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Chapter 311 Don't Want to Get Involved

When Yu Youyao heard this, she couldn't help but sigh with emotion. Madam Yang was really kind to Yu Shansi.

It was no wonder that there was no inappropriate news from Yu Shansi.

Even her grandmother was fooled.

Yang Shuwan was indeed a little unpresentable, but she could always be more meticulous when it came to her children. This was probably because she was a tough mother.

Even though she did not agree, Liu'er continued, "Although I'm serving in the main courtyard, I don't hear much about Fourth Young Master. It's just that after staying for a long time, I can't help but notice some clues. I once saw Fourth Young Master's nanny, Mother Wu, hugging Mo Cai and crying..."

Liu'er was a cautious person, so she explained some of the details she had discovered in the past without saying much.

Yu Youyao felt more confident. After giving Liu'er a few instructions, she went to the incense room.

Although she did not want to get involved in the matters of the main courtyard, if there was really anything wrong with Yu Shansi, she should be more wary.

At night, when Yu Zongzheng returned to the government office, Yu Youyao went to the study in the front courtyard to look for her father and mentioned that Yu Shansi had moved into the courtyard.

"The Songtao Courtyard has already been renovated, and the items inside have been placed one by one. In three days, it will be the Dragon Boat Festival. I thought that the days before and after the Dragon Boat Festival were not bad, so I asked Father when it was suitable for Fourth Brother to move in."

The Songtao Courtyard had been renovated under his watch. Following his request, his eldest daughter did her best and had the demeanor of an elder sister. She was very meticulous.

Yu Zongzheng was very satisfied. After pondering for a moment, he said, "It can't be on the Dragon Boat Festival. Let him move in tomorrow!"

The Dragon Boat Festival was a rare grand event. When the time came, the residence would have to be handled carefully. Once there were too many things to do, it was inevitable that there would be oversights. It would be more appropriate to move early.

Yu Youyao nodded and also felt that tomorrow was a good day. "We'll do as you say, Father. However, it's a big deal for Fourth Brother to move into the courtyard. Mother has to step in to manage it, so it will be more meticulous. Besides, Fourth Brother is still young. We have to be careful when moving him into the courtyard. The elders should be involved. Do you think we should inform Mother?"

After Songtao Courtyard was renovated, she did not plan to get involved in the rest.

Moving into a new courtyard was a big deal. If anything happened, she wouldn't be able to bear the responsibility. She might as well avoid it.

Her father valued Yu Shansi. No matter how bad Madam Yang was, she was still Yu Shansi's mother. Just thinking about Yu Shansi's feelings, her father would likely agree.

At the mention of Yang Shuwan, Yu Zongzheng frowned. However, after hearing his eldest daughter's words, he felt that her words made sense.

Yu Zongzheng nodded. "We'll do as you say."

Yu Youyao heaved a sigh of relief and smiled.

Yu Zongzheng was in a good mood. He had asked his eldest daughter to take the school examination that tested the Four Books and Five Classics. Not only was his eldest daughter fluent in answering, but she also had shared some insights.

When Yu Zongzheng heard this, he looked gratified again. "Yao Yao, you've learned seriously for a while, but you've improved greatly. Your cousin didn't teach you in vain." His tone revealed his admiration for Zhou Linghuai. Then, he asked, "You've been learning the zither from your cousin recently. I wonder how you're doing."

Yu Youyao said, "I've been learning 'Spring River Flowers and Moon Night' recently. When you're not busy, I'll play it for you."

Upon hearing this, Yu Zongzheng was even happier. "Spring River Flowers and Moon Night" was a famous song, and the song was also relatively difficult. Since his eldest daughter could learn this song, it was obvious that she had also learned the zither well.

Compared to this, Yu Zongzheng valued Yu Youyao's calligraphy more. "Write a few words for Father to see if your calligraphy has improved recently."

He remembered that his eldest daughter was quite talented in calligraphy.

Yu Youyao nodded and walked to the desk to spread out some paper. She picked a Five Purple Five Sheep from the brush holder.

When Yu Zongzheng saw this, he was a little surprised. The pen of the Five Purple Five Sheep was slightly softer, and it was very demanding on the wrist strength. Even many men could not take it.

He also used seven purple and three sheep.

He did not expect his eldest daughter to use the Five Purple and Five Sheep.

Yu Youyao was still writing the same poem, "Born in trouble, die in peace." The ink brush was influenced by Madam Wei's small handwriting. The words were graceful and beautiful, like a tree that was smooth and elegant.

However, when one looked at it again, it was as graceful as a swan, and as majestic as a dragon. Looking at it from afar, it was as bright as the sun rising into the morning sky, and it bloomed like a lotus flower.

When Yu Zongzheng saw this, the upper paragraphs of the “Ode to the Goddess of Luo” suddenly appeared in his mind. The world often praised Wang Xizhi’s calligraphy with the “Ode to the Goddess of Luo”.

Immediately, he was shocked.

He did not expect that in just a few months, his eldest daughter had already mastered some of the essence of calligraphy.

“Good, good, good.” Yu Zongzheng was proud and felt complicated, so he couldn’t help but say the word “good” three times in a row.

In the past, he had actually thought that such a talented and smart eldest daughter was ignorant and stupid! He patted his daughter’s shoulder. “Yao Yao really didn’t disappoint Father.”

He couldn’t help but think again. If his eldest daughter was a man, she might be able to compare to Song Mingzhao. In the future, the first branch of the Yu Residence might be able to get first place.

The second son wouldn’t be the only one with potential in the family.

At the thought of this, Yu Zongzheng couldn’t help but feel a little disappointed.

However, on second thought!

A few days ago, her eldest daughter had received the Empress Dowager’s recognition, so her future probably wouldn’t be bad.

Although Brother Si was still young, he was smart and eager to learn. If he nurtured him well, he might have a bright future with his eldest sister’s help in the future.

At the thought of this, he did not feel disappointed anymore.

Yu Youyao did not know what Yu Zongzheng was thinking. Even if she did, she would not care too much. She lowered her head. “Father, you flatter me!”

That night, when Yang Shuwan heard Yu Zongzheng’s words, she was so angry that she trembled. “Master, what do you mean? Brother Si is his only legitimate son. It’s fine if he doesn’t allow me to touch him when he’s renovating the Songtao Courtyard, but the Songtao Courtyard has just been renovated, and he’s already anxiously asking Brother Si to move in. He didn’t even give me any time to prepare. How can he be so rash?”

However, she had forgotten that Songtao Courtyard was originally a good courtyard. It did not need any repairs and could still be lived in.

For the sake of Yu Shansi, the legitimate son of the first wife, it had taken him ten days. He had also spent more than 5,000 taels of silver. The items and ornaments inside were all the best in the public treasury.

Even Old Madam frowned when she saw the list of items in the Songtao Courtyard.

However, because Yu Shansi was the only legitimate son of the first wife, she did not say anything.

Fourth Young Master was First Madam’s only legitimate son. How could she not care about such a big matter like moving into a courtyard? She had someone keeping an eye on him all the time.

Therefore, Nanny Li knew this the best.

Eldest Miss was also very thorough. As long as there were changes, placements, household items, and so on, she would draw up a list and specially get someone to send a copy to the main courtyard.

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Chapter 312 Yu Youyao Is Bewitched

Every time, Madam was always picky.

If it weren't for the fact that Eldest Master was satisfied, Madam would have long found an opportunity to cause a commotion.

Yang Shuwan was furious. "Master was blinded by that scourge, Yu Youyao. He thinks that Yu Youyao is so impressive and let a half-grown child like her cause trouble for him. He didn't even think about it. Brother Si and Yu Youyao didn't come from the same stomach. What sibling relationship can there be with Brother Si? What good can it be for him?"

Nanny Li also felt that Eldest Miss's methods were too impressive.

In the past, Eldest Master had never looked at his eldest daughter at all. He would either reprimand or teach her a lesson.

But how long had it been?

She did not know what Eldest Miss had done, but not only had Eldest Master completely changed his opinion of her, but he also valued her very much. He had also given his admiration for Third Miss to Eldest Miss.

The more Yang Shuwan spoke, the angrier she became. "I think it's not enough that Yu Youyao harmed Jia Jia and me. She's even unwilling to let Brother Si off. She's so young, but she's actually so vicious..."

With that said, new and old grudges surged into his heart.

She and Master were originally a loving couple.

However, Yu Youyao had interfered a few times. Master did not care about her anymore and was filled with dissatisfaction with her. He even despised her for being the daughter of a concubine and not being presentable. Now, he did not even let her manage the family, nor did he allow her to interfere in Brother Si's upbringing.

