

All Hail 321

Chapter 321 I'll Teach You a Lesson

Zhao Da was flustered, but he was still the most capable person by Eldest Master's side, so he quickly calmed down.

He found a servant boy in front of Eldest Master and instructed, "It's the first day since Fourth Young Master moved into the courtyard today. I'll go back and take a look first. When Eldest Master asks later, just tell him the truth."

About a while later, the messenger from the residence would arrive.

He had to return to the residence before Eldest Master did and find out what was going on. When Eldest Master asked later, he would be able to give an explanation.

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The servant looked obsequious. "Brother Zhao is still the most thorough. No wonder Master thinks so highly of you..."

Fourth Young Master was Eldest Master's eyes. Zhao Da had done his best for Fourth Young Master. If Eldest Master found out, he would definitely think that Zhao Da was thorough and appropriate.

After Zhao Da left the government office, he took a carriage with the servant sent by Eldest Miss. As soon as he returned to the residence, he went to discuss countermeasures with Eldest Miss.

Imperial Physician Shi prescribed the medicine, and Yang Shuwan was about to send him out of the residence.

Chun Xiao stepped forward respectfully. "Eldest Miss has instructed that Imperial Physician Shi is old and has worked hard to enter the residence for Fourth Young Master. She wants you to go to the side courtyard to rest for a while before you leave."

It was difficult to refuse her kindness, so Imperial Physician Shi nodded in agreement.

Seeing that Chun Xiao had left with Imperial Physician Shi, Yang Shuwan's expression turned a little ugly. Just now, she had only been focused on Yu Shansi and had actually forgotten to entertain the imperial physician well. She really shouldn't have.

After returning to the house, Nanny Li saw that she was in a sorry state. She lowered her head and said carefully, "Madam, Fourth Young Master is already fine. I'm here to guard him. Shouldn't you, shouldn't you return to the main courtyard to freshen up..."

"Freshen up?!" Yang Shuwan was stunned when she heard this. Then, she realized that she had been splashed with tea by that little b*tch, Yu Youyao. Previously, she had only been worried about Brother Si.

She had actually forgotten about this.

Yang Shuwan rushed to the table and stuck her head in front of the copper basin. She saw her face with makeup reflected in the water, and she broke down.

“Ah, Yu Youyao, how dare you? I’m not done with you...” Yang Shuwan screamed and covered her face as she ran out of the Songtao Courtyard after breaking down.

After returning to the main courtyard, Yang Shuwan immediately returned to her room to change.

She thought that since Imperial Physician Shi had already diagnosed Brother Si and that he was indeed fine, Nanny Li was still taking care of him in the Songtao Courtyard, and Old Madam had also left Nanny Liu there, it was safe for Brother Si.

As soon as her heart relaxed, Yang Shuwan also had the time to think about other things.

She immediately called Sang Zhi over. “Did you find out why Fourth Young Master drowned?”

After Brother Si drowned, she was focused on his safety. She only said a few words about many things and was not in the mood to care.

Sang Zhi hurriedly said, “Madam, Eldest Miss came too quickly. She asked Mother Tao to bring all the servants who entered and left the Songtao Courtyard today to the side courtyard. No one was allowed to approach. I didn’t have time to ask clearly.”

When Yang Shuwan heard this, her face twisted with anger. “Yu Youyao, you’re so young, but you’re really scheming. Do you think this matter is over just because you’ve taken in a servant from the Songtao Courtyard? Dream on. Brother Si is Master’s only son. In the future, I still hope that he can carry on the family line and bring glory to the family. Even if he’s fine, Master will still hold people accountable. Hmph, no matter how much Master likes Yu Youyao, can she compare to his only legitimate son...”

Sang Zhi agreed deeply.

Everyone in the residence knew how much Master valued Fourth Young Master. If this matter was investigated, Eldest Miss would be blamed.

“Go and see when Master will return to the residence.” Yang Shuwan sneered. Yu Youyao, heh, when Master returns to the residence, I’ll definitely teach you a lesson!!

At this moment, Yu Zongzheng, who Yang Shuwan had been thinking about, returned to the residence anxiously after receiving the news of Yu Shansi’s drowning.

As soon as he reached the door, he saw Zhao Da welcome him.

“How’s Fourth Young Master?” Yu Zongzheng looked anxious and angry. He strode into the residence.

Zhao Da hurriedly said, “Master, don’t worry. Fourth Young Master is fine. Fortunately, Eldest Miss arrived in time and used the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill that was originally used to prepare Old Madam’s life, saving Fourth Young Master’s life. In addition, Nanny Xu treated him in time. Eldest Miss ordered someone to invite Imperial Physician Shi over. Just now, he had already treated Fourth Young Master. Not only was Fourth Young Master’s life fine, but his body wasn’t injured at all.”

There was only one meaning between the lines.

The person who had saved Yu Shansi's life was Eldest Miss, and the person who treated him was Nanny Xu, who was in front of Eldest Miss. Even the imperial physician had been invited in by Eldest Miss.

When Yu Zongzheng heard that Yu Shansi was fine, he immediately heaved a sigh of relief. As he had walked in too quickly, he had been careless and staggered, almost falling to the ground.

“Master—” Zhao Da reacted quickly and tugged at him.

Only then did Yu Zongzheng not fall. He couldn't care less about the fact that he had almost fallen down. “Go to Songtao Courtyard to see Fourth Young Master.”

He couldn't feel at ease without seeing his precious son—

Hence, along the way to Songtao Courtyard, Yu Zongzheng heard a servant say—

“Eldest Miss is really amazing. Fourth Young Master drowned, and First Madam, an adult, was shocked out of her wits. To think that Eldest Miss, a half-grown child, managed to save Fourth Young Master.”

“Isn't that so? Even the imperial physician said that Fourth Young Master was only able to live because Eldest Miss had made the Musk Medicinal Fragrance Pill for Old Madam. Fourth Young Master lost consciousness and his life was saved because of this incense pill.”

“Nanny Qin, who was in front of Third Miss, didn't know how to treat drowning and almost killed Fourth Young Master. It was also Eldest Miss who asked Nanny Xu to come over. Nanny Xu happened to know how to treat him, so Fourth Young Master's life was not in danger.”

“To think that First Madam keeps saying that she's a scourge. She keeps saying that Eldest Miss harmed Fourth Young Master and even told Eldest Miss to get lost. How shameless!”

“Eldest Miss also respects First Madam. Not only did she allow First Madam to scold her, but she also admitted her mistake. She said that she was the one who renovated the Songtao Courtyard. Fourth Master fell into the water, so she can't absolve herself of the blame.”

“What does Fourth Young Master falling into the water have to do with Eldest Miss? Eldest Miss went to school early in the morning, and Songtao Courtyard had a busy moving in day. First Madam, as his mother, didn't take care of Fourth Young Master. Fourth Young Master is young and is at the age of being naughty. What has it got to do with Eldest Miss?”

“Eldest Miss is also stupid. She takes all the responsibility. It's all thanks to Eldest Miss that Fourth Young Master was able to survive today. I'm afraid that even though she was a good person, she won't be able to get anything good and will be punished...”

After listening all the way, Yu Zongzheng's expression darkened and he couldn't help but slow down.

Chapter 322 Soft Mouth

As soon as he found out that Si'er had drowned, he was burning with anxiety. He couldn't help but think that his eldest daughter was in charge of repairing the Songtao Courtyard. Now that Si'er had an accident and his life was in danger, he was furious.

However, at this moment, after listening to the gossip, he also clearly understood Brother Si's drowning. He did not even miss many details.

Yu Shansi was drowning and his life was at stake. As his mother, Madam Yang was a paper tiger. She was useless. Not only did she know how to cry and cause trouble, but she also scolded Yu Youyao and kept slandering her for harming Brother Si.

Her third daughter was weak and couldn't help at all. She had even almost let Nanny Qin ruin Si'er's life.

His mother was a capable person, but the north courtyard was far away, so she couldn't rush over immediately.

On the other hand, it was all thanks to his eldest daughter's help that Si'er's life was saved. She had stabilized the situation in Songtao Courtyard and used the life-preparing medicine that she had made for his mother to keep him alive. Not only that, but she had also asked Nanny Xu to treat him, so Si'er was fine.

Even Imperial Physician Shi said that his eldest daughter had treated him in time!

Imperial Physician Shi was the previous Imperial Physician. His medical skills were even better than Imperial Physician Hu's. Even the emperor did not allow him to return to his hometown and told him to retire in the capital.

For such a capable person to say such words, it was obvious how much he admired his eldest daughter.

