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## Chapter 104 (Part 2)

### The Falling of Cang Yue

Shang Jun hurriedly followed Liu Yun into Fei Hong Huan Cui place and saw Xiao Zong Qing's tall figure in the courtyard with his hair and shoulders covered with thick snow. One did not know how long he had been standing in the courtyard, but it seemed as if he was blending in with the heavy snow and one could feel his anger from his aura. He looked gloomy, but his eyes were anxiously staring at the door, and once he saw Shang Jun, Xiao Zong Qing immediately greeted him. But once he saw his (SJ) pale face, his original anger in his heart turned into a whispered complaint, "Why don't you call me when you go out in such a heavy snow?"

Even his eyebrows were covered with snowflakes; Shang Jun wanted to laugh, but after hearing his hoarse voice, he could not laugh anymore. The snow seemed to be getting heavier and heavier, so pulling Xiao Zong Qing's sleeve Shang Jun said, "Let's go inside now and talk about it."

After walking just two steps, Shang Jun remembered that Qin Xiu Zhi was still behind him, so as he looked back he saw Qin Xiu Zhi still standing at the courtyard gate in a daze, so Shang Jun shouted, "Xiu Zhi?"

Qin Xiu Zhi did not approach them and only faintly replied, "You guys go ahead and talk, I will go back to my room first." After speaking, he walked towards the side courtyard and his dark, slender figure became hazy within the snow. This caused Shang Jun's heart to tighten and he wanted to follow after him. However, Xiao Zong Qing took his shoulders and pushed him into the room as he said with a worried expression, "Go inside. I have something to tell you."

As he thought about Cang Yue's surrender, Shang Jun did not resist. He walked into the room and Xiao Zong Qing slowly turned his head to glance at the elegant black shadow within the snow before his hand that held Shang Jun's shoulder tightened unconsciously.

Once they entered the room where two basins of charcoal were burning, they were immediately surrounded by warmth. Shang Jun let out a comfortable sigh and sat down on the wooden chair. After walking in the snow for a while he felt tired; his body seemed to be getting more and more useless.

After pouring a cup of hot tea for Shang Jun, Xiao Zong Qing said, "Today, Cang Yue surrendered."

Shang Jun held the teacup to warm his hands as his brows frowned slightly, "Xuanyuan Yi is really amazing! But don't you think that Cang Yue's surrender is too sudden?!" Even though Xuanyuan Yi attacked several times and You Xiao was having a hard time, but he still should not have surrendered after a short seven or eight days.

Xiao Zong Qing shook his head and replied, "Apart from Xuanyuan Yi's bravery, there are two other reasons as to why Cang Yue surrendered at this time."

Shang Jun drank the hot tea without saying a word and waited for him to continue speaking.

He originally wanted to whet Shang Jun's appetite, but after seeing that he did not have any anxious appearance, Xiao Zong Qing lost interest and answered lazily, "First, it was the disappearance of Long Yi Hai. If he does not die for another day, Long Qu Mu's dragon chair will be restless. This is an internal problem. Second, Yan Rui's Hong Ming has already become a king. The world may call him a wise man, but Long Qu Mu knows very well that Hong Ming is a poisonous snake that can sometimes be a more terrifying tiger than Dong Yu. As it turns out, the two have always conspired and planned to destroy Dong Yu first, but unfortunately, they failed to do this. Long Qu Mu has to prevent Yan Rui from counterattacking them while his military power has been exhausted."

"You have some truths about this, but I think this surrender is more like a delay tactic because Long Qu Mu will not give up willingly. As long as Long Yi Hai dies and his internal problem is gone, he will surely rise from this hardship, so Long Yi Hai cannot die."

Xiao Zong Qing curled up the corners of his mouth and smiled confidently, "Don't worry, I won't let him die as he is such an important chess piece. I will escort him back to Tian Cheng City. We will be adding to the flames and there will be a good show."

At this point Shang Jun's eyes suddenly darkened and his complexion became a little obscure. Xiao Zong Qing asked worriedly, "Jun? What's the matter with you?" Was he not just fine when he was talking earlier?!

Gently shaking his head, Shang Jun whispered back, "We should wait for now."

"What are we waiting for?" Xiao Zong Qing was puzzled.

"Waiting to help with Long Yi Hai's affair; we should wait for now."

Why wait?! Now is the best time! Xiao Zong Qing feels that Shang Jun is acting very strange today.

"You also said that there are internal and external problems now. Once Long Qu Mu dies, Cang Yue will immediately fall into crisis. Long Qu Mu can't die before there is a new king who can protect Cang Yue." The child's sad eyes in the afternoon and the immature voice with his sharp questions all lingered in his mind once again. Shang Jun was afraid to see more of such eyes.

A new king?! Xiao Zong Qing asked uncertainly, "Jun, do you mean to find a new king for Cang Yue? We will help him to ascend the throne and kill Long Qu Mu?"

Shang Jun was silent for a long time, but his final answer was firm, "Yes. Before we are sure whether Long Yi Hai is that person, we'd better not act rashly." Cang Yue did not need another Long Qu Mu.

"Jun, when did you think like this? You chose a road that was a hundred times more difficult! You are just a woman, what does this matter to you?!" Xiao Zong Qing held Shang Jun's shoulders tightly while his eyes were filled with distress and anger with his voice almost roaring.

San Er was pinching him so he felt a little pain, but what he (XZQ) said was the truth. He chose an exceptionally hard way to walk. Perhaps in the end he would not only fail to kill Long Qu Mu, but also die a miserable death, but so what? At least when he faced his parents in the netherworld, he would be worthy of being the daughter of the Wu family.

With a light smile Shang Jun faintly replied, "Maybe the world's rise and fall has nothing to do with me, but I just want to have a clear conscience." Thinking of what he was going to do, his heart was very calm now. There were no more feelings of panic like he had in the afternoon, so maybe this was comparable to the sentence 'having a clear conscience' that Xiu Zhi spoke about earlier.

Having a clear conscience?! Xiao Zong Qing's irritable eyes gradually became deeper and more serene, so he let go of Shang Jun's shoulders. Xiao Zong Qing did not say anything anymore as he opened the door and softly said, "You are tired, rest early. Let's talk about these things tomorrow."

Yes ah, he is tired, so let's talk about it tomorrow. Shang Jun nodded, got up and left.

Looking at Shang Jun's thin back that was gradually disappearing, Xiao Zong Qing's originally gentle eyes grew cold.

"Liu Guang."

"Yes." Xiao Zong Qing's voice had only just finished calling the name when a strong man appeared behind him.

"Spread the news about Prince Rui being chased and persecuted by the Iron Armored Army. Also, when I return to Tian Cheng City, I want to hear all kinds of rumors about the country's jade ruler seal."

"Yes."

The room became quiet again with only the charcoal fire making a 'pa pa' crackling sound; the sky was getting dark as the snow continued to fall. Xiao Zong Qing pushed open the wooden window letting the snow and cold wind blow on his face and completely overpower the warmth of the room.

He was really thoughtless. How could he forget that no matter how strong Shang Jun was, he was still a woman and a kind hearted and beautiful one at that. He should not have to deal with those cruel things, so just leave everything bloody and repulsive to him (XZQ) alone.

Shang Jun thought of Qin Xiu Zhi's aloof back, so his feet could not help but walk towards his room. When he recovered, he was already standing in front of Xiu Zhi's door. A faint candlelight came out of the room and it was warm and quiet. Shang Jun was just about to raise his hand and knock on the door when a soft female voice came from the house which caused his hand to freeze.

"Gentleman, let Liu Li help you."