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“That’s right. She had beautiful eyes. I only got a quick look at her, but it’s hard to forget the air of dignity and grace that she exudes. Your mother’s seen many well-respected people in her younger days. I know no one who carries an air of dignity as well as she did. But I wonder what kind of trouble she’s gotten herself into that she has to give her own child away. What a poor little thing, all alone and having to fend for herself and her child, without a partner to count on. She must have met the wrong kind of man,” Ye Xi-Mei sighed heavily and shook her head.

Ye Xi-Mei’s spirits fell as she kept talking. Her brow began to crease with soft lines of sorrow.

Perhaps this had brought up memories of her own.

Had she not been abandoned by a loved one when she had most needed him?

She had suffered endless hardship before

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she had finally brought Ye Fan back to her hometown, Yeyang.

She had gone through similar hardships, which was why she felt a greater sympathy for the young woman.

She knew exactly how helpless and alone the young woman must be feeling.

That was why Ye Xi-Mei hoped that Ye Fan could find her as soon as possible and do all he could to help the young woman.

Ye Xi-Mei heard a sudden whoosh amidst her sighs.

Waves of heated air erupted suddenly, sending wild winds howling around them in a frenzy.

Ye Fan, who had been quietly sitting at the table, suddenly dashed out into the dark like a cannonball shot out of a cannon.

The gusts of wind erupting in his wake

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knocked over the sumptuous spread of dishes on the dining table.

A long and heavy silence descended upon the Ye family.

It took a long while before they slowly recovered from their stunned stupor.

“What...what just happened?”

“Fan...did Fan just go crazy?”

The Ye family stared at one another in utter bewilderment. Ye Xi-Mei seemed equally clueless.

“What’s up with that rascal? Why was he in such a rush? He didn’t even finish dinner,” protested Ye Xi-Mei as her eyes gazed out of the window and into the moon. They were filled with worry. “I hope he’s alright.”

Every mother worried about her son when he was away from home.

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Calamity had just visited Jingzhou while their family had somehow found themselves with a stranger's child.

Strange and unexplainable things were happening one after another.

Ye Xi-Mei couldn't help but wonder if these had merely been coincidences.

The warm wind sounded in a young man's ears like the low moaning of a beast as he raced through the sky like a spirit in the night. He moved so swiftly that one could see him leaving afterimages of his slim form in his wake. This was none other than Ye Fan, who had just dashed out of the Ye family mansion.

"I'm sure it's her. It has to be Tang Yun. Long black hair and a purple dress. Carries herself with the dignity and grace of royalty. An incomparable beauty. She's the only person who fits the bill. I should have

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known it was her. I should have guessed it sooner!” Ye Fan thought fiercely as he curled his fingers into tight fists.

Ye Xi-Mei had told Ye Fan what the young woman who had turned up at the Ye family mansion had looked like when he had first arrived at Jingzhou but he hadn’t been paying attention then.

He had been convinced that the child had nothing to do with him and naturally hadn’t cared who his mother might be.

But after meeting Tang Yun and listening to what his mother had said, the certainty that Ye Fan had felt had wavered.

Could the child really be his and Tang Yun’s child?

Why else would Tang Yun travel so far to Jingzhou and place her child in his mother’s care?

What else could explain her intense

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resentment and aggrievement towards him?

There was only one explanation. Tang Yun had given birth to his child.

“But how? When did it happen?”

Ye Fan’s thoughts were in a mess. He tried desperately to search the memories of him and Tang Yun.

They had only known each other for two years and had not spent much time together. The only time they had touched each other had been when they had jointly cultivated the Dragon God Body together.

They had lost their reason briefly and shared a kiss. Ye Fan remembered distinctly that that had been the most intimate act that they had done with each other.

Could you get pregnant from a kiss?

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If that were the case, Ye Fan and Qiu Mu-Cheng should be surrounded by children!

“Was it...that one time?”

Amidst his puzzlement, Ye Fan suddenly recalled the time when he had consumed a fire spirit fruit in a cave to aid his cultivation.

It was written in the Book of Celestial Cloud that the fire spirit fruit was a fruit of pure and immense yang energy. Few who consumed it survived. Only the most powerful martial artists should consume it for cultivation. If one were to attempt the endeavor and should his life be endangered at any point, he could seek out a woman and attempt to correct the imbalance between yin and yang with her. The act could save his life.

“Did I fail in my attempt to consume the fire spirit fruit? Did I only manage to succeed because Tang Yun sacrificed herself to correct the imbalance of yin and

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yang in my body?”

The pieces of the puzzle seemed to fall into place now.