After the Flower Festival at the Marquis of Changxing's Residence, Eldest Master had not rested in her house for a period of time. Instead, he had served that little b*tch from the Clear Autumn Courtyard until her face was rosy.

And Jia Jia!

Master had always liked such an obedient and sensible person!

However, after Yu Youyao caused a commotion at the flower festival, Master had also said that he was "disappointed." She had become someone who was "petty", "unpresentable", and "did not know the severity of the matter."

At the thought of this, she felt a chill run down her spine.

For a moment, she almost thought that Yu Youyao had been possessed and had specially come to harm them.

No matter how angry Yang Shuwan was, the next day, she got up before dawn and started the courtyard moving process in full swing.

All the household items and tools had been arranged. It was a symbolic move, but the food, clothes, and expenses could not be taken lightly.

The residence was in chaos.

Yu Youyao was not affected. She went to school as usual.

Yu Jianjia sprained her ankle and was indirectly grounded by her father. It had been a long time since she had come to school.

In the family school, there were only four people—Yu Youyao, Yu Shuangbai, Yu Lianyu, and Yu Fangfei. In addition to the Four Books and Five Classics, Ms. Ye would also spend some time every day to recount the teachings of women.

After school, Ms. Ye asked Yu Youyao to do her homework as usual. Then, she said, “From tomorrow onwards, you’ll go to school every three days.”

Yu Youyao was stunned. “Ms. Ye?”

Ms. Ye explained, “You’re progressing too quickly. There’s only so much I can teach you at the moment.”

Actually, Yu Youyao’s learning progress was too fast. Compared to her, the other sisters in the residence were far inferior.

Usually, in class, her teaching was biased towards Yu Youyao. However, her teachings were not for Yu Youyao alone. She was paid to help others resolve their problems, so she could not do as she pleased. She couldn’t only teach Yu Youyao and ignore the other sisters.

However, if she slowed down her teaching progress, it would also delay Yu Youyao and waste her time.

However, she knew that Yu Youyao had received the Empress Dowager’s recognition and was no longer the same as before. The elders in the residence probably had many things to teach her.

With Yu Youyao’s current learning progress, it was suitable for her to go to school every three days.

Yu Youyao understood immediately and nodded in agreement.

With her cousin guiding her in her studies, the content of her studies was already a little ahead of time. It was impossible for Ms. Ye to ignore her sisters and teach the content that was ahead.

She had realized earlier that there was already very little she could learn at home. Continuing to attend home school would not help her improve much, and it would be a waste of time.

During this period of time, she had learned more and more, so time was a little tight.

However, it was her duty to respect her teacher. Even though it was a little difficult every day, she still attended school as usual.

It seemed that Ms. Ye had also discovered this.

At the thought of this, Yu Youyao felt grateful. "Thank you, Ms. Ye."

Ms. Ye smiled faintly. "I'll get someone to send the content of the classes every day to the Jade Courtyard. Learn on your own. If there's anything you don't understand, remember it and ask me for guidance when you go to school. Even if you don't go to school, don't relax and study. Learn more while you're young, and your future will be easier."

These words came from the bottom of her heart. Yu Youyao nodded. "Of course I'll remember your teachings."

After Yu Youyao left, Ms. Ye sat in the room and gently rubbed the wooden rhinoceros incense bead on her wrist.

There was only one incense bead with a Lantian Jade Bead. It was a bracelet made of five-colored threads. It was simple and exquisite. With the accompanying osmanthus fragrance, it was reserved and elegant. The fragrance matched her temperament.

This was a gift from Yu Youyao some time ago.

The wooden rhinoceros incense beads were made by Yu Youyao herself. It was a rare type of good incense beads.

When she returned to the Jade Courtyard, her cousin was indeed sitting under the parasol tree, reading a book.

The weather had been hot these past few days, and it was as if it was summer. Yu Youyao did not like to stay in the house anymore, so she got someone to set up a desk, incense table, and a tea table under the parasol tree. She even set up a chaise lounge.

The shade of the Parasol Tree was thick, and a cold wind blew. He burned a wisp of incense and practiced his calligraphy, drank tea, or took a nap under the Parasol Tree. Then, he could no longer feel the hot sun.

Even her cousin liked it.

Yu Youyao smiled and called out, "Cousin!"

Zhou Linghuai had already put away his book. He poured a cup of tea and handed it to her. "It's sunny outside. Remember to hold an umbrella every day when you go to school."

The tea was neither hot nor cold, and it quenched her thirst.

Yu Youyao held her teacup and took small sips. She smiled until her eyebrows curved and her eyes lit up. "Cousin, I don't have to go to school every day anymore. Ms. Ye asked me to go every three days."

The corners of Zhou Linghuai's mouth curled up. "That's good. It'll be much easier."

Yu Youyao couldn't help but sigh. "Ms. Ye is really good!"

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Zhou Linghuai rubbed the beads on his wrist and chuckled. “The Dragon Boat Festival is in two days. I’ve drawn the Dragon Boat Festival Auspicious Scenery. On the day of the Dragon Boat Festival, I’ll hang it in the house to reflect the scene.”

With that, he took the scroll from the desk.

During this period of time, he had been improving the painting of “Bodhisattva”. Sometimes, he had not touched his brush or ink seriously. Today, he saw blooming hollyhocks in the courtyard, so he improvised a painting.

Chapter 313 Concubine’s First Award

Yu Youyao’s eyes lit up and she quickly leaned over. “What did Cousin draw? Is it a portrait of Zhong Kui?”

During the Dragon Boat Festival, a portrait of Zhong Kui should be hung to ward off ghosts and ward off evil spirits.

Zhou Linghuai looked up and saw the little girl smiling mischievously. He knew that this girl was being mischievous again. “I’m sorry to disappoint you, Cousin. If you want a portrait of Zhong Kui, I’ll draw two paintings for you another day. On the day of the Dragon Boat Festival, hang it on the door and I guarantee that a hundred ghosts will avoid you. As for this painting, I’ll...”

As he spoke, he rolled up the painting again, as if he was about to put it back.

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Before he could finish speaking, Yu Youyao panicked. She quickly moved closer to her cousin and said, “I’m not disappointed. I’m not disappointed at all. I like whatever Cousin draws. Cousin said that he wanted to give it to me. You can’t go back on your word. Hurry up and unfold the painting for me to see. Cousin hasn’t given me a painting in a long time.”

As she spoke, she even reached out to grab his arm, afraid that he would really take the painting back.

A smile appeared in Zhou Linghuai’s eyes. He did not continue to make things difficult for her and unfolded the scroll bit by bit.

Yu Youyao’s eyes widened. “It’s hollyhocks.”

Hollyhock, also known as the brocade sunflower, was a plant that looked like an anemone. The flowers were like hibiscus, most of them red. They were large and bright and bloomed around the Dragon Boat Festival. It was also known as the “Dragon Boat Festival Flower”. All of it could be used in medicine. It had the effect of reducing heat and detoxification, and reducing swelling and bleeding.

During the Dragon Boat Festival, it was inserted onto the doors and in the rooms. It had the meaning of removing illnesses and filth to ensure safety.

Literary scholars also liked to paint mugworts and hollyhocks. They were elegant, beautiful, and auspicious.

Yu Youyao looked surprised. “The hollyhocks in Cousin’s courtyard have bloomed?”

Hollyhocks and mugwort both had the effect of repelling insects and warding off evil. Therefore, when she helped her cousin decorate the courtyard that day, she planted some in the courtyard. When the weather was hot, there were even fewer mosquitoes in the courtyard.

Zhou Linghuai nodded. "It bloomed this morning. It's very beautiful."

Yu Youyao pouted. "The hollyhocks in my courtyard haven't bloomed yet. It'll probably be after the Dragon Boat Festival. I'll go to Cousin's house to take a look later."

Zhou Linghuai nodded. "There are a lot of them in The Green House. If you like them, fill a few bottles and put them indoors."

Yu Youyao agreed happily. "Thank you, Cousin!"

Zhou Linghuai shook his head. "It was also planted by you before."

It was May, and the Green House was as lively as the Jade Courtyard.

The roses that had fallen into the corner were already indistinguishable.

The vines were wrapped around the branches and leaves, and the greenery was everywhere. The flowers and plants in the courtyard were also thriving, especially the lotus flowers in the vat. They were already budding and would bloom soon.

No matter how many times she looked at the beautiful scenery, she would never get tired of it.

At this moment, the painting had completely unfolded. Yu Youyao fixed her eyes on it.

There were only a few strokes on the painting, but it was solemn and sparse. The lake stone was dyed with light ink as the background, and it was also covered with moss. The small painting on the side of the lake stone was complemented by sesame grass, pomegranate, and other flower leaves. The flower leaves were beautiful and delicate, and they were decorated with sparse weeds and Artemisia shrubs, making the entire painting rich and interesting.

