


A LONG TRADITION OF DRUG TRADING HAS BROUGHT WEALTH AND PROSPERITY TO OUR FAMILY, BUT FOR THAT EXACT REASON, WE HAVE A SECRET-

THERE'S A DETACHED BUILDING ON THE GROUNDS OF THIS ESTATE, WHICH ONLY THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE IS ALLOWED TO ENTER.



A  
MEDICINE  
OF  
IMMORTALITY

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Human hair.



IT WAS...

BUT I MANAGED TO GET A GLIMPSE ...

HE NEVER TOLD ME WHAT THAT MEDICINE IS CALLED, CLAIMING THAT IT'S A FAMILY SECRET...

HOWEVER... WHEN MY GRANDFATHER BROUGHT A CERTAIN SOMETHING OUT OF THAT DETACHED BUILDING, AND MADE MEDICINE OUT OF IT, IT IMMEDIATELY CURED ME.

WHEN I WAS 10, I FELL ILL WITH AN INCURABLE DISEASE. NO MEDICINE OR DRUG WOULD IMPROVE MY CONDITION.



AND THEN...



I SAW A HUGE JAIL ROOM, EVIDENTLY MEANT TO IMPRISON "SOMETHING!"



AND UPON PASSING THE CRUMBLING FENCE...

AS SOON AS I RECOVERED, I SNUCK INTO THE RESTRICTED AREA...

WHAT DOES ETERNITY BRING - INFINITE BLISS, OR UNENDING SUFFERING?  
A SORROWFUL TALE OF A GIRL SWEEP ALONG BY THE CURRENTS OF TIME.

I  
SAW...  
HER...

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CRACK

Her  
hair's  
so  
long...



WHO GOES THERE!?

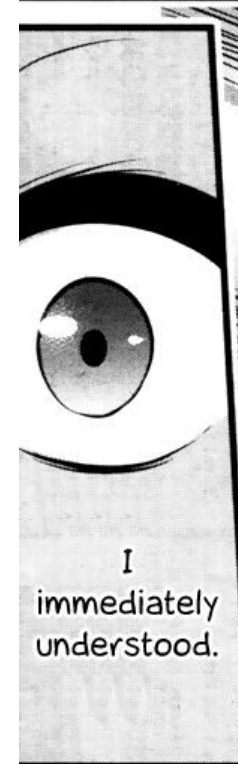
CRASH!

WHOA ...!



I WAS JUST...

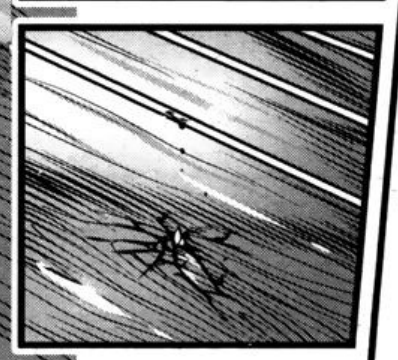
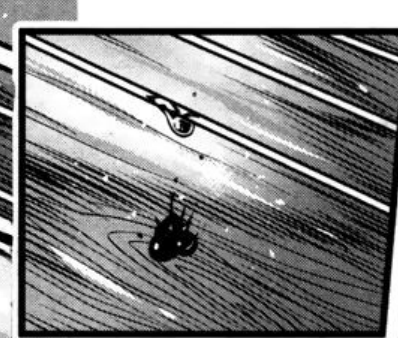
I-... I'M SORRY...



When the drop of blood she shed caused a sapling to grow from the old guzheng she was playing-

DRIP

I immediately understood.



At that moment...



Had been hers...

That hair...



ZHONG CHANG...? WAIT, WHO ARE YOU, LADY? HOW DO YOU KNOW GRANDFATHER'S NAME?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, DARLING?

OH MY, I HAVEN'T HAD ANY VISITORS EXCEPT ZHONG CHANG FOR AGES!



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? GRANDFATHER ISN'T A BOY!  
HE'S ALMOST A HUNDRED YEARS OLD!

COME HERE AND LET GRANDMA SEE YOUR FACE. I'VE GOT SOME REALLY NICE CANDY FOR YOU.

OHH, ZHONG CHANG'S GRANDSON? THAT BOY NEVER DID INTRODUCE ME TO HIS FAMILY.



YES, YOU SEE...



WHA-!?! NO WAY! THAT OLD!?!

AS FOR MY AGE... LET'S JUST SAY I'M OLDER THAN ZHONG CHANG'S GRANDPA.



BUT I'M FAR OLDER THAN YOUR GRANDPA. YOU SHOULD CALL ME GRANDMA, TOO.

I MAY NOT LOOK THE PART, DARLING



I DRANK THE  
ELIXIR OF  
IMMORTALITY.



Was how  
we met.

That...



JUST  
BEING  
NEXT TO  
HER FILLED  
ME WITH  
TRAN-  
QUILITY.

JI ZHI,  
MY DEAR,

BUT  
BECAUSE  
SHE  
SMELLED  
LIKE  
MEDICINE.

I WOULD  
VISIT HER  
SOMETIMES,  
BEHIND MY  
GRAND-  
FATHER'S  
BACK... NOT  
ONLY BECAUSE  
SHE WOULD  
GIVE ME TOYS  
AND CANDY...



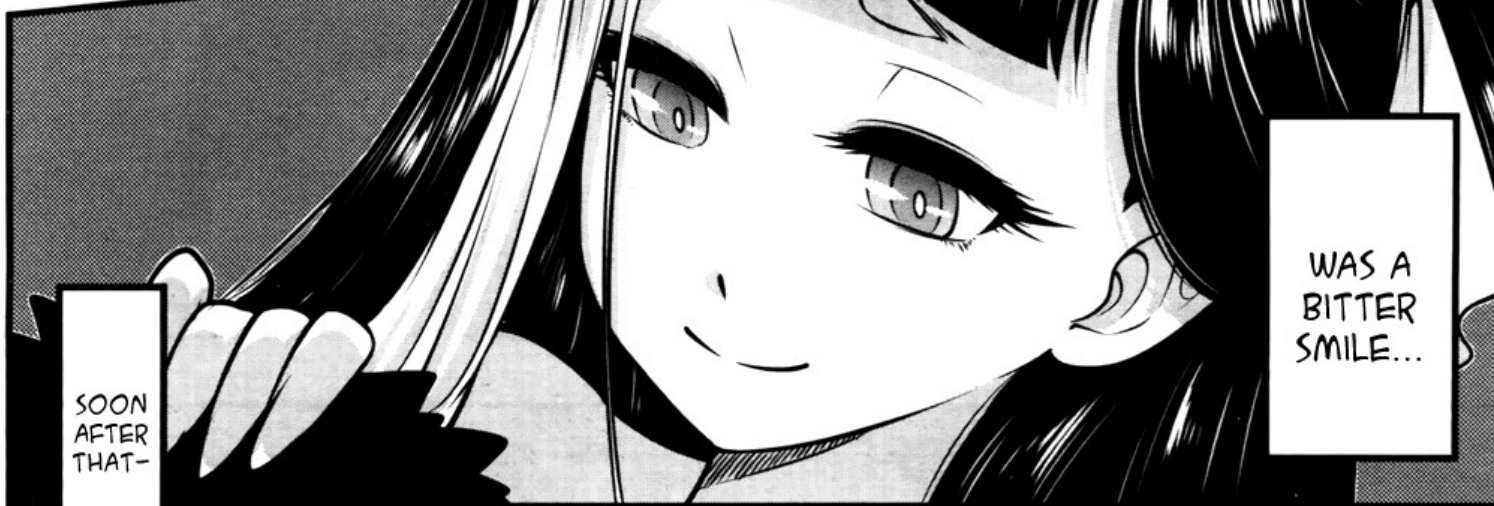
WHO'S "HIM"?

SHE NEVER TOLD ME WHY SHE WAS IMPRISONED THERE

YOU LOOK JUST LIKE HIM.

ALL I GOT OUT OF HER

OR WHO "HE" WAS.



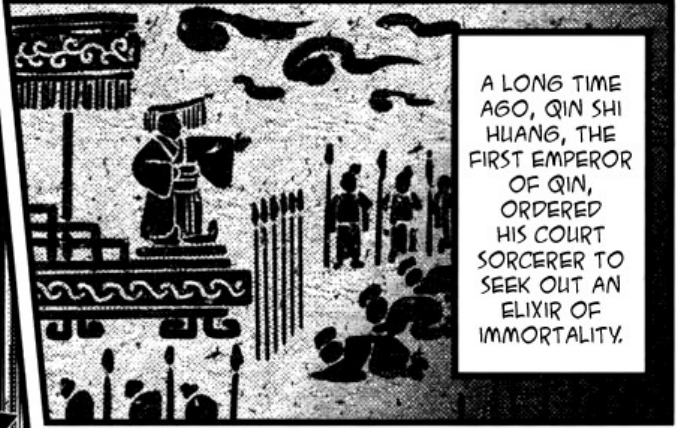
SOON AFTER THAT-

WAS A BITTER SMILE...

