out, and everyone focused on her.

At that moment, Tao Sanniang was the most beautiful woman on earth; even the blooming flowers in the garden dulled in comparison.

There were hundreds of women present, and they looked stunning as well, but they weren't quite as beautiful when compared to Tao Sanniang. It was as if she was the only beacon in the dull sea of flowers.

After a few moments, someone cried aloud, "Whoa, is she the bride tonight? She's too beautiful!"

"Oh my God, such breathtaking beauty and an alluring body! My heart is about to stop for her elegance and gentle demeanor!"

"Is she Tao Sanniang? She's too pretty. She truly is one of a kind!"

"She has beauty comparable to Daji from the olden days."

Tao Sanniang was indeed beautiful, yet at the same time, she had a sense of sorrow etched

across her face while she walked daintily, which caused a stir in the crowd; the men present wanted to protect her and wrap her in their arms to sooth her!

In fact, Tao Sanniang had a seductive and alluring face to begin with, and her facial features were almost perfect. But now, with a wedding gown on, she looked especially frail, considering she hadn't eaten for two days. Meanwhile, her face was slightly thinner than usual, which further accentuated her unearthly beauty.

Tao Sanniang wasn't happy at all despite the compliments; there wasn't a hint of smile on her face. On the contrary, she looked even sadder than before.

Soon, Old Master Fan, who was in traditional Chinese clothing, walked toward Tao Sanniang while surrounded by a group of people. He had a bright grin plastered across his face, and he looked especially energized, as if he was younger by a decade or so.

Old Master Fan's real name was Fan Zhenbang, and he was the founder of Grand Skylight Pavilion, thus he was a very powerful figure. After all, Grand Skylight Pavilion grew and advanced to its glory under his guidance. Not only did their power and influence increase, they were generating more revenue as well.

This time, he was determined to unite with Xuan Dan Sect by marriage because he was confident that after this union, Grand Skylight Pavilion would

have even greater achievements!

As for Tao Sanniang, she was just a pawn he was willing to sacrifice.

In the past, he valued Tao Sanniang greatly, and so he nurtured and trained her, just so he could use her as a tool for a marriage union one day.

Back then, when Lin Wenjing was powerful, he had even allowed Tao Sanniang to seduce him without a second thought. But now that Lin Wenjing was dead, she could only target someone else.

Fan Zhenbang was quite happy with Lin Wenjing in the past, and he tried his best to get on his good books. However, Wu Meizi's appearance had forced them to take sides, and they didn't end up taking Lin Wenjing's side, thereby offending him. Although they resolved their differences by having Tao Sanniang as a buffer, Fan Zhenbang knew that Grand Skylight Pavilion would never be allies with Lin Wenjing in the future, and the best way for them would be to keep out of each other's way.

Hence, this was rather bothersome for Fan Zhenbang.

Fortunately, Lin Wenjing ended up dead. After going against more than forty masters of the Heavenly Realm, he finally died in the hands of a powerful ultimate-tier master of the Heavenly Realm!

His death couldn't come at a better time. In fact, Fan Zhenbang burst out laughing the moment he

received the news. With Lin Wenjing's death, they could finally make use of Tao Sanniang...

Not long after, he arrived before her, but when he saw Tao Sanniang's blank expression, he frowned and snorted at her. "It's your wedding day; why do you look constipated? Smile for me!"

Although his words were vicious, a wide grin was still plastered across his face, making him look just like a Cheshire cat.

Tao Sanniang looked at him coldly with an unwavering gaze before forcing a stiff smile. It would've been better if she didn't smile, as she actually looked worse with her current smile.

As such, Fan Zhenbang got even more angry, and he glared at Tao Sanniang frostily. "Sanniang, you know my temper. You do not want to anger me, otherwise your family..."

Tao Sanniang shuddered involuntarily when she heard that, thereupon she lowered her head as anger and sorrow flashed across her eyes. She then inhaled deeply while trying her best to suppress her emotions, and after a while, she lifted her face up and smiled. "Old Master Fan, taking into account what I've done for Grand Skylight Pavilion, I'm begging you, please don't trouble my family."

