

# FENG YU JIU TIAN VOLUME 9

(Nearby Danger Lurking in Shadows)

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## CHAPTER 1

Rong Tian rushed to Xiao Zong's place to find Feng Ming and Rong Hu. Feng Ming was completely fine, except a bit frightened. Rong Hu was heavily injured by Xiao Zong and was taken to where the physicians were to treat him. They are trying their best to control his bleeding. Lady Yao Ye requested to meet them again. Rong Tian told her that because of her plan, it almost caused Feng Ming to be killed and now Rong Hu is in critical condition. Lady Yao Ye laughed at them and said that her plan only proves that Xiao Zong still thinks about her, since his swordsmanship is impeccable and yet he only managed to injure Rong Hu and not kill him, which means he is unable to fully concentrate on his martial arts.

During the conversation, Rong Tian saw how depressed Feng Ming was and kept blaming himself. He wanted so badly to embrace Feng Ming that he pushed Lady Yao Ye and ran past Lie Er, whose attempts to stop him were in vain and held Feng Ming. They embraced for a long while in complete bliss believing that this will be the last time for them. However, to their surprise, nothing happened. Feng Ming yelled at his mother, asking her why the poison was fake. Lady Yao Ye gave him a slapping and shouted at Feng Ming: "Yes, I'm the world's evilest mother...who dares to poison her own son!" Out of anger, she left and no one tried to stop her.

They went to visit Rong Hu and found out that the physician was kicked out of the room and that Lady Yao Ye was inside treating Rong Hu. Feng Ming and Rong Tian reflected on their actions earlier and thought about what would have happened if they really died...

### RONG TIAN AND FENG MING'S EMBRACE

Lady Yao Ye came in, her beautiful eyes glanced around. She saw Rong Tian's frowned face and didn't even bother to notice the frightening glare of Lie Er. Without a trace of fear, she gently said: "I heard about what happened today, what does your majesty think?"

RT: What do I think? ...Feng Ming was almost killed under Master Xiao's sword, so I ask you, what do you think?!

When Rong Tian is angry, it will feel like thunder and lightning are striking.

Lady Yao Ye stated that if Feng Ming dies, she will also commit suicide to ask for forgiveness. However, she truly believed that he wouldn't and she never had any intentions of hurting him since she has the antidote for Lover's blood.

Seeing that Lady Yao Ye was standing close to Feng Ming and touching his forehead, Rong Tian was tense and quickly stood up, but after hearing her somewhat kind words he restrained himself from doing anything further.

FM: (looking at RT) You don't have to worry, I'm very well. It's just....I really miss you. Before, you always complained that I like to wander about and won't stay still. When I think about it, I can't stand it. Rong Tian, I want to be close to you.

Crying out to Rong Tian with tears in his eyes, Rong Tian couldn't bear it any longer. Standing there foolishly with his eyes fixed silently upon his lonely lover.

Lie Er quickly noticed the change and wanted to hold Rong Tian back, but Rong Tian had already charged forward, pushing Lady Yao Ye aside, he embraced Feng Ming.

When Feng Ming saw Rong Tian's movement, he too stood up from his chair and charge forward aiming for Rong Tian's chest. Chiu Xing and Chiu Yue wanted to hold Feng Ming back but their reflexes were not as quick as Lie Er — even so both sides failed in separating the two.

In that moment, they didn't care about being ruler of the world, being Xi Lei's King or Lover's Blood.

They held each other tightly like nothing could pull them apart. In the midst of life and death and yet they felt satisfied within each other's embrace and were overjoyed with happiness

## CHAPTER 2

After waiting for some time regarding Rong Hu's condition, the teary maids came out to tell them that Rong Hu's life is not in danger, but he will need about a month to fully recover.

Lie Er wanted to visit his brother, but the maids told him that because of his nasty attitude towards Lady Yao Ye earlier, Lie Er is the only one that can't visit him. Hearing that, Lie Er was a bit sad, but didn't dare to go against the words of the person saving his brother's life.

They received another letter with news about Miao Guang (the earlier letter Rong Tian received was also about Miao Guang). According to the news, Miao Guang returned to Bo Jian's capital after the fail assassination attempt on her. This is fairly reasonable, but what Rong Tian couldn't understand was why she would use the fail assassination attempt as an excuse to tell Bo Jian King that she no longer feels safe in Bo Jian and his sincerity towards her seems to be lacking (since Bo Ling tried to kill her). Because of that, Miao Guang decided to call off the marriage arrangement between her and Bo Qin.

They were wondering why Miao Guang would let go of the opportunity to form an allegiance and build a supporting foundation when she is pressured by Long Tian and her brother is in a coma. They started speculating that perhaps she knew the Lady Yao Ye poisoned Long Tian and no longer felt threatened by him. However, after thinking about this, it still did not make sense. Finally, Feng Ming made a guess that perhaps Ruo Yan has woken up and because of that, Miao Guang doesn't need Bo Jian's support anymore. Because if Ruo Yan has woken up, Rong Tian concluded:

RT: This answer has cleared up the other questions I had. Miao Guang went to Bo Jian's capital to propose a marriage allegiance with Bo Jian, but later found out that Ruo Yan has woken up. If her brother is awake, then Long Tian does not pose as a large threat in their eyes and Ruo Yan would not be willing to let his only sister marry out that easily. But why would she not immediately call off the marriage and instead wanted to go to Han Gui? ... (answers the question himself) She knew that Bo Ling and 3rd Princess had escaped; therefore, purposely let the news of her and Qing Ding's meeting in Han Gui slip, using that as a bait to lure them out.

FM: This plot of Miao Guang is impressive. One, she uses Bo Ling and 3rd Princess to eliminate Qing Ding, the Great King of Tong Kingdom. Two, she can lure Bo Ling and 3rd Princess out of their hiding spot

and eliminate them. Third, it is a good excuse to give Bo Jian King a reason to call off the marriage. A future daughter-in-law that was almost killed in his territory, of course Bo Jian King will not stubbornly keep Miao Guang there. In fact, he might have sent her off with a bunch of treasures/gifts. This scheme is great! One rock that hits three birds.

Rong Tian later received another sealed envelope, but this time the letter is from Xi Lei, Tong Er. The letter is somewhat wet in areas so only certain parts were readable.