Zhao Da, who was following beside Yu Zongzheng, carefully glanced at Eldest Master.

Eldest Master, who had been anxious and angry just now, now looked much more relaxed. He quickly said, "Imperial Physician Shi is still in the Songtao Courtyard. Do you want to visit Fourth Young Master first, or go to Imperial Physician Shi first?"

Yu Zongzheng quickly said, "Let's go to Imperial Physician Shi first."

It wouldn't be too late to visit Brother Si after asking about his situation. Besides, although Imperial Physician Shi had resigned from his position, he was still a respected person. Since he had personally come to visit, it was only right for him to pay him a visit first.

When Zhao Da heard this, he understood. Eldest Miss's arrangements and schemes had all worked. However, he couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

This Eldest Miss was really a capable person. Master would definitely take his anger out on her for such a big matter like Fourth Young Master drowning. How could she hide?

Just now, after he returned to the residence, he wanted to look for Eldest Miss to discuss a countermeasure.

Unexpectedly, Eldest Miss's expression was calm. She only asked him to guard the door. When Eldest Master returned, she would immediately "tell the truth" about Fourth Young Master falling into the water.

At that time, he was still assessing the situation!

Eldest Master thought highly of Fourth Young Master. Even if she had explained this matter clearly, he would still be angry.

Eldest Miss probably couldn't escape punishment this time.

How could he have known that as soon as Master returned to the residence, Eldest Miss would actually arrange for the servants in the residence to put on such a show?

Stories repeated many times can confuse people's hearts!

Everyone said that Eldest Miss had saved Fourth Young Master.

Eldest Miss had saved Fourth Young Master's life, so it was a done deal. Eldest Miss did not do anything wrong. She only had to work hard to save Fourth Young Master.

Also, as her mother, how could Eldest Madam Yang not be a problem?

Could First Madam Yang's mouth compare to dozens of mouths in the residence?

As a mother, she was useless. Not only did she not take good care of her son, but her son had also drowned and she did not do anything at all. She had to rely on her stepdaughter to save her son's life. If she still said that her stepdaughter was in the wrong, she would really be in trouble.

Eldest Miss had personally set a trap for Eldest Madam Yang. If Eldest Madam Yang was smart, it was best for her to keep her mouth shut. At most, she would be reprimanded by Master.

If she was stupid, Master's anger would not be directed at Eldest Miss, but at Eldest Madam Yang.

Besides, Old Madam was biased towards Eldest Miss.

If this wasn't enough, there was still an Imperial Envoy who admired Eldest Miss very much in the residence. He was still "waiting" for Eldest Master to return.

Imperial Physician Shi was an elder and even the emperor respected him. His every word and action held even more weight in front of Eldest Master than Old Madam.

It was obvious that the truly powerful people could rely on their intelligence to turn danger into relief no matter what danger they were in.

These matters completely turned the situation around without any effort.

Not only would Eldest Miss not be blamed for this matter, but she might also be rewarded by Eldest Master.

Yu Zongzheng went all the way to the side courtyard of Songtao Courtyard.

Imperial Physician Shi drank the medicinal tea that Eldest Miss Yu had meticulously prepared and ate the snacks in the residence. Unknowingly, he had rested for almost an hour.

At this moment, when he saw Yu Zongzheng, the old man looked down at the exquisite snacks on the table and suddenly felt that the snacks in his mouth were no longer fragrant.

What a smart girl. She was indeed diligent.

Yu Youyao had arranged for him to rest in the residence. He still felt that this girl was thoughtful and much better than her stepmother.

She wanted him to wait there.

The old man had been in the palace for most of his life. How could these small schemes not be noticed by him?

Yu Zongzheng bowed to Imperial Physician Shi to show his respect. Then, he said, "My young son drowned. I've troubled you to enter the residence to treat him. Thank you, Lord Shi."

Forget it. Imperial Physician Shi waved his hand. "Lord Yu, you don't have to be so polite. I've made a wasted trip. The Eldest Miss of your residence is also impressive. She used a rare musk medicinal fragrance pill to protect Fourth Young Master's life. In addition, the nanny beside her is proficient in treating drowning. Fourth Young Master was treated in time and treated properly. Later, in order not to hurt his foundation after drowning, she even did moxibustion for Fourth Young Master. When I came over, Fourth Young Master was only slightly frightened. After taking a few pills and recuperating for two days, he will be alive and kicking. You don't have to be so polite."

After hearing from Zhao Da about how Yao Yao had saved Brother Si, the anger in his heart subsided a little. He felt that Yao Yao could still help a little.

Later on, he heard the servants talk about the situation all the way.

The respect they had for his eldest daughter was obvious. At the mention of Madam Yang, it was completely different.

At this moment, he was also beginning to feel angry with Madam Yang for being useless. As a mother, she couldn't take good care of Si'er. Not only did she let Si'er drown, but she also pushed the responsibility to her eldest daughter. Yao Yao was only a half-grown child, and she was her stepdaughter. Madam Yang simply wasn't worthy of being a mother.

At this moment, when he heard the respected Imperial Physician Shi praise his eldest daughter openly, Yu Zongzheng felt proud.

Imperial Physician Shi glanced at Yu Zongzheng, then looked down at the exquisitely wrapped gift box.

Eldest Miss Yu had sent this gift box over.

Previously, after drinking the medicinal tea that Eldest Miss Yu had sent over, he couldn't help but ask a few questions.

Unexpectedly, not long after, a maidservant brought over a box. She said that it was a thank-you gift from Eldest Miss Yu and asked him not to decline it.

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Chapter 323 Accepting Someone's Goodwill

Forget it, he had accepted her goodwill. Imperial Physician Shi continued, "Lord Yu has really given birth to a good daughter. No wonder even the Empress Dowager praised her for being clean and honest. Yao Yao is kind-hearted. Her every move today deserves such praise."

Although his praise was deliberate, it was not an exaggeration.

Eldest Miss Yu was magnanimous and intelligent.

Her younger brother was in trouble and his life was at stake. Her stepmother only knew how to be anxious like a crazy woman, but she was still willing to use such a precious musk medicinal fragrance pill to save her younger brother.

This was benevolence, righteousness, and virtue.

After he came to treat him, she specially asked him to rest in the side courtyard and "wait" for her father to return home.

This was also part of her plan. As long as he confirmed that his younger brother was really fine, even if Yu Zongzheng was very angry, he would lose 70-80% of his anger.

As for the remaining anger, he was afraid that Eldest Miss Yu had other arrangements.

This was etiquette, wisdom, and virtue.

The Empress Dowager's praise for Yu Youyao was really spot-on. The Lantian Jade Palace token was also well-deserved.

In two years, this Eldest Miss Yu would probably be amazing!

Why not befriend such a powerful person?

Yu Zongzheng smiled when he heard this. "My daughter doesn't deserve such praise from a doctor."

The two of them chatted politely for a while before the old imperial physician said that he wanted to leave.

Yu Zongzheng politely sent him out of the residence.

When he returned to the residence, Yu Zongzheng turned to look at Zhao Da and couldn't help but sigh. "It's all thanks to Yao Yao that Brother Si is fine today. Let's visit him."

Zhao Da heaved a sigh of relief.

He couldn't help but sigh. There was no one who did things more beautifully than Eldest Miss.

If it were Eldest Madam Yang, she would probably have pushed him out to take the blame for today's matter. However, Eldest Miss's slight arrangements turned a bad thing into a good thing.

Fourth Young Master was fine.

Eldest Master felt relieved.

Yu Zongzheng walked all the way to the room in the Songtao Courtyard. When he saw Nanny Liu and Nanny Li guarding the room, he felt relieved.

“Where’s Eldest Miss?” Yu Zongzheng asked Nanny Li.

When Nanny Liu saw that there was no anger on Master’s face when he mentioned Eldest Miss, she heaved a sigh of relief. “Eldest Miss has rushed to the Songtao Courtyard and asked Mother Tao to gather all the servants who entered and left the courtyard today. She’s asking Old Madam questions now.”

When Yu Zongzheng heard this, he understood.

After Brother Si’s accident, Madam Yang was not in charge and only cared about worrying and panicking. It was inevitable that Songtao Courtyard would fall into chaos. It was her eldest daughter who stabilized the situation and did everything well.

It was obvious that Yao Yao was doing her best to find out the reason for her younger brother’s accident.

Yu Zongzheng turned to look at Nanny Li and asked, “Where’s First Madam? Fourth Young Master is still unconscious. As his mother, why isn’t she taking good care of him?”

