

The story of Zhae

Chapter 8 and 9: sickness interlude

Awakening

Uhh.. the floor? Cuura Nushi stands over me, holding something in her hand. The realization of having been defeated again stings more than my wounds...why!

Chi Xiaojie is alive, that is a relief at least. Victory has been reached, but it was not my hand that carved it...

Queasy

I do not feel well today, the others are pursuing the finer matters of the city again. I do not leave the quarters today, my mind is still all over...

Next day? Already? I see Chi Xiaojie, I hear others talk.... One day? Maybe more?

I have begun to feel better, can keep better track of time now. They are going somewhere? I will get ready at once ***hrrk***.... Still in no condition... curse me!

I see them leave, now at least I finally have a moment of relief at my defeat in our duel, Chi Xiaojie still has able guardians with the Hero and Cuura Nushi. I will at least have time to practice the Iron Heart's body cleansing exercises and work on my Ham.. ***hrrk***

Meditation

Feeling better, they have not yet returned, I have much on my mind. I at first desired to sprint after them, of course... which way did they go? Locating them on my own would not... well it just wouldn't. Many things I ponder... I think of Li Laoshi... yet my thoughts spring immediately to Shoon... and Shoonach... all I know... I know from the master, yet where did this come from... He never spoke of it..., but I have no idea where to even begin finding the master, what do I do with this? I expel it from my mind for now, must be clear to meditate...

Chi Sichen Xiaojie... still alive despite my failures, not quite like the stories of old am I... ***sigh*** Cuura nushi, a female rival, something not expected, but she has made a point of proving her worth... The Hero... how little he must think of me..., The archer... a good shot and proved a cunning planner in the tunnels, yet still... I do not know yet. The hooded cat lady, now here is a true puzzle, she acts... so peculiar, no idea with this one... and then there's our new friend the swordsman, still can't wait to see what he can do.

Having been with the Master for so long, now so many allies and, I... I enjoy it so much, I have to improve for their sake's as well as mine, especially for the xiaojie! Return soon!