The letter...it was addressed to Miao Guang.

"I believe that Princess is someone who is reliable and understands reasoning. These recent days, Xi Lei had many changes, I sent this letter with hope of...

The Empress Dowager is still not dead, when the palace was lit on fire, she took the opportunity to escape and reunite with Rong Tian. It seems that she had secretly sneaked into the capital (Xi Qin) with intentions of disruption. This person is the mother of Rong Tian, if we capture her alive, and cleverly took advantage then...."

## CHAPTER 3

Rong Tian asked the messenger to come in to inquire about the origin of the letter. The messenger stated that the secret letter was found in the borders of Yong Yin and Xi Lei. The person sending the letter was disguised with the intention of crossing Yong Yin, but was stopped by them. The letter was hidden on the person and when discovered, that person threw the letter into the water. They tried to quickly retrieve the letter and in doing so, the disguised person committed suicide before they could capture him for questioning. Part of the letter was wet so the ink was smeared, the readable portion of the letter related to Empress Dowager, so they didn't want to delay and rushed to send the letter to Rong Tian.

After questioning meticulously about the disguised messenger and even what hand he used to stab himself with, Feng Ming anxiously wanted Rong Tian to aid Empress Dowager and bring her back to safety. Rong Tian looked long and hard at the letter as he felt something was odd about it – why did Tong Er address the letter to Miao Guang, someone who doesn't seem to have much power and is from Li Kingdom, the biggest enemy of Xi Lei? After putting out this question, they finally realized that Tong Er must know that Ruo Yan had woken up. However, if this letter was sent to Li Kingdom then it should be addressed to Ruo Yan, so why would this letter be addressed to Miao Guang instead? They then speculated that this letter was purposely sent to let them discover it, hoping that they will not know that Ruo Yan is awake and will be lured into a trap set up for them. ("Ruo Yan is best at luring his enemies into a trap" according to Rong Tian.)

Lie Er suggested that perhaps they should create a trap within a trap since they finally discovered the hidden truth behind the letter. Chu Xing and Chu Yue were worried about Empress Dowager and scolded Lie Er for laughing at this critical moment. Lie Er told them that if Tong Er truly caught Empress Dowager then he wouldn't conspire with Ruo Yan; instead, he would just threaten them.

FM: What are we going to do now? (asking Rong Tian)

RT: Ruo Yan wants to lure us out of our campsite and must have an ambush on the way back to Xi Lei. We will follow through with his plan to carry out our plan and destroy his ambush while he is unprepared and defeat him in Yong Yin. Since Yong Yin is not his territory, Xi Lei and Li Kingdom troops can't charge hastily in; therefore, the overall strength of the ambush should not be massive.

FM: Then hurry up and give your order.

RT: There is just a small problem.

FM: What is it?

RT: If we want to destroy his ambush, our number must be greater than the enemy. Also, our troops need to be composed of highly skilled soldiers. The troops I have are at most 1000 men and we need half of them to use as bait. This opportunity is very hard to come by. There's a possibility that Ruo Yan will participate, if we can use this opportunity to kill Ruo Yan then it will help Xi Lei defeat its biggest adversary. I have to organize the best and brightest soldiers within this campsite.

Rong Tian tells Feng Ming that he will need Master Xiao's elite men to help with this mission and requests for Feng Ming's help.

Feng Ming felt his father wouldn't want to talk to him at the moment and decided to go find Lady Yao Ye instead. He went to Rong Hu's place and only saw Chiu Lan there caring for Rong Hu. Chiu Lan told Feng Ming she must have gone outside. Feng Ming found Lady Yao Ye in Cai Jiang's room. He asked her what her third step was in dealing with the heartless swordsman who refused to give up his swordsmanship. Lady Yao Ye scolded Feng Ming for calling his father "heartless" and just explained to Feng Ming that her goal was to let Xiao Zong realize that he can follow his passion as well as being together with her. She tells Feng Ming that Cai Jiang's hands are perfect for learning swordsmanship and if she brought him along on the battlefield, Xiao Zong would follow along to protect his successor. She decided to bring Cai Jiang to see Xiao Zong and told Feng Ming to wait for the good news.

Feng Ming went back to the meeting area and saw that there were more people present. A group of Rong Tian's skilled commanders and Yong Yi, who was dragged in by Lie Er. Everyone was excited to learn that they could finally capture Ruo Yan.

YY: If Xi Lei King is successful, then Yong Yin will have one less threat to worry about. I only have 1000 elite soldiers and will give them to Xi Lei King to command.

Rong Tian saw Feng Ming and asked if he had met Lady Yao Ye. Apparently, Rong Tian had already guessed that Lady Yao Ye would use Master Xiao's only grandson to reach her goal.

Lady Yao Ye came and brought Cai Jiang with her. She asked Rong Tian about his ambush plan and made a request for her to be the sole guardian of Cai Jiang. If she is, she will bring Cai Jiang onto the battlefield and Xiao Zong will follow along with his men to protect his heir.

Rong Tian didn't agree to the offer since losing Cai Jiang — the only grandson of Master Xiao and a child who you can only find once in a hundred years — would be a huge loss for him and this ambush is just a small mission. In order to receive Cai Jiang, the offer should include 33 ships, everything on the ships, and the map of trading routes by sea.

Rong Tian explained that since Master Xiao has finally found a successor, he will put his heart and soul in teaching Cai Jiang. He will not have enough time to manage his shipping business and it will be best to hand over his business to his son, Feng Ming.

Lady Yao Ye agreed and told Rong Tian to quickly mobilize his troops while she persuade Xiao Zong to accept this negotiation.

After she left, Rong Tian turned to the slightly confused and shocked Feng Ming.

RT: Congratulations Duke Ming. From today onward, you might not be the most powerful person in the world, but you are the richest among everyone.

Feng Ming was upset that Rong Tian “sold off” Cai Jiang when he is his son. Rong Tian asked him if Cai Jiang is really his son and was happy when Feng Ming realized Cai Jiang wasn’t really his son.

Rong Tian pulled Feng Ming onto his lap and asked him if Master Xiao and Lady Yao Ye really are Cai Jiang’s grandparents. While asking, Rong Tian teased Feng Ming by blowing in his ear. That was when Feng Ming glared at him to make sure he kept his perverted hands to himself.