Fan Zhenbang's face beamed brightly, but his tone was icy-cold when he spoke again, "As long as you do not ruin my plans by marrying Lan Feng obediently and serve him well, I would have no

reason to cause trouble for your family. In fact, I would even take good care of them."

Tao Sanniang clenched her fists because she understood the hidden meaning behind Fan Zhenbang's words; he was not going to stay true to his words. Even if she agreed to marry Lan Feng tonight, he wouldn't let her family go so easily. Instead, he would continue using them to blackmail her!

"Old Master Fan, you promised me that you will let them go tonight!" Tao Sanniang hissed through clenched teeth.

Fan Zhenbang gazed into her eyes calmly. "You refused to eat for the past two days, so it's apparent that you don't take me seriously. When you finally understand your place, only then I will set your family free."

Tao Sanniang was furious; she hadn't expected Fan Zhenbang to stoop so low. After all, she had been loyal to him for so long; her achievements should be taken into account at the very least!

"Now smile! Your fiancé, Lan Feng, is here."

As soon as he said that, a tall figure walked over, and he was wearing a black tuxedo that accentuated his well-built figure. Furthermore, he looked handsome, and he was smiling brilliantly while gazing at Tan Sanniang unblinkingly, unable to look away.

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The man was Lan Feng, the groom tonight, and he was also the younger brother of Xuan Dan Sect's leader. Although he looked very young, he was almost forty years old in reality, and he was a master of Heavenly Realm's mid-tier, meaning he was in a position of power.

Tonight was not his first marriage. Previously, he had married twice, but both his former wives died within a few years to serve his needs.

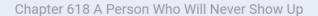
Although both his late wives were very beautiful, they paled in comparison to Tao Sanniang, who was standing in front of him; she was in a completely different league. Hence, he was aroused the moment he laid eyes on her. In fact, he wanted nothing more than to bed her right away!

"Sanniang, you are so beautiful." Lan Feng stopped in front of Tao Sanniang before inhaling Tao Sanniang's scent, which made him more eager and aroused.

Tao Sanniang did not react when faced with Lan Feng's comment; she appeared cold and unmoved, as though she didn't hear him at all.

Lan Feng scowled slightly while looking displeased, and he glared questioningly at Fan Zhenbang, who then cleared his throat and glared at Tao Sanniang warningly, as if threatening her.

"There's a limit to my patience, and this is your last chance," Fan Zhenbang whispered at Tao Sanniang, and she trembled involuntarily while



feeling tortured!

After a few seconds, Tao Sanniang suppressed her emotions once again because she saw her family waving at her from below the stage, and she could not be so selfish.

"Thank you. You are very handsome as well." Tao Sanniang finally smiled before she took Lan Feng's hand to show her obedience via actions.

Lan Feng grinned gleefully right away and then walked up the stage with Tao Sanniang.

It was a huge event today, indeed. Although it was already nighttime in Tingyu Villa, the lights illuminated the hall, as if it was still daytime.

"My esteemed guests, ladies and gentlemen, good evening to everyone. I am happy to be entrusted with the honor of conducting such a romantic and sacred wedding on this happy day."

The host started the wedding ceremony.

"There is such a saying which claims that there is always a person waiting for you on earth. No matter when it is or where it is, there's always a person waiting for you. The birth of this man is to bring happiness to a woman, whereas the birth of this woman is to wait for the man. Today, the man ended the long wait, and the woman has finally found her happiness. Let's give them a round of applause, and let's invite these two lovebirds to enter the wedding hall of love!"

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The host was very good at his job, and the introduction speech was presented beautifully. The crowd immediately broke into thundering applause, which went on for a very long time.

Soon, Lan Feng and Tao Sanniang made their way up slowly. The groom was very handsome, whereas the bride was beautifully breathtaking; they were just like a match made in heaven.

Lan Feng looked especially pleased, and he could barely hide his smile.

