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## Chapter 5

### A Narrow Escape (Part 1)

Tonight was winter solstice, same as in the previous years, the floating white snow arrived on time. Ruo Xiao curled up her body to lean on the opening of the cave. The snowflakes that were similar to cotton wadding were floating down upon her body and her face. In the previous years, mother would have already prepared some new year cakes that she loved to eat and make new cotton-padded jacket during this time. Dad would make a snowman that was as tall as her! This year, she was a lot taller, so the snowman would surely have been taller!

Ruo Jun wrapped up her wound once again, used a tie to roll up her black hair, and changed into black clothing that was as dark as the night.

Looking at her younger sister's lonely back, Ruo Jun softly sighed, and took her into her bosom from behind.

She had been following Master on the mountain since she was five years old, and would go home several times a year, so she was used to seeing the beautiful scenery and being alone during a holiday. But Ruo Xiao was different, her heart would definitely be more painful than hers at this moment!

Feeling her older sister's thin shoulders, Ruo Xiao lightly wiped the tear stains that were at the corner of her eyes. She was already grown up, so she must be strong, and should not easily shed tears. Older sister took care of her, hence she would also take care of

older sister, so she turned around and looked at the clothing that she was wearing. Ruo Xiao felt a little uneasy in her heart, so she asked: "Older sister, are you going to bring dad back?"

Ruo Jun pulled her to go inside the cave and helped her to get rid of the snowflakes that were on her shoulders. But in regards to her question, she replied with a perfunctorily: "En."

Ruo Xiao immediately ran to the bundle of cloth that older sister already packed from home, rummaged through it to find a black clothing, and called out: "I also want to go."

"Not allowed. You should wait here obediently until I am back!" Ruo Jun immediately refused without a second thought.

Wu Ruo Xiao could not find any black clothing, but she still grabbed her older sister's lapel unwaveringly, not willing to let go. She did not want to wait in the cave by herself. She had also practiced martial arts with their dad, so she wanted to go together with her older sister!

Facing younger sister's stubborn and firm expression, Wu Ruo Jun crouched down, and lightly stroked her hair that was already twisted together not long ago. She slowly pulled Ruo Xiao's hand and tightly grasped it. Just when Ruo Xiao thought that she would agree, Wu Ruo Jun suddenly brought her hand down and hit her acupuncture point.

Unable to move, Wu Ruo Xiao frighteningly opened her eyes, and shouted loudly: "Older sister, what are you doing!"

Wu Ruo Jun looked like she did not hear her cry out, smiled and carefully tidied up her clothing, but that smile made Ruo Xiao even more alarmed. After she helped her tidy up, Ruo Jun carried Ruo Xiao, put her on the hay bed and put blanket on her, then she softly explained: "There is ration inside the cave, if I have not returned within two days, you should leave this place on your own. Promise me that you will keep on living well."

Older sister's gentle voice could not comfort Ruo Xiao at all, instead, she felt even more frightened, so the tears started falling down her cheeks, sliding down the temples to her hair. Ruo Xiao looked appealingly at Ruo Jun, while she was crying: "Older sister, do not abandon me, older sister, do not abandon me, do not do it, do not do it..."

Not returning her sight, as she could not bear to look at Ruo Xiao's crying face, Ruo Jun stood up, with her back towards her, she firmly bit her own lips, to not let her suffering and sobbing voice be heard.

"Older sister will bring dad back." Taking a deep breath, Ruo Jun only left behind that one sentence, and flew out of the cave immediately.

"Older sister..."

'Xiao Er, older sister can not let dad be humiliated even after his death, forgive older sister, you are the Wu family's treasure, so you must be alive and live well. If fate really insists on taking one life, let it be hers!'

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The winter holiday was the day that people were reunited with their family, the city gate had already been closed earlier, so the streets were also deserted. But hanging at the city gate was a corpse that was already covered by the thick snow, it made people who looked at it, feel frightened.