After answering that they were both grandparents of Cai Jiang, Rong Tian told Feng Ming that it was best for Cai Jiang to be with his real family.

## CHAPTER 4

Feng Ming couldn’t disagree with Rong Tian, but he suddenly remembered about Cai Qing and told Rong Tian that Cai Jiang still has a mother therefore they can’t separate them.

Rong Tian had already secretly planned on how to answer this and asked Feng Ming if Cai Jiang truly has gifted hands to learn swordsmanship and if he does, then Feng Ming should allow Cai Jiang to learn it from the number one swordsman.

Feng Ming was still upset that Rong Tian used Cai Jiang as a bargaining tool.

RT: If you want wealth, you need to create trade. Who was the one that said this?

FM: It was me....but....

RT: Sea route is a type of trade route and will allow us to gain insight and control a large portion on our enemies’ economic status. If we want to be the ruler of the world, other than military force, we also need talent. If there are no food supplies, how can one kingdom manage? How can an army perform well? This should be common sense to you.

FM: I understand...

RT: Why shouldn’t we accept something we need and also give Cai Jiang a great master for him to have a chance to use his gifted talent?

Soon, Master Xiao sent over one of his disciples to look over Rong Tian’s plan for the ambush mission and requested Rong Tian to place Master Xiao and the other men in the group where Lady Yao Ye will be.

After the plan was all set, Rong Tian was about to request Feng Ming to stay behind but Feng Ming was extremely persistent in being together with Rong Tian and not separating again (especially after the whole Lover’s Blood incident and the oath he made at Dong Fan).

Seeing that he can’t persuade Feng Ming otherwise, they head out on the ambush mission together.

Lie Er will lead Rong Tian’s troops out front carrying torches. As baits, they are to lure the enemies into a trap. Yong Yi and Mei Ji’s soldiers and guards will follow behind Lie Er’s troops, traveling in darkness with Rong Tian and Feng Ming leading them. Master Xiao, his men, and Lady Yao Ye will be in charge of blocking exit routes and assassinating the lead commander.

They have about one hour before the sun comes out to complete this mission. When Lie Er and the troops head into a narrow passageway in the middle of high cliffs, they were ambushed by the enemies. Feng Ming recognized the familiar voice in charge and was eager to go help Lie Er, but Rong Tian ordered him to wait a bit more for Master Xiao’s group to give a signal (whistle & smoke) that they’ve surrounded the enemies before Rong Tian’s group will start attacking.

Once the signal was given, they charged out to fight. Feng Ming barely fought before he was taken away from the battlefield by Mian Ya and relocated to a safe spot away from the fighting. When getting dragged carried away, Feng Ming cursed Rong Tian for not letting him stay and fight alongside. Feng Ming tried struggling with Mian Ya and ordered him to bring him back, but because of Rong Tian's orders he can't do as Feng Ming said.

After struggling on the horse and trying to free himself from Mian Ya's grip, Feng Ming ends up falling off the horse and hitting his head on the ground.

Note: Chiu Xing and Chiu Yue also asked to come along to take care of Cai Jiang on the battlefield.

## CHAPTER 5 & 6

The poor guards had to bandage Feng Ming's bleeding head after he fell off the horse. They were blaming themselves but Feng Ming thought it was only a minor injury. After they were done, Feng Ming noticed that the battle seemed to have stopped.

However, Rong Tian did not head back to see him. After a long while of no one telling him why Rong Tian felt flustered and upset, Feng Ming grew angry. He anxiously demanded Chiu Yue to explain, since no one wanted to and only gave him vague answers.

Chiu Yue eventually tells Feng Ming that they have captured General Tong, who told them that this ambush plan was indeed set up by Tong Er and Ruo Yan. However, Ruo Yan was not in charge of this ambush; he is in charge of another ambush.

Confirming their fears, Ruo Yan had indeed set a second ambush at their hidden campsite, believing that Feng Ming would have been left behind there.

Rong Tian and everyone knew about this but didn't want Feng Ming to know, fearing that Feng Ming would want to head back to the campsite to save the others.

The hidden campsite was completely defenseless since all the troops had been brought out for their mission. They all knew that everyone inside there—Rong Hu, Chiu Lan, Mei Ji, the Third Princess, and perhaps even Bo Ling—had been left to fend for themselves. Knowing Ruo Yan's personality, if he could not find Feng Ming, he would've killed everyone to vent his anger.

Feng Ming wanted Rong Tian to head back to the campsite to save the others. However, Rong Tian knew if he were to save them, two things could happen: one, a hostage exchange in which he would lose Feng Ming (since that's the only person Ruo Yan wants) and that cannot happen, or two, Ruo Yan would kill all the hostages in front of Feng Ming's eyes, leaving Feng Ming to deal with the horror for the rest of his life (which Rong Tian would not allow).

Despite all of Feng Ming's pleas, Rong Tian continued to refuse to head back to the campsite. When Feng Ming asked why, Rong Tian laid it down firmly to Feng Ming that it was because he is the Great King and his words are absolute.

Feng Ming was overly shocked that Rong Tian would say that so he told Rong Tian that since he was not going back, he (FM) will head back himself, even if it meant losing his own life.

After hearing that, Rong Tian forcefully slapped Feng Ming twice and told him to never belittle his life or act irrationally again.

A messenger came and told them that Ruo Yan had indeed raided the campsite and since he couldn't find Feng Ming, he locked all of the people inside Mei Ji's barrack and lit the place on fire.

Hearing the news, everyone was shocked and horrified to learn that Rong Hu, Chiu Lan, Mei Ji, and the others probably did not survive and had been burnt alive.

Feng Ming and Chiu Xing decided to look for Lie Er, knowing that Lie Er must be grieving about his brother's loss.

In a far distance, Lie Er was riding his horse towards them at full speed. Feng Ming thought Lie Er would be upset, but instead he was overjoyed. He told everyone that Rong Hu and Chiu Lan were safe and would be heading back to join up with them.

Both Feng Ming and Chiu Xing thought that Lie Er couldn't cope with the loss and had gone crazy from grief. After Lie Er reported the news to Rong Tian, Rong Tian told Zi Yan (a young commander who was not familiar with Rong Hu) to investigate the matter and to question the people who claimed to be Rong Hu and Chiu Lan.