Tao Sanniang, on the other hand, was smiling as well, but her smile was rather forced and stiff.

"Next, let's welcome the groom—" Before the host could finish his speech, Lan Feng snatched away the microphone violently, and he even glared fiercely at the host because he found the host to be long-winded, hoarding all the attention.

"Tonight is my wedding day, and I thank you all for attending and witnessing my wedding ceremony," announced Lan Feng loudly. He appeared confident and arrogant, as though he was superior despite facing such a large crowd. Furthermore, he did that blatantly, and it made people feel uneasy around him.

However, no one could do anything about it, because Lan Feng had the right to be arrogant. He was a master of the Heavenly Realm's mid-tier, and his older brother was the leader of Xua Dan Sect. Hence, who in Yuan City would have the audacity to go against him?



In fact, it was a step up for Grand Skylight Pavilion to unite with Xuan Dan Sect by marriage.

He continued with his speech. "From today onward, Tao Sanniang will belong to me, and Grand Skylight Pavilion will be my in-laws. Whoever dares to disrespect Grand Skylight Pavilion would be offending me!"

He sounded very arrogant, and his speech was rather inappropriate as well, for in any case, it was his wedding day today, and it was definitely inappropriate for him to be bringing such issues up. However, Lan Feng was unfazed at all as he had the right to do so. As the second-in-command in Xuan Dan Sect, he was quite powerful, and that was why he was so proud.

This was also his method of showing off his power and influence!

Besides, he was already at the top of Heavenly Realm's mid-tier, and he would soon break through to the Heavenly Realm's upper-tier. By then, he would have everything he wished for, and the sky would be the limit.

After his speech, no one present dared refute him, and although there were those who were angry with him, they had to suppress their satisfaction, for Lan Feng had what it took to be arrogant.

After a while, someone started applauding, and soon, the crowd broke into a thundering applause.

Lan Feng especially enjoyed others being



frightened of him, for it fed and satisfied his ego and vanity!

Next, he glanced at Tao Sanniang and spoke to her sincerely. "Sanniang, from today onward, we are husband and wife, and I promise you that you will be the happiest woman on earth! As long as I am alive, you will be well-respected and be superior to everyone else."

His speech was rather conventional and oldfashioned, and the crowd snickered at him as they looked down on Lan Feng in secret.

Tao Sanniang had a blank expression, and she was utterly unfazed by Lan Feng's so-called sincerity; in fact, she was disgusted. She saw the lust burning in his eyes, and there wasn't a trace of sincerity at all.

Furthermore, this was their first time meeting each other, and even if it were love at first sight, he couldn't have been truly sincere. Hence, it was apparent that Lan Feng was only interested in Tao Sanniang's beauty.

Previously, Tao Sanniang had imagined her wedding ceremony to be romantic and sacred. However, right now, her wedding ceremony was very grand and solemn, and it was a huge difference from what she had imagined or hoped for. Furthermore, the largest difference was that the groom was not the person she yearned for...

Lan Feng was extremely pleased with his speech, and he was waiting for Tao Sanniang to go along

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with him. However, she stood rooted to the spot with an inscrutable expression, and she seemed unimpressed, which made him feel foolish.

Thus, he cleared his throat unhappily while warning Tao Sanniang with a glare.

Tao Sanniang snapped back to her senses before replying with a soft voice, "Thank you."

Thank you? What kind of reply is that?

The crowd snickered even louder at that, and Lan Feng's face darkened in response.

"Kiss her, kiss her!"

Someone in the crowd started chanting at that moment, and more people joined in soon.

Lan Feng's face broke into a grin again, and he gazed at Tao Sanniang's breathtakingly beautiful face. She had a pair of sexy and pouty lips, and he figured it would feel amazing if he could kiss her.

With that, he approached Tao Sanniang as he prepared to hug and kiss her hard.

Tao Sanniang panicked immediately, and she felt disgusted when Lan Feng's face came closer; she even had to stop herself from throwing up! She belonged to Lin Wenjing in her heart, and she wouldn't be able to accept anyone else. Being kissed by another man was even more torturing for her than death!



