

## All Hail 681

### Chapter 681: Divine Physician Xie

She had always looked down on unruly things like concubines being promoted.

However, her heart ached for her granddaughter, who was still rather young. She was in charge of such a huge family, and she was worried that her granddaughter would get into trouble at home, so she accepted Concubine Jiang into the residence. She planned to help Concubine Jiang get married once Madam Yang passes away.

Everything she did was for her granddaughter.

How could she not know that it was a little inappropriate for Linghuai to be too close to Yao Yao? As her grandmother, she should restrain Yao Yao a little.

However, her father couldn't be relied on, and her younger brother couldn't support the family. Her two sisters also had ulterior motives. Other than her grandmother, Yao Yao only had her cousin. How long could her grandmother accompany her?

How long could she protect her?

This was going to be her selfish motive as her grandmother. As long as Zhou Linghuai was willing to protect her granddaughter a little, she would turn a blind eye to some things.

Old Madam Yu held her granddaughter's hand and chatted for a while more. After a while, she fell asleep again.

Yu Youyao left her grandmother's room with red eyes.

At this moment, Xia Tao ran in. "Young Miss, Zhao Da has returned to report that Eldest Master is back. He even found a divine physician from Zhejiang to treat the Matriarch."

Yu Youyao returned to her room to change her clothes and went to the Flower Gate.

Yu Jianjia also received the news and arrived late.

After Yu Zongzheng entered the city, he sent Zhao Da back first to report. Not long after, Yu Zongzheng entered the residence with a middle-aged man in his forties.

This person was carrying a first-aid kit. He should be the divine physician that Zhao Da had mentioned.

He was wearing a green-gray Daoist robe and had a Daoist bun on his head. He was tall and thin, and he had a goatee. He looked a little sage-like.

However, he had an eagle nose and gave off a dangerous and sinister feeling. He did not look like an easy person to get along with.

Yu Youyao did not have a good impression of this so-called divine physician. She vaguely felt that this person looked a little familiar, but she could not remember when she had seen him.

Yu Youyao hurriedly went forward to greet Yu Zongzheng. "Greetings, Father."

Yu Jianjia followed closely behind. "Father, you've worked hard."

Yu Zongzheng had done something for the Imperial Court and made a contribution. Even though he had been on the road for a long time, he could not hide his high spirits. “How’s the family recently?”

Yu Youyao said gently, “Everything else is fine. It’s just that Grandmother is worried about Father’s work and could not eat or sleep in peace. She hasn’t been in good spirits recently.”

Yu Zongzheng had mixed feelings. He quickly said, “During this period of time, it’s been hard on you to manage the family. I received a letter from you earlier and found out that Matriarch was sick, so I visited all the famous doctors.” At this point, he quickly looked at the divine physician beside him and introduced with a smile, “This is Divine Physician Xie. He’s a divine physician from the King of Medicine Valley in Jianghu. His medical skills are very brilliant. With him around, Matriarch’s health will definitely recover.”

Divine Physician Xie! !

The blurry fragments in her nightmare immediately became clear.

Yu Youyao finally remembered why she had felt a sense of repudiation from the bottom of her heart when she first saw Divine Physician Xie. She even felt that he looked a little familiar.

In her nightmare, he was the source of all Yao Yao’s tragedies.

This was because he had said that Yao Yao in her dream had taken the poison from the Xie family since she was young so her physique was very suitable for testing medicine. As such, Yao Yao was locked up in the small courtyard and given all kinds of expensive medicinal herbs and poisonous snakes and insects to test medicine for Yu Jianjia.

This was because he had said that using her heart to test medicine could lead to a cure for Yu Jianjia’s heart disease. Yao Yao ended up dying from having her heart gouged out.

At that moment, Yu Youyao felt dizzy. There was a dense pain in her chest, as if ten thousand ants were biting her heart. The tense strings in her mind snapped.

Yu Youyao felt the world spin, and her vision darkened...

“Yao Yao...”

“Big Sister...”

“Young Miss, someone, Young Miss has fainted...”

Yu Youyao did not faint for long, but her mind was in a daze. Her eyelids seemed to be stuck to something, and she could not open them no matter how hard she tried.

Divine Physician Xie finished checking Yu Youyao’s pulse. “She’s been over exhausted and has too much worries. Since she also met her father out of the blue, she fainted because of the sudden fluctuation in her emotions. She’ll be fine after resting for a few days...”

Yu Zongzheng finally heaved a sigh of relief.

Xia Tao couldn’t help but cry. “Boohoo, ever since Master went to Zhejiang, Matriarch has fallen sick. Matriarch doesn’t allow Second Madam to come to the main house to attend to her illness. Third Miss’ body is also weak, so she’s worried that she’ll pass on her illness to Third Miss. Young Miss took charge of the family inside and out, moved into An Shou Hall and attended to Matriarch’s

illness every day. In the past few months, she's lost a few pounds. Master is finally back, so Young Miss can heave a sigh of relief..."

Nanny Liu wiped her tears and said, "After Matriarch fell sick, she couldn't leave Eldest Miss' side. No matter if it was day or night, every time she woke up, she would shout that she wanted to see Eldest Miss. She had to do it dozens of times a day. My heart aches when I see it..."