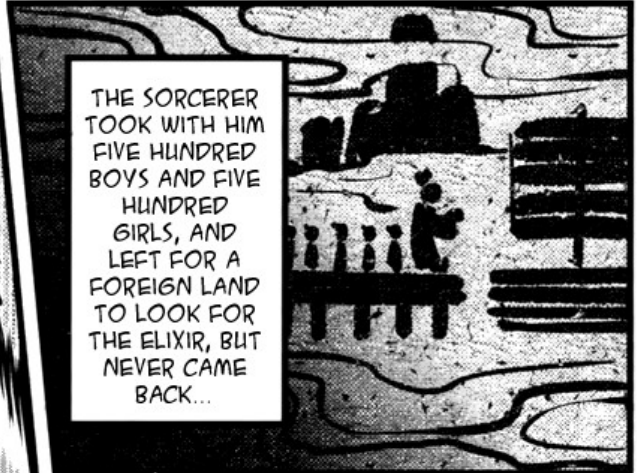


AFTER THAT-

**JI ZHI!**



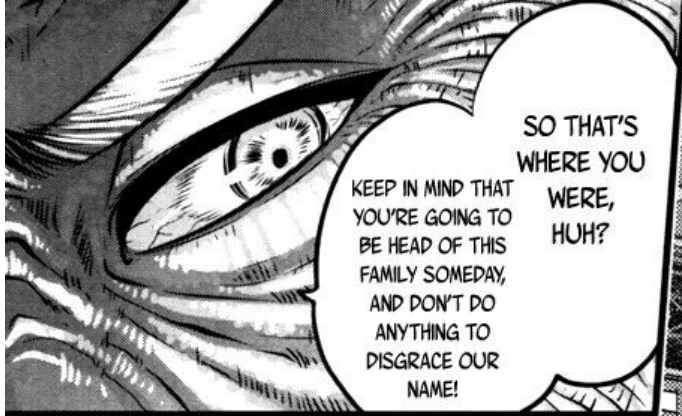
A LONG TIME AGO, QIN SHI HUANG, THE FIRST EMPEROR OF QIN, ORDERED HIS COURT SORCERER TO SEEK OUT AN ELIXIR OF IMMORTALITY.



THE SORCERER TOOK WITH HIM FIVE HUNDRED BOYS AND FIVE HUNDRED GIRLS, AND LEFT FOR A FOREIGN LAND TO LOOK FOR THE ELIXIR, BUT NEVER CAME BACK...



I FOUND SOME DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE POTION OF IMMORTALITY IN THE LIBRARY.



SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE, HUH?  
KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE HEAD OF THIS FAMILY SOMEDAY, AND DON'T DO ANYTHING TO DISGRACE OUR NAME!



AH! GRAND-FATHER!



HMPH! TALENTLESS IDIOT, JUST LIKE HIS COWARD OF A FATHER!  
...NG-...GH...!

COUGH!  
COUGH  
...!

y-... YES...!



COUGH!  
COUGH  
...!



HE'S GOING TO GRANDMA'S PLACE...



I'M GOING... TO THE DETACHED BUILDING...  
COUGH!... YOU...COUGH!... STAY HERE...



COUGH!

NO-...STAY AWAY...! IT'S NOTHING... JUST THE USUAL...  
COUGH! COUGH!

MY LORD... IS SOMETHING WRONG...!?



IT'S BEEN AGES, ZHONG CHANG. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING LATELY?

OH?



THE MEDICINE... YOUR LADYSHIP, I NEED THE MEDICINE OF IMMORTALITY...



**I'M NOT HERE TO WASTE TIME CHATTING WITH YOU!**

**SHUT UP, YOU DAMN RELIC!**

COME AND HAVE A CHAT WITH YOUR GRANDMA, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE. I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW EVERYONE AT THE MANSION IS DOING...

OH, THAT AGAIN... IT CAN WAIT FOR A WHILE. HAVE A SEAT, I'LL POUR US SOME TEA.

**YOU IMMORTAL ABOMINATION!**

**REMEMBER YOUR DAMN PLACE! I'M ONLY PRETENDING TO RESPECT YOU TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES!**



JUST LIKE YOU DID FOR MY FATHER, AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM...

MORE... GIVE ME MORE!

THE FLUIDS OF A BODY THAT'S BEEN SOAKED IN THE ELIXIR OF IMMORTALITY...

YES... THAT'S IT...

THE SECRET BEHIND THE LONGEVITY OF THE PREVIOUS HEADS...



URK!...

UURGH...

GH--

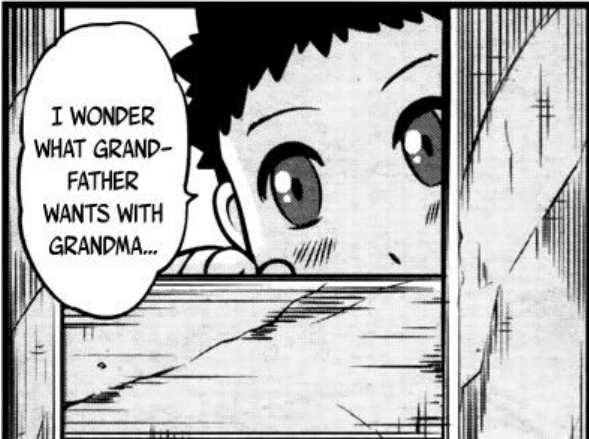
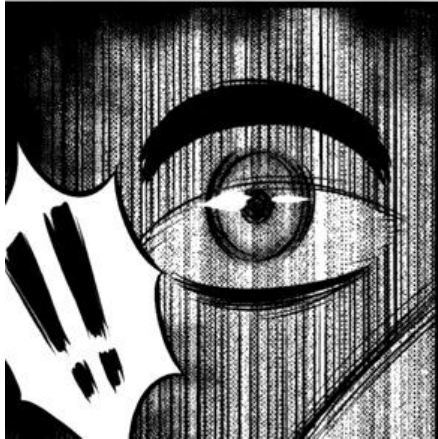


YOU OLD WHORE...



IF YOU HELP ME LIVE LONGER, I CAN OFFER YOU MORE SATISFACTION... IT'S A GOOD DEAL FOR BOTH OF US, ISN'T IT?

NOBODY ELSE WOULD WANT TO EMBRACE THAT PERPETUALLY CHILDISH BODY OF YOURS... ALL THAT PENT-UP LUST MUST BE MADDENING...



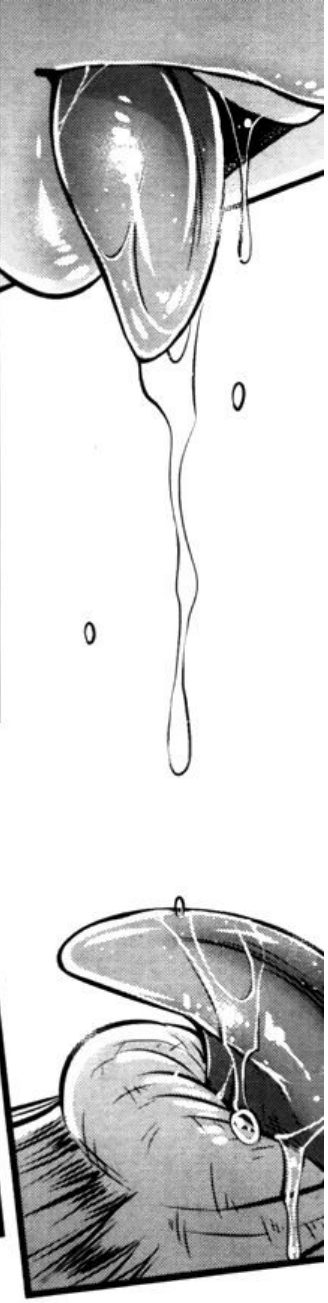
I WONDER WHAT GRAND-FATHER WANTS WITH GRANDMA...



HUP!



WHEN THE QIN DYNASTY MET ITS END, A CERTAIN GIRL APPEARED ON THE EASTERN COAST.