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In a rush, she reacted reflexively as she took a couple of steps backward to dodge Lan Feng.

"Huh!?" Lan Feng lost his patience and glared at Tao Sanniang unblinkingly. He then warned her threateningly and intimidatingly, "Sanniang, today is our wedding day, and if you go on being so naughty, I will get angry soon!"

Tao Sanniang gritted her teeth. She was torn apart when faced with such a situation, and she wanted nothing more than for Lin Wenjing to appear majestically at that moment and rescue her!

However, she knew that it wouldn't happen anymore. In fact, it would never ever happen again...

"I-I am not ready, so please give me some time. After all, I'll belong to you sooner or later..." Tao Sanniang answered him with a soft voice, but every word was like a needle which pierced through her heart.



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Lan Feng was like a predator ready to pounce on its prey when he saw how weak and helpless Tao Sanniang was. Lust boiled in his chest, and he leered at Tao Sanniang blatantly, as if ready to swallow her whole!

Initially, Lan Feng wasn't expecting much from the union with Grand Skylight Pavilion via marriage as he knew the union was a pure act of profit.

However, when he saw Tao Sanniang's breathtaking beauty, he was excited and full of anticipation. Especially now, when he was so close to her, he noticed how shapely Tao Sanniang was, and she was most probably the crème de la crème among women, which he figured would be a great addition to energize him.

"Sure, sure, sure!" Lan Feng guffawed, looking especially delighted, and he stopped forcing Tao Sanning. After all, I have all the time in the world to enjoy her, especially when we consummate the marriage tonight.

Fan Zhenbang and the rest of the crowd from Grand Skylight Pavilion beamed happily when they saw how delighted Lan Feng was.

The guests present were all envious of Lan Feng when they witnessed that scene. Marrying such a beautiful woman like Tao Sanniang was many men's dreams.

But soon, the crowd below the stage started discussing something in hushed tones.

"It's undeniable that Tao Sanniang from Grand

Skylight Pavilion is an unrivalled beauty. Lan Feng truly is our model to have married her."

"Of course. Tao Sanniang has always been famous as the most beautiful woman from Grand Skylight Pavilion; in fact, she is the most beautiful woman in Yuan City. Furthermore, she seems to be very sexy and alluring, and any normal man would most probably be worn out by her in less than half a year."

"Hahaha, Lan Feng is a master of the Heavenly Realm, so I don't think he would be worn out."

"Well, you can't be sure."

They were all expressing their envy at Lan Feng, but at that point, someone expressed something different.

"Doesn't Tao Sanniang belong to Lin Wenjing? Why did Grand Skylight Pavilion marry her to Lan Feng?"

That voice wasn't especially loud, but those who heard that question couldn't help but keep quiet immediately with an odd expression.

Lin Wenjing was an absolute legend within their social circle, and no one would ever dream of going against him. Usually, no one would even dare to talk behind his back because they knew that they'd be done for if he were to hear about it.

To be fair, it hadn't been too long from the time when Lin Wenjing's fame started rising, but he got

his fame by defeating important and famous figures from all over China. Hence, those who had heard about him did not dare to be disrespectful of him.

An event, such as tonight's, should be cheerful and loud, and so the sudden silence was especially odd.

After a deafening silence for several moments, someone finally broke the silence. "Isn't Tao Sanniang from Grand Skylight Pavilion? Since when did she belong to Lin Wenjing?"

"You must have been unaware about that. Tao Sanniang has always been Lin Wenjing's woman. Previously, before Lin Wenjing rose to fame in Hua City, Wu Meizi forced many forces to take sides by relying on her power, and that was when Grand Skylight Pavilion betrayed him. In the end, he defeated and killed Wu Meizi, and he was about to take revenge on Grand Skylight Pavilion. If it weren't for Tao Sanniang, who spoke on behalf of Grand Skylight Pavilion, they would most probably have been..."