The two of them echoed each other, as if they were afraid that others wouldn't know that Yu Youyao had worked hard recently.

Yu Jianjia glanced at her father and said in a hoarse voice, "It's all my fault. Grandmother is sick and there are no elders in charge of the family. As her younger sister, my body is also weak, so I can't help Eldest Sister share her burden..."

Yu Zongzheng looked at his eldest daughter, who was lying on the bed with a pale face.

He did not interact much with his eldest daughter. In the past, he only felt that she had taken after the Matriarch and was a righteous, thorough, filial, and considerate person. He also valued his eldest daughter very much.

At this moment, he suddenly saw a young lady curled up under a thin blanket. She was thin, sick, haggard, and pale. It was rare for him to feel pity for her.

Ever since Madam Yang entered the Tranquil Heart Residence and his eldest daughter helped to manage the household, there were fewer troublesome matters at home. He was also stable in the royal court and was promoted three times in three years.

All of this was thanks to her eldest daughter.

At the thought of this, Yu Zongzheng said, "On my return to the capital this time, I brought a lot of medicinal herbs, supplements and spices from Zhejiang. I'll get Wen Zhu to prepare a set and send it over later." At this point, he instructed Xia Tao, "Tell Eldest Miss to rest well. I'm here for everything at home. I'll bring Divine Physician Xie to visit Matriarch first."

Xia Tao quickly agreed.

Yu Zongzheng did not delay and quickly brought Divine Physician Xie to Matriarch's place.

Yu Jianjia glanced at Yu Youyao, who was lying on the bed. Her lips curled up slightly, and she looked like she was about to smile, but her eyes revealed a trace of wet emotions.

The room fell completely silent.

Yu Youyao was deep in a muddle-headed dream. She did not know if it was real or fake, let alone what day it was.

After an unknown period of time, Yu Youyao slowly woke up.

Chun Xiao, who was guarding the bed, was immediately excited. "Young Miss, you're awake."

Hearing the commotion, Dong Mei, Xia Tao, Qiu Xing, and Liu'er also entered the house.

Chun Xiao quickly helped Young Miss up and leaned against the pillow.

Chapter 682: Cold as Ice

After drinking the cup of water, Yu Youyao opened her mouth and realized that her mouth was dry and bitter, and her throat felt a little uncomfortable.

When she spoke, even her voice was hoarse. "What happened to me?"

Xia Tao spoke quickly and quickly said, "Young Miss was too tired and fainted for the entire night. You even had a high fever in the middle of the night and kept spouting nonsense. You couldn't even take the medicine. Nanny Xu helped Young Miss massage your acupuncture point, so your fever subsided."

Young Miss's high fever yesterday was exactly the same as after being frightened in the temple hall three years ago. She had a high fever for a day and a night. She kept clutching her chest and crying in pain, but she did not know where it hurt.

She would call out for her cousin one moment and grandmother the next. It was like a nightmare.

Everyone in the room was shocked.

Fortunately, Young Miss's fever subsided within two hours.

Nanny Xu was worried about Young Miss, so she kept accompanying her until dawn. Only then did she return to the courtyard to rest.

Yu Youyao's mind exploded. She thought of Divine Physician Xie, who had entered the residence yesterday. "Divine Physician Xie..."

Xia Tao thought that she was worried about Old Madam, so she quickly said, "Yesterday, Divine Physician Xie checked Old Madam's pulse and said that her health had suffered too much in her early years. The medicinal pills were useless, so she could only recuperate by resting. He even prescribed a prescription to nourish her body. He said that if Old Madam could rest well, her health would also improve."

Yu Youyao recalled carefully what had happened with Divine Physician Xie in her nightmare.

Divine Physician Xie was an alchemist. Daoism was the collection of the five arts of Chinese Metaphysics- mountain, medicine, destiny, divination, and physical inspection. This was why there was a saying that medicine and Dao were not separated. Even a national doctor like Imperial Physician Shi could not treat Cousin's leg illness. The reason Uncle Sun could treat it was because the Qi rushing to the internal acupoint encompasses the alchemist's "mountain" and "medicine", including prescriptions, acupuncture, and spiritual therapy.

Almost all famous doctors in the past were proficient in alchemy.

Divine Physician Xie was indeed capable.

However, he was a little evil, and his treatment methods were also very sinister. This made Yu Youyao wary. "Has Grandmother used the medicine?"

Where's the prescription?"

Chun Xiao quickly said, "While Young Miss was unconscious, there's no one in charge in the back residence, so Nanny Liu doesn't dare to make any decisions on her own. Nanny Liu kept the prescription and waited for Young Miss to wake up before making a decision on giving Matriarch the medicine." Yu Youyao heaved a sigh of relief. "Go and get the prescription."

Since this concerned Matriarch's health, Xia Tao quickly ran out.

At this moment, Liu'er brought over a bowl of Rogue rice porridge. "Nanny Xu said that Young Miss had a fever yesterday and could only eat some plain porridge. Rogue rice is medicinal rice and is very nourishing. Young Miss is overworked and doesn't have a good appetite. Eating this is both appetizing and nourishing."

