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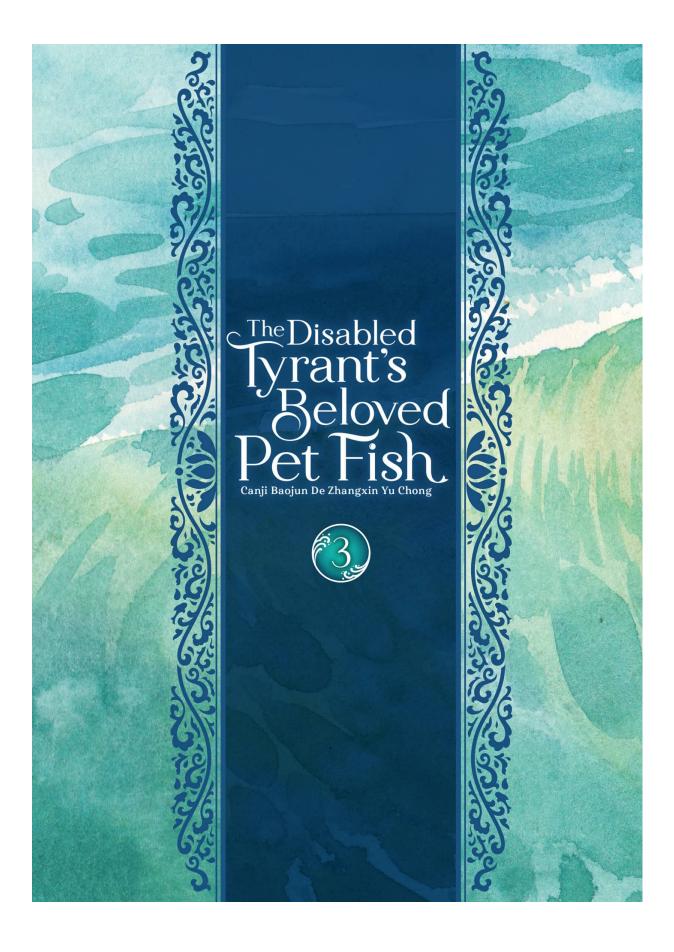
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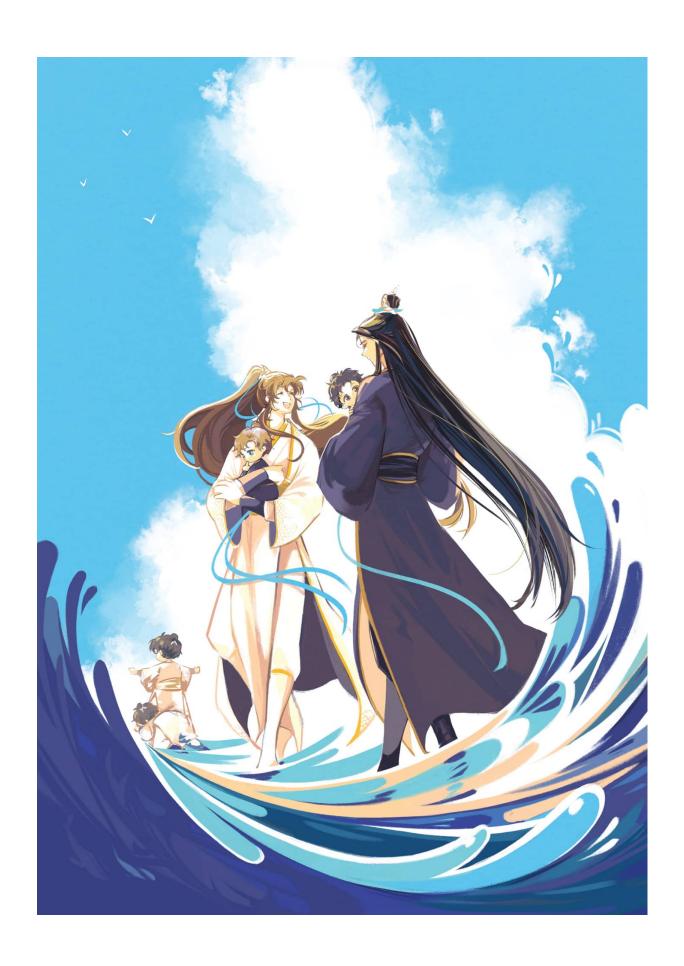
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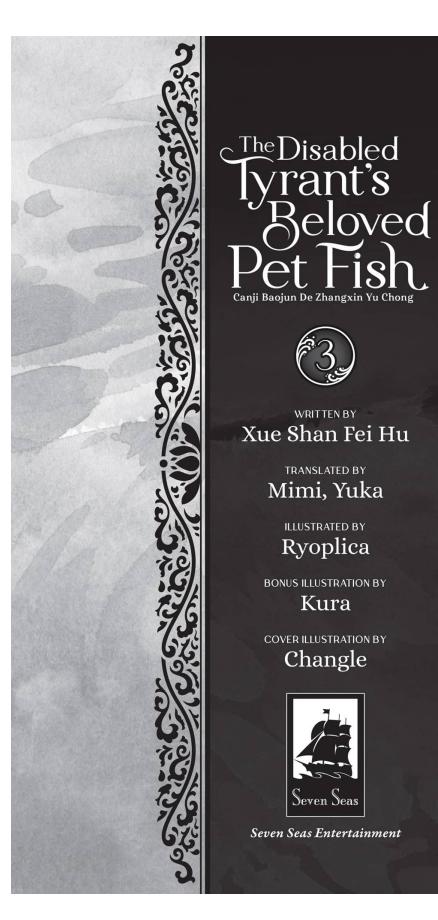
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## Chapter 77: Fish Wants to Do It