Both Lie Er and Feng Ming were confused as to why Rong Tian would be suspicious, but the Great King, being a cautious man, had to be certain that everyone and everything were verified before taking any further action.

Zi Yan returned and told everyone that after interrogating Rong Hu and Chiu Lan separately, they both claim to have withdrawn from the campsite after the group had left. The two of them did not know that Ruo Yan had raided the campsite and were shocked to discover that it had been lit on fire.

When asked why they had left the campsite even though Rong Hu was in critical condition, they replied that it was Lady Yao Ye's suggestion for them to follow along. Rong Hu's injury required a dosage of medication each day, and he needed to follow her so she can apply the medication and bandages.

Additionally, the reason why they were late in reaching everyone else was because Lady Yao Ye had told them not to rush. Chiu Lan didn't want to speed up the horse carriage for fear that Rong Hu's injury might reopen and become worse.

After their testimonies made sense, Rong Tian decided to go meet his mother-in-law with Feng Ming on the nearby mountain slope.

The slope was heavily guarded by Xiao Zong's men, but since Rong Tian and Feng Ming came by, they were allowed through.

When they got there, Master Xiao was nowhere to be found. Only Lady Yao Ye was there along with Cai Jiang.

They questioned her as to why she would want Rong Hu and Chiu Lan to leave the campsite when after the ambush mission, they could have returned to the campsite. (Rong Tian suspected that Lady Yao Ye might have banded together with Ruo Yan with an ulterior motive.)

Lady Yao Ye knew Rong Tian was suspecting her, but told them that the reason was because she wasn't planning on staying at the campsite, and was in fact planning on leaving with Cai Jiang. She wanted Rong Hu and Chiu Lan to leave the campsite so she could patch him up one last time before leaving the medication instructions and travel around the world with Cai Jiang.

Feng Ming was sad that Lady Yao Ye would be taking Cai Jiang with her and asked Rong Tian how could he let her do that.

Rong Tian told Feng Ming that they already promised her and also besides her, no one else can protect Cai Jiang - especially from the cold-hearted Master Xiao.

Feeling sad, Feng Ming asked to hold Cai Jiang for the last time, but the little boy reached out his hands and wanted his grandmother to hold him instead. (Poor FM, he couldn't believe that within a short period of time with Lady Yao Ye, his son was betraying him already).

Before they left, Lady Yao Ye pulled Feng Ming aside and asked him about his sex life, and whether he is on top or bottom. After guessing that her son is a bottom, she decided to give Feng Ming a pill to slip into Rong Tian's drink.

Rong Tian asked Feng Ming what he and Lady Yao Ye were discussing, but Feng Ming just shrugged it off and kept the pill as a souvenir (since he wasn't sure what kind of magic voodoo or tricks she put in the pill).

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Lady Yao Ye pulled Feng Ming under a tree where no one else is there and asked him.

YY: When the two of you are together, who's top and who's bottom?

Feng Ming did not guess that she would suddenly asked this. It was like someone lit him on fire that from his neck to his forehead was blushing red.

He stuttered: "This...this...right now, it's not completely decided...."

YY: Seeing your pathetic weakling appearance like this, how can you have the ability to top Xi Lei King? I didn't accept you before because you seemed like the type to get bullied by others. But since I've accepted you, Yao Ye's son can't be a useless nobody that get pushed down by others.

Is being pushed down by others mean that they are useless? This matter needs to be re-examined carefully.

However, Feng Ming was so embarrassed that he hate himself for not being able to dig a hole so he could hide himself in. How could he even have the strength to debate with her about this?

Even now, he couldn't imagined that his "mother" would discuss with him on the topic of who holds who..

Lady Yao Ye scold him a few a words and after thinking for a bit, her eyes lit up in a strange malicious way.

YY: Open up your hand.

When her highness gave her order, Feng Ming had to obediently open up his hand. She placed a small round green pill in his hand.

YY: Put this in his wine for Xi Lei King to drink.

It seems that when they are about to be separated, Lady Yao Ye showed Feng Ming a bit of motherly love....



## CHAPTER 7

Rong Tian tells Feng Ming that they should prepare to head back to the hidden campsite to investigate the area. Feng Ming asked if Ruo Yan might be waiting for them back there. Rong Tian tells him to not worry since Ruo Yan had made a mistake, he would not waste more time by sticking around. Also, since Ruo Yan was awake, news of this will soon spread and he would have other matters to settle back in Li Kingdom.

Rong Tian then asked Feng Ming if he wanted to attend the meeting held with the generals, regarding the plans to revisit the campsite, or if he wanted to see Rong Hu. Feng Ming choose to visit Rong Hu instead.

Just as Feng Ming went to look for Rong Hu, he ran into one of the guards who informed Feng Ming that Mian Ya and the other soldiers were being punished. Because the Duke had fallen off his horse and had injured his head, they were being sentenced with 50 whippings and had to kneel the entire day due to their failure to protect him.

The soldier pleaded with Feng Ming to ask Rong Tian for leniency. Feng Ming answered that he will do just that and immediately left to find Rong Tian.

Before Feng Ming could talk to Rong Tian, he was pulled aside by Lie Er. Feng Ming told Lie Er about Mian Ya, to which Lie Er suggested that he should speak with Rong Hu instead. He brought Feng Ming to where his brother and the maids were.

When Feng Ming saw Chiu Lan and the others, he didn't know how to tell them about Cai Jiang. Since Lady Yao Ye had taken Cai Jiang away, he was worried that they would become upset and cry all day.

Unexpectedly, Chiu Lan told Feng Ming that they understood the Great King's decision and would not argue against it. They also agreed that Cai Jiang would be in good hands. However, Chiu Lan said she would miss cooking for the boy. The others replied that she could just cook for Duke Ming, Lie Er, and everyone else—but most importantly, cook for Rong Hu.

After everyone excused themselves to attend to their own matters, Feng Ming and Rong Hu had a private talk. Feng Ming told Rong Hu about Mian Ya and asked Rong Hu for his advice. Rong Hu answered that since Mian Ya had made a mistake, he deserved to be punished and there was nothing they could do. Feng Ming was upset by this, and asked him whether Mian Ya was their comrade and if they wouldn't want to plead on his behalf.

