

## All Hail 1091

### Chapter 1091: Too Much Slaughter

“Yao Yao, I’m about to be a father.” Yin Huaixi pulled his beloved woman into his arms and buried his face in her neck. He said in a hoarse voice, “I’m about to be a father...”

Yu Youyao felt that the skin on her neck was a little wet. Her eyes couldn’t help but turn red, and tears flashed in them. “Yes, you’re going to be a father. I’m going to be a mother too.”

She had been in the palace for three years and had not given birth. The imperial physician had checked her body and said that she was in good health. It was just that this matter depended on fate, so she couldn’t help but feel a little uncomfortable.

However, in order to suppress the criticism of the previous dynasty, Yin Huaixi blamed all the mistakes on himself and announced to the public, “In my life, I’ve killed too many people and harmed the harmony of the heavens. This is the punishment of the heavens.”

As soon as these words were spoken, it shocked the royal court. The court officials knelt on the ground in fear and trepidation, not daring to mention the matter of children wantonly anymore. At the same time, it also attracted many hidden speculations. They guessed that the emperor had injured his body and his children because of the war.

However, there were still court officials who reported new matters from time to time.

They felt that if the emperor couldn’t have children with her, it was not impossible for him to have children with other women.

Yin Huaixi suppressed them one by one.

Yin Huaixi had to bear the pressure alone.

Yu Youyao was touched, but her heart ached for him. At this moment, she finally understood the choice of Empress Mingxian back then. However, she was not Empress Mingxian, so she could not do what she had done.

Yin Huaixi was not Emperor Xianzong. He did not secretly want to find someone from the direct line of descent of the Yin Clan and bring her into the palace.

If Yin Huaixi could do this for her, what else could she be dissatisfied with?

She had a very unique personality since she was young. She would never tolerate others touching what belonged to her.

She thought she’d let it go.

She also thought that Yin Huaixi did not care.

However, when Imperial Physician Hu announced that she was pregnant, he was excited from the bottom of his heart. When he thought about how her body had a little fellow whose blood was

related to her and Yin Huaixi, and that this little fellow was growing, there was an indescribable feeling of gratitude and anticipation.

Yu Youyao hugged Yin Huaixi's neck and said softly, "I'm so happy. I'm really happy."

"Me too." Yin Huaixi kissed her hair and carefully placed her on the bed. "It's a kind of bond, a bond that can no longer be cut off from you."

Yu Youyao leaned into Yin Huaixi's arms, feeling unprecedentedly calm. "I'm pregnant. Shouldn't the court officials stop?"

A trace of coldness flashed across Yin Huaixi's eyes. "What has it got to do with them whether you're pregnant or not? Don't worry too much. If it weren't for the fact that you kept persuading me to kill less and stop beating them up with sticks, tying them up at the entrance of the Meridian Gate, and letting the ministers go to court to watch the punishment every day, they would have been obedient. How could I have let you suffer so much?"

Yu Youyao punched him in the chest. "Did you damage your brain during the war? Why do you always think of killing people? Civil servants don't get punished for remonstrating. If you play such a big game of chess and kill civil servants, in the future, who will dare to speak bluntly in the court and remonstrate with the truth? The Imperial Court is the emperor's eyes and ears. In the long run, your ears will be blocked and you won't be able to see. How can you govern the country and manage the government? Besides, it's common for them to send reports. It doesn't justify killing them. If you kill them, I'll definitely have to bear the infamy of causing trouble."

She did not know what was wrong with him. He was usually quite smart. However, whenever he encountered something related to her, he would think of killing them. To a general, it was simple to raise a knife and slash it down, but what about the consequences?

Yin Huaixi knew that he was in the wrong, so he did not dare to provoke her anymore. He quickly changed the topic. "It's said that you cannot reveal your pregnancy for three months. We can only tell outsiders after the pregnancy is stable. Let's cover this matter for the time being."

Yu Youyao couldn't help but laugh. "As the emperor, you have the protection of a true dragon. Why do you still believe in this?"

"Since that's the case, there must be a reason." Yin Huaixi placed his hand on her flat abdomen, his heart filled with warmth. "If you believe it, there's a reason. If you don't, there's nothing."

Yu Youyao nodded. "Okay."

Yin Huaixi lowered his head and kissed her hair. "I'll summon Auntie Xu into the palace later. Your pregnancy is a big deal. I'm worried without Auntie Xu taking care of you."

Auntie Xu had been staying in the Eldest Princess's residence to recuperate.

Yu Youyao also felt that she would be more at ease with Auntie Xu by her side.

The two of them rambled on, as if they had endless things to say.

Yin Huaixi continued, "What name do you think our child should have in the future?"

“It’s still too early for the child to be born. How can you come up with a name in such a hurry?” Yu Youyao looked at him coquettishly, her tone not sounding coquettish at all. “I wonder if it’s a boy or a girl.”

Yin Huaixi looked disapproving and slammed the table. “Prepare the names of the boys and girls together. The imperial family is particular about names. It’s time to prepare.”

Seeing that he was happy, Yu Youyao let him be.

Yin Huaixi said softly, “I’m very happy too.”

Although he was a little dissatisfied that the arrival of this child would take up a lot of Yu Youyao’s time and energy, he could still reluctantly accept the fact that he had many government affairs to deal with every day, and that this child would be by Yu Youyao’s side when he couldn’t accompany her.

However, it was only limited to when he was not in the Chenggan Palace.

The next day, Auntie Xu was summoned into the palace.

After all, she was an old palace servant who had been in the palace for a long time. As soon as Auntie Xu entered the palace, she gathered all the palace servants in the Chenggan Palace and tidied up the entire palace inside and out. She picked out any spices, items, or items that were unfavorable to nourish the baby.

Auntie Xu stroked her hair gently. “Don’t enter the incense room again during this period of time. You’re familiar with medicinal properties and fragrance. If you’re bored while recuperating, get someone to pick some spices and medicinal herbs that can help you nourish the baby to pass the time.”