LI YU'S DAYS PASSED chaotically as he did his best to protect his secret fish identity. He had never spent such a long time traveling before, so whenever they passed by a village, Prince Jing always stopped a few days at the local inn and took Li Yu out to shop and eat a couple of hot meals. After Li Yu was rested, they would continue their journey.

Because they were on the road, they carried a lot of travel rations with them. At first, Wang-gonggong was able to prepare a lot of side dishes and meat-filled pancakes, but they were gone within a few days. Li Yu quickly grew tired of the rations, but luckily for him, he could transform back to a fish. He had no problem eating fish food every day. Sometimes Prince Jing would take him out to eat meat too, and he'd order Wang Xi to purchase snacks for Li Yu in the villages they passed. Li Yu was being taken care of so well, he felt like traveling was barely a hardship.

Once they were truly in the middle of nowhere, they camped out a few times. Li Yu gave up his comfortable carriage to sleep in the thick furs together with Prince Jing. The moment Li Yu got over his own mental block, he became absolutely shameless and even started begging for intimacy, insisting that being out in the wild had its own sort of charm. Unable to convince him otherwise, Prince Jing always ended up giving in. The two of them would hold each other, listening to the howling winds outside the tent as they felt each other's racing heartbeats. If only Li-gongzi didn't have to end each encounter by rushing back to the carriage, half-dressed and panicking.

Several parts of their journey took them through the isolated wilderness. In his boredom, Li Yu discovered a new skill.

When he tried hunting for wild vegetables on the mountainside, he found his success rate was one hundred percent. He'd even tried digging up sweet potatoes, a task he completed with equal perfection. Wang Xi returned empty-handed, but Li Yu's arms were piled so full he could barely hold all the vegetables. Wang Xi couldn't be more envious.

When they passed by a river, Li Yu proved to be just as lucky at fishing. He just stood by the shore where the water wasn't too rapid and gently patted the rocks there, and shrimp, crabs, and loaches would come teeming out, occasionally joined by other fish. Li Yu didn't eat fish anymore, so he'd return all the fish to the water, but the shellfish could all be eaten with just a little boiling, retaining their natural flavor.

Wang Xi was pleased and excited, but still insisted on boiling it for him, refusing to allow Li Yu to get involved. Li Yu was confused. He'd cooked back at the manor and Wang Xi never stopped him then, so why was he stopping him now?

Quick-witted Wang-gonggong suddenly had nothing to say. It was actually because he was afraid Li-gongzi's cooking skills would ruin all the food. But His Highness had ordered them not to comment on the gongzi's cooking skills, so no matter how many times Li Yu asked, Wang Xi's mouth was shut tight and he never let anything slip.