Rong Hu then told Feng Ming that he should be more considerate of Rong Tian since he recently lost Mei Ji in the fire. Feng Ming had not been thinking about this before, since he always believed that Rong Tian was a strong person who was not easily affected by his emotions. This was the first time someone asked him to sympathize with Rong Tian.

Rong Hu also told Feng Ming that there was something which he and the others had been thinking about, but did not dare to say to Feng Ming's face — it was the fact that Feng Ming had the ability to change Rong Tian's mind, and because of this ability, Rong Hu advised Feng Ming to never take advantage of his control over their king..

If Rong Tian were to make decisions based solely on one person's whims and desires, then that favoritism would not be beneficial to Xi Lei as a whole. Feng Ming thought about what Rong Hu had said and decided that he would avoid influencing Rong Tian's decisions in the future. Whatever Rong Tian decides, he will stand beside him in support.

After deciding on this, Feng Ming left to find Rong Tian.

Lie Er was hiding nearby and had been eavesdropping on their conversation. He was very impressed by his brother. Rong Hu told Lie Er that if news of what he said to Feng Ming reached the ears of Rong Tian, then they would be punished even more severely than Mian Ya.

Lie Er suddenly changed topics and asked Rong Hu if on the way here, he had tried to act pitiful in the horse carriage and took advantage of Chiu Lan's kindness by touching and kissing her.

Rong Hu told Lie Er that if he wasn't so heavily injured, he would have smacked Lie Er's behind so hard it would make Yong Yi cry out.

Lie Er replied that Yong Yi had already cried his heart out, believing that his beloved was grieving over Rong Hu's death. Because of his awful crying face, Yong Yi was currently hiding himself in embarrassment so no one can see him.

Feng Ming was able to see Rong Tian just when the meeting was over. Feng Ming told him that he understood what Rong Tian was going through, and whatever he decides, Feng Ming would always stand beside him to share his burden. However, Rong Tian shouldn't keep things from him or lie to him.

Rong Tian agreed that he shouldn't have kept secrets from Feng Ming. The recent information Rong Tian had received concerned Master Xiao's ship blueprints and a map of sea routes. Master Xiao had agreed to hand them over along with 33 of his ships. However, since Feng Ming had the guts to take over the shipping business, he must also prove that he has the talent to become the rightful successor within one year. In order to prove himself, he will need to find a safe route by sea, allowing Xi Lei to transport rare luminescent sand from Dan Lin. If he is able to do so within one year, then Feng Ming would be acknowledged as the rightful successor. If not, then Master Xiao will kill off this useless son of his.

Rong Tian remarked that if they are unsuccessful, then he might as well lock up Feng Ming until Master Xiao dies, because once Xiao Zong has decided to kill someone, he will undoubtedly do so. However, Rong Tian assured Feng Ming that he would die before he allowed that to happen, and Master Xiao would have to step over Rong Tian's dead body first.

Feng Ming said that he would accept the challenge even though he doesn't have experience in shipping other than getting kidnapped by Lu Dan on the boat.

After hearing Feng Ming's determination, they gave each other a long and passionate kiss, which was interrupted by a group of soldiers who came looking for Rong Tian.

The soldiers knew that they had chosen the wrong time to interrupt. One of them pushed Zi Yan forward to inform Rong Tian that preparations had been made to return to the campsite.

Rong Tian and Feng Ming made a bet between them that whoever reaches the campsite last will be at mercy of the other. They both rode to the campsite on horseback, and of course Rong Tian had won.

Later, they both saw that the whole place had been burnt to the ground. Rong Tian found a hairpin and confirmed that it was the same one he had given Mei Ji. When the other troops had arrived, Rong Tian told them to set a burial for the unfortunate charred bodies that were scorched beyond distinction or recognition.

The troops set up camp with Rong Tian and Feng Ming sharing one barrack. At night, Feng Ming woke up to find that Rong Tian was not in bed with him, and so he got up to look for Rong Tian.

## CHAPTER 8

Feng Ming found Rong Tian outside at the grave site and he felt really sad for Rong Tian. When he asked what Rong Tian was doing, Rong Tian said he swore on Mei Ji's grave that he will kill all of the people in Li kingdom. He then asked Feng Ming if that was cruel of him to do so.

Feng Ming just brought him back inside the tent to drink some wine, hoping it would ease his pain. The wine was secretly brought to them by Yong Yi's troops along with other food supplies.

Rong Tian has a high tolerance for wine, but when he drank this wine, he was easily drunk. Feng Ming tells Rong Tian that didn't they make a bet that whoever reaches the campsite last will be in the mercy of the other person.

Rong Tian noticed that he was getting drunk and his sexual desires were reaching its peak, he wanted to make sure Feng Ming would be alright since he might hurt him. Feng Ming didn't hesitate and continued to snuggled next to Rong Tian.

They ended up having hot passionate sex that Feng Ming screamed out several times at how rough Rong Tian was.

The next morning, Rong Tian asked Feng Ming what he put in the wine and who gave it to him. Feng Ming admitted that he threatened Yong Yi and asked him for some type of stimulant that can be put into the wine.

Feng Ming also felt a bit sensitive when he saw Rong Tian looking for corpses in the burnt campsite and felt he needed to do something. After Rong Tian and Feng Ming had slept, he thought that he was thinking too much. But when Feng Ming saw that Rong Tian had woken up in the middle of the night, he knew he wasn't over thinking.

Feng Ming wanted to use the wine as an invitation, his body as bait, and sex as a way for Rong Tian to forget his pain in his heart for a short moment.

Rong Tian called him foolish. Feng Ming admitted that he was foolish, but at that time, he didn't know what else to do.

Feng Ming thought that Rong Tian would carry him up from bed, but he didn't do so. With one arm holding Feng Ming's waist, Rong Tian wanted to feel the existence of him. He placed his ear against Feng Ming's chest.

"What are you doing?" Feng Ming asked.

"I'm listening to your heart."

Rong Tian's childish personality caused Feng Ming to laugh, "What is it saying?"

"It's saying that Duke Ming is a fool, Duke Ming is a fool..."

Rong Tian was still listening intently, a bit later, he said: "It also said, Duke Ming became a fool because of a fool. That fool is 100 times more foolish than Duke Ming....Oh no, two fools are together in one place, what are we going to do?"

Feng Ming was in pain all over so he was not easily impressed by Rong Tian's joke.