That explained why Tang Yun had been gone when he had woken up.

That explained the rose-shaped bloodstain on the stone platform.

That explained the explosion of fire-elemental energy waves in Jingzhou.

That also explained Tang Yun’s severely weakened condition.

Everything made sense now.

That child was Tang Yun’s and his child.

He had inherited the energies in the fire spirit fruit, which had led to a devastating explosion during his birth.

“Why didn’t she tell me? Why didn’t she say

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anything? That idiot! Why did she try to hide the truth from me? I will be plagued by guilt for the rest of my life if something were to happen to her!" Ye Fan's eyes reddened and panic and anxiety churned in his gut as he raced madly towards the mansion where he had found Tang Yun.

The moonlight was a soft shimmer in the cold night.

A young woman sat cross-legged and alone in a mansion. Her eyes fluttered open slowly.

Her condition had not improved much after a day of meditation.

Tang Yun had known that her rash decision would result in a temporary fall in her level of cultivation but she had not expected it to plummet so sharply.

In fact, she had not expected her stamina

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and concentration to be as badly affected as well.

She could barely get to her feet, dark spots lingering at the edge of her vision as she struggled to stand.

“I have to leave this place as soon as possible before Ye Qing-Tian and the others find me.”

It didn't matter that she couldn't possibly journey far in her weakened state. She had to leave right now.

She could feel danger approaching steadily.

The supreme grandmasters of War God Castle weren't going to let her go so easily if they found her.

Tang Yun clenched her jaw and stood up.

She pushed the doors open to the sight of an endless, pitch black night.

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She froze suddenly.

Tears began to stream down her cheeks uncontrollably.

For the first time in her life, the powerful young woman felt alone, helpless and afraid.

No matter how strong she was, she still longed for someone to lean on and to hold her during her moment of utter weakness.

Yet, during her dire moments when she was most in need of companionship and care, all she had for company was the dark and the cold.

No one was there to asked her if she had had a warm meal. No one was there to stand by her side as the sun set and night arrived.

No one knew the sorrow that she was drowning in right now.



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Sometimes, Tang Yun wondered if it was all worth it. Was having the child worth abandoning her principles and her dignity?

They were not meant to be, so why had she allowed the fruit of their cursed relationship to be born?

Look at the miserable state that she had landed herself in. She deserved it though.

Yet, every time hate threatened to overwhelm Tang Yun's heart, she would remember the innocent look on her child's face.

She would remember his fair, rosy cheeks, his big and sparkling, starlit eyes and his perfect, guileless smile.

Her heart had melted when her eyes had first landed on that young child.

She had felt that everything that she had done had been worth it.



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She supposed that every woman had within herself a strong capacity to love one's own child.

Even the distant and cold sect leader of the Chu Sect was no exception.

The hardship that a woman suffered during the nine months of pregnancy and the agony that she endured during childbirth led to the inevitability of a mother's intense and deep love for her child.

It was an inevitability that even Tang Yun couldn't escape!

But it didn't matter how much she loved her child.

Because of whom she was, she couldn't possibly rear the child herself.

She was the sect leader of the Chu Sect and the most powerful martial artist on the Sky Ranking. She was akin to the empress



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of the martial arts circle. How could she bear a baby for a man and be a mother to a child?

If news of this were to spread, she would ruin both her reputation and the reputation of Chu Sect.

Chu Sect would become a laughing stock.

She would have to endure the terrible looks from everyone. The elders of Chu Sect probably wouldn't let Tang Yun off. They would hunt down her child and kill him. Then, they would go after her child's father.

The most powerful sect in the world couldn't allow such a stain on their reputation!

The only way to salvage their reputation would be to kill everyone involved in the affair!

The child would not stand a chance of



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surviving if she kept him with her.

After weighing her options, she had secretly made her way to Jiangdong so that she could place the baby in the Ye family's care after she had given birth to him. Having handed the baby to the Ye family, she would then sneak away unnoticed.

She could not have expected the birth of that tiny little creature to cause such a huge commotion and bring so much destruction to Ye Fan's hometown. She had not expected it to drain her completely as well.

The creation of a new life was indeed a feat.

Tang Yun might stand at the pinnacle of strength and power, but childbirth had still been a dangerous and almost deadly experience.

She stood outside the mansion and stared



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in the direction where Jingzhou was.

After a long time, she finally blinked away the beads of glittering tears in her eyes furiously.

The helplessness and weakness that she had shown on her face vanished without a trace.

In their place was the cool and intimidating stare of a powerful martial artist.