NEITHER BLADE NOR DISEASE LEFT ANY LASTING MARK ON HER, AND NO POISON WOULD AFFECT HER.







WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE, YOU OLD WENCH?

LOOK AT THIS. I CAN'T GO OUTSIDE LIKE THIS, CAN I?

THE EFFECT IS AS STRONG AS ALWAYS, HUH.

THE MEDICINE OF IMMORTALITY.

MM MH

UGH

HA AH

HA AH

HA AH

HAH

HE HE

HAH!

HA AH

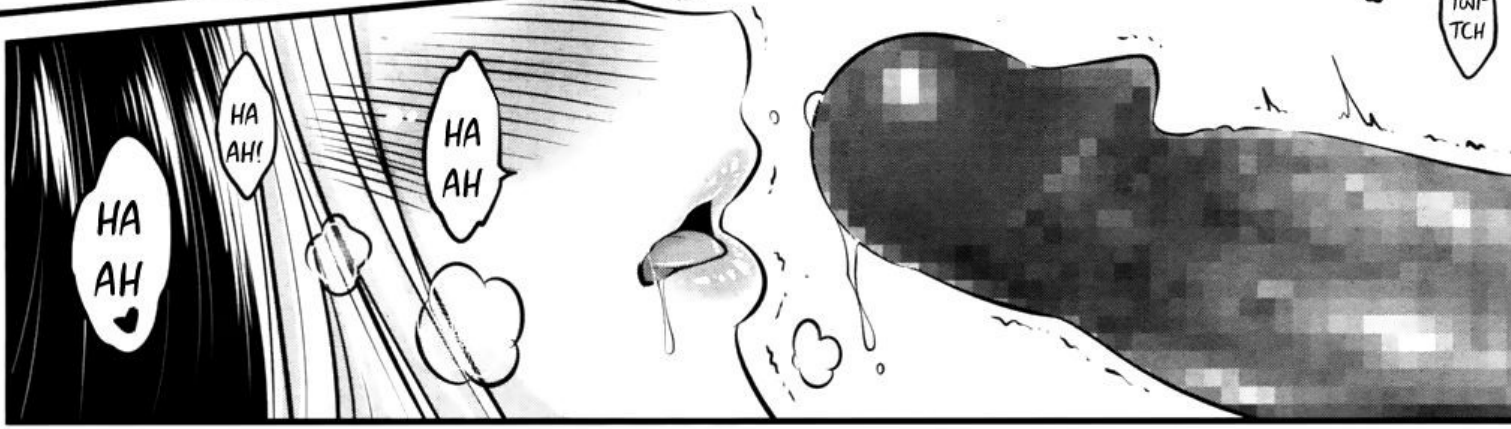
HA AH

STR-ETCH

TWITCH

TWITCH

TWITCH



HA AH

HA AH!

HA AH



SUCK

SCHLICK



HA AH  
SUCK  
YOU  
FILTHY  
OLD  
SOW!

IMMORTALITY  
ASIDE, YOU'RE  
JUST A GIRL  
WHO'S LIVED  
FOR A FEW  
CENTURIES.  
YOUR  
APPEARANCE  
IS THAT OF A  
CHILD, BUT  
YOUR LUST  
IS ANYTHING  
BUT.



PLEASE...  
PLEASE,  
STOP...  
NN-AH!



AND THUS  
SHE BECAME  
A PRISONER,  
HER  
FREEDOM  
STOLEN BY  
THOSE WHO  
WOULD USE  
HER TO  
FULFILL  
THEIR  
AMBITIONS.

HER  
BODY  
ITSELF  
HAD  
BECOME  
THE  
ELIXIR  
OF  
IMMORTALITY



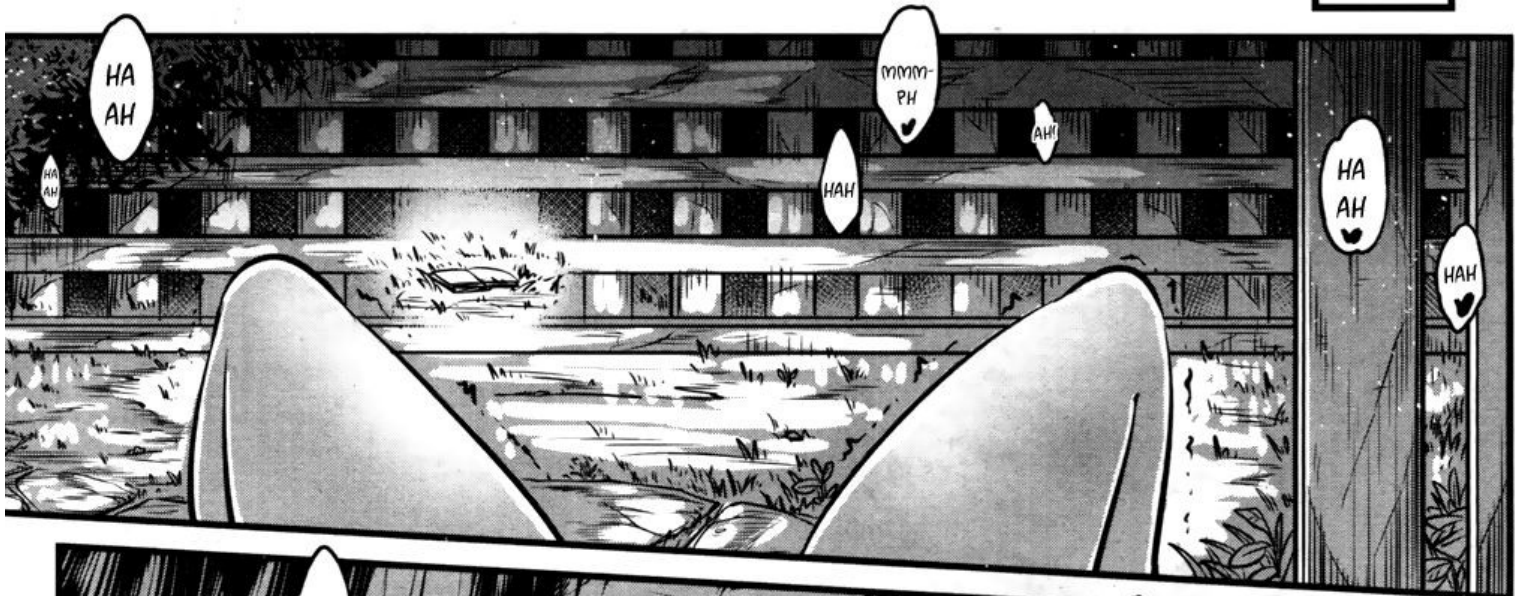
HER LOVE JUICES OFFERED IMMORTALITY AND LONGEVITY.

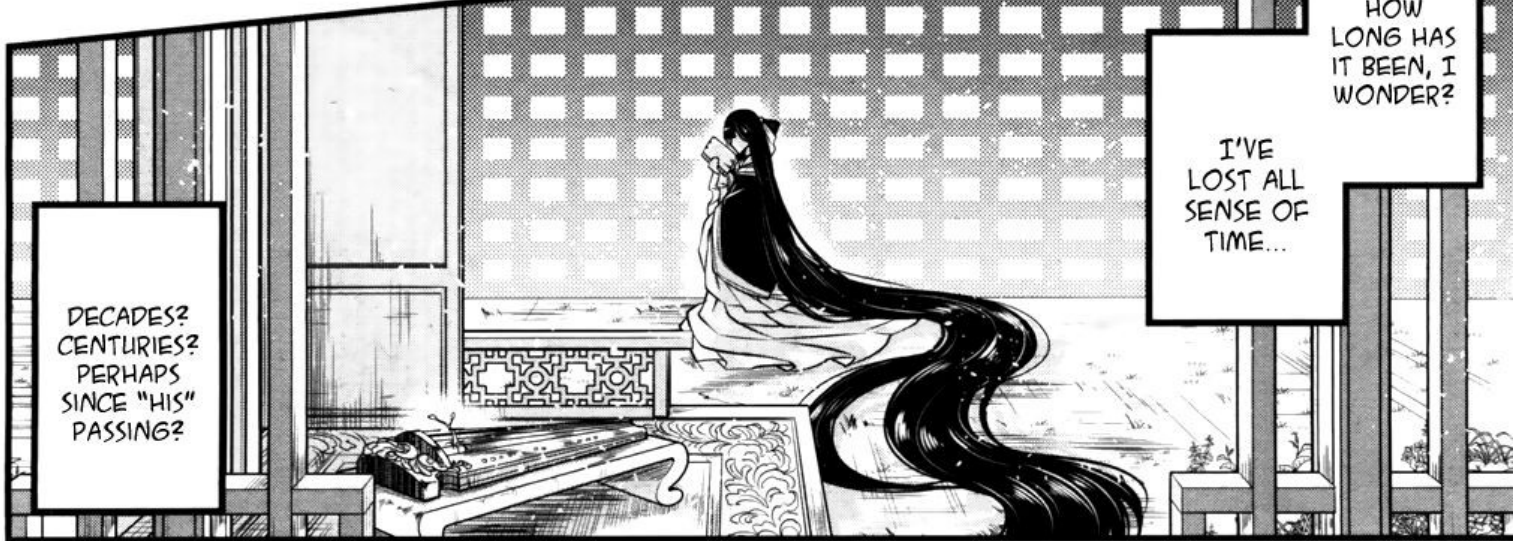


AND AFTER COUNTLESS ACTS PERFORMED TO EXTRACT THEM FROM HER, SHE DROWNED IN LUST.