Eldest Master’s face revealed a hint of anger, and his aura pressed down on Nanny Li until she almost couldn’t breathe. “This, First Madam, she...”

Nanny Li groaned inwardly.

How was she supposed to answer this?

She couldn’t possibly say that First Madam had returned to the main courtyard to wash up and dress up after Fourth Young Master had just entered the gates of hell. As her mother, First Madam still had the mood to wash up and dress up. How inappropriate would that sound in Eldest Master’s ears?

It was even worse to say she returned to the main courtyard. How could anything in the residence compare to Fourth Young Master, who had just entered the gates of hell?

Yu Zongzheng looked at this old servant who did not dare to speak. He knew that there was something wrong and was furious. “Tell me honestly.”

Nanny Li knelt on the ground with a thud. “Madam... Well, it was Eldest Miss who splashed tea on Madam’s face. Madam’s makeup was also smudged, and it’s really an eyesore. She’s worried that Fourth Young Master will be frightened when he wakes up later, so she went back to her room to change her clothes. She’ll be here soon.”

When Yu Zongzheng heard this, he was furious again. “In my opinion, this cup of tea didn’t wake her up.”

Brother Si had drowned, and everything that had happened in the Songtao Courtyard had been arranged by Yao Yao, her stepdaughter. Brother Si had also been saved by Yu Youyao, and the imperial physician had also been invited in by her. Now, it was actually Yu Youyao and her mother who were interrogating the servants.

What was she, Yang Shuwan, doing?

She still had the cheek to go back and wash up?!

Nanny Li was dumbfounded. No matter what, she couldn't figure out why Eldest Master was so angry at Madam when Fourth Young Master had drowned. As Eldest Miss's stepdaughter, it was disrespectful to splash tea on her stepmother's face. Why was Eldest Master reprimanding First Madam?

What the hell was going on?

That shouldn't be the case!

At this moment, Chun Xiao came over and bowed to Eldest Master. "Master, Old Madam and Eldest Miss are questioning the servants in the side courtyard. When Eldest Miss found out that you had returned to the residence, she specially ordered me to come over and let you know. Fourth Young Master's drowning is no small matter. Do you want to go over and listen?"

Yu Zongzheng nodded. "Let's go take a look!"

He had heard about what happened after Si'er drowned. Until now, he still did not know why Si'er had drowned.

Si'er was the only legitimate son of the first wife. He was going to inherit the family business and carry on the family line. He would bring glory to his ancestors. If anything happened to Si'er, he had to investigate clearly.

As soon as Yu Zongzheng entered the side courtyard, Yu Youyao put down her teacup and took a step forward to greet him. "Greetings, Father."

Yu Zongzheng smiled and said, "Yao Yao, you've worked hard today. Quick, sit down!"

Before Yu Youyao could sit down, Yang Shuwan received the news and rushed to the side courtyard.

As soon as she saw Yu Zongzheng, Yang Shuwan pinched her handkerchief and cried, "... Brother Si is still so young. How could he have suffered such a disaster? At that time, Brother Si was splashing around in the lake, shouting 'Help', 'Mother, save me', and the water kept pouring into his mouth. He was about to sink into the water when a few old maids jumped into the lake and pulled him ashore..."

Thinking of her son drowning, Yang Shuwan still felt a lingering fear.

Yu Zongzheng only knew that Si'er drowned, but he did not know that the process was so dangerous. When he heard this, he was also shocked. His expression, which had just eased up, tensed up again and became ugly again.

As Yang Shuwan cried, she recounted how she had been unconscious after her son was rescued ashore. How anxious, anxious, afraid, and worried she was...

She already knew how to pretend. At this moment, her lousy pretense was filled with 70% sincerity. She was very pitiful, and she magnified it.

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Every word and sentence showed that she was heartbroken. Those who heard it would be sad, and those who heard it would cry.

Yu Youyao lowered her head and gently rubbed the incense beads on her wrist. She had to admit that Madam Yang was really good at dealing with Yu Zongzheng, and Yu Zongzheng fell for it.

However, she did not fall for it!

As Yu Zongzheng listened, his anger towards Yang Shuwan dissipated a little.

Chapter 324 What's Wrong With You?

Parents were pitiful. Even as a father, he was anxious when he heard that his son had drowned. He rushed back to the residence.

Madam Yang said that she was also a woman. As a mother, it was understandable that something was amiss because she was anxious.

Who knew!

As Yang Shuwan spoke, she changed the topic. "Master, you know that Brother Si has always been obedient. How could a fine person suddenly drown? Now, Eldest Miss is in charge of the household, and the Songtao Courtyard was renovated by her. After all, she's still young, and this is her first time doing this. Perhaps something went wrong accidentally? Brother Si almost lost his life. You have to stand up for him..."

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Hearing this, Yu Youyao picked up her teacup and lowered her head. The corners of her mouth curled up slightly in mockery.

If it were in the past, when her father heard this, he would probably be furious at her.

But now...

Yu Zongzheng's expression changed. He had just picked up the tea in his hand when he couldn't help but smash it at Yang Shuwan's feet, causing the fragments to splatter.

"Ah—" Yang Shuwan screamed and retreated in shock.

Yu Youyao was also shocked. She quickly stepped forward and knelt in front of her father. "Father, please calm down. It's all my fault. It's my fault..."

Seeing that Yu Youyao was kneeling and begging for mercy, Yang Shuwan's shocked emotions eased. Master's anger was directed at Yu Youyao.

Yu Youyao, let's see how you will end up today.

Unexpectedly, before she could finish feeling smug, she heard Yu Zongzheng say, "Yao Yao, what are you doing? Get up quickly. I know that it's all thanks to you today that your fourth brother was able to escape danger. You saved Brother Si's life. How is it your fault?"

Yang Shuwan was dumbfounded when she heard this, and her mind went blank.

Who am I? Where am I? What am I doing?

Why did she understand every word that Master had said just now, but when they were connected, she did not understand at all?

Old Madam Yu hurriedly stood up and walked to Yu Youyao's side, wanting to help her up. "Oh, my good granddaughter, the ground is dirty and hard. Why are you kneeling just like that? You even knocked your knees so hard that they made a loud bang. You don't know how to feel the pain, but you've been a piece of flesh near Grandmother's body since you were young. Grandmother feels hurt for you. Get up quickly. If there's anything, we can talk about it. There's no reason for family to kneel at the drop of a hat."

Yu Youyao insisted on not getting up. "Father, please calm down. Don't let your anger affect your health. Father is kind to me, but I'm wrong."

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Yu Zongzheng's anger subsided a little, and he softened his tone. "If you have anything to say, stand up and say it. Don't kneel on the ground for no reason."

Yang Shuwan was even more dumbfounded. She stood rooted to the ground, not knowing what was going on.

Logically speaking, Master should have been furious that Yu Youyao had taken the initiative to admit her mistake. He should have taught her a lesson on the spot. Why was this different from what she had expected?

As she did not know what Yu Youyao was up to, Yang Shuwan did not dare to speak for a moment.

Yu Youyao lowered her head. "Not long after the palace examination ended, Father was busy at the government office. It was because he trusted me that he let me manage the family. However, I let him down. Not only did I fail to worry for you, but I also caused trouble for you. I caused you to be distracted by family matters and the family was in chaos. How can you be at ease in the court? This is my fault."

As Yang Shuwan listened, she felt that something was amiss.

However, Yu Zongzheng said, "Yao Yao, it's already difficult for a half-grown child like you to manage the household. Father knows that you've worked hard. If anything, it's your mother's fault. What can a child like you do wrong?"

What was wrong with such a pure and filial child?

Yang Shuwan's eyes widened. "No, Master, the person in charge is Yu Youyao. How did it become my fault? Master, you can't wrong me..."

"Shut up." When Yu Zongzheng heard her words, he was furious. "If it weren't for the fact that you're the mistress of the household and can't even manage the family well, why would I let a half-grown child like Yao Yao manage the family? Go out and ask around. Which young mistress in the capital is in charge of the household at such a young age? Poor Yao Yao. She's only half-grown, but she already has to share the burden of her elders. As her stepmother, you don't

know how to appreciate her kindness or reflect on yourself. You can't bear such a heavy responsibility. How dare you criticize Yao Yao? Where did you get your face from?"

Yang Shuwan was dumbfounded. "Master, Brother Si..."

Before she could finish speaking, she heard Yu Youyao say in a hoarse voice, "I'm extremely grateful that you understand me. However, no matter what, it's because you trust me that you asked me to clean up the Songtao Courtyard and help Fourth Brother move into the courtyard. Fourth Brother drowned on the first day of moving and almost had an accident. There must be something wrong. As the eldest sister, I can't absolve myself of the blame. This is my second mistake."