Yu Youyao quickly agreed.

Auntie Xu asked her about her appetite.

Yu Youyao frowned. “It was better before, but ever since I found out yesterday that I was pregnant, I’ve vomited everything I ate. I can’t eat anything I used to like, especially meat.”

“Don’t worry, it’s normal for your sense of taste to change drastically after pregnancy.” Auntie Xu personally went to the small kitchen and made a few dishes according to the empress’s taste. In addition, she prepared some sweet and sour soup.

Yu Youyao really liked it and ate a lot.

When Yin Huaixi found out about this, he couldn’t even care less about the memorials piled up in the Hall of Diligent Governance. He quickly returned to the Chenggan Palace to accompany Yu Youyao. Eunuch Zhu had no choice but to send the memorials into the Chenggan Palace.

After moving into the Eldest Princess’s residence, the Hall of Diligent Governance moved into the Chenggan Palace.

After her appetite improved, Yu Youyao’s thin flesh grew back. The child did not disturb her much and she did not have any serious morning sickness reactions.

Auntie Xu smiled and said, "This child is here to repay her kindness. Consort, you're so lucky."

## Chapter 1092: Nourishing the Fetus

After three months of pregnancy, Yu Youyao looked radiant. She did not look like someone who was pregnant at all. The news of the Empress's pregnancy also spread wantonly outside the palace.

The commotion in the back palace was so big that the court officials had already guessed this. However, as the empress had not even been pregnant for three months, the court officials did not dare to make a fuss.

The court officials had different reactions.

Some people were happy that the emperor had an heir who would last for generations.

There were also people who were in a daze. They felt bitter that they couldn't send their beautiful daughter into the palace to receive the emperor's favor and give birth to an imperial heir for the emperor in the future.

In short, no matter what, the Empress's pregnancy was celebrated.

The commoners all said, "The Empress is virtuous. Her kindness touched the heavens and eliminated the emperor's killing. The heavens retracted their punishment for the emperor."

This was a direct response to Yin Huaixi's statement that he had killed too much and harmed the harmony of the heavens.

After the fetus stabilized, Yu Youyao's appetite was not as picky as before. She gradually had an appetite for the things she used to like to eat, which made Yin Huaixi heave a sigh of relief.

Other than attending the morning court assembly, he spent most of his time in the Chengqian Hall. Sometimes, he would even accompany Yu Youyao when she approved memorials.

"It's been three months. Why is your stomach still so small?" Yin Huaixi touched her still flat stomach and couldn't help but feel a little disappointed.

Yu Youyao glared at him. "My stomach isn't big, but my waist is much thicker."

"Is that so?" She was wearing loose clothes, but she still looked slender, so it was hard to tell. Yin Huaixi leaned over. "Let me measure it. Is it really thick?"

After Yu Youyao was pregnant, although the two of them were still sleeping together, he did not dare to touch her most of the time, afraid that he would not be able to control himself. In the past, he could still restrain himself a little because he did not know what it was like. Once he tasted it, it was as if he had an addiction. He wanted it more and more over time. Furthermore, he was a military general and was strong. He was also hot-blooded and could not be provoked.

Yin Huaixi held her waist. It was indeed a little rounder. It was different from the slender and delicate feeling in the past. It had a hint of flesh. Blood rushed into his mind, making him feel restless. He couldn't help but press her into his arms and say in a hoarse voice, "The fetus is stable. Can we..."

He remembered that Imperial Physician Hu had instructed that within three months of pregnancy, couples were not allowed to have intercourse. After three months, the pregnancy would stabilize. They could engage in intercourse, as long as they were careful and did not do it too often.

Yu Youyao blushed and pushed him. "It's broad daylight..."

Yin Huaixi tilted his head to look out of the window. The sky was already a little dark. He picked Yu Youyao up. "It's going to be dark soon. Look, even the heavens are helping me..."

Her body was carefully placed on the bed, and then right on the heels of that, he overturned her. "You hooligan, yet you still use the heavens as a tool. How shameless!"

Yin Huaixi kissed her forehead. "Yin and Yang are harmonious. Men and women are harmonious, and the world is huge..."

Yu Youyao felt embarrassed. Even her toes were curled up. She buried her face in the pillow and whispered, "You, you have to be careful not to hurt the child..."

The curtain that was like a mist slowly lowered, blocking the shadows in the curtain.

In the following days, Yin Huaixi became more and more clingy to her, causing trouble every night. Yu Youyao's stomach also grew. At five months, she was already like a woman who had been pregnant for ten months and was about to give birth.

Imperial Physician Hu's expression was solemn. "The Empress is probably having twins."

Ever since Yu Youyao became pregnant, Yin Huaixi had also found some books about women's pregnancy. He also knew that it was very harmful to a woman's body to be pregnant with twins. Moreover, it was not easy to give birth because the babies were big, so he fell into anxiety.

Yu Youyao was not affected much. She felt that other than her body being a little heavy, there was nothing uncomfortable. She ate and drank every day.

Instead, she comforted Yin Huaixi. "I haven't given birth yet, right? What are you worried about? My health has always been good, and it's not necessarily dangerous for me to be pregnant with twins. With Auntie Xu's help to nourish my body, I think I'm fine."

However, this kind of comfort was useless to Yin Huaixi, especially since Yu Youyao was six months pregnant and her legs were cramping at night. Yin Huaixi's anxiety deepened.

As the months got older, Yu Youyao's pregnancy became more difficult.

After a long period of stress and anxiety, Yin Huaixi had a series of pregnancy reactions.

For example, Yu Youyao would have some nauseating reaction every morning, and Yin Huaixi would also experience such a situation.

Sometimes, Yu Youyao did not have a good appetite, and Yin Huaixi would be the same.

He had even experienced depression, insomnia, chest tightness, and various other situations that Yu Youyao had never been in.