AND SO, FOR A HUNDRED YEARS, ONE AUTHORITY FIGURE AFTER ANOTHER WOULD CLAIM OWNERSHIP OF HER...

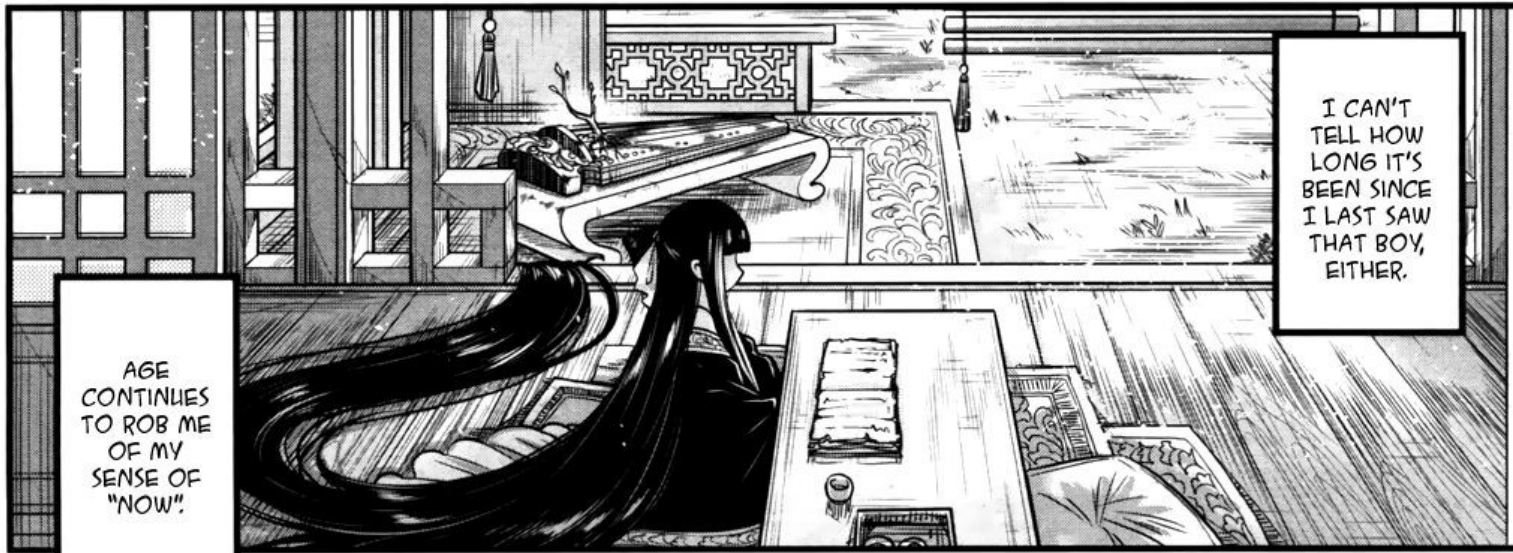




DECADES?  
CENTURIES?  
PERHAPS  
SINCE "HIS"  
PASSING?

I'VE  
LOST ALL  
SENSE OF  
TIME...

HOW  
LONG HAS  
IT BEEN, I  
WONDER?



AGE  
CONTINUES  
TO ROB ME  
OF MY  
SENSE OF  
"NOW".

I CAN'T  
TELL HOW  
LONG IT'S  
BEEN SINCE  
I LAST SAW  
THAT BOY,  
EITHER.



AND FOR  
THAT BRIEF  
MOMENT,  
WHEN OUR  
BODIES JOIN,  
I FEEL LIKE  
TIME IS  
FLOWING  
FOR ME AS  
WELL.

ZHONG  
CHANG  
VISITS ME  
ONCE IN A  
WHILE,  
SEEKING MY  
BODY

AGH!  
HA AH  
AA AH  
GH  
HA AH  
HA AH  
AH!

OR PERHAPS HE'S IN A REBEL-  
LIIOUS PHASE?

CHILDREN ARE LIKE THAT  
SOME-  
TIMES...

UU  
GH

UU  
GH

HAAH

HAAH

WAIT

HA  
AH

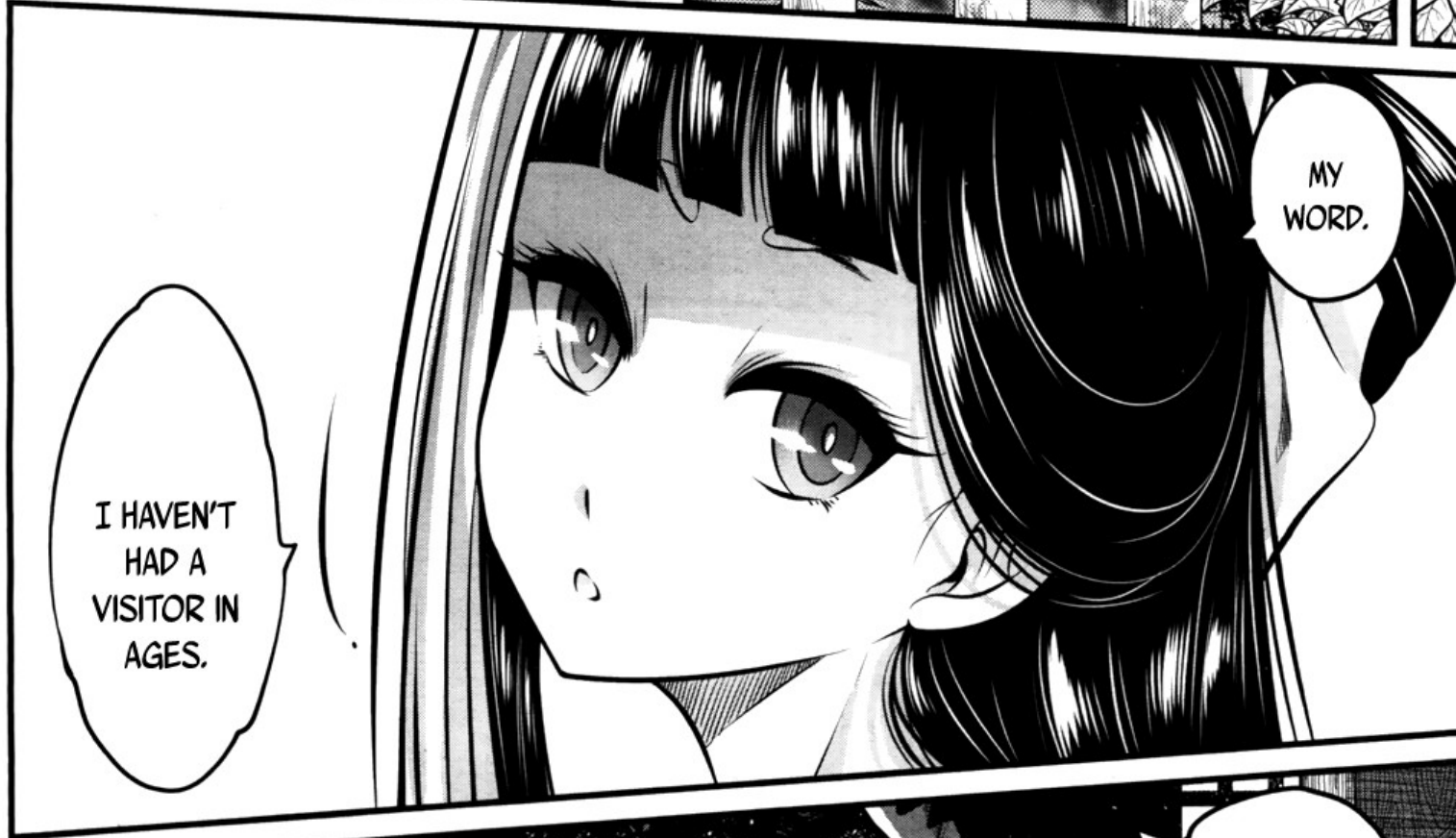
MAYBE HE DIDN'T LIKE THE SWEETS I GAVE HIM?