Yu Youyao carefully took the painting and looked at it carefully.

Her face was filled with surprise and joy. "Cousin, your painting is really good. I keep feeling that your painting skills seem to have become much better."

Her cousin's previous paintings were also very good.

However, the simpler the painting, the more it tested one's painting skills. Although she was not proficient in painting, she had more or less learned some skills and had a good eye for it.

Her cousin's painting was casual and unrestrained. There was a calmness and indifference to the strokes. It was not reserved, nor was it unique. It had a sense of beauty.

Zhou Linghuai chuckled. "As long as you like it."

After painting the "Bodhisattva", his painting skills had indeed improved a lot, and he had become more relaxed about the various brush techniques.

After Yu Youyao finished admiring the painting, she carefully rolled it up and put it away. She smiled at her cousin. "Cousin, you said that you wanted to draw me a portrait of Zhong Kui. You can't go back on your word."

Zhou Linghuai suddenly felt his hand itch, so he raised his hand and wanted to knock on the little girl's forehead like before.

However, when he saw the thin fringe on the little girl's forehead, for some reason, he thought of something. "When my hair first covered my forehead, I broke off the flowers in front of the door. I rode a bamboo horse over and circled the bed to make green plum blossoms..."

Suddenly, she realized that the little girl was already at the age of having her forehead covered.

He couldn't help but lower his raised hand. Zhou Linghuai restrained the dark tears in his eyes and laughed. "I'll draw it when I get back. I'll send it to you tomorrow."

Yu Youyao held her cousin's arm and tilted her head to rest on his shoulder. "Cousin, you're really amazing. You even know how to draw a painting to ward off evil."

Zhou Linghuai tilted his head and saw the little girl resting her head on his shoulder and smiling brightly. He looked up at the outside of the tree. The bright sunlight was dazzling, but it was not as bright as the little girl's smile.

Zhou Linghuai brought the green patterned plate on the small table to the little girl.

Orange-yellow loquats were plump and beautiful. Yu Youyao's mouth watered when she saw them. "They're loquats. I almost forgot that the Dragon Boat Festival is the time to eat loquats."

With that, she took a loquat.

Zhou Linghuai quickly picked up his tea and drank it.

When Yu Youyao saw this, she couldn't hand over the loquat that she had just received. She pursed her lips. "Hmph, Cousin doesn't like sour food. I won't force him to eat it!"

Zhou Linghuai held his teacup and smiled without saying anything.

The little girl would not force him to eat it, but as long as she reached out her small hand and handed the loquat to him, he would have no choice but to accept it even if he did not want to eat it.

The loquat was also completely ripe. It had a thin layer of yellow skin that was peeled off with a gentle lift. As it had been placed in a well, it was cold and sweet when eaten. Yu Youyao drooled.

After finishing a loquat, Yu Youyao said, "Cousin, you can't eat sour food. I'll make some Sichuan loquat nectar for you another day."

Zhou Linghuai nodded and put down his teacup.

Yu Youyao continued to eat her loquat.

Zhou Linghuai asked, "How do you plan to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival?"

At the mention of this, Yu Youyao pouted. "The Dragon Boat Festival is a rare grand event. There are dragon boats racing in the moat every year, and it's very lively. In the past, our family would have reserved a plot of land near the moat to watch the dragon boats racing together. However, this year is the year of the imperial examination. There are many people in the capital, so it's not appropriate for us to leave the residence anymore. We can only stay in the residence."

Of course, the most important thing was that her grandmother was old, and it was inconvenient for her cousin to walk or go out. On the other hand, Yu Jianjia had sprained her ankle and was grounded. It was impossible for Madam Yang to specially bring her out.

During the Dragon Boat Festival, the moat was filled with all kinds of people. This was not like the Flower Festival and wasn't in someone else's house, so it was not good to trouble Second Aunt to bring her along.

Zhou Linghuai understood immediately. This was just an excuse.

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The real reason was that no one had brought her along.

Chapter 314 Fourth Young Master Was Drowned

Seeing the sad expression in the little girl's eyes, Zhou Linghuai looked down at his legs, and his eyes suddenly darkened. "If you want to go, I..."

Yu Youyao quickly interrupted him and shook her head. "Even if I go out, Grandmother will be worried if I don't have a proper elder by my side. Forget it."

Zhou Linghuai pursed his lips and did not say anything else.

Yu Youyao hated to see her cousin like this the most, so she held his hand. "Cousin, on the fifth day of the new year, we can wrap brown seeds, make powder balls, and compete with each other. It'll be very interesting. When you go to the Jade Courtyard, we'll do it together."

This was the first time she had spent the Dragon Boat Festival with her cousin. At the thought of this, she did not want to go out to watch the dragon boat race anymore. Even her smile lit up.

Zhou Linghuai nodded. "Okay!"

Yu Youyao smiled and said, "Cousin, remember to prepare a gift for me. In the future, no matter what festival it is, you have to give me a gift. Of course, I'll also prepare a gift for you."

Hearing her cheerful laughter, the haze in Zhou Linghuai's eyes dissipated bit by bit. "What gift do you want?"

Yu Youyao pouted. "If I tell you what I want, there won't be a surprise at the Dragon Boat Festival! Cousin, are you trying to slack off?"

Where did this come from? Zhou Linghuai was stunned.

Then, he heard the little girl say, "Do you not want to trouble yourself to prepare a gift for me? You might as well ask me what I like and prepare it. It's easy and simple."

It wasn't until this moment that Zhou Linghuai understood deeply what it meant by "only villains and women are difficult to raise". The little girl always did whatever she wanted. It was really ridiculous.

Seeing the little girl staring at him with narrowed eyes and a delicate and fierce expression, Zhou Linghuai was amused. "I also thought that if Cousin got what she wanted, she would be even happier."

Yu Youyao smiled when she heard this. "Cousin, prepare as you see fit. As long as it's a gift from you, I'll like anything."

Zhou Linghuai nodded. "Okay!"

After chatting for a while, the cousins continued as usual. He guided her in her studies and zither skills, while she studied seriously. After that, they practiced calligraphy under the Parasol Tree for an hour.

Only then did Zhou Linghuai return to the Green House.

Yu Youyao took another look at Heavenly Works.

At this moment, Xia Tao ran over in panic. "Young Miss, bad news..."

As she spoke, she panted heavily. Her throat was gurgling, and her face was flushed with heat. Beads of sweat slid from her forehead into her eyes, and she didn't bother to wipe them away. She had obviously run all the way back, and because she was panting so hard, her voice caught in her throat for a moment, and she couldn't even speak properly.

Yu Youyao quickly put down her book and handed her a cup of tea. "Have some tea first. Sit down and talk."

In the past two days, the weather had been a little abnormally hot. On the way back, she might accidentally catch a heat stroke.

With the Dragon Boat Festival approaching, the residence was busy preparing for the Dragon Boat Festival. Other than the Songtao Courtyard, there was nothing else that could make Xia Tao so flustered.

Xia Tao couldn't be bothered to drink her tea. She knelt on the ground with a thud and a frightened expression. "Young Miss, bad news. Fourth Young Master fell into the lake just now..."

"What?!" Yu Youyao was stunned. The tea in her hand fell to the ground with a clang.

Beside her, Chun Xiao was also shocked, and her face turned pale.

Xia Tao cried. "It's all my fault. Yesterday, Young Miss repeatedly instructed me to carefully check the fence around the lake..."

After being shocked for a moment, Yu Youyao quickly calmed down and interrupted her with a serious expression, "How's Fourth Brother?"

Xia Tao panicked and was stunned by the question.

Yu Youyao suddenly closed her eyes. When she opened them again, her eyes were already cold. She asked sternly, "I'm asking you a question. Did something happen to Fourth Brother?"

Xia Tao shuddered and her mind cleared a little. "Fortunately, the servants discovered it in time and saved Fourth Young Master. However, Fourth Young Master drank a lot of water and was shocked, so he fell unconscious..."

Yu Youyao immediately interrupted her. "Hurry up and find Nanny Xu. Get her to go to the Songtao Courtyard to visit Fourth Brother."

The imperial physicians were not far away, but it would take a lot of time to come and go. If one was unlucky, they would have to go to another family's physician. It would be even more troublesome.

She couldn't wait when there was a serious situation like drowning. By the time the imperial physicians arrived, it would probably be too late.

Although it was May and the weather was hot, Fourth Brother was still young and had suffered a shock. It was more or less a hindrance to his health, so it was naturally better to treat him as soon as possible. There could not be any delay.

"I'll go look for Nanny Xu immediately." Only then did Xia Tao calm down a little. She got up from the ground and ran out, afraid that she would be delayed.