"What? Did that truly happen? In that case, isn't Grand Skylight Pavilion insane? How dare they marry Tao Sanniang to Lan Feng? Aren't they afraid if Lin Wenjing gets angry?"

There was another horrible silence after that exclamation, and someone spoke again after a long time. "Lin Wenjing is dead."

"What?! Is Lin Wenjing dead?! Is that true?! Isn't he

the most powerful master in G Province?"

It was obvious that most people present weren't aware of Lin Wenjing's death, and so they were all shocked to their core.

"In the beginning, I suspected the reliability of this news. But now, it seems that it's true. Otherwise, no matter how brave those in Grand Skylight Pavilion are, they wouldn't have dared to marry Tao Sanniang off to Lan Feng," someone lamented.

The rest of the crowd seemed to agree with that, and most of them felt that Grand Skylight Pavilion was extremely unfair. Lin Wenjing had just passed away not long ago, but here they were, making use of Tao Sanniang.

However, they didn't dare to voice out their thoughts blatantly as well because Grand Skylight Pavilion had a significant presence, after all. Besides, their status would increase significantly after their union with Xuan Dan Sect via marriage. However, the mention of Lin Wenjing caused a stir in the atmosphere, making everyone uncomfortable, and those from Grand Skylight Pavilion seemed to have noticed that, and their expressions soured. Fan Zhenbang walked over directly toward them and cleared his throat before speaking to them with a stiff smile. "Everyone, from your conversations earlier, I believe that you have all misunderstood Tao Sanniang, so I am left with no choice but to clarify matters. Sanniang and Lin Wenjing have always been good friends, and I hope that you will all have more respect for Grand Skylight Pavilion, alright?"

Although his tone was polite, a cold indifference gleamed in his eyes, as if warning them against gossiping behind his back, or else they would be incurring Grand Skylight Pavilion's wrath.

"No, no, Old Master Fan, you've misunderstood us. We were just wishing the best for Miss Sanniang."

"That's right, that's right. We were just giving our blessing to the new bride. Old Master Fan, you've heard wrongly, haha."

They waved their hands in denial as they didn't dare offend Fan Zhenbang.

Fan Zhenbang's expression relaxed slightly at that, and he remarked, "Ah, is that so? I supposed I must have heard wrongly."

However, just as Fan Zhenbang was turning around to leave, a voice spoke loudly from among the crowd. "Hahaha, a misunderstanding? I don't think so! Just look at everyone; how many people here aren't aware of the relationship between Tao Sanniang and Chairman Lin? Previously, everyone from Grand Skylight Pavilion was as scared as a mouse when they saw Chairman Lin killing Wu Meizi. If it weren't for Tao Sanniang begging for mercy on behalf of Grand Skylight Pavilion, do you think you'd survive until today? Now that you heard that Chairman Lin is dead, you're repaying his kindness with a disservice. How dare you sacrifice Tao Sanniang like a collateral to please Xuan Dan Sect? Fan Zhenbang, you really are a piece of work."

The voice was very loud, and it reverberated throughout the hall, making everyone shift focus toward the direction of the voice.

Fan Zhenbang's expression soured the moment he heard that, and anger surged in his chest. He turned around immediately and glared at the direction of the source of the voice, but he didn't see anyone. Hence, he hissed through clenched teeth in fury, "Who was that, blabbering nonsense and making accusations? Show yourself this instant!!"

That announcement was, in fact, horrible and defaming, and it was a huge blow to Grand Skylight Pavilion's pride.

The crowd present fell into silence immediately, and the only thing audible was the background music for the wedding ceremony, which now sounded exceptionally shrill.

Lan Feng, who was on the stage, looked upset as well. Today is my wedding day; how dare someone cause a commotion right here? That person is blatantly disrespecting me!

Tao Sanniang, on the other hand, gritted her teeth while multiple scenes started flashing through her mind involuntarily; they were all memories she shared with Lin Wenjing. Her yearning for Lin Wenjing, coupled with her sadness upon his death, overwhelmed her thoughts and emotions, which then rendered her motionless as tears trickled down her cheeks.