At first, Yu Youyao thought that he was sick and was shocked. She quickly asked Imperial Physician Hu to treat him.

After Imperial Physician Hu took his pulse, he realized that he was in good health and there was nothing wrong with him. As soon as he asked, he said, “The emperor is overjoyed that he’s a new father. However, because the Empress is pregnant with two children, he’s anxious, confused, and worried. All kinds of strong emotions are intertwined, causing the emperor to have a mental cacophony with the Empress, which triggered a series of pregnancy reactions. He’s fine. As long as the child is born, these symptoms will naturally disappear.”

Yin Huaixi felt embarrassed and looked at Imperial Physician Hu.

Imperial Physician Hu was not so nervous anymore, but he also knew that such a harmful matter should not be spread.

After Imperial Physician Hu left, Yu Youyao fell onto the bed and laughed hysterically. She even deliberately called out to Yin Huaixi, “Pregnant husband.”

Yin Huaixi was both angry and amused. He hugged her and kissed her. “What’s so funny about that? I was just worried about you. If I hadn’t suffered this, I wouldn’t have known that it was so difficult for a woman to get pregnant. I would never have known what you had sacrificed for me. This is quite good.”

Yu Youyao immediately stopped smiling and wrapped her arms around his neck. “Don’t worry, I’ll be fine.”

Yin Huaixi hooked her finger. “Words are useless. Let’s pinky swear.”

All the oaths they had made when they were young had been fulfilled one by one. Perhaps this way, he would really feel more at ease.

“You’re already so old, yet you’re still doing this. Aren’t you childish?” Yu Youyao teased him as she hooked his little finger. “You can’t change for a hundred years.”

After pinky swearing, Yin Huaixi made a thumbs-up and stamped her thumb.

As Yu Youyao’s pregnancy grew, her body became heavier and heavier, and it became more and more tiring for her. She couldn’t even walk. Yin Huaixi saw her every day. She was small, but she had a big round belly. He felt terrified, and the anxiety in his heart deepened. Not only did the pregnancy reactions not improve, but it also became worse.

Every morning, noon, and night, Auntie Xu had to support her while she walked for 30 minutes to correct the position of the fetuses, in case it wasn’t good during childbirth.

### Chapter 1093: Childbirth

Every time Yu Youyao finished walking, she was panting, as if she had been squeezed dry.

In her eighth month of pregnancy, Yu Youyao’s stomach became bigger and bigger. Yu Youyao walked a little longer every day than before. No matter how hard it was, she endured it.

Yin Huaixi felt the same way. He felt his insides burning. He hugged her weak body and said in a hoarse voice, “No matter if this child is a boy or a girl, I won’t let you give birth again in the future.”

The Ruoshui Mountain Courtyard was quite successful. All the women of the Great Zhao Dynasty were proud to be able to study and read. Even the children of poor families would be sent to the cottage, the library, and the school to learn how to read. The enlightened image of the Northern Song Dynasty reappeared in the Great Zhao Dynasty. The Empress was no exception.

The million soldiers in her hands were not to be trifled with.

Yu Youyao took a deep breath, feeling terrible. "Okay."

In the blink of an eye, Yu Youyao was nine months pregnant. Auntie Xu calculated the time when she would give birth. At the end of March, the palace was on guard and began to prepare for childbirth.

Everyone in the court was also paying attention to this matter.

The Empress had been in the palace for more than three years and had never given birth. She was finally pregnant this year, but she was pregnant with a one-in-a-million double child.

If there were two boys, one of them had to be killed.

It was fine not to kill one of them, but the two of them would be deprived of their right to the inheritance.

If it were two girls, it would be most difficult to give birth to two children. No one knew if the Empress could survive.

The best case scenario was a boy and a girl, a dragon and phoenix.

However, it was difficult to raise two children to begin with. It would be fine if both children were at peace, but if the dragon died and the phoenix survived... The Empress would probably be too ashamed to face the world.

On the eighth of March, Yu Youyao bled when she got up to change. Yin Huaixi was in the morning court. Xia Tao quickly reported it to Eunuch Li, who was shocked and quickly went to the golden hall to report.

Yin Huaixi was shocked. He couldn't care less about the court officials and rushed to the Chenggan Palace. Yu Youyao acted as if nothing had happened and leaned against the bed to drink soup.

The entire Chenggan Palace was under full martial law.

"Are you about to give birth?" Yin Huaixi pursed his lips tightly, his face filled with anxiety. He looked even more nervous than her.

Yu Youyao burst out laughing. "It's just bleeding, so it won't start so quickly. Auntie Xu said that it takes strength to give birth and asked me to eat more to replenish my strength. At this moment, she's already ordered someone to set up the delivery room. The imperial physicians and the medical maids in charge of delivering the child are already waiting in the delivery room. Don't be nervous."

Yin Huaixi's heart was still in turmoil. He held her hand and realized that it was wet and cold. Upon closer inspection, he realized that her forehead and the tip of her nose were covered in sweat. "Why are you sweating so much?"

Yu Youyao did not notice at all. She raised her hand and touched it, feeling a little enlightened. “Perhaps I’m about to give birth. I’m not feeling unwell anywhere now.”

Just as Yin Huaixi was about to speak again, Yu Youyao said, “I won’t give birth so quickly. Go back to the morning court session quickly. It’s not good to leave the court officials hanging in the royal court.”

“No.” Yin Huaixi refused firmly. “I’ll accompany you.”

Seeing that she couldn’t persuade him, Yu Youyao let him be.

After that, every two hours, Auntie Xu would bring over a bowl of brown sugar bird’s nest, brown sugar eggs, red dates, snow fungus, and so on to replenish her strength.

Perhaps it was because she was about to give birth, but Yu Youyao still felt her stomach drop. She sweated more and more, and her appetite was not good. She did not want to eat anything. It was Yin Huaixi who coaxed her and fed her everything.