"If you are a fool, then there won't be any intelligent person in this world." Feng Ming stared at Rong Tian for a bit, lifted his arm with difficulty and elbowed Rong Tian. "Intelligent person, next time it's my turn on top, remember that."

Chiu Yue and Chiu Xing came by to help Feng Ming. When asked where Chiu Lan was, they said she was taking care of Rong Hu since Lie Er would not be of good help due to his clumsiness.

When Chiu Yue finished saying that, Lie Er came in and shouted out: "Ha! Early in the morning and yet I hear someone speaking badly about me! Bad people talking behind my back, this time I've caught you red-handed."

CY & CX : What do you mean talking behind your back? We would dare to say it in front of your face. Your hands and legs are clumsy, Lie Er is an idiot.

While arguing with Lie Er, Chiu Xing accidentally caused Feng Ming to yell out while she was cleaning him.

The maids were confused as to why Feng Ming just moved a bit and was yelling out in pain. Rong Tian told them all to leave and let Feng Ming rest.

Rong Tian then helped Feng Ming, wiping him with a towel and massaging him. While they were enjoying the sweet moment, Lie Er suddenly came back. When he saw Rong Tian serving Feng Ming, he was surprised.

LE: Why is Your Majesty personally doing that? Let me do that.

RT: (looking at Lie Er) Why are you here again?

Lie Er walked forward, respectfully taking the towel in Rong Tian's hands, dipped it into warm water and continued wiping Feng Ming's arm.

LE: I came here to ask for Your Majesty's order. General Tong Jian Min was captured alive during the ambush mission and is currently tied up behind the campsite. Does Your Majesty wish to interrogate him once more about the current situation of that ungrateful bastard Great King Tong Er?

FM: Lie Er, you are a well-mannered person, why are you speaking in ill manner ways?

LE: (stick out his tongue) Please forgive me, Duke Ming. It's just that when I imagine that that person is the Great King of Xi Lei I get angry.

At that time, there was a general waiting outside the tent to address military matters. Rong Tian didn't want more people to come in to bother Feng Ming so he went outside to speak with him.

Taking the opportunity that Rong Tian had left, Lie Er tells Feng Ming that he knew what happened between Rong Tian and him last night. Feng Ming was embarrassed and asked how he knew. Lie Er responded that Yong Yi told him everything and he was also looking after his brother for the night and didn't sleep; therefore, he could hear strange noises in the silent night. He also tells Feng Ming that he will be serving him and won't tell Chiu Xing and the others about it.

Rong Tian returned and informed them that General Tong didn't capture Empress Dowager, but only heard rumors that she was coming back to the capital; therefore, took that news to their advantage along with monitoring some of the court officials that had a high chance of supporting Rong Tian's return.

Feng Ming asked Rong Tian why wouldn't Tong Er kill off the court officials that were loyal to Rong Tian. That way, Rong Tian wouldn't have much supporters. Rong Tian explained that without clear evidence, Tong Er does not have any reason to kill the court officials.

Rong Tian then asked Feng Ming if he also wants to listen in on the interrogation of General Tong, which Feng Ming agrees. Lie Er was ordered to bring General Tong to them.

After Lie Er left, another person entered their tent. It was Empress Dowager. They were both surprised and happy that she returned back safely.

Empress Dowager asked Rong Tian if they truly captured General Tong and whether they asked him why Tong Er has the ability to convince the royal families of Xi Lei to crown him as King.

Feng Ming asked her if Tong Er really has other supporters besides being from royal bloodline and Tong family.

ED: Of course.

Empress Dowager's facial expression was different than usual, which made Feng Ming feel that something was wrong.

FM: Who is he relying on?

The eyes of the most supreme lady in Xi Lei switched over to Feng Ming, her lips let out a wry smile.

ED: He's relying on what Feng Ming had suggested to His Majesty, a national policy that can shake the foundation of Xi Lei.

FM: Me?

ED: (sighed) Frankly speaking, even myself admit that this national policy will shake the foundation of Xi Lei, which can cause groups of loyal officials who had supported the royal bloodline of Xi Lei to have feelings of anxiety and anger. When I think about it, for Tong Er to have a sudden coup and be formally enthroned in Xi Lei is not without reason.

RT: Royal Mother doesn't need to blame Duke Ming. Even though Duke Ming made the suggestion, this national policy was something I decided. Even if it's wrong, it was because of me.

FM: This national policy...can you explain it clearly?

Feng Ming clearly could not think of a reason. Those past years, he would remember three, but forget two parts. He had made many suggestions to Rong Tian, which were no less than one thousand, how can he remember all of them.

God!

So what suggestion was so important that can shake the foundation of Xi Lei?

Wouldn't this mean that he is the person that harmed his people?

At this time, Lie Er's voice was heard outside the tent: "Your Majesty, I've brought General Tong Jian Min here."

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FENG YU JIU TIAN VOLUME 9 CHAPTER 8 (RT & FM'S DRUNKEN LOVE SCENE)

Underneath the dark sky, watching the lonesome figure of Rong Tian in the distance, tears fell endlessly from Feng Ming's face. One drop trickled after another, as if his battered heart was unable to contain the immeasurable sorrow.

He didn't know how to comfort the strong-willed man standing before him. At this time and in this moment, he secretly wished that Rong Tian was incapable of loving so deeply, because this love has become a large burden resting upon his shoulders.

The affection Rong Tian once held for Mei Ji had not completely disappeared after all these years. In this desolate, empty field, Feng Ming wept for Rong Tian who was silently grieving.

"Feng Ming, why are you here?" A warm, tranquil voice traveled to his ears. "You couldn't sleep?"

He lifted his head at the familiar sound which he knew so well. Feng Ming did not realize when Rong Tian had crossed the distance between them. His lover was now standing in front of him, just like how he would forever be beside him.

Feng Ming focused on the handsome and extraordinary man in front of his eyes, his vision still blurry. He solemnly nodded his head in answer.

RT: I also couldn't sleep.

Rong Tian held out his sleeves and helped Feng Ming wipe away the tears. "Don't worry, I'll come back with you. We'll chat a bit and soon you'll fall asleep."

Holding onto Feng Ming's hand, they turned around and slowly headed back to the campsite.

RT: Why did you cry? Are you still angry with me?