The Parasol Tree covered the sky, and a huge shadow enveloped Yu Youyao.

Chun Xiao's face turned ashen. "Young Miss, what should we do now?"

Fourth Young Master was the only man in the residence, and he was also Eldest Master's only legitimate son. Eldest Master treated Fourth Young Master like a jewel. On the first day that Fourth Young Master moved into the courtyard, he drowned and almost lost his life.

Young Miss was in charge of repairing the Songtao Courtyard. If something happened to Fourth Young Master, it would definitely be related to her.

Yu Youyao took a deep breath and called Liu'er over. She instructed, "Go and ask carefully what happened in the Songtao Courtyard and why Fourth Brother fell into the water. Get Carpenter Zhao to carefully check the wooden fencing at the side of the lake..."

Yesterday, she and Xia Tao had gone to look at the wooden fencing at the side of the lake.

The wooden fencing was made of top-grade gold-threaded teak. The wood was hard and not easy to break. Moreover, it was resistant to decay and wear. It also had beautiful patterns. It was elegant, long-lasting, and its stability was excellent.

Carpenter Zhao had made the wooden railing. He was good at it and had done a lot of woodwork over the years without making any mistakes.

Yesterday, she had also instructed Xia Tao repeatedly to carefully check the wooden fencing at the side of the lake. Xia Tao had always been reliable, so it was impossible for her to comply on the surface but disobey in secret.

Liu'er quickly went down to settle it.

Yu Youyao called Qiu Xing over again. "Get someone to look for Zhao Da at the government office. Tell him about Fourth Young Master's drowning. We have to be ahead of the messenger in the residence."

"Yes." Qiu Xing knew the severity of the matter and quickly went to do it.

Yu Youyao originally wanted to send someone to inform her grandmother, but on second thought, Yu Shansi was her father's only legitimate son and the only son of the first wife. Although her grandmother and Yu Shansi were not close, she still valued him very much.

The children of wealthy families moved into their own courtyards and this meant that they could be independent. An Shou Hall definitely had to help manage such a big matter.

Yu Shansi had drowned, and his grandmother had probably also received the news.

Now that she had made all the necessary arrangements, Yu Youyao stood up from her chair. "Let's go over and see Fourth Brother first."

Chapter 315 You Harmed Brother Si

Looking at Young Miss's calm and indifferent expression, Chun Xiao thought that Young Master was usually so calm, and her flustered mood also calmed down.

Yu Youyao rushed to the Songtao Courtyard in the front courtyard with Chun Xiao and a few burly old maids.

At this moment, Songtao Courtyard was already in chaos.

The two of them guarded the door. There were maidservants in the courtyard.

Yu Youyao suddenly pursed her lips. She pulled out the matching cards at her waist and handed them to an older mother. "Mother Tao, Fourth Brother drowned. This is no small matter. Take my token and gather all the servants who have entered and left the Songtao Courtyard today. Bring them to the side courtyard. Send someone to guard the door. Without my instructions, no one is allowed to enter or leave."

Chun Xiao's father, Tao Da, was a strong drayman in her grandmother's house.

Her mother was originally the mother in charge of the north courtyard. Everyone called her Mother Tao. Later, when Yu Youyao moved into the Jade Courtyard, her grandmother gave Chun Xiao and her family to her.

Madam Tao was round and had a smile on her face. She was very amiable. "Young Miss, don't worry. I know the severity of this matter. I'll definitely settle it for you."

Yu Youyao smiled. "I'm naturally relieved that you're doing your job."

When the servants saw the right token, they did not dare to disobey. However, there were many people from the main courtyard in the Songtao Courtyard today when Yu Shansi moved in.

It would be more appropriate to leave this matter to Mother Tao.

After giving her instructions, Yu Youyao led Chun Xiao into the house.

Madam Yang's cries could be heard from the inner room. "It's been so long and he hasn't woken up yet. It's such a hot day, but his body is gloomy and cold. Where's the imperial doctor? Why isn't he here yet? Quick, quickly send someone to rush him. My son, what should we do..."

Towards the end, even her voice became sharp.

Yu Youyao lifted the curtain and entered the house.

Yang Shuwan sat by the bed and wiped her tears with a handkerchief. She cried her heart out. She really looked like the most pitiful parent in the world.

Yu Jianjia was also sitting by the bed. Her thin body was trembling slightly, and her eyes were filled with fear. She did not know if it was because she was too worried about her younger brother, but she was so frightened that she forgot to worry about him.

Yu Youyao quickly looked at the bed.

Yu Shansi, who was less than seven years old, was lying on the bed in a daze. He had a small naked body, and his face was pale. His stomach was bulging, and he looked terrifying.

Nanny Qin, who was beside Yu Jianjia, knelt on the bed and kept pressing on Yu Shansi's stomach.

Yu Shansi closed his mouth and did not spit out any water.

At this rate, something might happen to him soon.

Nanny Xu had yet to arrive, and no one knew when the imperial physician would arrive. Yu Shansi was young and had a short life, so he couldn't afford to lose his life.

Yu Youyao suddenly tightened her grip on her handkerchief and turned to Chun Xiao. "Gather all the servants in the Songtao Courtyard and ask if anyone can treat drowning."

Even if Nanny Xu rushed over, she did not know if she could save him from drowning.

Today, there was a small move to the Songtao Courtyard, and many servants in the residence were busy. There were three people who were as smart as Zhuge Liang. Perhaps there was a way.

Chun Xiao ran out.

Hearing Yu Youyao's voice, Yang Shuwan suddenly looked up and saw that Yu Youyao had come to the Songtao Courtyard at some point. Immediately, new and old hatred surged in her heart.

She stared at Yu Youyao.

Perhaps it was because she had cried too hard and was too sad, but her eyes were swollen like walnuts. When she glared at someone, they were like dead fish eyes. Her eyes were bloodshot and flashed with a terrifying ferocity.

Yu Youyao was also shocked. "Mother, Nanny Xu will..."

Before she could finish speaking, Yang Shuwan shrieked, "Yu Youyao, you scourge. It's not enough that you harmed Jia Jia and me, but you don't even let Brother Si off..."

After Brother Si fell into the water, she was burning with anxiety. All she could think about was that during this period of time, everything that had happened in the residence was due to Yu Youyao and she definitely harmed Brother Si.

Yu Youyao frowned when she heard this.

Yang Shuwan's expression was fierce, and she wished she could tear Yu Youyao apart and chew her. "Tell me, did you harm Brother Si? How can you be so heartless? No matter what, Brother Si is still your younger brother. He's only a little more than six years old. He's such a young person." At this point, she broke down and cried. "Return Brother Si to me..."

Yu Youyao interrupted her. "Mother, please be careful with your words. You can eat whatever you want, but you can't spout nonsense."

Yang Shuwan screamed, "Yu Youyao, how dare you quibble? The Songtao Courtyard is..."

Yu Youyao's eyes immediately turned red, and even her voice became hoarse. "I was in charge of repairing the Songtao Courtyard. On the first day that Fourth Brother moved into the courtyard, he fell into the water. As his eldest sister, I can't absolve myself of the blame. Even if Mother blames me, I have nothing to say."

Yang Shuwan's eyes darkened. She had originally wanted to use the matter of the Songtao Courtyard's renovation to question Yu Youyao, but she did not expect Yu Youyao to snatch her words and pretend to be innocent and magnanimous. She was really disgusted.

Yu Youyao changed the topic. "But Mother said that I harmed Fourth Brother, and I won't admit it. Father was the one who instructed me to repair the Songtao Courtyard. No matter how bold I am, I don't dare to be negligent."

As soon as these words were spoken, the others in the room agreed deeply.

Eldest Master was the one who asked Eldest Miss to repair the Songtao Courtyard, so he was also responsible. If anything happened to Fourth Young Master, Eldest Miss would be implicated.

Fourth Young Master was Eldest Master's only legitimate son. Eldest Master treated Fourth Young Master like his jewel.

When something happened to Fourth Young Master, no one in the residence could bear the responsibility. Anyone with a brain could not do anything about it.

Yang Shuwan was so angry that she felt dizzy. "Yu Youyao, Brother Si is your father's only son. If anything happens to him, the first person who won't let you off is your father."

Yu Youyao said hoarsely, "Mother, you're right. I'm also responsible for what happened to Fourth Brother. Don't worry, Mother. I'll definitely investigate this matter and give you and Father an explanation. However, if there's no evidence, it's better not to speak nonsense. It's not a big deal to taint my innocence, but it'll also damage your dignity."

Instead of letting Madam Yang question her about the repairs in Songtao Courtyard, it was better for her to take the initiative to take responsibility.