"Wenjing, I miss you so badly..." She sobbed softly.

Lan Feng was furious when he saw her reaction, because this was like a slap across his face!

You wench, just wait until later tonight, when it's time for us to consummate our marriage. Just wait and see how I'll teach you a lesson!

Lan Feng glared at Tao Sanniang furiously.

Everyone was searching for that fearless person who was brave enough to announce such a thing.

However, they couldn't seem to locate the person at all despite searching for him high and low.

Fan Zhenbang scanned across the crowd with his laser-sharp stare, and he was livid as someone had the audacity to provoke him openly. If he didn't single out this troublemaker, he would become a laughing stock in the future!

"You dare make such an atrocious claim, but I see you do not have the guts to show yourself! I think you are just a coward to have accused Grand Skylight Pavilion for such horrible things! It's in your best interest to continue to act like a coward, and you'd better pray that I do not find you. Otherwise, I will skin you alive!" Fan Zhenbang exclaimed murderously, and he knew that he had to put up a strong front to hold his ground.

However, no one came forward after his speech.

Hence, Fan Zhenbang had no choice but to ignore

this incident and go on with the wedding ceremony as planned.

Lan Feng was furious, but he was left with no choice but to suppress his anger. He then allowed the host to continue with the rite of marriage.

"Lan Feng, do you take this woman as your lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, respect, accept, cherish, and be loyal to her until death do you part?"

Lan Feng answered promptly, "I do."

"Tao Sanniang, do you take this man as your lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, respect, accept, cherish, and be loyal to him until death do you part?"

Everyone focused on Tao Sanniang, anticipating her turn, but she remained tight-lipped as she had an internal struggle!

Lan Feng frowned at Tao Sanniang as he was unsatisfied with her performance today, and his patience for her had vanished instantly! However, just then, the voice from earlier rang again. "I am against this marriage!"

The voice was loud and powerful, spreading across the hall.

No one expected that someone would have the courage to make such a fuss at tonight's wedding.

Both Grand Skylight Pavilion and Xuan Dan Sect were ultimate powers. Xuan Dan Sect, especially, was sovereign!

The people from Xuan Dan Sect were no ordinary people. They were medically skillful and strong. Lan Xing, their leader, was a master in the ultimate tier of the Heavenly Realm, and even the groom, Lan Feng, was at the mid-tier of the Heavenly Realm. Nevertheless, someone actually had the guts to provoke people like them and committed such unforgivable sins! They must be insane!

Lan Feng couldn't bear with it anymore. He glared toward the source of the voice and immediately saw the person who was speaking in the crowd.

"How dare you!" Lan Feng lost his demeanor and yelled.

Fan Zhenbang looked over as well. He was startled when he saw the man who was speaking in the crowd.

It's him?

"Jiang Liqun. It's you?" Fan Zhenbang blurted out as his eyes widened. He was in disbelief. Why would someone like Jiang Liqun make such a stupid decision to provoke Grand Skylight Pavilion

and Xuan Dan Sect?

The others soon recognized him as well and all found it unbelievable. Jiang Liqun was famous as well; being the wealthiest man of the Yuan city, he was quite popular.

Most people who were present knew Jiang Liqun. Because they knew him, they found it even more unbelievable. From their impression of Jiang Liqun, he was a modest and steady man. Besides, they had never heard about any rivalries between Jiang Liqun and Grand Skylight Pavilion.

Now that Jiang Liqun had provoked Grand Skylight Pavilion, he was doomed. Although he was the wealthiest man of Yuan City, his authority couldn't be compared with Grand Skylight Pavilion, not to mention a gigantic power like Xuan Dan Sect.

Jiang Liqun's face was full of contempt when he stood up and spoke. "Fan Zhenbang, you are quite a character; you actually did something so ungrateful. How shameless of you!"