Feng Ming wiped his puffy eyes. Without answering, he asked Rong Tian, "What did you pray for in front of the grave?"

Rong Tian stopped and tilted his head to look at Feng Ming for a moment before he resumed his walk in silence.

When they reached their tent, Rong Tian finally said, "I swore to Mei Ji that there will be a day when the entire royal family of Li Kingdom will be eliminated. Man or woman, young or old—no one will be spared."

Feng Ming suddenly stopped in his tracks.

Rong Tian had already guessed that he would disapprove. His lips curled into a sad, humorless smile. "You must think I'm very cruel, don't you?"

FM: Right now, I really want to drink wine. Will you accompany me?

Lifting the curtain of the tent, they both walked inside. Feng Ming lit a candle and opened a bottle of wine placed on the ground, drinking a mouthful. Because of the burning sensation heading straight to his nose, Feng Ming's face became bright red.

FM: You're not going to accompany me?

Rong Tian didn't hesitate to answer. "Of course I am."

Stepping forward, he received the bottle of wine from Feng Ming. Just like Feng Ming, he held it with two hands, tilting his head to drink and giving out a loud shout.

The smell of alcohol spread in all directions, warming his body.

Rong Tian's tolerance was beyond most people, so he was not afraid of the burning sensation and continued to drink the wine as if it was water. After a while, he noticed that his worries had diminished about 90%.

Rong Tian laughed, "This is an excellent wine. It's a pity there's only one bottle."

With a forceful toss, he threw the empty bottle behind him, shattering it into pieces as it hit the ground.

That high-quality wine had been from Yong Yin. When Yong Yi requested his men to transport food supplies, the wine had been brought along. In total, there were several bottles of the wine. Not only was it strong, it could easily cause a person to be intoxicated.

Rong Tian had indulged on the wine to relieve his sorrows, and quickly became drunk. He suddenly turned around and swiftly sat down.

He looked up at Feng Ming and remarked, "This wine is very strong."

Although his voice was clear, his cheeks had a faint blush, raising cause for alarm.

Feng Ming took two steps forward.

RT: Don't come closer.

Pausing for a bit, Rong Tian tried to cope with the feelings of dizziness.

RT: If you still can't sleep, then you can go over to the next tent and find Chiu Lan and the others to chitchat.

FM: And wake everyone up?

Feng Ming did not listen to Rong Tian's warning. He continued to walk forward and sat down next to him.

FM: Also, I lost the bet today and told you that I would be at your mercy.

Rong Tian remained silent as he gazed into Feng Ming's eyes. The pair of dark pupils carried a spark of naivety, which stirred perverse feelings of lust from deep within. That vulnerable, tempting look was compelling him to dominate and possess the person in front of him.

A sudden burst of excitement rushed straight to his bottom half. Rong Tian inhaled a deep breath to calm his beating heart. In a lowered voice he asked, "You really aren't going to leave?"

Feng Ming glanced between Rong Tian's legs and understood clearly. He shook his head, his ears burning for quite some time.

Rong Tian clenched his teeth, his increasing arousal was reaching the point where it was difficult to restrain himself. He warned a second time, "I'm not in a good mood. I won't be able to hold back tonight and might hurt you."

Even so, Feng Ming still pulled closer, more persistent and determined than before. He quietly answered, "It hurt before, but I'm much stronger now. Do you think that I can be easily injured?"

Feng Ming's words were abruptly cut off.

A primal force like a blazing fire had stormed forth, enveloping him in tight embrace as they both fell back onto the bed. His body was held down by Rong Tian, whose eyes were filled with a desire so intense it was unnerving.

Feng Ming was alarmed by the sudden forcefulness and he gave out a small shout. His cry was immediately smothered by a pair of lips. The kiss was rough, merciless, leaving him breathless as Rong Tian's tongue invaded his mouth with a self-indulgent cruelty.

The heated sensation from Feng Ming's mouth went straight to his head and he couldn't stop it from spreading throughout his body and down into his lower half, awaking his own desires that haven't been fulfilled because of the Lover's Blood.

Like an animal, Rong Tian didn't say anything as he quickly pulled off Feng Ming's belt. Reaching his hands inside, he grabbed a hold of Feng Ming's precious jewel that was already erect.

"Ah!" Feng Ming gasped.

"Don't be afraid." Rong Tian gave a wolfish smile, excited by the sounds of pleasure made by his lover. The scent of alcohol, along with his hot perspiration, poured out onto Feng Ming's face. Underneath the flickering candlelight, Rong Tian's smile turned into a predatory smirk. He lowered his head and gently nibbled onto Feng Ming's ear while his long fingers slowly stroked the jewel he had in his hand.

"Ah..."

Not wanting to waste time, he used the palm of his hand to wrap around Feng Ming's erect organ and continued to tease and coax it.

A sudden jolt of pleasure ran down Feng Ming's back, causing him to arch his body upward as he called out.

"Rong....Rong Tian..." His voice trembled as if begging for mercy, but did not want for it to stop, "No....I can't..."

"It's too early."

Rong Tian easily suppressed his lover who was writhing beneath him restlessly. Wanting to savor the reactions of Feng Ming's member, Rong Tian continued to stroke it attentively. At a close distance, he watched every expression Feng Ming made.

From his skillful touch, the muscles became taut. Layers of glistening sweat dripped down Feng Ming's forehead, both cheeks were burning red. His lips trembled slightly as he moaned. Every little change on his face was amplified under the candlelight, all for Rong Tian's enjoyment.

"No...oh...no...can't..." Feng Ming's lips quivered as he turned his head away, but Rong Tian ruthlessly held his chin and turned him back.

"I want to see your face when you come." Rong Tian commanded in a low voice as he gazed into his lover's eyes.

Like having a current flowing through his body, shock wave after shock wave of pleasure caused Feng Ming to uncontrollably arch forward..

It was impossible to escape from Rong Tian's grasp.

"No...no..." His delicate toes curled from the exquisite pleasure.

He was no longer able to control himself. Hoping to reach the peak of pleasure, he no longer cared for the shame that was soon replaced by sweet bliss. Each of his reactions was closely observed by Rong Tian, his wanton expressions reflected in those dark eyes, misted by desire.

Thinking about this, Feng Ming almost wanted to cry.