By the side of the city gate, two young soldiers were bundled up in thick clothing, they kept stamping on their feet and rubbing their hands to warm themselves up. One person took one glance at that shadow that was hanging on the pole, while shaking his head, he sighed regretfully: "Really pitiful, thinking about those years, he was so impressive when galloping in the battlefield, no enemy could resist him. But now even after death, he still did not have a good end." Fortunately, it was winter, if it was summer time, he was afraid that this body would already have been eaten by maggots!! This world was really

unpredictable, this person was well-regarded yesterday, but died without a burial site today.

The other person immediately stared at him, and shouted: "Shut up, how can we assess this kind of matter, do you not want your head!" The matter in the Imperial Court, even those many experienced officials did not dare to talk nonsense, why did he speak nonsense now!

Coldly humphing, Xiao Bing did not bother with him anymore, and continued to leisurely share his opinion: "I only casually expressed my opinion, it is already the third day, how long are they still going to continue doing this ah! I see that there is nobody who will come and snatch it!" Everybody knew that this was a trap ah, which idiot would come here!!

"Who would know!" Turning to the other side, and feeling lazy to bother with him, he was just opening up his rotten mouth, as a low ranking soldier, he might not know the reason how he died someday!

Xiao Bing still wanted to share his opinion again, but he saw right in front of the city gate, two flashes of bright lights were flying over. It was so quick that he simply could not see anything clearly, so he hurriedly held onto the side of the soldier's shoulder, he could not help to stutter when he said: "Old brother... you... you quickly see what is that?"

"That..." The soldier by the side impatiently turned around, just when he wanted to speak, two heads were suddenly hit ruthlessly by a silhouette. It was too late to shout, as they immediately went down.

Ruo Jun used her strength to climb and walked up the city wall, and had finally ascended on almost ten meters pole. Both of her hands were trembling when she held her father's frozen and rigid hands, and Ruo Jun almost could not control the continuous stabs that she felt inside her heart.

Suddenly, all around the city gate was radiated by rays of torches, the originally quiet side road, was filled by numerous armed soldiers who looked like they were training! Their hands were holding bow and arrows, ready to be pulled, and the sharp blades uniformly targeted at the black clothed person who was on top of it, once the order was given, he would be shot like a hedgehog.

Among the soldiers there was only one who was on a black horse, it was an arrogant and strong man who was staring at that black clothed person with his sharp eyes full of disdain. No matter who came, the person would meet him, You Xiao, and the result would be the same, dead!

Ruo Jun calmly swept a glance, she was very clear that these people were not the same soldiers from the execution ground. They were just exceptionally good in hiding their abilities, and would follow orders strenuously until the person was hurt, and they were high ranking military officers. That man who had a cold gaze and manner, was definitely her biggest enemy tonight!

Ignoring those murderous-looking sharp arrows, Ruo Jun indifferently took out her soft sword, cut off the rope that bound her father's corpse, steadily tied it on her own waist, and coldly stared back at that arrogant man.

You Xiao dangerously squinted his eyes, and stared at that black clothed person who dared to look at his chilly eyes face to face. You Xiao lightly licked his thin lips, this person was interesting, and somehow aroused his interest, so he lifted the silver halberd that was in his hand, and pointed it at him. You Xiao provokingly said: "I like to watch a trapped beast the most, I hope that you will show off enough brilliance today."

He was able to leap ten meters high with his good martial arts, he really wanted to see if his Ruo Jun's leaping skills were better, or if his arrows were quicker!

The silver halberd that was already lifted up, fell on the ground, and the numerous armed soldiers sent out the arrows simultaneously.

Sian's notes:

New Year cake is a steamed cake that's made with glutinous rice flour. If I remember correctly, it's dark brown & sweet. I personally don't like it because it tastes sticky. Lol... Anyway, if you're interested, I found an explanation from Wikipedia.

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