“Ye Fan, we’re done. I owed you for what I did to you in the rainforest and now I’ve repaid it in full. I owe you nothing now. Let us never meet each other again. If we do, our blades will cross and one of us shall die.”

The harsh wintry winds stirred dust and dirt into the air.

Tang Yun’s lovely form stood alone beneath the night sky.



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Her eyes were cold and devoid of emotion.

The terrifying and powerful sect leader of Chu Sect had returned.

Honestly, Tang Yun had held onto the last shred of love for Ye Fan before she had met him.

He had been the first and only man whom she had gotten intimate with.

He had been the only person who had risked his life to guard and protect her.

Tang Yun had been alone all her life.

Her hands were stained with the blood of countless dead men and women.

Innumerable followers worshipped the ground that she walked on.

But no one had ever risked everything to treat her with such kindness like Ye Fan had.



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Sometimes, that was all it took to win a woman's love.

You simply had to truly care for her. That was enough.

It was enough for powerful people like Tang Yun, who stood at the pinnacle of strength and power and had spent her life with nothing but solitude and the cold by her side.

The slightest bit of warm would melt their cold hardened hearts.

What Ye Fan had given Tang Yun hadn't been slight or little at all.

Perhaps Tang Yun had recklessly gone ahead with the birth of Ye Fan's child because of the kindness that Ye Fan had shown her and the emotions that he had roused inside her.

But it all ended here.



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The final remnants of tenderness that Tang Yun had harbored for Ye Fan had vanished the moment when he had spoken viciously to her and said that he never wanted to see her again, and when he had turned away and left her alone.

But she was fine with that.

Nothing would come out of their relationship anyway.

To leave and to forget the other might be the best way to end things between them.

She threw a final glance in the direction in which the young man had left before turning her eyes away.

She shifted her foot and got ready to leave.

A sudden deafening thunder erupted in the air.

It was followed by a flurry of punches that descended from the heavens like shooting



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stars.

They shot straight at Tang Yun!

Despite her severely weakened state, Tang Yun was still an immensely powerful martial artist. Her keen senses immediately told her where the attacks would land.

With a few swift steps, she shifted to the side.

The blows missed and hit the ground with a series of deafening thuds, sending the heavens shaking and the ground cracking.

The impact of the attack sent dust and dirt flying into the air and tore the clouds into tattered ribbons.

A huge crater a few dozen meters deep appeared where Tang Yun had been standing moments ago.

One could almost imagine the power



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behind the punch that had caused that crater.

Tang Yun frowned. She turned towards the direction from which the punches had come from and stared with her cold eyes.

“They’ve come sooner than I expected.”

Four figures appeared in the distance as soon as she had spoken.

One of them had a huge hammer hanging from his waist and another a sword on his back. The third was a towering giant and the fourth a dashing figure with white robes fluttering in the wind.

Despair flickered across Tang Yun’s eyes when they fell upon the four men.

You couldn’t outrun destiny.

The four supreme grandmasters of War God Castle had gathered.



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Tang Yun wouldn't have dared to underestimate them when she had been at the height of her power. She was no in position to do so now.

The four men leaped into the air and became a blur of shadows as they sped a thousand meters to reappear right before Tang Yun a second later.

The four grandmasters stood around Tang Yun in a circle, one in front of her and the other behind, the third to her left and the fourth to her right. She was thoroughly surrounded.

They were akin to four sharp blades pointed directly at her chest, ready to pierce right through her chest should she make a single move.

"I knew it. It was you, Tang Yun, the sect leader of the Chu Sect! You're probably the only woman in the martial arts circle who dare go on a killing spree in China and massacre a hundred thousand men and



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women!” The voice of the King of Fighters, Mo Gu-Cheng, shattered the short-lived silence and filled the air like thunder.

He had suspected that it was Tang Yun after Tang Hao had shared his brief fight with a female supreme grandmaster.

But Tang Yun had had a veil over her face during that fight, so Tang Hao had not recognized her.

Now, her veil was gone and her face visible to all. Mo Gu-Cheng and the others had recognized her immediately.

“Sect Leader Tang, don’t you think that you’ve gone too far? The Chinese martial arts circle has kept its distance from Chu Sect for many years. Yet, you’ve trespassed onto Chinese soil and killed our people. You massacred more than a hundred thousand innocent men and women of Jiangdong. You drenched the soil of Jiangdong with the blood of our people and brought calamity upon our

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nation. Do you expect us, the pillars of the nation, to let you get away with what you've done?" Sword Saint stared at the young woman before him with cold rage burning in his eyes while his sword gleamed dangerously on his back.



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