At the mention of Brother Si, Master would be angry!

Yang Shuwan looked at Yu Youyao smugly.

Unexpectedly, not only was Yu Zongzheng not angry, but he even said, "I already know that your fourth brother's drowning has nothing to do with you. Back then, you were worried that you were young and might be negligent, so you suggested letting your mother handle it."

Yang Shuwan opened her mouth in shock. Her ears were filled with Yu Zongzheng's dignified and loving voice.

"Previously, I felt that you were doing things appropriately, but after thinking about it carefully today, I also feel that you've put in a lot of effort. You can be said to be extremely kind and filial. Firstly, you're taking into account your stepmother's dignity. Secondly, you're also taking into account Brother Si's feelings. Thirdly, you're thinking about Brother Si in every situation, and it's also because of your relationship with him."

Hearing this, Yang Shuwan felt as if she had been struck by lightning.

Not only was Yu Youyao not at fault at all, but she had also made a contribution?

What was wrong with Master?

Could it be that he had really been bewitched by Yu Youyao?!

"You've done everything you can. Since this courtyard is in your mother's hands, it's your mother's fault. After all, you went to school early this morning. Your mother is in charge of the matters in the Songtao Courtyard."

Even if there was someone at fault, it was Yang Shuwan, her mother, who was at fault.

Yu Youyao was pure, filial, and kind. What could be wrong with that?

Yang Shuwan couldn't stand it anymore and said shrilly, "Master, it's clearly Yu Youyao's fault that Brother Si drowned. Why is it my fault when it comes to Master? Brother Si came out from my stomach. As his mother, how can I harm him? Did Yu Youyao do something in front of you..."

Chapter 325 Where's Your Face?

Seeing her sour expression, Yu Zongzheng couldn't help but flare up. "Yang Shuwan, where's your face? As a mother, you didn't keep an eye on Brother Si, causing him to drown. If this isn't your fault, then whose fault is it? You still have the cheek to blame Yao Yao. You keep saying that it's her fault. Do you know that if Yao Yao hadn't saved Brother Si's life, if anything had happened to him, you would have already received the divorce letter and returned to the Yang family."

He shouldn't have married Yang Shuwan, the daughter of a concubine.

If it weren't for Si'er, he would have written a divorce letter and asked Madam Yang to leave.

"M-Master, you..." Yang Shuwan's body went limp and she fell to the ground. She looked at the servants in the courtyard and her hands and feet turned cold. Her mind was in a mess.

When Yu Youyao saw this, she quickly said, "Father, Mother is worried about her younger brother and is a kind mother. You can't blame Mother for Fourth Brother's drowning. As the eldest sister, it's my duty to help Mother raise her younger brother."

Yu Zongzheng's expression darkened. "Your mother treats you with malicious intent and doesn't have the slightest heart of a loving mother. Yet, you still want to speak up for her!"

Yu Youyao lowered her head, feeling a little sad. "Father, it's also my fault as an eldest sister that Fourth Brother fell into the water today. I didn't teach him the principle that a gentleman shouldn't stand under a dangerous wall. That's why he didn't know about the danger and went to the lake. It's my third mistake."

As soon as she finished speaking, Old Madam Yu couldn't take it anymore. "You, you unlucky child. You admit all your mistakes. Could it be that your mother had scolded you silly just now? Your mother said that you harmed Brother Si. Do you really think that you're in the wrong?"

Yu Youyao was stunned by the scolding. "It's my fault. Mother was worried about Fourth Brother..."

Old Madam Yu was about to die of anger. "Don't you think about it? Your mother treats Brother Si like her own. She doesn't even come to my courtyard often. Even I, her grandmother, don't see her often. As her eldest sister, how can you get close to her?"

Yu Youyao bit her lip. "But..."

Old Madam Yu interrupted her. "What does Brother Si's drowning have to do with you? Kneel down and apologize. You saved Brother Si's life today. How can there be a better sister than you..."

When Yang Shuwan heard this, she trembled and did not dare to speak anymore.

Yu Youyao was indeed a monster.

Yu Zongzheng was confused. He was determined that Yu Youyao was a good person. Whatever Yu Youyao said was right, and everything she said was wrong.

Seeing his daughter kneeling on the ground with a guilty expression, Yu Zongzheng also said, "Your grandmother is right. Although you were the one who advocated the renovation of the Songtao Courtyard, Zhao Da also helped. You reported everything that happened inside to me, and you did your best. Father knows that you've worked hard."

Yu Youyao looked guilty and lowered her head without saying anything.

Yu Zongzheng took a step forward and bent down to help his eldest daughter up. He patted her shoulder and said gently, "I know that you're a good sister. Brother Si drowned, and his fate was unknown. It was you, as his eldest sister, who stepped forward and saved Brother Si's life. You cared about the close relationship with your brother, and I'm proud of you."

"Your grandmother's health isn't good, and you're the one who stood up to help manage the family matters and share the burdens of the elders. You're pure and filial, showing the demeanor of our Yu Zong."

Yu Zongzheng looked at his daughter and said word by word, "Yao Yao, not only are you not in the wrong, but you've also contributed."

At this point, Yu Zongzheng's admiration for his eldest daughter deepened. At such a young age, she was responsible. She was a person with morals, and she did things in a methodical manner.

As a woman, she wanted to stabilize the family.

If he was a man, he would also be a great talent in ruling the country and bringing peace to the world.

Yu Zongzheng's voice was filled with warmth. Yu Youyao's eyes welled up with tears, but she still lowered her head. "Thank you for your praise, Father!"

With that, Yu Youyao turned around and wiped the tears from her eyes.

These tears were for Yu Youyao, who had been ignorantly anticipating her father's love, for her dead mother, and for older Yu Youyao, who had died tragically in her nightmare.

As for her—

Father, do you know that the human heart can't be hurt?

Yu Zongzheng changed the topic. "What did you ask just now? Why did your fourth brother suddenly drown? I remember that a fence was built by the lake."

Yu Youyao was a little hesitant, so Old Madam Yu pulled her granddaughter to sit beside her and continued, "I'll handle it. After all, it's a matter of the main courtyard. Otherwise, others will think that Yao Yao, a stepdaughter, is in charge of her Mother's affairs."

Yu Zongzheng's face darkened, and he could tell that something was amiss with Yang Shuwan.

Yang Shuwan's eyes widened in shock as she screamed, "Old Madam, what do you mean? Brother Si drowned in Songtao Courtyard. How did it involve the main courtyard? I'm Brother Si's mother. How could I harm him..."

Yu Zongzheng's expression darkened. "Shut up! I'm afraid Mother usually indulges you too much, so much so that you don't know the rules. How can you interrupt when the elders are talking!"

Yang Shuwan's face fell.

Old Madam Yu did not even look at her. She said to Yu Zongzheng, "After Brother Si drowned, Yao Yao ordered someone to invite Carpenter Zhao to take a look. Listen to what he has to say."

At this moment, Carpenter Zhao walked out of the crowd and knelt on the ground. "The wooden railing is also new. It will take a day or two to be fixed. Eldest Miss has repeatedly instructed me to be more careful. Therefore, early this morning, I went to check again and even asked First Madam about this matter. She asked Fourth Young Master to try his best not to go to the lake to play. Even if he does, he has to follow a servant who knows how to swim."

Actually, the truth was that a part of the wooden fence in Songtao Courtyard had loosened. He guessed that it was made for someone, so he looked for Eldest Miss to make a decision.

When Eldest Miss heard this, she instructed him to keep this matter a secret and pretend that he did not know anything.

Moreover, she instructed him to avoid the main point and not say much about the wooden railing being loose. He was instructed to say that the wooden railing was newly repaired.

As a result, he no longer had anything to do with this matter. It was Eldest Madam Yang's fault for not taking care of it well.

However, this was also the truth.

Eldest Madam Yang should have detained Fourth Young Master and not let him go to the lake.

Yu Youyao's expression was extremely cold. She gently lifted the lid of the tea and brought it to her lips. The tea was still hot for her tongue, so she was not as prepared as her cousin.

Yu Shansi's drowning was directed at her.

The wooden railing was loosened. Carpenter Zhao was involved here, so wasn't it also because she wasn't doing her job well? It wouldn't do her any good to expose it. After all, the servants in the residence wouldn't dare to do anything to harm their master.

In this way, she was the biggest suspect.