They waited until 7pm.

Yu Youyao was not in good spirits. She was coaxed by Yin Huaixi. After taking a nap on the couch for a while, she was suddenly woken up by a chill of sweat. Immediately after, she felt a wetness on her thigh, and her face turned pale.

“What’s wrong? Are you giving birth?” Yin Huaixi had been looking at her well. Seeing that she was suddenly sweating, his heart couldn’t help but tighten.

“I— I think I’m about to give birth.”

As soon as Yu Youyao finished speaking, Yin Huaixi shouted, “Someone.”

Auntie Xu quickly came out of the delivery room in the side hall. She saw that Yu Youyao’s face was pale and she was sweating profusely. Even her pants were wet. “The amniotic fluid is broken. Go and send the Empress to the delivery room first.”

With that, she was about to help Yu Youyao up when Yin Huaixi beat her to it. He picked her up and strode towards the delivery room.

In the delivery room, the Imperial Physician waited in the outer room. Meanwhile, in the inner room, four female physicians in charge of delivering the child were already prepared. In addition, there were two nannies and four main palace maids who served at the side. The rest of the people were waiting outside the hall. They were not allowed to enter.

The Empress was pregnant with two children, so it was not easy to give birth to them to begin with. It was not a good sign that her amniotic fluid had broken so early.

Auntie Xu felt a little uneasy, but she looked very calm on the surface. She instructed Chun Xiao and the others to prepare hot water and food. The female doctors seemed to have gained a backbone, and none of them showed any abnormality.

After the amniotic fluid broke, Yu Youyao’s stomach began to hurt and swell, and her face turned pale.



Imperial Physician Hu came in to take the Empress's pulse. "Her Majesty's body is fine. Just give birth normally."

After taking his pulse, Imperial Physician Hu saw that the emperor was still sitting by the bed, as if he had no intention of leaving. He quickly said, "The delivery room is a dirty place. Your Majesty, please wait in the outer hall."

Yin Huaixi frowned. "How sacred is it for a woman to have children? How can this be filthy? This is simply ridiculous."

Imperial Physician Hu wanted to persuade him again.

Yu Youyao was already in so much pain that she couldn't help but moan. Yin Huaixi's heart immediately fell on her. He quickly held her hand. "I'll accompany you."

Yu Youyao wanted to persuade him to leave, but there was another pain in her stomach. When she opened her mouth, there was another pain. She couldn't help but tighten her grip on Yin Huaixi's hand, not wanting him to leave.

Imperial Physician Hu could only leave the outer hall.

At first, there was a contraction every hour. Later, the pain became more and more intense. Every fifteen minutes, there was a contraction, and the pain became more and more intense.

When it was 1am, the labor pain was endless. Yu Youyao was in so much pain that she tossed and turned. Her entire face was pale, and bean-sized beads of sweat kept rolling down her forehead. She had just changed into dry clothes, but not long after, she was drenched in sweat again.

Auntie Xu was very anxious.

The Empress's figure was slender, and it was not easy to give birth to begin with. Furthermore, she was pregnant with two children. She had been in pain for most of the night, but her cervix had only opened twice. If this continued, she would be in danger.

However, although Auntie Xu was anxious, she looked calm. From time to time, she would feed Yu Youyao something and even comfort her. "Eat more and conserve some strength before you have the strength to give birth."

She turned around and gave Chun Xiao a look. Then, the two of them left the inner room one after another.

After leaving the delivery room, Auntie Xu instructed Chun Xiao. "Some time ago, the Persians sent a batch of incense. This incense can also nourish the Qi and blood, and it can also be used for pain and blood vertigo after delivery. Go and get some over. Don't let the Empress know."

Chun Xiao's heart skipped a beat, and she quickly went down to prepare.

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Just as Auntie Xu was about to return to the delivery room, she saw the emperor walk out. "How's Yao Yao? She's been in pain for most of the night. Why isn't she giving birth?"

Auntie Xu quickly lowered her head and replied, "The amniotic fluid broke too early. Her vagina is only two fingers wide. I think it'll take some time. I'll discuss it with Imperial Physician Hu and a

few other imperial physicians who are good at women's medicine to see what to do. From the looks of it, the Empress's health is not bad. She's still very optimistic."

Yin Huaixi was still worried. "But she's in so much pain. Is there a way to stop the pain?"

When Auntie Xu heard this, she only found it funny. However, she wanted to laugh, but she couldn't. "When a woman gives birth, pain is a necessary process. There's no way to relieve the pain. She can only endure it."

Yin Huaixi was a little disappointed and instructed solemnly, "If anything happens during the birth process later, you have to protect the child."

Auntie Xu had mixed feelings and nodded in agreement.

Time passed in waves of intense pain, looking very tortuous. Yu Youyao cried from the pain, and Yin Huaixi's heart ached.

This period of pain passed.

From 3am to 5am, Yu Youyao's vagina was three fingers wide, but there were still no signs of labor. Auntie Xu looked calm, but a thin layer of sweat appeared on her forehead. She quickly discussed countermeasures with the female doctors. The four female doctors unanimously agreed to get an imperial physician who was good at women's medicine to come over and perform acupuncture on the Empress to accelerate labor.

The imperial physician came in to perform acupuncture and accelerate delivery. Yu Youyao's pain became even more intense, but after more than an hour, there was still no sign of birth.

The atmosphere in the delivery room became very heavy.

Even Yu Youyao, who was in pain, felt something. All the strength in her body seemed to have been drained. She collapsed on the bed, as if she was about to faint.

Auntie Xu was shocked and quickly cut a few slices of ginseng for her to eat.

Yin Huaixi held her hand. "Yu Youyao, hold on a little longer. If you really can't give birth, then don't. I have to protect you."

Yu Youyao looked at the coldness in his eyes and immediately shuddered. "I—I just don't have the strength. I'll be fine after resting for a while."