I HOPE THEY'LL MAKE HIM SMILE, NEXT TIME HE COMES OVER.

FOR NOW, I'LL JUST PREPARE SOME NICE TEA AND SWEETS.

DID HE GROW TO HATE ME? OR PERHAPS ...

...



MY WORD.

I HAVEN'T HAD A VISITOR IN AGES.



ZHONG CHANG HASN'T COME OVER IN A WHILE, EITHER... WHO MIGHT YOU BE?

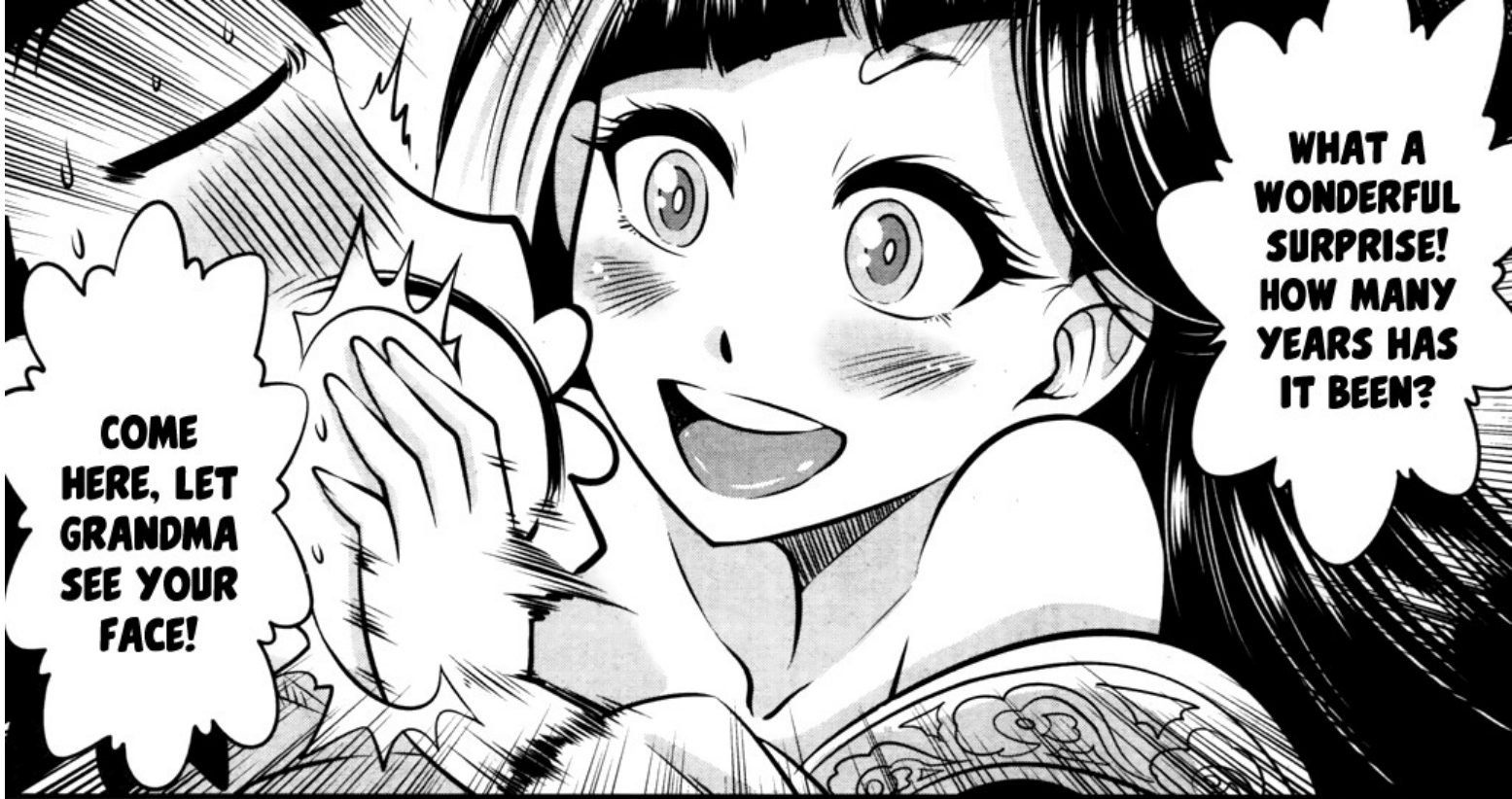
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OH MY. JI ZHI?



...IT'S ME, GRANDMA.



COME  
HERE, LET  
GRANDMA  
SEE YOUR  
FACE!

WHAT A  
WONDERFUL  
SURPRISE!  
HOW MANY  
YEARS HAS  
IT BEEN?



HAVE YOU  
GOTTEN  
MARRIED?

FOUND  
SOMEONE  
YOU LIKE?

DID YOU  
GROW ANY  
HAIR DOWN  
THERE?

NO, UH...  
GRANDMA  
...

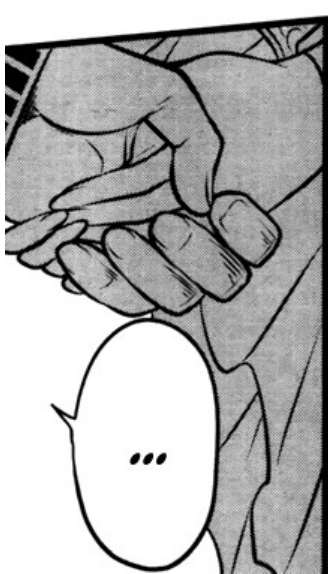


DEAR ME, I  
CAN'T HUG  
YOU LIKE I  
USED TO,  
CAN I?



I'M REALLY  
SORRY FOR  
NOT VISITING  
YOU ALL  
THOSE YEARS-

YOU'RE HERE  
NOW, SO IT'S  
FINE! MY, YOU'VE  
GROWN  
SO BIG-



...



THERE'S SO  
MUCH I WANT  
TO TALK  
ABOUT.

I'VE  
PREPARED  
SOME TEA AND  
SNACKS, LET'S  
HAVE SOME  
TOGETHER.



GRAND-  
FATHER HAS  
FALLEN ILL.



I SEE...  
IT'S THAT  
TIME AGAIN,  
IS IT?



I'M HERE TO  
ASK YOU IF  
THERE'S ANY...  
CHANGE  
REGARDING  
THE ELIXIR.

SO, AS THE  
NEW HEAD  
OF THE  
FAMILY

EVERYONE IN THE  
FAMILY WANTS TO  
TAKE THE BURDEN  
OF LEADERSHIP  
OFF HIS  
SHOULDERS.



I'VE BEEN  
THROUGH THIS  
MANY TIMES... ALL  
MY GRANDKIDS  
WILL LEAVE THIS  
WORLD LONG  
BEFORE ME, I  
KNOW THAT.



ZHONG CHANG'S  
BODY IS  
PROBABLY AT  
ITS LIMIT. IT'S  
TIME TO LET HIM  
REST.



JI ZHI?



WHAT'S  
THERE TO  
BE SAD  
ABOUT?



BUT...  
IT'S STILL  
SAD...

THEY'RE ALL THE SAME!  
THEY ONLY SEE YOU AS A DURABLE TOOL!

"DON'T LET IT GET AWAY, NO MATTER WHAT!  
IT'S GIVEN LONGEVITY TO ALL THE PREVIOUS HEADS OF THE FAMILY! ONE DAY WE'LL EXTRACT THE SECRET OF IMMORTALITY FROM ITS BODY!"

WHY WOULD YOU BE SAD ABOUT SOMEONE WHO TREATED YOU LIKE THAT!?

WHEN I SAW GRAND-FATHER DO THOSE HORRIBLE THINGS TO YOU THAT DAY, I..



THEY SAY THE REASON THEY WON'T LET THE NEXT SUCCESSOR MEET YOU BEFORE HE INHERITS LEADERSHIP IS SO HE WON'T GET ATTACHED TO A MONSTER!

DO YOU KNOW HOW GRAND-FATHER... HOW ALL OF THEM SAW YOU!?



I WANTED TO...