She was confident that she could escape unscathed, but if that happened, Yu Shansi would be harmed. Someone would definitely have to step in to take the blame. Only then would this matter be over, and she would also harm Carpenter Zhao and his son.

Chapter 326 Slave Who Betrayed His Lord

Carpenter Zhao and his son had originally been working steadily, but this time, they had been implicated by her.

The best way was to avoid the main point.

But!

Just because they avoided responsibility didn't mean that this matter could be let go.

Yu Zongzheng was so angry that his face turned green. "Madam Yang, tell me, was what Carpenter Zhao said the truth!"

It was really Yang Shuwan's fault that Brother Si had drowned. No wonder Yao Yao hadn't dared to ask just now, for fear of offending her mother.

Yang Shuwan's body went limp. "Master, Master, it's not like that. Carpenter Zhao did say that. I also instructed Mo Cai, who serves Brother Si, and a few old maids to keep a close eye on Brother Si. How would I know..."

Yang Shuwan was like this, but little did she know that others were the same. The corners of Yu Youyao's mouth twitched slightly, and her fingers gently rubbed the wooden rhinoceros incense beads on her wrist.

The show was about to begin!

At this moment, a woman rushed out of the crowd and knelt on the ground with a thud. She kept kowtowing to Yu Zongzheng. As she kowtowed, she said, "Master, I have something to say..."

Yu Zongzheng took a closer look and recognized that this woman was Yu Shansi's nanny, Madam Mo. Out of consideration for their relationship, he asked, "What are you trying to say?"

Auntie Mo's cries were shrill. "Master, please investigate. Fourth Young Master heard from the servants that the lake was beautifully repaired and had a lot of brocade fish. When Fourth Young Master heard this, he insisted on going to the lake to play. At that time, the Songtao Courtyard was busy. A few of Fourth Young Master's old maids were called over to help. Mo Cai couldn't stop them alone, so he could only follow them."

Yu Zongzheng frowned and glared at Madam Yang.

One look at the servants standing in the courtyard and one could tell that half of the servants in the residence were already in the Songtao Courtyard when they moved today. It was really a huge game of chess.

They were already here, but they still did not have enough manpower. They actually had to send the people around Brother Si to help.

They were simply useless!

Mother Mo cried, "... Who knew that the fence was not strong enough? Fourth Young Master fell into the lake. In order to save Fourth Young Master, Mo Cai also jumped into the lake himself. However, Fourth Young Master was splashing around in the lake. Mo Cai was small and weak, so he couldn't save Fourth Young Master for a moment. He almost drowned and is still lying in the house. Many people in the residence know about this..."

Fourth Young Master had drowned, and the entire residence was in chaos.

In order to save Fourth Young Master, he had almost sacrificed himself. It was actually a thankless task and he had even attracted hatred.

After that, First Madam actually ignored Mo Cai and even slapped her. She said that if anything happened to Fourth Young Master, she would definitely not let Ah Cai off.

Hearing that Mo Cai had almost gotten into an accident due to his loyalty, Yu Zongzheng's anger eased a little, but he was still angry.

“First Madam has already instructed us to keep an eye on Fourth Young Master and not let him go to the lake. As a servant, how can Mo Cai let Brother Si do as he pleases?!”

Brother Si was young and sensible. If Mo Cai really tried his best to stop him, why wasn't he stopped?

When Auntie Mo heard this, she hurriedly kowtowed. “Master, she couldn't stop Mo Cai. Master, you might not know this, but Fourth Young Master has been spoiled by First Madam since he was young. He has gone wild...”

Yu Youyao's lips curled up slightly.

“Shut up.” Yang Shuwan suddenly interrupted Mother Mo. “Everyone in the family knows that Fourth Young Master is obedient and sensible. You...” She held Mother Mo with trembling hands, her face filled with disbelief. “You actually slandered Brother Si to absolve Mo Cai. You...”

Mother Mo kept shaking her head. “No, no, I...”

Yang Shuwan interrupted her and rushed to Mother Mo. With tears in her eyes, she said, “Although it was Mo Cai who didn't take good care of Si'er when he fell into the water, Mo Cai's loyalty to save his master would reduce his sin. Not to mention that Mo Cai has served Si'er for many years, even if he doesn't make any contributions, he has worked hard. If Master takes into account his relationship with Mo Cai in the residence for many years, he won't blame him. You don't have to slander Si'er just to absolve Mo Cai...”

In other words, if Mother Mo changed her words, she would not pursue Mo Cai's responsibility.

Auntie Mo was not stupid, so she naturally understood what First Madam meant. She had risked offending First Madam to stand up for Mo Cai because she was worried that Master would blame Mo Cai.

But!

At the thought of Mother Yang, Zhou Yongchang, and the dead Mu Jin...

Then, she recalled that when Fourth Young Master was drowning, Eldest Madam Yang had stared at her fiercely and said that if anything happened to Fourth Young Master, she would definitely not let Mo Cai off easily...

Also, Master blamed First Madam for not taking care of Fourth Young Master, but First Madam kept saying that she had instructed Fourth Young Master's servants and pushed all the blame to Mo Cai...

Could she believe First Madam's words?

Auntie Mo gritted her teeth and kowtowed. “Master, everything I said is true. I don't dare to lie to you. Fourth Young Master has really been spoiled by First Madam. He doesn't learn well from the teacher and often gets beaten up by him. When Fourth Young Master is angry, he beats and scolds Ah Cai. Poor Ah Cai, he often gets punched and kicked by Fourth Young Master...”

Yang Shuwan knelt on the ground with a thud and said in a sad voice, “Master, my son fell into the water today and walked into the gates of hell. But...” She gritted her teeth and glared at Mother Mo. “This old woman actually slandered my son. My son’s life is hard. Master, please help him.”

Back then, she had also taken a fancy to Mother Mo’s honesty, which was why she had chosen her to be Brother Si’s nanny. All these years, she had controlled Mother Mo’s family tightly.

Unexpectedly, this unruly servant actually dared to betray her master!

Ha, she was stupid too.

All these years, under her deliberate arrangements, Brother Si’s obedient and intelligent image had long been deeply rooted in people’s hearts.

Brother Si was Master’s son. How could a father not trust his son?

Auntie Mo kowtowed. “Master, Master, I don’t dare to lie to you. Fourth Young Master is ignorant and incompetent. His daily homework is also written by Ah Cai...”

Before she could finish speaking, Yu Zongzheng was already furious. He suddenly slammed the table and pointed at Mother Mo. “You wicked servant, you’re really bold. In order to absolve your son of his guilt, you actually slandered your master. How hateful.”

He had raised Brother Si. How could he not know what kind of person he was?!

It was a pity that this old woman dared to slander Brother Si like this.

“Master, I don’t dare to lie to you...” Mother Mo’s head kept banging on the ground. In just a few moments, her forehead was swollen.

“You dog slave, shut up!” Yang Shuwan rushed forward and slapped Mother Mo’s face, causing her face to tilt and her body to fall to the ground.

Chapter 327 Even the Heavens Can’t Save Her

“Brother Si has been drinking your milk since he was young. On account of this, I’ve always treated you well. Not only did I let your son, Mo Cai, serve Brother Si, but I also let him go to school with him. He can read and write, and Brother Si treats you very well as a nanny. Why are you treating him like this? He’s still a child...”

In the courtyard, only Yang Shuwan’s tearful voice could be heard.

Old Madam Yu was not a fool, so she naturally could tell that something was amiss.

After Madam Xie passed away, she fell seriously ill and her health had not been good since. Madam Yang was in charge of everything in the residence.

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It wasn’t until the matter of Madam Yang embezzling Madam Xie’s dowry that she forced herself to perk up and take over the large dowry that Madam Xie had left behind.

However, in this way, her health was deteriorating, and she did not have the energy to care about the other descendants in the residence.

Madam Yang was keeping a close eye on Yu Shansi and she did not want her grandmother to interfere in his upbringing.

In order to prevent Madam Yang from using this to cause trouble, she simply let go.

She thought that since Madam Yang was Yu Shansi's mother, she would not harm him.

Furthermore, she saw that Yu Jianjia was young and well-mannered. Yu Shansi was also Eldest Son's only son. The Eldest Son would have a sister to take care of him, so nothing would go wrong.

Who knew that Yu Shansi's fall into the water today would also expose something else?

Yu Youyao frowned slightly, her green sparrow hair revealed a hint of oppression. She watched Madam Yang act quietly, her eyes filled with coldness.

So what if she was good at acting?

If her brain wasn't good, even the heavens wouldn't be able to save her.