As soon as she finished speaking, there was an extreme swelling in her abdomen, and Yu Youyao screamed.

Auntie Xu was immediately overjoyed. "She's giving birth. The Empress is giving birth. Quick, bring four more eggs over."

The female doctors hurriedly went forward to check on the Empress's body. Xia Tao quickly brought in some eggs and fed them to Yu Youyao. Yu Youyao was in too much pain to eat. Yin Huaixi took the bowl and coaxed her to eat two eggs. Only when she felt nauseous and couldn't eat anymore did he cut a piece of ginseng and let her eat it.

The room was in chaos. Yin Huaixi also retreated from the bed and sat at the table. Seeing the palace servants pouring out basins of blood, his heart burned.

Yu Youyao was in too much pain. At first, she was screaming softly in pain, but towards the end, she was already screaming in high-pitched pain. One after another, her screams crushed Yin Huaixi's heart.

He began to feel anxious, and he felt an unbearable pain in his abdomen. His face turned pale, and in a moment, he was drenched in sweat.

There was another long and torturous period of pain. Yu Youyao's cries almost never stopped. The doctor's daughter brewed another bowl of medicinal soup and fed it to Yu Youyao. It wasn't until the sky shone brightly and the sun jumped out of the horizon bit by bit that a loud cry finally came from the delivery room.

Auntie Xu was overjoyed. "She gave birth. The Empress gave birth to a little prince."

In the sky-green sky, the glow of the sun was faintly discernible in the billowing smoke.

Suddenly, a gap appeared in the thick clouds, and a beautiful light shone down. A brilliant halo spread out, enveloping the entire Imperial City in golden light.

The court officials waiting in the hall were all mesmerized by this auspicious scene.

At this moment, the palace congratulated the Empress for giving birth to a son.

The Imperial Astronomer calculated the time and was immediately overjoyed. "The light is an auspicious sign from the sky. The heavens are blessing our Great Zhao. Our Great Zhao will definitely last for generations."

The court officials were also overjoyed.

At this moment, in the delivery room, Yin Huaixi couldn't be bothered to look at the child. He quickly went to the bed and saw that Yu Youyao's face was pale and haggard. She seemed to have lost all her energy. Even his heart was about to break. "Don't be afraid. I'm here."

Yu Youyao forced a smile, but her smile was even uglier than her crying face. She was exhausted and tried her best to open her eyes to look at the child, but she was a little sleepy.

The female doctors were excited. "Her Majesty, you have to persevere. There's another one who's about to come out..."

Upon hearing that there was another one, Yu Youyao tightened her grip on the bedsheets under her, as if she had strength again. Yin Huaixi thought about the fact that she still had to experience it again, and his heart immediately felt like it was being cut by a knife.

In the end, Yu Youyao did not even have the strength to shout. She could only hear the female doctors, who kept shouting for her to inhale, exhale, and exert strength. She was like a puppet on a string. She kept inhaling and exerting strength while breathing hard. Her mind was wandering as she wondered why other pains would be so painful that she would be numb and she would not know how to feel pain. However, this was not the case when giving birth. There was pain from head to toe, and it lasted from the start to the end. It was so painful that she did not even have the strength, but she was still in pain.

After this ordeal, another 45 minutes passed, and the second child was born.

Auntie Xu's heart skipped a beat as she hugged the child. The empress either did not give birth, or she had two children and they were both boys. "This is also a little prince."

It was a great thing for commoners to give birth to two boys, but it was a taboo in the palace.

Wasn't this blessing a little too much?!

Yin Huaixi did not think too much about it and was a little disappointed. He hoped to have a soft daughter, but the two children were all young brats. He was also a man, so what was there to cherish?

Thinking about how these two young brats had caused Yu Youyao to suffer greatly, he more or less did not like them.

Everyone in the room knelt down and congratulated, "Congratulations to Her Majesty for giving birth to a son."

When the news reached the previous dynasty, the court officials saw that the auspicious sign in the sky had yet to fade. Layers of light leaped out from the sun and shone brightly. They really could not say anything ominous.

The Imperial Astronomer's expression was solemn as he calculated the time again. "The Eldest Prince was born at four o'clock in the morning, and light descended upon us. The Second Prince was born at almost five in the morning, when sunlight illuminated all things. The two sons have complementary fates. It's auspicious."

In fact, before the Empress gave birth, the emperor had already looked for the Imperial Astronomer. Whether it was two sons or two daughters, it was a good omen. There was no other way.

Now, according to the calculations of the Imperial Astronomer, it was indeed auspicious. He couldn't help but feel relieved.

Yu Youyao did not know that the undercurrents of the previous dynasty were turbulent. After she tried her best to give birth to her second son, she had already fainted. When Auntie Xu saw that she was showing signs of bleeding, she was shocked. She quickly ordered someone to light some incense and asked the imperial physician to come over and perform acupuncture. Fortunately, Yu Youyao had always been in good health. Although she had suffered after giving birth to two children, her foundation was good. After the imperial physician performed acupuncture, the bleeding stopped.

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However, even so, Yin Huaixi was still shocked. He guarded Yu Youyao, unwilling to leave.

Auntie Xu brought over some warm water and wiped Yu Youyao's body. She helped her change into dry clothes and moved Yu Youyao to the east hall. This was the place for confinement.

When Yu Youyao woke up, it was already dark. She had slept for the entire day.

Auntie Xu quickly brought over four poached eggs. "You must be hungry after sleeping for the entire day. Have something to eat first."

Yu Youyao leaned against the pillow. She was originally starving, but when she saw that it was eggs again, she immediately lost her appetite. “Ah, why are there eggs again? It’s poached eggs with plain water. I don’t want to eat them...”

Auntie Xu quickly coaxed her. “You’ve just given birth. You can’t eat oil or fishy food, nor can you eat salt. It’s best if you eat light liquid food. Eggs are nutritious. Eat some eggs to help eliminate bad body dew.”