"Do you want to come?" Rong Tian whispered into his ear, his breath warm and sensual, the fragrance of temptation,

Feng Ming felt as if his earlobe was being set ablaze as Rong Tian licked it, each small bite causing him to burn inside.

"Rong... Rong Tian..." Feng Ming desperately shook his head, choking back his tears.

Rong Tian continued tending to his lover, his pace quickening at the challenge.

"Don't....no...ah...." Feng Ming was twisting and crying underneath those skilled hands.

After a short moment, he declared defeat.

"Ah!" Feng Ming let out a cry as his body fell limp from its highest arching point. The intense moment was followed by shame as white fluids spurted out.

"Didn't I say it was too early?" Rong Tian teased.

He didn't give Feng Ming any time to breathe as both of their clothes were immediately stripped and thrown onto the ground. In less than a second, Feng Ming's forbidden area that had not been touched for many days was now being invaded.

Rong Tian took the residual fluid of Feng Ming onto his hand coated the entrance with it.

"Wait, wait."

That part of him had contracted due to his fright. Although Feng Ming was mentally prepared in his mind, Rong Tian's member was still 'too much for him to handle'.

"I can't wait."

Unable to restrain himself any longer, Rong Tian plunged his fingers deep inside, piercing through the tight entrance. Unlike his usual self, who had always been patient when it came to pleasuring Feng Ming, Rong Tian's actions tonight were more aggressive and rough.

Just like a small animal, Feng Ming weakly begged for mercy, "Rong Tian... please... please... a little slower..."

Hearing his lover's pleading voice, Rong Tian seemed to regain some self-control. Clenching his teeth, he extracted his fingers. After breathing heavily for a moment and restraining himself from exploring further, Rong Tian asked in a hoarse voice, "Is it alright now?"

Without waiting for an answer, his fingers had entered again. After fooling around for a bit, he bent his fingers and stimulated the inner walls.

Feng Ming couldn't suppress his heavy breathing. A thin layer of sweat formed on his skin, his face reddened as if he was drenched in hot water. "I want to love you fiercely!"

Any last shred of self-restraint that Rong Tian had possessed disappeared with that admission. He spread open Feng Ming's legs and positioned them in front of his chest.

With a single sharp thrust, he breached through the tight entrance until he was at the hilt.

"Ah Ah Ah!" Feng Ming moaned uncontrollably. The sensation of being filled was overwhelming.

Feng Ming had never seen him this violent before. Rong Tian's strong hips rocked back and forth as he entered him, each time seemingly deeper than the last.

"No...no...it hurts...." Feng Ming's eyebrows creased into an agitated line, his forehead damp with sweat, his hair a mess.

Mercilessly violated, through his blurred vision, he saw that Rong Tian seemed to be losing himself in this mindless pleasure. His intense face revealed an expression of pure ecstasy.

"It hurts... Rong Tian... Rong..." Feng Ming cried out in pain while stretching out his arms to embrace Rong Tian.

The closeness of their bodies created a greater intimacy.

Rong Tian continued to fiercely thrust into the narrow entrance, which had already swollen due to the friction.

"Kiss me." Rong Tian said in a deep voice, ragged with lust.

"No...too...too...thick....." It was a pleasure so devastating, Feng Ming's reply sounded hoarse as his breathing became irregular.

Even so, he still stubbornly clung onto Rong Tian. Feng Ming tilted his head back, exposing his white neck as he was lost in trance underneath Rong Tian's spell.

Like a starving wolf, Rong Tian had bit the skin near Feng Ming's Adam's apple, using his tongue to caress the faint bruising. After leaving a trail of hungry kisses on his neck, Rong Tian locked onto his lover's lips, savagely taking his breath away.

"Feng Ming, is it deep enough?" His question was a sultry murmur, eyes shining with satisfaction.

Such an explicit question had strongly aroused Feng Ming, causing his inner walls to contract even more.

This reaction was an invitation for Rong Tian, who smirked in response as he gave another thrust. Hearing Feng Ming gasp in delight, the torture continued as he asked once more, "Is it not deep enough?"

"Ah...how...hate...ful..."

"Is it enough?"

"No...."

"It's not enough?" Rong Tian was eager to test his limits. The heat from his ravenous gaze caused Feng Ming to involuntarily shudder, his face blushing red to his ears.

"Is it really not enough?"

"Enough....it's enough!" Feng Ming finally called out in surrender.

Rong Tian continued to enter and withdraw without stopping. Even the intensity caused the lungs inside his chest to almost squeeze through.

The thick member within his twitching body was issuing a gushing sexual sound. The numbness from his behind was gradually spreading...the time it reached the middle of his spine, it was like a firecracker exploding.

As his body could no longer endure, it trembled in excitement. The member in front of Rong Tian's abdomen suddenly splashed out white fluids.

Almost at the same time, a gush of heat burst from the depths of his lover's body, causing Feng Ming to tremble from climaxing once again. He cried out sharply, his stiff body easing off.

Rong Tian finally stopped, although he was not quite finished as he rested on top of Feng Ming. The scent of their love-making had filled the entire tent. After a few ragged breaths, Rong Tian turned Feng Ming over and re-positioned himself.

Feng Ming was exhausted, his eyes widened in disbelief. "You're still not satisfied?"

Rong Tian answered with a single motion, piercing through the swollen, narrow passage for the second time, causing it to sting in pain.

"I'll never be satisfied in this lifetime." With one breath, he breached the innermost walls. Just like that, Rong Tian let out a carefree laugh as he fiercely moved his hips.

"Ah...gently...please....I beg you..."

Their two bodies were entwined together, emitting sounds that could cause even the most experienced courtesans to blush. As the night passed by, his body never once lost its sensation. On the contrary, he grew even more sensitive to the friction, enduring the ravaging torture that could drive one to madness.

"Ah...ah....spare me...." Feng Ming begged for mercy.

His mind was disoriented, drowned in a sensual haze, forgetting how many times he had climaxed that night. Each time was more intense than the last, leaving him without a moment to rest.

Rong Tian had entered him so deeply that it gave an illusion as if they would always be together for this entire lifetime.

Maybe for eternity.

Their fates entwined, Feng Ming would always hold onto this brief memory of sweet longing. Perhaps this illusion was not so bad.

## END OF VOLUME 9