Yu Zongzheng was flustered and exasperated. He suddenly stood up and pointed at Mother Mo. He was furious. "Someone, pull this dog servant down..."

Mother Mo kept kowtowing and crying. "Master, I'm innocent. Master, please show mercy..."

Yang Shuwan pinched her handkerchief to hide the cold smile on her lips. How dare a mere dog slave fight with her? She was really courting death.

Seeing that the show was almost over, Yu Youyao was very satisfied. She glanced at Yang Shuwan and said slowly, "Father, wait."

The smile on Yang Shuwan's lips gradually froze. She suddenly looked at Yu Youyao, her eyes filled with surprise.

This little b*tch had always been very cunning. What did she want?

In his anger, Yu Zongzheng turned to look at his eldest daughter. "Yao Yao, do you have anything to say?"

After being angry, he calmed down. He wasn't proficient in the internal affairs of the residence. He still had to ask Yao Yao for her opinion on how to deal with this matter. That way, it would be more appropriate.

Yu Youyao said calmly, "Madam Mo is Fourth Brother's nanny, and Mo Cai is Fourth Brother's servant. The two of them have served the residence for many years and are also loyal. Now that they suddenly slandered Fourth Brother in public, it's inevitable that they'll be exposed. It's not appropriate at all. In case someone gossips later, we have to investigate clearly. It can also show that the Yu Residence is magnanimous."

Yang Shuwan's expression changed. "Master..."

However, Yu Zongzheng felt that it made sense. "Yao Yao, you're right. I was too rash. Although your fourth brother is young, it'll be detrimental to his reputation if Mother Mo slanders him. Moreover, Mother Mo is your fourth brother's nanny, so it's good that she's nurtured him. If we deal with Mother Mo like this for no reason, it'll inevitably cause gossip." In the future, if Brother

Si embarked on an official career, it would be inevitable that people would talk about such an unclear matter. It was still his eldest daughter who had thought it through, so he asked, “Yao Yao, what do you think?”

Damn it!

Yang Shuwan was shocked. “Master, since Mother Mo is from the main courtyard and this concerns Brother Si, as her mother, I naturally can’t stay out of it. This matter...”

Before she could finish speaking, Old Madam Yu sneered. “You can’t even manage the servants in your own courtyard well, causing a mess in the house. Don’t interfere in Brother Si’s matters.”

Yu Zongzheng nodded. “Mother is right. It’s best to let Yao Yao handle it.”

“Master, I’m Brother Si’s mother. You...” Yang Shuwan’s body went limp. She already knew that it was over.

Yu Youyao glanced at her indifferently and said, “Fourth Brother was drowning. Although it’s wrong for Mo Cai to not stop him, he’s still loyal to his master and has contributed a lot. Auntie Mo has helped Fourth Brother, so it can be offset by today’s merit. So, sending the two of them to the manor can be considered due to their master-servant relationship. However...” She paused slightly and looked up at the servants in the courtyard. “The others who serve Fourth Brother and left their master’s side without permission have betrayed their master. Each of them will be punished with 30 strokes of the paddle and thrown out of the residence. Whether they live or die, it’ll...” At this point, she paused slightly and enunciated every word, revealing a bone-chilling coldness. “Be up to the heavens!”

After saying that, Yu Youyao picked up her tea casually and slowly sipped on it. Her attitude was casual, as if just a word from her had decided the lives of more than ten people—

It wasn’t like her!

Old Madam Yu tilted her head to look at her granddaughter, but she smiled.

Although Madam Yang was a narrow-minded person, she still had a way of manipulating people. The people in front of Yu Shansi were all people she trusted. Even if she asked, she might not be able to get anything out of them.

After the 30 strokes, half of their lives were gone. If they were thrown out of the residence, they would probably not be able to survive without treatment.

However, a servant who had betrayed his master was an existence that would be scorned at wherever he went. How could he survive?

Smart people never had to drag things out. They often hit the nail on the head.

During this period of time, she had really not taught her the “mind games” for nothing.

Yao Yao had grasped the human heart perfectly.

Just as Yu Youyao swallowed the tea, more than ten servants rushed out and knelt on the ground, begging for mercy.

“Eldest Miss, please show mercy. We didn’t mean to leave Fourth Young Master’s side. It was Fourth Young Master who insisted on going to take a look when he heard that the lake was repaired well. We tried our best to stop him, but he refused to listen. He even threatened us with First Madam, saying that if anyone dared to stop him, he would be slapped and sold out of the residence. First Madam doted on Fourth Young Master. All these years, because of Fourth Young Master, she has dealt with many servants...”

It was obvious that Fourth Young Master had drowned because he was too naughty.

As servants, how could they win over their master?

They weren’t the ones in the wrong. Why should they lose their lives?

Eldest Miss was kind-hearted and had always been clear about rewards and punishments. On account of their relationship, she had saved Mother Mo’s life. As long as they confessed the truth, Eldest Miss would definitely spare their lives.

“Shut up, shut up, shut up...” Yang Shuwan’s eyes widened. She looked at Yu Youyao as if she had seen a ghost.

The people in front of Brother Si were all her most trusted aides. Now, they had actually betrayed her because of Yu Youyao’s words.

How was that possible?

Chapter 328 You Stupid Woman!

No matter how stupid Yu Zongzheng was, he knew that what Mother Mo had said just now was probably not groundless.

The only son he had high hopes for was probably not as smart and motivated as he thought.

Anger rushed to his head, but Yu Zongzheng suppressed it and stared at the servants on the ground. “What exactly is going on? Tell me honestly word by word. If you dare to lie at all, you’ll be charged for betraying your master.”

“Master, please spare us. We’ll talk, we’ll talk...” Great Zhou Dynasty’s servants would be beaten and thrown into the government office to be exiled.

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There was no need to interrogate them about what happened next. Everyone obediently confessed everything that Yu Shansi had done in the past.

Yu Youyao’s lips curved slightly, revealing a hint of warmth.

Zhao Da was her father’s trusted aide and was deeply trusted by him. Therefore, after Yu Shansi drowned, she first sent someone to inform Zhao Da.

After her father returned to the residence, he “reported truthfully” about what had happened in General Zhao’s residence. He expressed that Fourth Young Master had been saved by Eldest Miss, so it was easier to gain her father’s trust.

Next, the servants she had arranged appeared.

Everyone in the residence said that Eldest Miss had stepped forward when Fourth Young Master's life was in danger and saved his life. As his mother, Madam Yang was not able to do anything and almost lost Fourth Young Master's life.

It had planted a seed of dissatisfaction with Madam Yang in Yu Zongzheng's heart.

Next, it was the imperial physician's turn.

No matter what outsiders said, it was nothing compared to what Yu Zongzheng had personally heard from the imperial physician. After Yu Shansi drowned, he was saved by Eldest Miss and was fine.

After going through so many layers, Yu Zongzheng firmly believed that his eldest daughter had saved his precious son.

All that was left in his heart was his dissatisfaction with Madam Yang, which had been planted by Yu Youyao.

And this seed of dissatisfaction broke out of the ground just as Madam Yang was about to splash the dirty water of Yu Shansi drowning on her.

Then, she did not refute. Instead, she knelt on the ground and retreated. When she admitted her mistake, she created a surge of anger directed at Yang Shuwan.

She had stepped forward when Madam Yang's son's life was in danger and tried her best to treat him. After that, she was even willing to reflect on herself and admit her mistake.

As a mother, she did not do anything at all when her son's life was in danger. Not only did she almost cause him to lose his life, but she also did not reflect on herself after that. She even pushed the responsibility to the person who had saved her son.

Everyone knew who was right and who was wrong.

In this round, Yang Shuwan was acting, and she was scheming against the hearts of the people. Ever since Yu Zongzheng stepped into the Yu Residence, she had been leading Yu Zongzheng by the nose.

She had calculated Yu Zongzheng's heart from the beginning.

After that, she pushed the boat and pushed Carpenter Zhao out. Carpenter Zhao did not mention that the wooden railing had been damaged. He only said that the wooden railing was not tightly repaired. He even reminded Madam Yang to keep an eye on Yu Shansi.

In this way, Yu Shansi could not blame anyone else for falling into the water. It was Madam Yang who did not take good care of him.

In order to shirk her responsibilities, Madam Yang naturally implicated Yu Shansi's servants.

However, everyone in the residence knew that Yu Shansi was Eldest Master's jewel. No one could bear the blame if Yu Shansi drowned.

Mother Mo had a long-standing grudge against Madam Yang. For the sake of her son, she could only take the risk to accuse Yu Shansi.