This way, she would still have the initiative and could shut Yang Shuwan up.

Yang Shuwan was so angry that her entire body was trembling. She suddenly raised her voice and said in a sharp voice, "Explanation? How are you going to explain yourself? Brother Si is unconscious now. How can it be settled with just an explanation?"

Her aggressive attitude made Yu Youyao's eyes tremble and she cried on the spot. "Then what do you want? As long as I can make Fourth Brother recover and calm Mother down, I'm willing to do anything you ask me to do."

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This question stunned Yang Shuwan.

Hearing Yu Youyao's pretentious expression and words, she did not know what to say. She could only glare at her resentfully, wishing he could eat her up.

Yu Youyao lowered her head and wiped her tears. She forced herself to calm down and said, "Mother, you're worried about Fourth Brother. As your daughter, I naturally understand your feelings. It's just that Fourth Brother's life and death are unknown. The imperial physician hasn't entered the residence yet. Mother, please calm down and prioritize Fourth Brother's safety. As for other matters, I definitely won't push away my responsibility."

At this point, it would really be unreasonable for Yang Shuwan to continue making a fuss.

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Yang Shuwan was shocked and looked at her son in panic.

At this moment, Nanny Xu carried a small box and hurried into the house, with Xia Tao following behind her.

Yu Youyao's eyes turned red, and she quickly said, "Nanny, Fourth Brother, he... quickly help take a look at him..."

Nanny Xu did not have time to say anything else and quickly stepped forward.

However, Nanny Li blocked her and did not let her pass.

Yang Shuwan glared at Yu Youyao. "Take your people and get out of Songtao Courtyard."

As the saying goes, suspicion breeds ghouls.

During this period of time, she and Jia Jia had been harmed badly by Yu Youyao. On the first day that Brother Si moved into the courtyard, he had drowned. Furthermore, Yu Youyao was the one who had renovated the Songtao Courtyard. Yu Youyao was the most suspicious. Anyone would suspect her.

How could she dare to let the person in front of Yu Youyao approach Brother Si?

Therefore, she treated Yu Youyao as a plague and wished she could kick her out immediately.

Yu Youyao was burning with anxiety, so she could only comfort her gently. "Mother, Nanny Xu used to serve in the palace and is knowledgeable. It's better to let her take a look at Fourth Brother first. The imperial physician hasn't come yet. Fourth Brother's health is more important. We can't delay..."

Yang Shuwan glared at Yu Youyao fiercely. As she glared, the Yu Youyao in her eyes suddenly became two. The image in front of her constantly separated and overlapped.

She was shocked. She blinked and focused!

Yu Youyao was still Yu Youyao.

A chill suddenly ran down her spine.

Although Yu Youyao had been raised in Old Madam's house since she was young, she had also raised her.

In the past, Old Madam doted on her. She was a half-grown child, and did not have much knowledge. She only knew how to eat, drink, and play all day. She was a stupid person.

She was about to be crippled by Old Madam.

But!

Ever since Yu Youyao fell seriously ill, she seemed to have suddenly become a different person.

A half-grown child had learned how to manage a household.

A half-grown child had yet to mature fully. What family could she manage?

However, the servants in the residence seemed to be muddle-headed. Everyone said that Yu Youyao was good!

In the past, Master hated Yu Youyao, the eldest daughter of the first wife, the most. She was either reprimanded or scolded.

How long had it been? It was as if he had been possessed and decided that Yu Youyao was a good person. He believed Yu Youyao's instigation and became more and more distant from her.

Even Jia Jia did not have a good time.

That was one thing, but what right did Yu Youyao have? She was just a half-grown child, but she had already gained the Empress Dowager's recognition and became a noble lady!

This was ridiculous.

How could a person change so much in just three months?

Unless Yu Youyao was simply...

Yang Shuwan couldn't help but shiver as she suppressed her fear. "It's all your fault that Brother Si is like this. Get lost. There's no need for you to pretend to be a good person."

She often heard that children were easily provoked by unclean things.

Especially after a serious illness, the yin energy was the heaviest.

Could it be...

"Mother, calm down. Fourth Brother's condition can't be delayed..." Yu Youyao also had a headache.

The guarded look in Yang Shuwan's eyes almost materialized. She was determined that she was the one who had harmed Yu Shansi. Worried that she would have ill intentions towards Yu Shansi, she did not even let Nanny Xu go forward.

At the mention of Fourth Brother's life, Yu Jianjia was also terrified. She tried to persuade her, "Mother, what are you doing? I don't know when the imperial physician will be able to enter the residence. Although Nanny Qin is proficient in pharmacology, Fourth Brother has been in a coma for so long and hasn't woken up yet. If this drags on, the consequences will be unimaginable. Quick, get Nanny Xu to take a look at Fourth Brother. Nanny Xu is capable. She might have a way..."

If anything happened to Fourth Brother, Yu Youyao would be the first to bear the brunt.

Other than her and her mother, the person who was most worried about Fourth Brother's safety now was Yu Youyao, so Yu Youyao would naturally do her best to save him.

Nanny Xu also said, "First Madam, I've once seen an imperial physician in the palace dealing with drowning.

"Yu Youyao, don't even think about getting close to Brother Si. I won't let you harm him. Give up..."

Yang Shuwan's eyes widened as she stared at Yu Youyao fiercely. The corners of her eyes almost cracked, and her face twisted and looked a little crazy.

Yu Youyao felt that something was wrong with her emotions.

Knowing that Yu Shansi's condition couldn't delay any longer, Yu Youyao suddenly picked up the teacup on the table, strode forward, and splashed it on Yang Shuwan.

"Ah—" Yu Jianjia exclaimed. She clenched her fists and suddenly pressed them against her chin. Thinking of the scene at the Flower Festival in the Marquis of Changxing's Residence, she felt a sense of fear.

Caught off guard, a cup of tea was splashed face. It was as if someone had slapped her. A "pfft" sound rang in her ears. Immediately after, her face was wet, and water stains slid down her face.

Yang Shuwan was stunned. She stood rooted to the ground, dumbfounded. She had already forgotten to react.

The other servants in the room were also dumbfounded as they watched this scene in disbelief.

No one expected Eldest Miss to be so swift and decisive, splashing tea on First Madam's face.

Everyone thought of the same thing at the Flower Festival at the Marquis of Changxing's Residence when she splashed tea on Seventh Miss Cao's face.

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Yu Youyao's expression darkened. "Mother, calm down." With that, she turned around and shouted outside, "Someone!"

The two old maids waiting outside quickly lifted the curtain and entered the house. "Young Miss."

"Pull First Madam away." When they came to the Songtao Courtyard, they had considered that since Yu Shansi had fallen into the water, the Songtao Courtyard might also be in chaos, so they had brought the old maids over. If anything really happened, it would be more convenient to order them around.

Unexpectedly, it was really useful.

The two old maids were from the Jade Courtyard. They listened to Eldest Miss's orders and ignored Madam Yang. They rushed over and held Yang Shuwan on both sides.

This scene stunned everyone present.

They looked at Eldest Miss, who was standing quietly in the room. She was a head shorter than First Madam, and her figure was thin.

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However, Eldest Miss was also like Old Madam, exuding a terrifying aura. She had phoenix eyes, which looked beautiful and expensive. When she looked at others fixedly, their hearts trembled, and they wished they could kneel on the ground.

Yang Shuwan's eyes widened in shock as she twisted her body crazily. "What are you doing? What are you doing? Let go of me. Let go of me quickly. You're offending your superiors..."

The two old maids did not even bat an eyelid. With Eldest Madam Yang's strength, it was not even enough to move them.

The two of them pulled Yang Shuwan away.

Yang Shuwan was so angry that her face turned red. She turned around and glared at Yu Youyao. "Yu Youyao, I'm your mother. How dare you be disrespectful to me? Hurry up and get these two dog servants to let go of me. Brother Si is unconscious, but you still dare to make a fuss. Let me tell you, Yu Youyao, if anything happens to Brother Si, I won't let you off..."

Yu Youyao ignored Yang Shuwan's commotion and turned to Nanny Xu. "Nanny, go and see Fourth Brother."

Nanny Xu did not dare to delay and quickly went to the bed.

Yu Youyao walked to the table and lit an incense stick. She poured out the incense ash inside and opened the incense box she had brought. She picked out an incense pill and burned it.

The fragrance of the incense pill was a little strong and warm.

Yu Jianjia tightened her grip on her handkerchief and couldn't help but ask, "Big Sister, what incense pill is this?"

Yu Youyao did not even raise her head as she said calmly, "It's a Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill. It's made using Musk, Rhodiola, and Borneol. It's used for patients like Fourth Brother who are unconscious and can't take medicine. The fragrance connects to their meridians, clears their qi flow, and enters their hearts. It's a very rare life-sustaining pill. Fourth Brother's condition is unknown, so it's more appropriate to burn an incense pill."