FWIP

RUSTLE

TEAR



AA-AGH!

WAAH!

UUR-GH!

SOB



It's okay, sweetie. I understand.

I know you're not like them.



THEN...

WOULD YOU LET ME...

If there's anything you want from me, I'll do it.



You're a kind, gentle boy.



And I love you so much.



SHE ONLY SEES ME AS "HIS" DESCENDANT, NOTHING MORE





SMOOCH

LICK  
EVEN AMONG  
THOSE WHO  
HAVE PARTAKEN  
OF THE ELIXIR  
OF IMMORTALITY  
...



OH MY,  
THAT'S  
YOUTH  
FOR YOU!

DRIP

TWITCH

HA  
AH

HA  
AH!

HAH!



LICK  
NOT MANY CAN  
BOAST OF  
HAVING SUCH A  
WONDERFUL BEAST  
BETWEEN THEIR  
LEGS...

STIFFEN

HA  
AH



LICK

LICK  
I SEE THE  
FUTURE  
PROSPERITY OF  
OUR CLAN IS  
GUARANTEED

KISS

LICK  
YOUR BALLS,  
TOO... THEY'RE  
SO HEAVY...SO  
FULL OF YOUR  
SEED.

HAH!

HA  
AH!

LICK  
SO IMPRES-  
SIVE...  
LICK  
WHAT A WONDER-  
FUL  
MEMBER  
...



SQUELCH

HA  
AH!  
HAH!

SMOOCH

HA

HAH!

LICK







KHAA!

AH! AH!  
YOU'RE  
SO  
GOOD...

AAH!

AGH!

NW  
AH!

HAH!

NN...  
NNAH!

HNG!

AH!

AH... HAH...  
YES,  
THAT'S  
IT!

SLIP

SLIP

SLIP

THRUST

AH!

AH

MM-AH!...  
HAH! IT  
FEELS SO  
GOOD,  
JI ZHI!

SQUELCH

SQUELCH

MM

SQUELCH

AAH!

AHA!

HA  
AH

NHAA

HAH!

HA  
AH

HAAH



IT FEELS SO GOOD... MY LEGS ARE GIVING OUT!

!... IT'S REACHING MY WOMB...

MMN  
MM PH  
HA AH  
HA AH  
HAH!

AAH!  
HA AH

SMOOCH  
KISS

SLAP

SLAP  
SLAP

HAH  
SMOOCH  
SHLP



NNN-OOH

AH!



HAH!

AH!

HA AH

AH

GO AHEAD, MY BOY.

I WANT ALL OF YOU INSIDE ME...

NGH!

MM



HA GH

HA AH

HAH!

AH

HAH! HAAH!... GRANDMA, I CAN'T...





ARE YOU DONE, SWEETIE?

HAGHI!

HAHI!

HA AH

HAAH

HA AH

HAHI!

TWITCH

TWITCH

TWITCH



NO... NOT LIKE THIS...

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU WANT MORE?  
IF YOU DO, JUST LET ME KNOW, OKAY?



I...

I WANT YOU... NOT AS MY GRANDMOTHER, BUT...

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR MY DARLING JI ZHI, YOU KNOW THAT.

DON'T... LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT...

YOU ONLY SEE ME... AS A CHILD YOU WANT TO SOOTHE...

I WANT...



I WANT YOU...

JI ZHI? HOLD ON... WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

NGH-...!?



A WOMAN, MOANING LIKE A SLATTERN, JUST LIKE YOU DID WITH GRANDFATHER...!

AS A WOMAN ...



NO, STOP... I CAN'T...!



UGH! ... MOAN LIKE YOU DID WITH HIM...!

SQUELCH

MOAN, YOU WHORE!

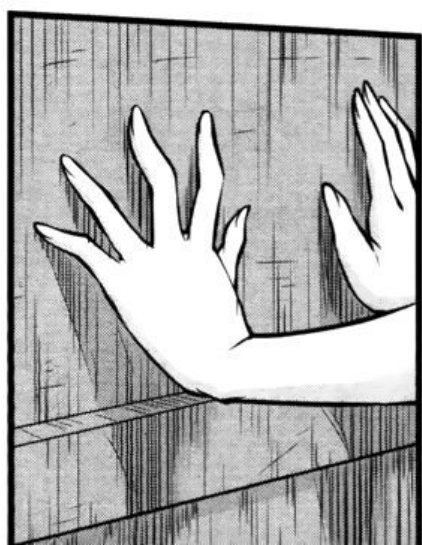
GLOP

SLIP



IN THAT DIRTY VOICE OF YOURS!

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N  
A  
A  
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A  
A  
!!!





AH

MM

AHN

HAH!

GRANDMA  
CANT  
TAKE ANY  
MORE...

HAH!  
HAH...  
JI ZHI,  
ISNT THAT  
ENOUGH?

HAH

AH

SQUELCH

SCHLUCK

HAH!

HA

IT'S  
TOO  
MUCH-

MATING LIKE  
AN ANIMAL,  
WITH MY  
SWEET  
LITTLE BOY

GLOP

GLOP

SQUELCH



HA  
AH

HA  
AH

GHA-!

IT'S  
GOING TO  
DRIVE ME  
CRAZY TOO-



HOW DO I COMPARE TO HIM, HUH? SAY IT!

YOU... YOU'RE SO MUCH BETTER! YOUNG ONES FEEL SO GOOD!

SQUELCH

THRUST

GLOP

THRUST

SQUELCH

UGH!

NNNNNG

HA AH

HAAH

AAGH!

HE'S STRIPPED ME OF MY SUPERFICIAL SENIORITY

AND MADE ME HIS PLAYTHING

HAH!

NNAH!

AGH!

HAH!

GHA

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

WE'RE JUST... MATING LIKE ANIMALS.

AH

AAAGH!

NOT JUST GRANDFATHER! EVERYONE IN OUR FAMILY, FOR CENTURIES NOW, HAS TAKEN YOU...!

I... I'll...

THRUST

SQUEEZE

THRUST

HA AH

SQUELCH



I'LL HAVE YOU MAKING THE SAME FACE AS THEY DID!

AH ♡

GA HA ♡

UNGH!

HA AH



NN-AAAH!  
JI-...  
JI ZHI...  
I'M CUMING-

THRUST

THRUST

THRUST

SQUISH

SQUELCH

SPURT

HAH!

SPURT

SPURT

SPURT

SPUUURT

AAH ♡

AH!

THAT'S RIGHT!  
I'M NOT GRANDFATHER,  
OR THAT "HIM" YOU KEEP MENTIONING!  
I'M JI ZHI!

RIGHT NOW...  
YOU'RE MY WOMAN! SO SPREAD YOUR LEGS AND TAKE MY SEED!



I'M GONNA LEAVE YOU PREGNANT!

SLAP

SLAP

AH!

NGH

HAE

AAAHHH!!!



HAH!

HAH!

HA AH

AH!



AH!

PLOP!



SPURT!

SPURT



GLOP

TWITCH TWITCH

SQUELCH

SLIP



I JUST LET YOU DO WHAT YOU WANTED, UNTIL YOU CALMED DOWN.

COME NOW... I WON'T GET MAD AT YOU FOR BEING JEALOUS.

BUT I SAID ALL THOSE HORRIBLE THINGS...

OH, NO NEED FOR THAT. GRANDMA WILL MAKE IT ALL NICE AND CLEAN FOR YOU.

LOOK... I'M SORRY...

DRIP

HAH!

LICK

SHIVER

TWITCH

LICK

SLURP

HA AH

HAH!

AH

HA AH

HA AH

HA AH

AH

HAH

HA AH

AH!

MM!

HA AH



BUT REMEMBER, YOU CAN'T BE LIKE THIS FOREVER.

JUST COME TO ME, AND I'LL MAKE IT ALL BETTER.

IN TIMES OF SADNESS, ADVERSITY, OR LONELINESS...



I LOVE YOU, AND I WANT TO PAMPER YOU ALL I CAN.

DON'T GET ME WRONG. YOU'RE A WONDERFUL BOY.



DON'T BE SILLY. YOU CAN'T MARRY ME.



BUT... I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE...

YOU'LL GET YOURSELF A BEAUTIFUL WIFE, HAVE LOTS OF CHILDREN, AND CONTINUE THE BLOODLINE...

...

YOU'RE A MAN, AND THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY... YOU'LL NEED TO LEAVE THE NEST SOONER OR LATER.



SO, ABOUT ZHONG CHANG...



YOU'LL NEVER BE MINE...