Fan Zhenbang's face turned red. He still couldn't understand why Jiang Liqun suddenly had the courage to provoke him. Besides, there wasn't any resentment between the two of them.

"Jiang Liqun! Do you know what you are doing?" Fan Zhenbang scolded loudly as he clenched his fist. He was filled with anger and solemnity, and his aura was so strong that it made people shiver.

Lan Feng's face was as dark as charcoal. He

glared at Jiang Liqun and seemed to be mad. He could tell that Jiang Liqun was merely a trash at the low-tier of Heavenly Realm; he was nothing before him, yet he had the courage to mess up his wedding.

Meanwhile, Tao Sanniang was stunned when she saw Jiang Liqun, for she remembered him. She was the one who accompanied Lin Wenjing to meet him, and she witnessed him surrender before Lin Wenjing.

Seeing Jiang Liqun made her recall all her memories with Lin Wenjing. The memories were like strong tides overwhelming her and conquering her, leaving her in great pain and torture!

Jiang Liqun was jolly, and his blood was boiling. He had never acted so boldly in his life, and now, he finally experienced the joy of being wild and reckless.

Lin Wenjing and Jiang Liqun had arrived at Tingyu Villa for quite some time, but they had been keeping a low profile. Just now, he stood up as soon as he got Lin Wenjing's orders.

Being next to Lin Wenjing made him feel secure, for even if the sky fell apart, Lin Wenjing would be there to hold it for him.

"Fan Zhenbang, you actually spread rumors that you are a grateful and sentimental man. Yet this is how you are at being grateful?"

"Enough!" Fan Zhenbang was enraged. He could

tell that Jiang Liqun was here to make a fuss, but he wasn't interested to investigate the reason behind it. All he wanted was to punish him severely.

"Jiang Liqun, since you are looking for death, I don't mind granting you your wish!" Fan Zhenbang raised his arms and shouted. "Guards, get Jiang Liqun. Let's see who gave him the courage to go against Grand Skylight Pavilion!"

As soon as he was done speaking, there were immediately masters who took action to capture Jiang Liqun.

"Jiang Liqun, I don't care what your aim is. No one can save you today!" Lan Feng barked.

Jiang Liqun didn't care about the threat from both Grand Skylight Pavillion and Xuan Dan Sect at all. Instead, he asked Tao Sanniang, "Miss Tao, someone wanted me to ask you if your wedding today is voluntary."

Tao Sanniang's body shuddered when she heard those words. She bit her lips and answered in great pain, "That person is gone. Does it still matter if I'm voluntary or not?"

She wasn't just weak from not having enough rest and food, but also from all the stress and sadness. She couldn't bear with it anymore, and her body was shaking, as if she was going to fall anytime.

Most people couldn't help but sympathize with her

when they saw her. They pitied her, for anyone could tell that the wedding wasn't her intention. She was forced by Grand Skylight Pavilion!

But what could they do? This was the law of the society—the weak were always the prey. Now that Lin Wenjing was dead, she had lost her only protection and was merely a weak sheep.

"It matters! It's important! Miss Tao, please answer sincerely!" Jiang Liqun exclaimed loudly in a serious tone.

His words were powerful, and it pierced through Tao Sanniang's heart. She answered instinctively, "It wasn't my intention! I am waiting for someone that will never appear. Too bad he has left me forever..."

With that, she broke down completely, and her tears rolled down uncontrollably. She couldn't even stand anymore; she crouched and buried her head between her knees as she burst into tears.

For the past few days, she hadn't had any sleep. Ever since she heard about Lin Wenjing's death, she had broken down emotionally. If it weren't that her family was taken by Grand Skylight Pavilion, she would have followed Lin Wenjing to death.

She had been holding back and staying strong. But, at this moment, she couldn't take it anymore.

"Wenjing, I really miss you... Why did you leave me so suddenly? Sob... I don't mind losing everything just to have you back..."



She sobbed as she broke down completely. Just then, she heard a familiar voice—a voice that was carved into her bones. "You silly girl. Who told you I left you? I've always been here."



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