Yang Shuwan panicked and screamed, "What did you burn for Brother Si? Yu Youyao, get lost." At this point, she seemed to have gone crazy. "Brother Si, my Brother Si, don't harm him..."

Yu Jianjia was shocked. "But Fourth Brother is so young. Will using musk..."

Musk was a hindrance to children, so it was not allowed in the men's rooms in the family. Only the study was allowed to use it a little. Although she knew that Yu Youyao really wanted to save Fourth Brother, she was also worried that Yu Youyao would be sinister and take this opportunity to harm him.

Yu Youyao sneered. "Stupid. Musk is an expensive incense medicine. As long as the dosage is right and it's suitable for the illness, not only is it harmless to the body, but it's also beneficial. Even if men use it often, it's fine. It's just that you have to use it carefully in the room. Just don't come into contact if you are pregnant. You can find this in a medical book."

As soon as she heard this, Yu Jianjia knew that Yu Youyao was telling the truth. She hoped that she could save her fourth brother. She immediately lowered her head and did not dare to say anything else.

The musk medicinal fragrance spread in the room. Yu Youyao quickly went to the bed. Seeing Yu Shansi lying on the bed unaware, she was shocked. "Nanny, how's Fourth Brother?"

Nanny Xu reached out to check his breathing, then crawled to Yu Shansi's chest and listened to his heartbeat. "Fourth Young Master has lost consciousness. He has to vomit out the water in his body within the time it takes to burn an incense stick. Otherwise..."

As she spoke, she checked Yu Shansi's mouth and nose. Seeing that they were clean, she picked him up and bent her knees. She placed him on her knees and hit his back with his head facing down. Otherwise...

Even if Nanny Xu did not say the rest, everyone present could guess. After all, Fourth Young Master had been delayed for a long time after drowning.

Yang Shuwan completely broke down. "Si'er, my Si'er, let go of him quickly..."

"I think you've been blinded!" The old voice suddenly sounded dignified.

Yu Youyao turned to look at the door.

Old Madam Yu asked Nanny Liu to help her into the house. Her sharp gaze landed on Yang Shuwan. "It's unknown if Brother Si is dead or alive. You're making such a fuss because you think Brother Si's life is too long."

Yang Shuwan's body went limp and she cried her heart out.

Old Madam Yu ignored her and turned to Yu Youyao. "You've done very well. That's how it should be handled."

The Songtao Courtyard was in the south of the front courtyard, and An Shou Hall was in the north of the back residence. This place was a little far away, unlike the Jade Courtyard, which was built in all directions. It was located in the middle of the residence, so it was convenient to go anywhere.

As soon as she received the news, she rushed over immediately. She was still a little late. Fortunately, Yao Yao arrived in time to control the situation in the Songtao Courtyard.

Yu Youyao felt relieved. She couldn't say anything else and turned to observe Yu Shansi's situation.

When she came over just now, in addition to the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill, she had also brought some secret medicine that could keep him alive. There was a little spiritual dew in it, and the effect was not bad.

At this moment, Nanny Xu was trying to save Yu Shansi. She watched carefully. Once the situation went wrong, she would open her mouth and feed Yu Shansi the medication.

After beating him more than ten times, only a small amount of water flowed out of Yu Shansi's mouth.

The situation was even more serious than she had imagined. Nanny Xu's expression turned solemn. "You were all just fooling around. When he just drowned and was out of the lake, it was the best time to treat him. The longer you drag it out, the more dangerous it'll be. How can you lie flat? Do you think he can spit out the water fast enough? After so long, Fourth Young Master hasn't even regained consciousness."

It was also because Yang Shuwan didn't take care of things that Yu Shansi had drowned. She didn't know if there was anyone in the residence who knew how to deal with it, so she let Nanny Qin cause trouble.

Out of ten people who drowned, nine died.

Although Nanny Qin knew a little about pharmacology, she had never seen a drowning before, so she did not know how to deal with it.

Yu Jianjia pursed her lips and couldn't help but take a step back.

After Fourth Brother drowned, she had rushed over with Nanny Qin.

It was also her who had suggested that Nanny Qin help treat Fourth Brother. Thinking that Nanny Qin knew some pharmacology and Fourth Brother had only drunk some water, he would definitely be saved.

Who knew that Fourth Brother would fall into the water and not be saved not long after? How did it become so serious?

The atmosphere in the room became heavy.

"Fortunately, Yao Yao brought the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill. Although Fourth Young Master has lost consciousness, the fragrance of the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill entered his heart and soul, saving his life. Otherwise, Fourth Young Master wouldn't have lasted so long..." Nanny Xu was also anxious. It was also because Yu Youyao had lit the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill in time.

The room was so quiet that one could hear a pin drop. Even Yang Shuwan, who was making a fuss, fell to the ground with a pale face.

"Get me a stool." Nanny Xu's voice was anxious and fast.

Immediately, an old woman turned around and left the house.

Not long after, she moved a stool over and placed it on the ground.

Nanny Xu placed Yu Shansi on the stool. The stool was against his stomach. Yu Shansi opened his mouth and spat out a mouthful of water.

However, he was not done vomiting.

Yu Shansi had lost consciousness. He had no desire to live, nor did he know how to cooperate with the spitting of water. The situation was very dangerous.

As Nanny Xu pressed down on Yu Shansi's back, she instructed Yu Youyao, "Go and pinch him."

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Yu Youyao quickly squatted on the ground and pinched Yu Shansi hard with her thumb.

It was all red, but Yu Shansi still did not react.

Seeing that Nanny Xu had been treating Fourth Brother for a long time without any improvement, Yu Jianjia couldn't help but tighten her grip on her handkerchief, and her heart sank a little.

Her father despised her mother for being the daughter of a concubine, and her grandmother was also very dissatisfied with her mother. The reason why she and her mother could still live in peace was mostly because her mother had given birth to her father's only legitimate son.

Fourth Brother was her and her mother's protective talisman.

As long as Fourth Brother was around, there would be a place for her and her mother in the Yu Residence.

Initially, he had only fallen into the water and would be fine if he was saved. Who knew that it would be so serious? If anything happened to Fourth Brother...

At this moment, Chun Xiao led an old woman into the house. The old woman even carried a large pot.

Chun Xiao hurriedly said, "Young Miss, Old Madam Liu's grandson almost drowned in water a few years ago. It was Old Madam Liu who used the big pot on the stove at home to get him to spit the water out."

Old Madam Liu was an old servant from the Jade Courtyard. Originally, she had also been brought over by Young Miss to help. Fortunately, it was Young Miss who had asked her to ask the servants of the Songtao Courtyard if they knew how to save drowning people. When Old Madam Liu heard the news, she uncovered the big pot in the small kitchen and took the initiative to look for her to tell her about this.

Yu Youyao quickly asked Old Madam Liu to step forward.

Old Madam Liu was also an efficient person. She slammed the big pot on the ground and carried Fourth Young Master over. She placed him on the bottom of the pot and helped Nanny Xu massage Fourth Young Master's back.

After about ten compressions, Yu Shansi opened his mouth and spat out a large mouthful of water. After vomiting, a lot of water flowed out of his mouth.

Old Madam Liu was overjoyed. "Fourth Young Master vomited water."

Nanny Xu also heaved a sigh of relief and said, "Since he vomited water, his life is no longer in danger."

Yu Youyao's heart relaxed, and she immediately felt her entire body go limp. She quickly held onto the edge of the table.

Old Madam Yu's expression also relaxed. Only then did she let Nanny Liu help her to a chair.

Yang Shuwan's legs went limp and she fell to the ground. She couldn't even hold Nanny Li in front of her.

Yu Jianjia's grip on the handkerchief loosened. Before she could rejoice, she heard—

Nanny Xu frowned and said, "Although the weather is hot today, Fourth Young Master is still young and tender. He drowned in the lake for such a long time. Perhaps the wetness has entered his body. The imperial physicians haven't arrived yet. If this drags on, the foundation of his body will be damaged..."

As soon as these words were spoken, Yu Jianjia's heart skipped a beat, and she couldn't help but cough.

If Fourth Brother's foundation was damaged, what future would he have?

How would her father value her fourth brother much now?

How did things turn out like this?

Yang Shuwan had not thought of this, but when she heard that Brother Si's body had been injured, she was also shocked. "Brother Si, I-I don't know what to do..."

Old Madam Yu hurriedly said, "Auntie Xu, do you have any ideas?"

After Nanny Xu entered the residence, only the people from the Jade Courtyard addressed her as "Nanny." Everyone else in the residence had to address her as "Aunt."