I'M NOTHING BUT HIS DESCENDANT, AND YOU'RE JUST FAWNING OVER ME LIKE A GRANDSON.

I KNOW... YOU STILL HAVE "HIM" IN YOUR HEART, DON'T YOU?





GIVE ME YOUR BLOOD! IF YOUR HAIR AND YOUR SECRETIONS CAN EXTEND A MAN'S LIFESPAN...

THEN YOUR BLOOD MUST...



GH!  
COUGH  
GH!

I... I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET... AND... YOU'VE LIVED FAR TOO LONG ALREADY, YOU ROTTEN WENCH...!  
GIVE ME... YOUR BLOOD ...!



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG I WAITED TO BECOME HEAD OF THE FAMILY!? ALL BECAUSE YOU HELPED MY FATHER LIVE THAT LONG!

SILENCE, YOU DECREPIT HAG!

IF ANYTHING, IT WOULD ONLY...

DON'T BE SILLY. EVEN IF YOU DRANK EVERY LAST DROP OF MY BLOOD, YOU WOULDN'T ATTAIN IMMORTALITY.



YOU DIE!... I'M... I'M GONNA LIVE! I'M GONNA BECOME IMMORTAL...!

AT LONG LAST... I GOT WHAT I WANTED, WHEN I TURNED 80!... IT HASN'T EVEN... BEGUN YET... I'M NOT DYING NOW... I DON'T WANT TO DIE...

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE. YOU CAN EXTEND MY LIFESPAN A BIT, BUT NOT FOREVER. A CENTURY FROM NOW...



DON'T BE SILLY...



YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK I HAVE MORE THAN A FEW YEARS LEFT.



THEN WE COULD ALL KEEP YOU SAFE, TOGETHER.

BUT... IF I WERE TO HAVE A BIG FAMILY, AND IT BECAME A PROSPEROUS AND LONG-LASTING CLAN...

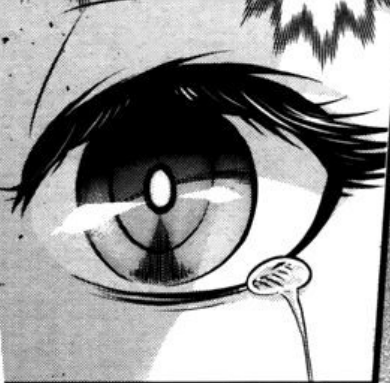
I CAN'T SPEND ETERNITY WITH YOU.



AND THE FEAR OF DEATH HAS ALREADY PUSHED YOU TO THE BRINK OF INSANITY... OH, MY POOR LITTLE BOY, IT'S ALL MY FAULT!

IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW GENERATIONS...

MARK MY WORDS!

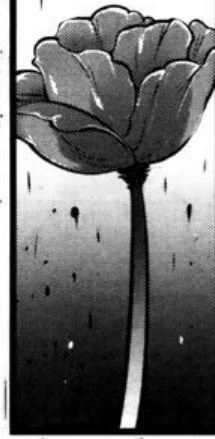


NO WAY, MY DESCENDANTS ARE ALL GONNA LOVE YOU!

THAT'S JUST BEING FOOLISHLY OPTIMISTIC! WHAT IF YOUR DESCENDANTS SEE ME AS A BURDEN?

I'VE...

I'VE  
LONG  
OVER-  
STAYED  
MY  
WEL-  
COME  
....

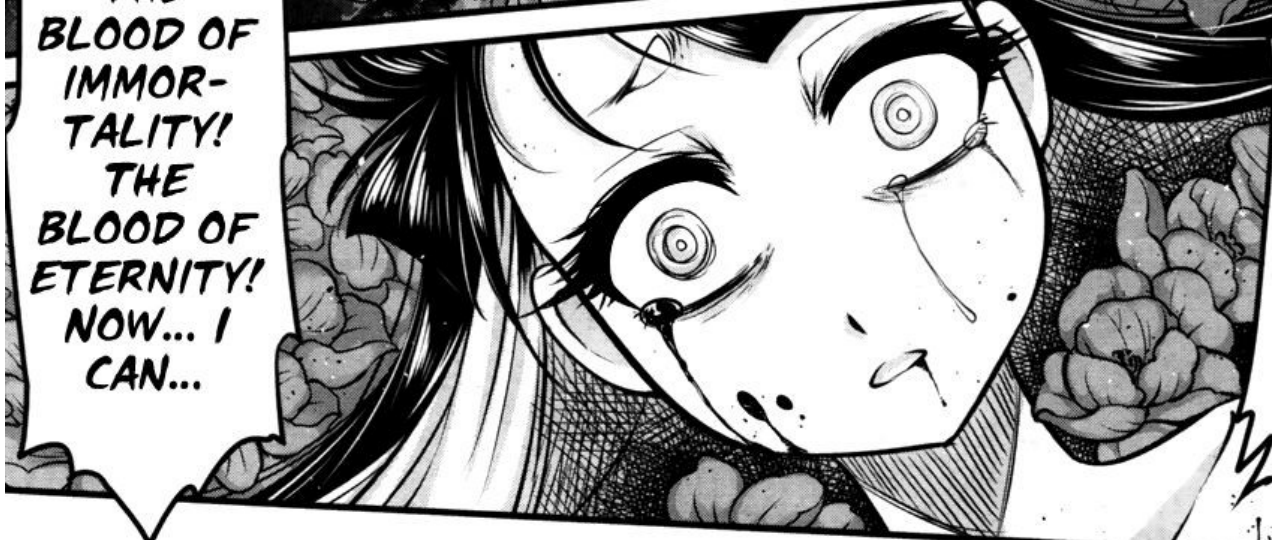




THE BLOOD OF IMMORTALITY!  
THE BLOOD OF ETERNITY!  
NOW... I CAN...



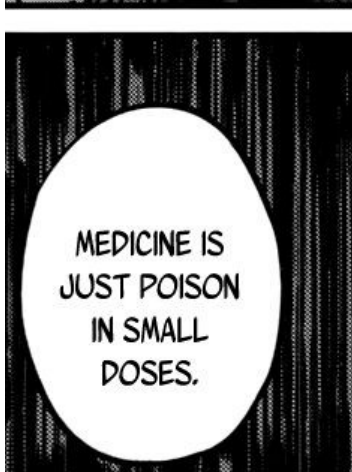
...HA!  
HAHA  
HA...  
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...!



URGH  
...!?



I CAN LIVE FOREVER!



MEDICINE IS JUST POISON IN SMALL DOSES.



THUMP  
TWITCH  
BLIMP  
TREMBLE  
STRETCH

GH!...  
OOOOGH...  
WHAT...  
WHAT'S HAPPENING-?



BUT YOUR AGED BODY WAS TOO WEAK TO ACCEPT THAT VITALITY, AND NOW IT'S COLLAPSING, UNABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS FORM.

YOUR BODY JUST OBTAINED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF VITALITY, SO YOUR VERY LIFEFORCE IS BEGINNING TO SWELL.



INGESTING A FOREIGN SUBSTANCE CAN HAVE A VARIETY OF EFFECTS ON ONE'S BODY.



IN OTHER WORDS - CANCER.

BUT AN OVERDOSE OF VITALITY WILL CAUSE YOUR CELLS TO GROW AT AN UNCONTROLLABLE RATE, LEAVING YOU UNABLE TO RETAIN YOUR FORM OR FACULTIES.

IN SMALL DOSES, THE MEDICINE OF IMMORTALITY CAN BOOST YOUR VITALITY, OR CURE DISEASES...



THAT... IS THE SOLE FRUIT BORN FROM THE SACRIFICE OF A THOUSAND YOUNG LIVES.

XU FU FOUND THE MEDICINE OF IMMORTALITY THAT QIN SHI HUANG LONGED FOR, BUT WAS UNABLE TO TRANSFER IT TO ANOTHER.

WHEN THE PURLOINING HAND OF AVARICE REACHES OUT TO PLUNDER, THE MEDICINE OF IMMORTALITY BECOMES A LETHAL VENOM.

IT'S ALL MY FAULT...  
MY MERE PRESENCE  
MAKES EVERYONE  
AROUND ME  
OVERLY  
CONSCIOUS OF  
DEATH AND OLD  
AGE.

THAT'S WHY  
THE FEAR  
MANAGED TO  
STEAL YOUR  
SANITY.

MY POOR LITTLE  
BOY... YOU'RE  
NOT THE FIRST  
TO MEET HIS END  
LIKE THIS...





OUR LIVES  
ARE TOO  
DIFFERENT. IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE TO  
DENY ANYMORE.

GOODBYE,  
JI ZHI...