Yu Youyao looked reluctant. She was coaxed by Yin Huaixi to eat three eggs, but she couldn’t eat the remaining one no matter what.

Seeing that she was eating in pain, Yin Huaixi ate the remaining one. There was no oil or salt on the poached egg. Not only did it taste bland, but the egg was also hearty. His mouth was filled with the fishy smell of egg yolk, so it was indeed not delicious.

After eating, Yu Youyao felt a little better. Only then did she remember that she seemed to have given birth to two sons. She quickly asked Auntie Xu to bring the children over to take a look.

Auntie Xu smiled and went to the side room to call for the nanny to bring the child in.

At first, Yu Youyao was looking forward to it very much. She did not know what kind of children she had given birth to, but when the nanny brought the child over to take a look, she immediately pursed her lips and pointed at the babies in swaddling clothes. She asked in disbelief, “Did I give birth to them?”

Seeing that her expression was amiss, Yin Huaixi asked, “What’s wrong?”

Yu Youyao looked like she was about to cry. “Did I really give birth to them?”

Auntie Xu glared at her. “What are you talking about? If they aren’t your children, who else could they be? You’re already a mother. Why are you still acting like a child?”

Yu Youyao immediately cried. “Why are they so ugly? Their wrinkled red faces make them look like little old men. It’s too eye-catching...”

For a moment, she couldn’t accept that she had given birth to two ugly children. She thought about how she and Yin Huaixi were both good-looking, so why were the children so ugly?!

Yin Huaixi was immediately speechless. She even despised her children.

Auntie Xu was caught between laughter and tears. “What nonsense are you talking about? The two princes are very good-looking. They’re newborn children and haven’t grown up yet. When they’re a month old, they’ll look different every day. The more they grow, the better they look.”

“Really?” Yu Youyao did not believe it. She suddenly remembered that when Yu Shanming was born, he seemed to be wrinkled too. Later, he gradually looked better, and her mood immediately improved a lot.

Auntie Xu rolled her eyes at her. “Why would I lie to you? You and His Highness are both good-looking. How can your children not look good? You’re already a mother. You have to be more mature in the future. Don’t make a fool of yourself.”

Yu Youyao knew that she was in the wrong and raised her hand to carry her children.

The two nannies quickly placed the children carefully into Yu Youyao's arms, one on the left and one on the right.

Although Yu Youyao despised the sight of newborn children, as she looked at them, joy and excitement surged in her heart. She hugged the two children and kissed them left and right, teasing them non-stop.

Yin Huaixi watched from the side and was a little jealous. His face darkened as he thought to himself that the young brats were indeed born to snatch his wife from him.

Yu Youyao lowered her head and pressed it against the child's nose. Her smile was filled with joy. "Yin Huaixi, look. They're really cute. They're so soft in my arms."

Yin Huaixi leaned over, feeling a little disgusted that the two children were ugly. Before he could react, his arms were stuffed with a ball of softness. For a moment, he was flustered. The nanny was shocked. Worried that the emperor would be clumsy and not be able to carry the child well, she hurriedly went forward to help him adjust his posture.

Yin Huaixi hugged the child and sat stiffly on the spot, not daring to move at all. His eyes couldn't help but land on the child in his arms. He couldn't help but shake him gently twice, then two more times. Soon, he mastered the rhythm of the shaking.

Auntie Xu watched from the side, and her smile deepened.

Yu Youyao hugged him for a while and couldn't help but ask, "Which of them is older and which is younger?"

Yin Huaixi hurriedly said, "The one with the bright yellow belt on his swaddling clothes is the Eldest Son, and the Second Son is the one with the purple belt."

The Eldest Son was born to the emperor's wife and was the eldest child. He was born as light descended upon the world. His status was already destined from the moment he was born.

Yu Youyao looked down and saw that her Eldest Son was in her arms. Then, she kissed him again. The child was sleeping soundly when he was teased by his biological mother. He opened his mouth and immediately wailed.

When the Eldest Son cried, the Second Son, who was still asleep, also opened his mouth and cried.

Immediately, the room was filled with the cries of children.

Yu Youyao despised her children for crying and being disobedient. Auntie Xu was caught between laughter and tears. The grandmother checked the swaddling clothes. Unexpectedly, as soon as the diaper was lifted, a pillar of water sprayed out onto Yin Huaixi's face.

Yin Huaixi was immediately stunned.

Yu Youyao was also stunned for a moment. Then, she couldn't help but burst out laughing. "Hahaha..."

Auntie Xu also couldn't help but laugh. She quickly said, "This child has a pure Yang body. His entire body is filled with Yang energy and vitality. The urine of a child is produced by the temperature of his kidney. It's pure."

Yin Huaixi's mind kept echoing. Not only was the young brat born to snatch his wife from him, but he was also here to jinx him. He was not cute at all.

However, seeing that Yu Youyao was in good spirits, he felt that this sacrifice was worth it.

Yu Youyao had just given birth and had been laughing for a while when she felt a little uncomfortable in her abdomen. She did not dare to laugh anymore. The nanny carried the children down to change her diaper.

After Yu Youyao's excitement passed, she felt a little tired.

Yin Huaixi stroked her pale face with heartache. "Yao Yao, you've worked hard."

Yu Youyao couldn't help but feel a lump in her throat. She snuggled into his arms and wheedled, "Yin Huaixi, it hurts to give birth. I don't want to give birth anymore."

"Alright, we won't have any more children. We won't have any more children."

Yin Huaixi also felt a lingering fear. Everyone said that when women gave birth, it was as if they had walked through the gates of hell. Only when he saw it with his own eyes did he realize that these words were true.

During the delivery, Yu Youyao fainted three times. The female doctors were always called to bring her back to consciousness, and the imperial physician was called to perform acupuncture. After giving birth, there were even signs of blood loss. Fortunately, she successfully survived.