Nanny Xu turned to look at Yu Youyao.

Even when faced with such a situation, a half-grown child could still be cold and quiet without panicking at all. However, after interacting with her for a long time, she could tell that the little girl's tightly pursed lips were a sign of nervousness and uneasiness.

Nanny Xu pondered for a moment and said, "Forget it. I can try to help until the end, but I can't guarantee that it will be useful. I have to invite the imperial physician into the residence as soon as possible."

When Old Madam Yu heard this, she understood. Ordinary people wouldn't get involved in such matters, in case it was a thankless task. They would receive complaints and attract hatred.

Nanny Xu was willing to give it a try because of Yao Yao.

Hence, she quickly said, "Thank you for trying, Aunt Xu. It's all thanks to you that Brother Si's life was saved today. No matter what, the residence owes you a favor."

Old Madam Liu had also helped, but Si'er had lost consciousness. If Auntie Xu hadn't handled it in time, Si'er probably wouldn't have been able to wait for Old Madam Liu.

Yang Shuwan was so frightened that she did not dare to speak anymore. She only hoped that Nanny Xu could really save Brother Si.

Nanny Xu nodded and opened the small box she had brought. She took out some mugwort floss and looked at Yu Youyao. "I want to do moxibustion for Fourth Young Master. Come and help."

When she came, she had already expected this situation. She had already prepared everything she needed and brought the items over.

"No..." Yang Shuwan wanted to stop her, but she was stunned by Old Madam Yu's glare. It was as if she had been immobilized and had forgotten to move.

Yu Youyao hurriedly stepped forward and spread the mugwort floss on the long piece of straw paper, rolling it into a strip.

Nanny Xu took the mugwort floss and lit one end. She separated her index and middle fingers and pressed them on both sides of an acupuncture point near his heart and lungs. Then, she aimed the mugwort floss at the acupuncture point and roasted it.

Yu Shansi fainted. By doing this, he could also feel the temperature of the moxibustion through his fingers to prevent himself from being scalded.

Previously, when her cousin had a leg problem, in order to relieve his pain, Yu Youyao had learned about moxibustion from Nanny Xu. She also took a mugwort floss stick and asked Nanny Xu about her acupuncture points to help with the moxibustion.

It took about 5 to 7 minutes to apply moxibustion on one acupuncture point. Only when the acupuncture point was naturally red and warm did she change to another acupuncture point.

The master and servant pair cooperated. There was an invisible tacit understanding that actually had the power to calm people down.

Even Yang Shuwan's anxious emotions gradually calmed down.

When her mind cleared, she also thought of it!

Although Old Madam Yu was not close to Brother Si, she was still Master's only legitimate son and the only man in the residence. In the future, the main family would still have to rely on Brother Si to answer the door.

With Old Madam around, Yu Youyao did not dare to harm Brother Si.

She felt a little more relaxed.

After the moxibustion of the two acupuncture points, everyone could see that Yu Shansi's pale face gradually regained color. They knew that he was fine.

It was obvious that this moxibustion was really useful. Nanny Xu was really amazing.

As for Eldest Miss...

Without Eldest Miss's instructions, Nanny Xu would not have come to Songtao Courtyard, let alone save Fourth Young Master.

If Nanny Xu hadn't made a move, no one in the residence would have known that Nanny Xu could save someone from drowning.

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As long as a person who had drowned lost consciousness, it was basically impossible to save them. It was only because Eldest Miss was kind enough to burn the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill that Nanny Xu could successfully save Fourth Young Master's life.

If Eldest Miss had really harmed Fourth Young Master, why would she help save him?

At that time, First Madam had scolded Eldest Miss repeatedly, saying that she was the one who had harmed Fourth Young Master. Eldest Miss had suffered, but she did not hold it against Madam. Instead, she insisted on letting Nanny Xu take a look at Fourth Young Master.

This saved Fourth Young Master's life.

Chapter 319 Cousin Is Here

If First Madam had really caused trouble, Fourth Young Master would probably be dead by now.

After 30 minutes and the moxibustion of more than ten acupuncture points, Yu Shansi's face was already red and moist. His breathing was long, and even his limbs were warm.

He was really fine.

Only then did the Yu Residence invite Imperial Physician Shi over.

Yang Shuwan perked up and quickly rushed to the door. "Imperial Physician, Brother Si has drowned. Take a closer look..."

Although Brother Si was fine, she still couldn't feel at ease without seeing the imperial physician.

She kept feeling that Yu Youyao was up to no good.

After the commotion just now, her clothes were messy and wrinkled. Her hair was messy, and the hairpin on her bun was crooked. Her makeup was also a mess.

The old imperial physician suddenly thought that there was a crazy woman from somewhere. He was shocked. When he reacted, he quickly entered the house and smelled a warm medicinal fragrance.

The old imperial physician sniffed hard a few times before moving closer to the table. Facing the incense burner, he sniffed hard. "Musk, Rhodiola, Borneol..." As soon as he opened his mouth, he recited more than 30 medicinal herbs. Every medicinal herb was an expensive herb and spice. "There are also six medicinal herbs. No, not just six. There are at least a dozen other medicinal herbs..."

After the old imperial physician entered the house, he was not in a hurry to take Si'er's pulse. Instead, he went to the incense burner and commented on the medicinal fragrance inside. Yang Shuwan tightened her handkerchief anxiously.

She had originally wanted the old imperial physician to check on Si'er first.

However, when she thought about how Yu Youyao had burnt this musk medicinal fragrance pill, she didn't know if it was harmful to Brother Si, so she endured it and changed her words. "Is there anything wrong with this incense pill?"

Before she could finish speaking, Old Madam Yu's expression darkened.

The other servants in the room also looked at each other.

What did First Madam mean?

The Musk Medicinal Pill had saved Fourth Young Master's life. How could there be anything wrong?

First Madam usually pretended to be a kind mother, but today, she had really revealed her true colors. She was really filled with malice towards Eldest Miss and did not have any kindness.

On the other hand, although Eldest Miss was usually not close to First Madam, she still respected her very much.

The old imperial physician suddenly glared at Yang Shuwan. “You don’t understand. What nonsense are you talking about? As soon as I entered this room and smelled this medicinal fragrance, I knew that your son’s life was saved.”

Therefore, there was no hurry!

Yang Shuwan was stunned.

“I’ve heard in the palace that this is a Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill. This incense pill uses hundreds of medicinal herbs, spices, and flowers. It’s very complicated to make. As many medicinal herbs are rare and precious, it’s not easy to get a single incense pill. Even the Empress Dowager in the palace only has three. Your family’s one was originally prepared for Old Madam!”

At this moment, even Old Madam Yu was moved. She couldn’t help but look at her granddaughter.

Yu Youyao nodded. “I happened to obtain a few rare medicinal herbs for the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill, so I made the incense pill and prepared to give it to Grandmother in a few days.”

The reason why the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill was precious was mainly because the medicinal herbs were difficult to find. It was not as complicated as the rumors said.

She had indeed lacked a few medicinal herbs previously. It was also because her cousin was resourceful and had gotten them for her. She did not make it alone.

However, there was no need to tell anyone about this.

Perhaps because of the nightmare, she was very enthusiastic about making all kinds of life-saving medicine. Her cousin had even found many prescriptions for her.

For example, even Nanny Xu did not have the recipe for this Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill. She had obtained it from her cousin.

Imperial Physician Shi looked at Yu Youyao and couldn’t help but nod. “Little child, you’re a magnanimous person.”

With that, he went to the bed to check on Yu Shansi.

Yu Youyao finally heaved a sigh of relief. She felt like she was about to collapse. She casually took a handkerchief and wiped her sweat.

The weather was already hot today. After an hour, Yu Youyao came back to her senses and suddenly realized that she was sweating a lot. The clothes on her back were completely drenched and stuck to her back. It was originally a hot day, but she felt cold and wet for no reason.

It was also extremely uncomfortable!

After wiping her sweat, Yu Youyao looked at the blue handkerchief in her hand and turned around

At some point, her cousin had also come over and was sitting beside her.

Zhou Linghuai handed her a cup of tea. "Have some water!"

Yu Youyao was sweating profusely. Just as she was feeling thirsty, she foolishly took the teacup. Without caring if it was hot or not, she couldn't wait to put it into her mouth.

The truth was that the tea was still warm, neither hot nor cold.

After drinking a cup of water, Yu Youyao was still not thirsty. She obediently handed the teacup to her cousin and looked at him eagerly. "I want more."

Zhou Linghuai was already prepared and handed her another glass. "Drink slowly. Be careful not to choke."

After drinking two glasses of water in a row, Yu Youyao felt a little better. "Cousin, why are you here?"