But it wasn't a big deal. Li Yu quickly pushed those thoughts to the back of his mind. To him, being able to find ingredients to cook with was more useful than being able to cook. He'd finally noticed that his luck was unbelievable when it came to finding food.

This was when Li Yu finally understood that the "Well-Fed and Well-Clothed" stat that he'd been given a buff on wasn't about his cooking skills, it was about his ability to find food. Perhaps in the future, it would affect clothing too! Thinking back on it now, other than the time he'd purposefully starved himself, he'd really never gone hungry. Li Yu was torn between complaining that the fish-scamming system picked such weird places to give him good luck and celebrating that he'd never starve as a koi.

Two months later, they finally arrived at a small village on the western border: Luofeng Village. This was the temporary home the emperor had handpicked for Prince Jing.

The village head had received the secret order a while ago and had a dwelling already prepared for Prince Jing. It was apparently the best manor in the village and had been cleaned from top to bottom. However, when Prince Jing took Li Yu to see it, although the village head had referred to it as a "manor," it was just a two-courtyard home<sup>1</sup>—compared to what they were used to, this was practically cramped.

Of course, Li Yu usually stayed in his tank, so he didn't care much about the size of the house. Prince Jing rubbed the fish's head silently. As far as he was concerned, anywhere smaller than his manor was a downgrade for Xiaoyu. Due to the distance, they also hadn't been able to bring the crystal fish tank along, so Prince Jing was forced to make do with a few of the smaller ones. He thought this was a downgrade too, even though Xiaoyu didn't care at all.

Prince Jing had brought along plenty of guards, as well as a few servants, but they wouldn't all fit in the two-courtyard dwelling. Thinking quickly, Wang Xi bought the properties on either side. Now there was enough space for everyone.

Though the residence had been cleaned, it was a little outdated. Wang Xi wanted to renovate it slightly and expand the main courtyard, but Prince Jing shook his head—they were here on the emperor's orders. It would be best not to act outside those orders.

As soon as Li Yu arrived at his new house, he took a look around, strolling along until he spotted his tank in Prince Jing's room. This room was a lot smaller than the one in the prince's manor, and all the furnishings were

quite ordinary. There was barely even enough space to turn around. Li Yu had the feeling it would be a hassle to transform here. He was just about to protest when Prince Jing asked Wang Xi to prepare the room next door for Li-gongzi.

"Is Li-gongzi not staying with Your Highness?" To Wang Xi, this was unbelievable. During the whole trip, his master had never ridden in the carriage, riding on horseback so that Li-gongzi could have the carriage to himself. Wasn't that enough? Now he was living apart from Li-gongzi? Was he that into the idea of Li-gongzi being pregnant?

Prince Jing leveled Wang Xi with a look. It was too small here. Li-gongzi wouldn't be able to sleep well.

Originally, the room next door had been reserved for Prince Jing's study. Since Prince Jing was adamant, though, Wang Xi could hardly protest, so he quickly had it cleaned up for Li Yu.

Li Yu was very embarrassed, but he felt he couldn't say anything either. It was his fault for keeping such an unspeakable secret!

Because their new home was so small, Prince Jing laid down some new rules. There was no need for the servants who came with him to wait on him at night. The guards were still obliged to continue with their jobs as normal, but everyone else was only tasked with taking care of themselves. "Li-gongzi, I'm leaving His Highness to you!" Wang Xi kept going over reminders with Li Yu. Prince Jing was sending Wang-gonggong away too, so he had to ask Li Yu to handle it in his stead.

Li Yu agreed, blushing, but his heart was beating wildly.

After Wang Xi and the others left, Li Yu poured some hot water into a clean copper basin, a little clumsily. After he thought it over, he added a bit of cold water to make it a mild temperature and brought it over to Prince Jing.

"Your Highness, wh-why don't you wash your hands and face first?"

Li Yu didn't really know how to take care of other people, so he just followed his own habits. He'd already combed out his hair and taken out his hairpiece. His hair was now longer than ever, and he'd gathered it into a casual ponytail at the back of his head to stop it from falling in his eyes.

Prince Jing loved seeing him in such a relaxed, domestic state. Grabbing Li Yu's hands, he put them into the warm water and rubbed his palms gently. Li Yu couldn't be any more familiar with water. He scooped some up and poured it over the back of Prince Jing's hand. The prince smiled, and the two of them played with the water for a while.