Hearing his hoarse voice, Yu Youyao looked up at him and saw that his eyes were green and black. His chin was also covered in green and black stubble, and his face was filled with fatigue. He did not look much better than her, and her heart ached. "Don't worry, I'll be fine."

Yin Huaixi pulled her into his arms and said nothing.

Yu Youyao leaned safely into his arms and asked, "Has the name of the children been decided?"

Ever since he found out that she was pregnant, Yin Huaixi had already picked out a lot of good names. He wrote page after page. The husband and wife had nothing to do. After excluding some names, there were still many left. At the very least, there was still no conclusion.

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Yin Huaixi shook his head. "I'll wait for you to decide."

Yu Youyao pursed her lips and quickly pushed the blame away. "It's so troublesome. It's better for you to decide. I have to go through confinement. It's not suitable for me to think about such troublesome matters."

Yin Huaixi said helplessly, "In that case, they were both born during Chen Shi<sup>1</sup>, their names should start with the character for 'Chen'. Thus, the Eldest Son shall be called Yin Chenzhao, from the meaning of the world being bright, and the sun and moon being clear. The Second Son shall be called Yin Chenyao. The character for 'Yao' means sunlight, and has the meaning of shining brightly. What do you think?"

The character for "Zhao" described the sun and the moon. It also had the meaning of being virtuous.

Just from one name, the identities of the two had already been decided.

Yu Youyao was a little sleepy and muttered, "It's alright!"

After the children's names were decided, Yu Youyao snuggled into Yin Huaixi's arms and fell asleep. Yin Huaixi lowered his head and kissed her forehead, feeling extremely glad.

He rejoiced the fact that she had kept her promise and survived all the dangers.

He was also glad that they would work together for the rest of their lives.

Yin Huaixi looked at her pale sleeping face, and his eyes welled up with tears.

As the two princes had both been born under auspicious circumstances, in addition to the auspicious omen calculated by the Imperial Astronomer, even though the court officials' hearts were in turmoil, no one dared to criticize them.

After the two princes were a month old, the emperor held a vast Zhou ceremony in the Hall of Supreme Harmony. The Eldest Prince grabbed a brush, and the Second Prince grabbed a wooden sword. One was a scholar, and the other was a martial artist. It was in line with the Imperial Astronomer's words. Only then did the floating hearts of the court officials gradually calm down.

Then, the emperor couldn't wait to confer the title of Crown Prince on the Eldest Prince, Yin Chenzhao. His domineering attitude had already made everything clear, so it was even more difficult for the court officials to say anything.

As a result, the empress gave birth to two boys in the court without even causing a splash.

There was some criticism among the commoners.

However, most of the commoners believed it deeply. "Didn't the emperor say that he had killed too many people and harmed the harmony of the heavens and the children? The Empress gave birth to two children in one go, and they were all both in auspicious times. This is a great blessing. It's clearly because the Empress is kind and benevolent. She was grateful for the heavens. As a result, a pair of sons descended from the heavens."

Such a saying was widely spread among the commoners, and it suppressed many criticisms.

As the two princes grew older and revealed their talent, the court officials were even more overjoyed.

No matter how busy Yin Huaixi was, he would take two hours every day to teach them how to read and practice martial arts. As a father, he taught the two of them the same things without any bias.

As for what they had learned, it all depended on their aptitude.

However, the famous Confucian scholars in charge of teaching the princes taught the two princes different things.

The Crown Prince, Yin Chenzhao, lived in the Literary Hall. All the Confucian scholars took turns to serve him. They had also chosen talented people to study with him. In addition to the Crown Prince's Junior Mentor, Junior Teacher, and Junior Guard, there were also more than 30 people who



followed him, including the Left and Right Supervisors of the Household and other officials. They were all old ministers and received their duties. They were all taught the cardinals of governance. They had been nurturing the Crown Prince from the beginning.

Not only did the Second Son, Yin Chenyao, have to learn scriptures, but he also had to learn the art of war. Yin Huaixi had also chosen a few old generals to specially teach him martial arts and train his muscles.

Yin Huaixi did not ask them to stay in the palace and study hard. From time to time, he would bring the family out on patrol to let them understand the suffering of the commoners.

When Yu Youyao saw that Yin Huaixi was so proactive in teaching the children, she first thought that he was worried that his two sons would lose their temper and cause a tragedy in the future, so he brought the children along to teach them.

When their Eldest Son, Yin Chenzhao, was seven years old, Yin Huaixi threw him to the Hall of Diligent Governance and asked him to work together to deal with government affairs.

Their Second Son, Yin Chenyao, was also thrown into the capital camp to eat and live with the soldiers.

Yin Huaixi had a lot of free time. When he stuck to her in the Chengqian Palace all day, she finally came to a realization and felt that she was really too naive.

It was obvious that this fellow was slacking off and planning to exploit his children.

Instantly, she was both angry and amused.

Yin Huaixi still said self-righteously, "How is this exploitation? It's clearly training. Sooner or later, the world will be handed over to them and they'll learn to deal with government affairs as soon as possible. In the future, I can abdicate early and let someone else take over. Wouldn't it be fun to accompany you in the palace?"

Yu Youyao punched him a few times in anger.

Yin Huaixi clutched his chest. After putting on an act, he finally made Yu Youyao laugh and did not mind his thoughts. However, because his heart ached for the children, he couldn't help but warn him, "The children are still young. Don't give them too much pressure. You can't spoil them through your excessive enthusiasm."

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Under her delicate and fierce gaze, Yin Huaixi was defeated and said reluctantly, "Alright, alright, alright. I'll send them to the North another day and let them experience it for themselves. Back then, their grandfather and I guarded the North. I'll also let them look at how the North had been completely changed by their mother. It's said that it's better to travel ten thousand miles than to read ten thousand books. If they stay in the palace all day and sit in this place, it's like looking at the sky from a well. In the future, their horizons will be smaller."