She was betting that Old Madam and Eldest Miss would reward and punish them clearly, so that they could still live. After all, Mu Jin would only die, while Mother Yang and Steward Zhou could still live.

In this round, she had calculated the hearts of the people and Mother Mo's love for her son.

Her treatment of Mother Mo was clear, showing her benevolence.

Dealing with the servants who served Yu Shansi was also considered to be a win-win situation.

They felt that Eldest Miss was clear about rewards and punishments and was kind-hearted. If even Mother Mo could survive, they would be able to live if they confessed the truth.

This was the art of the mind games.

Just because Yu Shansi was her father's only son, Yang Shuwan thought that she could succeed in the residence.

Little did she know that water could carry a boat, but it could also overturn it.

In the past, no matter how much Yang Shuwan caused trouble, although her father was annoyed and her grandmother hated her, she was still tolerated because she had given birth to a legitimate son.

After all, Madam Yang was Yu Shansi's mother.

But!

If her father found out that the son she had high hopes for had actually been raised so badly by Madam Yang and that he had been kept in the dark for many years...

This monstrous anger was not something Madam Yang could withstand.

"... First Madam dotes on Fourth Young Master. Fourth Young Master doesn't like to study, so First Madam spent money to bribe Master Li not to tell Master about Fourth Young Master. In order to prevent Master from suspecting him, Fourth Young Master's homework was done in advance and then taken to Master. Even his memorization was taught by Mo Cai word by word after he learned it. As time passed, Master was less worried and wouldn't often review Fourth Young Master's homework..."

All of them were afraid that they would fall behind, so they explained at once.

Old Madam Yu's expression darkened.

Yu Zongzheng was even more dizzy. At the thought that the only son he had high hopes for had actually been raised into a piece of trash by Madam Yang, he was extremely furious. His strong body could not take it anymore and he staggered back a step, almost losing his balance and falling to the ground on the spot, barely holding onto the table behind him.

"Fourth Young Master has a bad temper. Although Master Li has received First Madam's money, he's a pedantic and noble person. Fourth Young Master

doesn't learn well and is often beaten and punished. When Fourth Young Master is angry, he doesn't dare to cause trouble with the Master, so he often hits Mo Cai to vent his anger. Mo Cai often has injuries on his body. If Master doesn't believe me, you can call Mo Cai over and take off his clothes..."

Yu Zongzheng stared at Yang Shuwan fiercely, as if he wanted to eat her.

"Shut up, you dog slaves. How dare you spout nonsense..." Yang Shuwan was so frightened that her face turned pale, and her thin figure trembled. "Brother Si is just young and insensible..."

She had originally planned to find a reason to push Mother Mo and her son out when Si'er was a little older and push all the blame to them.

However, she had never expected that Yu Youyao, that b*tch, would actually provoke Mother Mo to bite her. Even the servants who served Brother Si jumped out to bite her.

"The people serving Fourth Young Master were personally arranged by First Madam. The servants in the main courtyard are not allowed to approach the side courtyard where Fourth Young Master lives without permission..."

"You stupid woman!!" Yu Zongzheng couldn't stand it anymore. In his anger, he suddenly stepped forward, raised his leg, and kicked Yang Shuwan's heart.

"Ah—" Yang Shuwan clutched her chest and screamed, "Master, it hurts, it hurts..."

Old Madam Yu frowned and glanced at the servants in the courtyard. "Keep your mouths shut. All of you can leave!"

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Chapter 329 How Dare You!

Eldest Master was so angry that all the servants in the side courtyard were trembling in fear. After hearing Old Madam's words, they felt as if they had been pardoned and left the courtyard like fishes with bait.

Yu Youyao couldn't stay any longer. She stood up and bowed. "Grandmother, Father, there are still some matters in the Songtao Courtyard. I'll go down and make arrangements."

It wasn't appropriate for her to interfere in the matters between the elders.

Old Madam Yu looked exhausted and waved her hand. "Go!"

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Yu Youyao frowned. "I'll take my leave."

With that, she turned around and left the side courtyard. She called an old maid over and instructed, "Lock up Teacher Li and the people who serve Fourth Young Master in the woodshed and punish them. Fourth Young Master's courtyard can't be without people serving him. Get Nanny Liu to

transfer a few experienced and capable people from the north courtyard to take care of Fourth Young Master's daily life for the time being. Fill up the lake in the Songtao Courtyard..."

Yu Youyao arranged everything in the Songtao Courtyard and left.

After walking for a while, Chun Xiao realized that this was not the way to the Jade Courtyard. "Young Miss, aren't you going back to the Jade Courtyard?"

Yu Youyao narrowed her eyes and the corners of her lips curled up slightly. "I have to return to the Jade Courtyard, but before I do, I have to go somewhere first."

Chun Xiao subconsciously asked, "Where are we going?"

Yu Youyao chuckled. "Langhai courtyard."

Chun Xiao was stunned. "Young Miss, you have never been to that courtyard! Why are you suddenly going over?"

Yu Youyao stroked the incense beads on her wrist. "I think Third Sister is waiting for news from the Songtao Courtyard. As the eldest sister, how can I make her wait long?"

After Yu Youyao left, only Old Madam Yu, Yu Zongzheng, and Madam Yang were left in the Songtao Courtyard.

Yu Zongzheng no longer had any scruples. His eyes were red as he glared at Yang Shuwan. "Yang Shuwan, how dare you? Brother Si is my only son. In the future, he will have to take the path of a scholar and bring honor to his ancestors. How dare you..."

He had been inferior to his second brother since he was young. After the Yu family declined, he had entered the court with his second brother and needed money to settle everything. His mother had asked him to marry Madam Xie because she thought that his future was not as bright as his second brother's. She was worried that his second brother would marry a merchant girl and hinder his future, so she had sacrificed him.

He was indignant, so he had made a mistake regarding Yang Shuwan.

Brother Si had been smart and motivated since he was young. He had the intention to nurture him well. He couldn't be inferior to Second Brother.

However, he had never expected that this stupid woman, Madam Yang, would actually spoil his son!

Yang Shuwan clutched her chest, her face turning pale from the pain. Even her forehead was covered in sweat. As she cried miserably, she admitted her mistake. "Master, I was wrong. I won't dare to do it again. Please forgive me this time. Brother Si is still young and insensible. It's not too late to teach him well when he moves into the courtyard. Master, Master..."

"Shut up!" Yu Zongzheng roared in exasperation, his body trembling uncontrollably. "You b*tch. I was blind back then to have married you despite Mother's objections. Mother was right. You're just a shameless b*tch."

As the saying went, one would grow old with the same habits picked up at three years old.

Three years old was the key to a child's temperament and upbringing. Therefore, wealthy families would enlighten a child that was three years old, teaching him rules, logic, and how to read and write.

If he developed a good temperament, he would be able to achieve twice the results with half the effort in his studies.

Yu Shansi had been raised badly. It would take a lot of time to teach him again, and he was already much behind his peers.

If he couldn't be educated, his life would probably be over.

Yang Shuwan felt as if she had been struck by lightning. She looked at Yu Zongzheng in disbelief. "Master, how could you treat me like this? Back then, you were the one who said that if you married me officially, you would treat me well for the rest of your life... If I had known earlier, I would have hung my neck and died completely after being saved from the lake that day..."

Yu Zongzheng had always felt guilty towards her because he had humiliated her in her room back then. Furthermore, because she had thrown herself into the lake and almost lost her life, he had confirmed her sincerity.

All these years, Yu Zongzheng had doted on her so much.

Yang Shuwan had originally thought that if she mentioned the past, Yu Zongzheng wouldn't be so heartless to her.

But!

With a bang, Old Madam Yu slammed the table and said angrily, "Madam Yang, shut up. How did you enter the Yu Residence back then? Do you really think that I, an old woman, don't know anything?"

Yang Shuwan held her breath and forced herself to maintain her expression. "Old Madam, what are you saying? Back then, when my Sister was nine months pregnant, she accidentally slipped and fell. She gave birth prematurely and had a difficult delivery. She risked my life to give birth to a daughter, so her body was damaged and she couldn't even survive her confinement. Everyone knows this."

Old Madam Yu stared at her. "I've underestimated you. Even though you've done something wrong, you can still keep a straight face and speak so glibly."

Yang Shuwan's heart skipped a beat, and her body trembled slightly. What did the old woman mean? Why did she suddenly mention Madam Xie's death?

Yu Zongzheng also frowned. "Mother, why are you bringing this up?"