Zhou Linghuai pursed his lips and said, "I came to take a look."

He was also worried that if anything happened to Yu Shansi, the little girl wouldn't be able to handle it if Yang Shuwan made a fuss.

However, he had underestimated her.

When the little girl was angry, she even dared to splash tea on her stepmother's face, suppressing the scene. Yang Shuwan probably wouldn't be able to do anything in front of her.

Yu Youyao smiled. "Cousin, I'm fine."

How could she be fine? Yu Shansi had been saved, but what about what happened after that?

It was a matter of a child's life, so it was impossible to let it go so easily. When the imperial physician left the residence, Yang Shuwan would still make a fuss, and it would probably be difficult to explain to her father.

In a while, there was still a tough battle to fight.

Although the little girl said that she was fine, the fatigue in her eyes did not lie. Zhou Linghuai stroked her head. "Don't worry, Cousin is here."

Yu Youyao nodded and asked the old imperial physician, "Cousin, do you recognize this imperial physician?"

Her cousin lived in seclusion at home every day, but he knew everyone in the court. She had never suspected that her cousin did not recognize this old imperial physician.

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Zhou Linghuai took a look at the old man who was stroking his white beard and said calmly, "It's the previous Imperial Physician of the Imperial Academy of Medicine, Lord Shi. As he was old, he was given an honorable position to retire. However, his medical skills are brilliant, and he's very important to the nobles in the palace. The Emperor has allowed him to stay in the capital. The imperial physician that the main courtyard was going to hire today happened to be on duty in the palace, so I made the decision and got someone to bring your token over."

Her cousin had used her name to invite the imperial physician over. Yu Youyao smiled. "Cousin, you've thought it through."

Yu Shansi drowned. She had already arranged everything in the residence, but she had forgotten about everything outside the residence. She had also not expected that the imperial physician might not be invited, and she had forgotten to make other preparations.

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Zhou Linghuai chuckled. "Don't worry, Cousin is here."

What he did not say was that there were very few imperial physicians who knew how to treat drowning. On the other hand, although the imperial physicians hired by the main courtyard were proficient in internal illnesses, they did not happen to know this.

As soon as he received the news that Yu Shansi had drowned, he had guessed this situation. He had arranged for someone to invite Imperial Physician Shi, who had also arrived at the Yu Residence early in the morning.

However, since the little girl had made a move, he had to give her a chance to perform.

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It was also to let others see how outstanding his young lady was.

Therefore, when he found out that the little girl had stabilized the situation in the Songtao Courtyard and used the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill, he knew that Yu Shansi was most likely fine. Naturally, he couldn't let others snatch the little girl's hard work.

He ordered someone to park Imperial Physician Shi's carriage at the side door of the alley behind the Yu Residence.

Only when Yu Shansi was completely fine did he get someone to bring the imperial physician into Songtao Courtyard.

In other words, no matter what, Yu Shansi would be fine.

"Thank you, Cousin." Yu Youyao had also guessed that her cousin must have made arrangements early on. Her eyes lit up and she blinked at her cousin with a playful expression.

Half of Zhou Linghuai's body was numb. He kept feeling that there was light and electricity in her eyes. This light was aimed at his heart. When the light shined into it, it was like electricity, and even his heart became bright.

Yu Youyao tilted her head. "Cousin, why are you looking at me like that?"

Zhou Linghuai's eyelashes trembled slightly. He lowered his eyes and looked up again. "Cousin, you're not afraid in the face of danger. You can handle everything appropriately."

There was no need for him to do anything.

Yu Youyao smiled. "I learned it all from Cousin!"

In her nightmare, the old Yao Yao married into the Zhenguo Marquis Residence under her grandmother's orders. She wasn't stupid. Her grandmother had taught her how to do things for others, but she hadn't taught her how to be sensible and how to be sinister.

Therefore, she entered the Zhenguo Marquis Residence ignorantly.

In the end, she died in the sinister hands of others.

After a nightmare and taking a closer look at the people around her, she knew that fate was in her hands. Nanny Xu had taught her appropriate logic and methods.

It was her cousin who had taught her bit by bit and refined her temperament.

She had learned that one had to plan their life bit by bit. No matter what danger they were in, they could be fearless and find the best way out for themselves.

At this moment, Imperial Physician Shi finished examining Yu Shansi's body. "Out of ten people who drown, nine die. Fortunately, your residence used a strange fragrance like the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill to save Fourth Young Master's life. After that, it was handled in time and with proper technique. Fourth Young Master's life was saved. His body is fine, and there is no harm to his body."

Yang Shuwan finally felt relieved and quickly smiled. "It's good that Brother Si is fine. Thank you for making this trip today."

She spoke as if it was all thanks to the imperial physician that Yu Shansi was fine.

Imperial Physician Shi nodded and said very frankly, "It's also because your family treated him well. Otherwise, if such a young child like Fourth Young Master really waited for me to come, I'm afraid he would have lost his soul. Madam, you don't have to thank me. If you want to thank someone, you should thank the person who saved Fourth Young Master's life."

When everyone heard this, they understood. Fortunately, Eldest Miss had reacted quickly and restrained First Madam. Otherwise, Fourth Young Master would have lost his life.

Yang Shuwan glanced at Yu Youyao with an ugly expression.

What gratitude for saving her life?

How was that possible!

If Yu Youyao hadn't harmed Si'er, he wouldn't have suffered like this and almost lost his life.

The old imperial physician changed the topic and said, "However, Fourth Young Master is still young. It's inevitable that he'll be shocked by this drowning. I'll prescribe a few divine medicines and he'll be fine after taking them for a few days."

Yang Shuwan quickly followed the old imperial physician to the door to get the prescription.

The Songtao Courtyard finally calmed down.

Old Madam Yu heaved a sigh of relief. "Yao Yao, it's all thanks to you that Brother Si survived today."

Now that something had happened to Yu Sishan, as a mother, Madam Yang was actually at a loss and panicked. She tried her best to be strong as a mother, but she had said the wrong thing and targeted Yao Yao, almost costing Brother Si's life.

Yu Youyao shook her head. "I was the one who renovated the Songtao Courtyard. Now that Fourth Brother has an accident, I'm also..."

"Since the matter hasn't been investigated clearly, don't be in a hurry to take responsibility for it." Old Madam Yu's expression darkened, and she interrupted her. "It's also a fact that you saved Brother Si's life!"

Recalling how Yang Shuwan had scolded her and said that she was the one who had harmed Yu Shansi, Yu Youyao pursed her lips and her eyes turned red with grievance. "Grandmother..."

Her aggrieved expression made Old Madam Yu's heart ache terribly. She pulled her granddaughter into her arms. "My dear granddaughter is very smart. How could she do such a vicious and stupid thing? She suffered today. Don't worry, I'll definitely investigate this matter thoroughly and give you justice. I won't let anyone slander you."

Yu Youyao nodded. "I'll go with Grandmother. When Fourth Brother drowned, I asked Mother Tao to gather all the servants who came and went from the Songtao Courtyard today into the side courtyard. It'll be convenient for us to ask questions later."

Upon hearing this, Old Madam Yu knew that after Yu Shansi drowned, her granddaughter had already made arrangements and taken control of the overall situation. This way, she would be able to change from being passive to taking the initiative. She would be able to deal with the subsequent matters, and she wouldn't be helpless.

This girl had indeed improved. Old Madam Yu smiled in relief. "Then let's go. We can't delay this matter."

Yu Youyao helped her grandmother out of the house.

Old Madam Yu tilted her head and glanced at her granddaughter with a complicated expression.

Yang Shuwan had been pregnant with Yu Jianjia when Madam Xie was pregnant.

After careful calculation, Madam He had actually been pregnant before Madam Xie gave birth to Yao Yao.

It was unknown if it was retribution. After Madam Xie's death, so many years had passed, but other than Yu Shansi, there was actually no male in the main family.

As for Yu Shansi, he had also become the only male heir.

No matter how much she disliked Madam Yang and was not close to her grandson, Yu Shansi was Eldest Son's only legitimate son. As his grandmother, how could she not value him?

In the government office, Zhao Da was shocked when he heard that Fourth Young Master had drowned.

He instantly understood what Eldest Miss meant.

When Master asked Eldest Miss to repair the Songtao Courtyard, Eldest Miss was afraid that she wouldn't be able to do it well, so she suggested that he help her with it. Although Eldest Miss was the one who had suggested that the Songtao Courtyard be repaired, she had always discussed everything with him.

Songtao Courtyard was half his business.

Eldest Miss was the master, and he was the slave. Eldest Miss had the credit for Songtao Courtyard's matter, but it was also his fault that Fourth Young Master had drowned.

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