FIND  
YOURSELF A  
PRETTY GIRL  
TO MARRY,  
AND HAVE  
PLENTY OF  
CHILDREN-

I HAVE TO  
LEAVE THIS  
HOUSE. FROM  
NOW ON,  
YOU'RE THE  
HEAD.



THE INEFFABLE FLOW OF TIME TORE THEM APART. THUS, THE MAN RESOLVED TO MAKE A FAMILY, LEAD IT TO PROSPERITY, AND THROUGH HIS DESCENDANTS, PROTECT HER FOREVER.

YET ONE MAN WHO LOVED HER OFFERED HER PROTECTION, AND A FLEETING YET BLISSFUL MOMENT OF RESPITE, BUT-

AND CONTINUE OUR BLOOD-LINE...

AFTER CENTURIES OF IMPRISONMENT IN THE HANDS OF THE POWERFUL, THE ETERNAL GIRL WAS CLOSE TO LOSING EVEN HER EMOTIONS.



YET THE PASSAGE OF TIME DISTORTED THAT CONVICTION...

DRUNK WITH WEALTH, OBSESSED WITH MAINTAINING IT, HER PROTECTORS BECAME HER JAILORS.

SOMEDAY... I PROMISE ...

THE IMMENSE WEALTH BROUGHT BY THE MEDICINE OF IMMORTALITY TWISTED THE HEART OF THE CLAN.

RICHES AND INFLUENCE CAN BE INHERITED, BUT JUST AS BLOOD WILL GROW THINNER OVER TIME, SENTIMENTS AND DESIRES CANNOT MAINTAIN THEIR FORM FOR LONG.



AS FOR THE IMMORTAL GIRL-

HIS HEARTFELT WISH, THE ONE HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO, MET ITS DEMISE.





GRAND-FATHER...



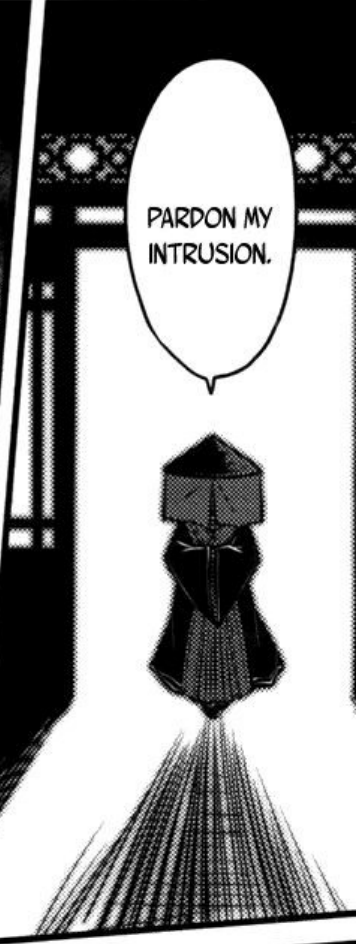
GRAND-FATHER...



IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, JI ZHI. GRANDMA'S HERE TO SEE YOU.



I'M AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF THE LORD OF THIS HOUSE. MAY I HAVE AUDIENCE WITH HIM?



PARDON MY INTRUSION.



AH... AHH...

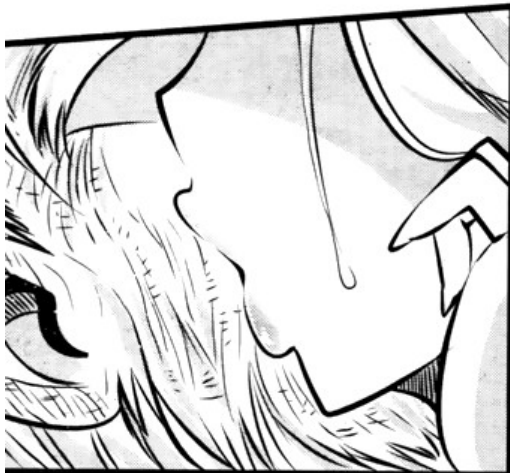




OH MY...  
JUST A WHILE  
AGO YOU WERE  
SO SMALL, AND  
NOW YOU'RE A  
GRANDFATHER.



IN TIMES OF  
SADNESS,  
ADVERSITY, OR  
LONELINESS...



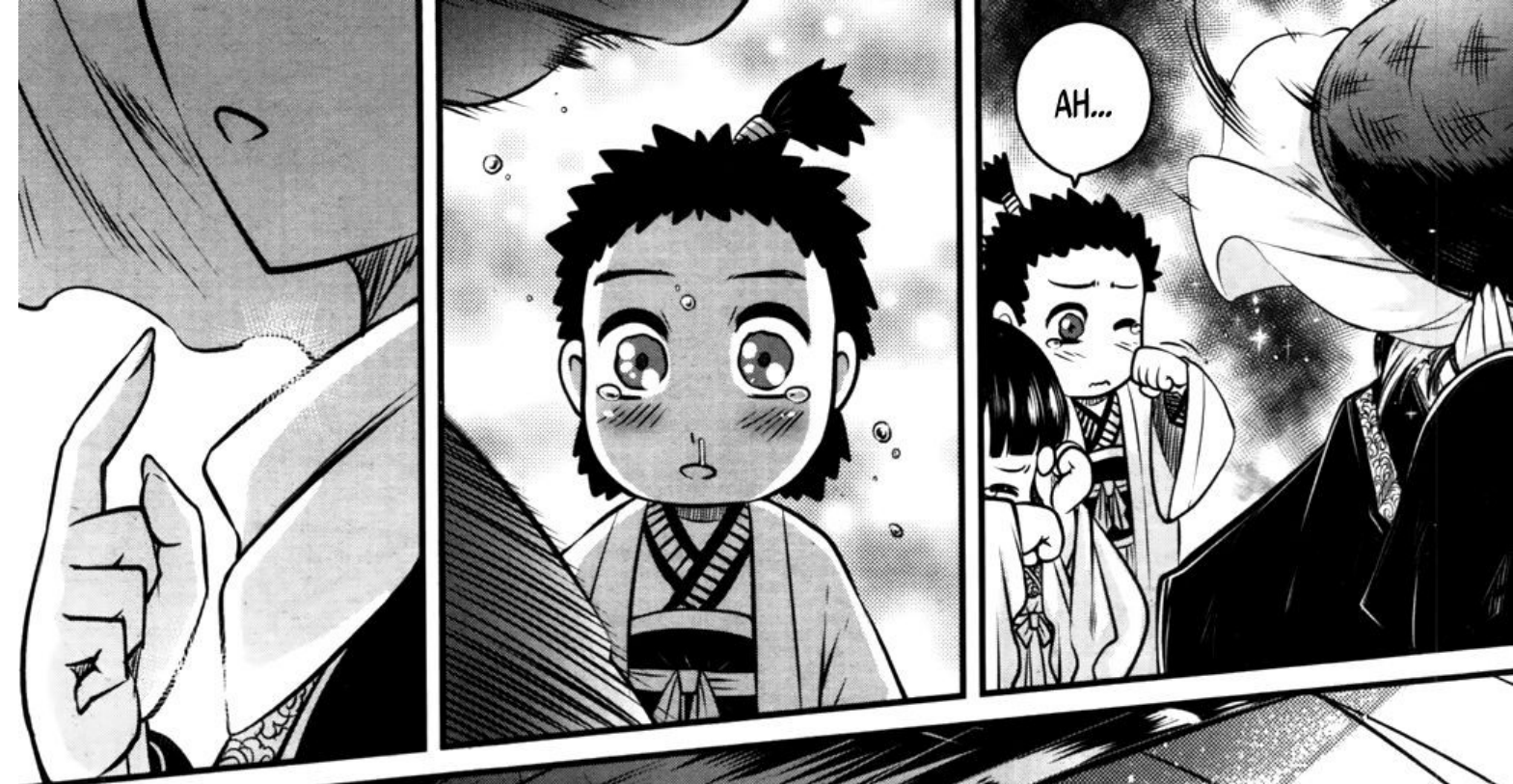
YOU DID  
WELL. I'M  
PROUD OF  
YOU, DARLING.

EVEN IF YOU'RE  
GRANDFATHER TO  
EVERYONE ELSE,  
YOU'RE STILL MY  
PRECIOUS LITTLE  
BOY.



JUST FOR  
NOW...  
LET GRANDMA  
SPOIL YOU ALL  
YOU WANT.





AH...

-SHE'S  
STILL  
DRIFT-  
ING  
ALONG  
THE  
RIVERS  
OF  
TIME.

**End**