Old Madam Yu's gaze suddenly turned fierce. "All these years, I've been tolerating you because you're Brother Si's mother. However, firstly, you can't manage the house, secondly, you can't raise your children, and thirdly, you can't keep to yourself. You're always causing trouble. Fourth Sister and Fourth Brother have all been spoiled by you. How can I continue to tolerate you?!"

Yu Shansi was drowning, so Yao Yao did her best to save him.

However, as a mother, not only was Madam Yang not grateful at all, but she also scolded Yao Yao for being a scourge and slandered her for harming Yu Shansi. She also hated her to the core.

If it weren't for the fact that Yao Yao had grown up and made arrangements in the residence to control the situation, Eldest Son's anger today would have been directed at her.

She was getting on in years. Although her health had improved a little, she probably wouldn't be able to last for more than a few years. In the future, even if Yao Yao got married, she would still have to rely on her maiden family to completely establish herself in her husband's family.

If she was despised by her father, Yao Yao would have no way out. How could her future be good?

Since Madam Yang was so unbearable to be a mother, there were some things that should be settled.

Madam Yang's unbearable behavior made Eldest Son completely see her clearly and hate her. In the future, there would be fewer incidents in the residence, and she wouldn't cause problems all the time.

Yang Shuwan's body went limp. "Old Madam, I didn't..."

Old Madam Yu stared at her coldly. "After Madam Xie got pregnant with Yao Yao, she stayed at home wholeheartedly to recuperate and didn't pay attention to anything outside. Do you think I don't know that it was you, that b*tch, who deliberately left the handkerchief with lipstick on Eldest Son? That's why Madam Xie noticed something amiss and naturally discovered the affair between the two of you..."

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Madam Xie was someone who was not easily fooled, so she had an argument with Master...

Yu Zongzheng stared at Yang Shuwan fiercely, his eyes revealing a terrifying ferocity. "Madam Yang, you, you..."

"No, it wasn't me." Yang Shuwan suddenly took a step back. As she shook her head, she sobbed. "Old, Old Madam, I don't know what you're talking about. I know that you've always looked down on me for being the daughter of a concubine, but you can't wrong your me." She subconsciously looked at Yu Zongzheng and cried, "Master, I had nothing to do with Sister Xie's death. Hurry up and help me explain to Old Madam. I..."

If it were in the past, Yu Zongzheng would definitely fall for her tricks. He would not hesitate to disobey Old Madam and protect her.

But now!

Yu Zongzheng staggered back a step and reached out to support his forehead. His mind was filled with the image of Madam Xie lying in a pool of blood, and all the strength in his body seemed to have been drained.

Old Madam Yu stared at Yang Shuwan. "I think you won't shed a tear until you see the coffin."

At this moment, Nanny Liu came over with a box.

“Take a good look at what this is. Hmph!” Old Madam Yu took the box from Nanny Liu’s hand and threw it at Yang Shu’s feet without even looking at it.

Yang Shuwan was shocked and took a few steps back. She couldn’t help but look at the ground.

The palm-sized box also couldn’t withstand the force. After smashing it so hard, the box opened, and a snow-green handkerchief fell out of the box.

Yu Zongzheng was stunned for a moment. He recognized this handkerchief. Back then, he had mistaken Yang Shuwan for a maidservant from the Yang Residence and dragged her into the bed. He messed around with her for the entire night.

The next day, when she woke up, Yang Shuwan was sitting on the bed, wrapping her naked body in a blanket, but it couldn’t hide her snow-white and trembling shoulders.

She had taken this handkerchief and cried while wiping her tears. At the same time, she had confided in him and admired him.

The snow-green handkerchief was not as bright as before. The surface of the handkerchief was a little yellow. There was a willow branch embroidered on it and a poem. “The moon is on the willow branch, and people will meet after dusk.”

Beside the poem, there was a brownish-red mark. On closer look, it was a lipstick mark.

“Ah...” Yang Shuwan screamed and suddenly took a step back, shaking her. “No, it wasn’t me. It wasn’t me. Master, I didn’t do it. I didn’t do it. I didn’t cause Madam Xie’s death. It wasn’t me. I didn’t leave the handkerchief on you. Someone must have framed me...”

Yu Zongzheng looked at Old Madam Yu dejectedly. “Mother, why didn’t you tell me back then...”

Old Madam Yu looked at him coldly. “Back then, you were bewitched by Yang Shuwan’s behavior as a lowly concubine. You were determined that Yang Shuwan was from a scholarly family and was a good person. No matter what others said, you wouldn’t listen. If I had taken out this handkerchief at that time, I’m afraid Madam Yang would have shed a few tears in front of you. You would have thought that I was deliberately framing her in order to stop Madam Yang from entering the family!” At this point, she changed the topic and sneered. “Madam Xie’s life was harmed by you and Madam Yang. Even if you knew about this, do you think you could feel at ease?”

Madam Xie’s death had nothing to do with her,

But!

She was biased towards her eldest son and treated Madam Xie unfairly.

Her eldest son had done something inappropriate, and Madam Yang was pregnant. If she did not cover up this matter and let Madam Yang enter the family as soon as possible, the Yu Residence’s reputation would be ruined, her eldest son’s future would be ruined, and her second son’s future would be obstructed. The Yu Clan would also be humiliated.

She had no choice.

“I’m didn’t. I didn’t. Master, believe me, it’s not me...” Yang Shuwan knelt on the ground with a thud and hugged Yu Zongzheng’s leg, crying miserably.

Yu Zongzheng did not like Madam Xie. Although they were not husband and wife, he had never wanted her to die.

Now that Master had already despised her and knew about Madam Xie’s death, with her deliberate schemes, it would probably be a light punishment to divorce her.

Yu Zongzheng took a step back and lowered his head. He looked around blankly and stared at Yang Shuwan, who was lying at his feet. He suddenly roared, “Vicious woman, tell me, how many more things are you hiding from me?”

Yang Shuwan lay on the ground and cried bitterly.

Yu Youyao was in charge of the house, and Yu Youyao was also in charge of the Songtao Courtyard. Wasn’t it Yu Youyao’s fault that Brother Si had drowned?

Why was it her fault in the end?

As her mother, how could she harm her own son?

The person who had drowned was Brother Si. He had almost lost his life after walking through the gates of hell. However, in the end, everyone said that it was her fault?

How did things turn out like this?

“Yu Youyao, yes, it’s Yu Youyao!” Yang Shuwan muttered to herself. Suddenly, she shivered and thought of something. Previously, when Yu Youyao was sitting beside Old Madam with a cup of tea in her hand and squinting at her, her eyes were filled with disdain. She couldn’t help but shiver and scream, “It’s Yu Youyao. It’s all that b*tch Yu Youyao’s fault...”

“Shut up.” Yu Zongzheng frowned and glared at her. “Although Yao Yao has been raised in front of mother since she was young, she always treated you with respect. How dare you say such dirty words about her? How hateful...”

Yang Shuwan’s eyes widened in disbelief. “Master, don’t be deceived by Yu Youyao. Everything that happened today was clearly Yu Youyao’s doing on purpose. She was the one who caused Brother Si to drown and deliberately put on such a show. Yu Youyao is a demon. You were all bewitched by her...”

Yu Zongzheng couldn’t take it anymore and flew into a rage. “You vicious woman, don’t spout nonsense. Yao Yao is pure, filial, kind, and virtuous. She’s filial to her elders, manages the house, and shares the burdens of her elders. She’s also close to her siblings and knows how to study and improve. You harmed Fourth Sister. and Brother Si. Now you want to harm Yao Yao...”

If word of this got out, it would probably damage Yao Yao’s reputation.

Yang Shuwan looked at Yu Zongzheng in shock.

Yu Zongzheng stared at her coldly. “You vicious woman. As a wife, you can’t share your husband’s burden and manage the house. As a daughter-in-law, you can’t be filial to your elders and serve your mother-in-law. As a mother, you can’t raise your children. You’re vicious. You don’t have the kind and virtuous nature that a woman should have.”

Yang Shuwan’s face was covered in tears. She looked at Yu Zongzheng’s eyes, which were filled with disgust and disdain for her. She couldn’t help but shake her head and cry, “Master, I was wrong. I know I was wrong. Please don’t divorce me. I’m Brother Si’s mother. Brother Si is still young. He can’t live without a mother, Master...”

Yu Zongzheng’s eyes were bloodshot. “On account of Si’er, I won’t divorce you. But Yang Shuwan, from now on, I don’t want to see you in the residence.”

“Master, you can’t treat me like this...” Yang Shuwan cried miserably and suddenly hugged Yu Zongzheng’s leg tightly.