Only then did Yu Youyao stop. "Mr. Xian Yun and Mr. Hu Shan are both in Xiangping. It's a good thing to let them listen to the teachings of the great Confucian scholars and also establish their learning and ambition."

She did not want the children to be imprisoned in the Imperial City from the moment they were born. She also hoped that they could walk around, take a look, broaden their horizons, and feel freedom.

Seeing that she was no longer angry, Yin Huaixi pressed her against the bed and coaxed, “Good Yao’er, shouldn’t you dote on me more?”

Hearing his frivolous words, Yu Youyao glared at him angrily. “You’re jealous of your sons, right? Aren’t you ashamed?”

Yin Huaixi stroked her long hair that was like ink. His heart was filled with endless love and gentleness. He looked resentful. “My wife is always so concerned about the two boys and has neglected me. I’m so sad...”

Yu Youyao felt a little guilty. He was so annoying. “Speak properly.”

Yin Huaixi kissed her hair. “The Buddhist Festival is in a few days. I’ll accompany you to the Precious Peace Temple to add incense oil for my mother-in-law and relax.”

Yu Youyao nodded. On the day her mother passed away early and her grandmother was bedridden, the Precious Peace Temple was one of the few opportunities for her to walk out of the Yu Residence.

On the eighth of April, during the Buddhist Festival, Yin Huaixi arranged for a team of secret guards to accompany Yu Youyao to the Precious Peace Temple incognito without alerting anyone.

The two of them first went to the room to settle down. Then, Yu Youyao, accompanied by Yin Huaixi, went up to the Lantern Pavilion and personally added incense oil for her mother as she recited the Sutra of the Past Life.

The dim light in the Lantern Pavilion stretched the figures of the two people leaving together. When they reached the door, Yu Youyao couldn’t help but stop and turn around. On the lotus lamp seat under the Bodhisattva, the longevity lamp that belonged to her mother was swaying and jumping gently, as if it was bidding her farewell.

Along the quiet path, Yu Youyao saw the old branches by the lake. They grew crookedly, and red, pink, and white apricot flowers bloomed on the branches.

Yu Youyao couldn’t help but laugh. “Do you still remember that back then, when I was here, a strand of my hair was cut off by your subordinate? At that time, I was afraid and a little angry. Later, you helped me pick a flower. I liked it very much, so I decided to call it even with you and wasn’t angry with you anymore!”

Every time this matter was mentioned, Yin Huaixi felt a little guilty. He flew up and picked an apricot flower from the tree, slowly placing it into her black hair.

The burning apricot flower made her face look like jade.

Yin Huaixi took a step forward and held her shoulders. He lowered his head and kissed her hair.

The two of them looked at each other and smiled. They walked along the quiet path and passed by the meditation room. Yu Youyao heard the sound of chanting coming from the meditation room. It was the Sutra of the Medicine Buddha that Grandmaster Hui Neng had recited back then.

“May I attain enlightenment from the Buddha in my next life. May my own light be blazing, illuminating boundlessly and immeasurably. Since I am here, I am no different from all living beings.”

“May I receive Bodhi’s help in my next life. May my body be like glass, clean inside and out, without any impurities. May the light be vast, and the prestige be blazing. My body is good, and I live in peace...”

Yu Youyao suddenly stopped.

Yin Huaixi looked down at her. “What’s wrong?”

Thinking of the past, Yu Youyao said, “Back then, when I accompanied my Grandmother to the Precious Peace Temple, I also saw Grandmaster Hui Neng in this small meditation courtyard. At that time, he took a look at me and recited the twelve great wishes of the Medicine Buddha.”

Yin Huaixi was deep in thought. “You probably don’t know this, but Grandmaster Hui Neng hasn’t opened his eyes for many years.”

Yu Youyao seemed to have understood and left the meditation courtyard with Yin Huaixi. Behind her, she seemed to be able to hear that benevolent voice reciting over and over again—

“May my own light be blazing, illuminating boundlessly and immeasurably...”

“May the light be vast, and the prestige be blazing...”

In the end, they stood under the Bodhisattva of Wishes. The green cover of the Bodhisattva of Wishes was like a cloud, like a green umbrella that held up the sky. The red wishing silk on it fluttered in the wind.

The events of yesterday happened again.

“Cousin, Cousin, did you see the wishing Bodhi outside the meditation room? I went there to make a wish just now. I’m very strong. The wishing silk was thrown high up, so it will definitely hang for a long time. The longer and higher the wishing silk is hung on the tree, the more effective it will be.”

“When I was throwing the wishing silk just now, a strange wind blew from somewhere, scaring me. Fortunately, it was a good wind. I borrowed the force to send the wishing silk to a high branch. The auntie who sold it said that this was a good sign and auspicious.”

“Cousin, why don’t you ask me what wish I made?”

“Cousin, ask quickly, ask quickly.”

“I can’t tell my Cousin. It won’t work if I tell you!”

Yin Huaixi suddenly laughed. The red silk covering the tree swayed in the wind. It was as if he could see a little girl in a plain dress standing under the tree on her tiptoes.

A Bodhi tree did not attract dust. It represented Prajna, and was extremely pure.

Yin Huaixi turned to look at her. “My wife, you don’t know this, but back then, I might have made a wish under this Bodhi tree.”

Yu Youyao couldn’t help but ask, “What wish?”

Yin Huaixi kissed her forehead and said in a low voice, “In this life, I’m willing to use my flesh and blood to shelter you from the wind and rain. I’m willing to protect your clothes from dust and your temples from frost. I’m willing to protect you for a lifetime and give you a lifetime of peace.”

The records of the Great Zhao’s history said, “In this life, Emperor Zhaoyong promised not to be disloyal, not to have any thoughts, and to not have any children born after his wife’s death. He would be in love with Empress Zhaoyi for the rest of his life...”