The Rogue rice porridge was served in a white porcelain bowl. It was as red as rouge, oily, and fragrant.

The color, fragrance, and taste stimulated Yu Youyao's appetite.

After finishing the bowl of porridge, Xia Tao took the prescription and returned.

Yu Youyao did not know the prescription, but she was proficient in pharmacology. Compared to the prescription that Imperial Physician Hu had prescribed previously, she realized that Divine Physician Xie's diagnosis was generally similar to Imperial Physician Hu's.

However, there was a huge difference in the medicine prescribed.

For example, there was one that stood out.

Imperial Physician Hu used Hanging Blue.

As far as she knew, the Hanging Blue had the effect of anti-inflammation and detoxification. Moreover, this medicine did not have any side effects. Almost all prescriptions would use it.

However, Divine Physician Xie had chosen to use the Hook Vine.

The medicinal properties of the Hook Vine were stronger. They had the effect of reducing heat and calming the liver. The effect of calming heat was more direct, but the Hook Vine was more dangerous to the weaker old people.

Yu Youyao couldn't tell if there was anything wrong with Divine Physician Xie's prescription. She only vaguely understood that Imperial Physician Hu's prescription was very conservative.

In comparison, Divine Physician Xie was a little unconventional.

Due to that nightmare, Yu Youyao was very afraid of Divine Physician Xie and even a little disgusted. She did not want to be related to him. However, Divine Physician Xie was invited in by Yu Zongzheng, so she could not interfere.

Her grandmother's body was getting weaker and weaker. Divine Physician Xie also had some ability. If the prescription he had prescribed was useful, she wouldn't abandon it because of her personal prejudice.

Yu Youyao handed the prescription to Xia Tao. "Go to Imperial Physician Shi's house secretly and ask if this prescription is appropriate."

When Xia Tao heard this, she understood. Divine Physician Xie had been invited back to the residence by Eldest Master. She did not know his background, but Eldest Master was also filial towards Matriarch. However, Matriarch's health was in critical state, so she could feel at ease only after asking Imperial Physician Shi. Naturally, it was not good to let others know, in case Young

Miss gets into trouble after Eldest Master finds out about it. Divine Physician Xie would probably be displeased too.

Yu Youyao asked Chun Xiao to find Chang An and instructed him, "Send someone to investigate Divine Physician Xie's background. You have to investigate carefully. Don't miss anything."

Her cousin had left Chang An and Yin San for her to use. The two of them had helped her a lot in the past two years. She was relieved to leave this matter to them.

In her nightmare, Divine Physician Xie had used human blood to test out his medicine and human hearts to make medicine. Such an evil treatment method couldn't be just targeted at her. There must have been signs long ago.

She could not dismiss what happened in the nightmare, but she could not believe them completely either.

Whether Divine Physician Xie had done evil or not, she would make plans after investigating in detail.

If it was as she had guessed...

Yu Youyao's gaze darkened, but her eyes were as cold as ice,

Perhaps it was because she had a high fever yesterday, but Yu Youyao was very tired and fell asleep soon.

After an unknown period of time, Chun Xiao woke her up. "Young Miss, Xia Tao is back."

Perhaps it was because illness came and went like a mountain, but Yu Youyao did not feel refreshed even after sleeping. Her mind was dull and suffocated.

Chun Xiao helped Young Miss up and placed a large pillow behind her.

Yu Youyao leaned against the pillow listlessly, her face still a little pale. "Call Xia Tao in to talk."

Chun Xiao poured a cup of warm water and fed it to Young Miss. Then, she turned around and left the room, calling Xia Tao in.

When she saw Young Miss, Xia Tao repeated everything that Imperial Physician Shi had said about the medicinal properties without missing a single word. "...Imperial Physician Shi said later that the prescription is excellent. Although the medicine is bold and the medicinal properties are a little dangerous, it's right about Matriarch's illness. Whether to use it or not depends on Matriarch's health. It's up to the Yu Residence to decide."

Yu Youyao thought about these words carefully.

If the prescription was right, it would definitely be useful. Imperial Physician Shi agreed with this prescription, which meant that this prescription was better than Imperial Physician Hu e s.

However, it was still dangerous to change the medicine rashly.

Whether she used it or not depended on Matriarch's health. These words were already a reminder to her.

Matriarch's health was still good, so she could abandon the prescription.

If Matriarch's health was bad, it was worth taking the risk.

At this point, Yu Youyao made a decision. “Go and inform Nanny Liu to get all the medicine on the prescription. Tomorrow, we’ll make use of Divine Physician Xie’s prescription.”

Divine Physician Xie kept saying that if she used this prescription and rested carefully, her grandmother’s health would improve. He was confident in his words, so he shouldn’t be lying..

Chapter 683 - 683: Blood Medicinal Catalyst

Yu Youyao felt a little relieved that her grandmother’s illness would improve. “Has Divine Physician Xie settled down?”

Xia Tao hurriedly said, “Yesterday, Third Miss personally led people to tidy up the Ting Lan Courtyard in the front courtyard. Divine Physician Xie moved into the Ting Lan Courtyard. After that, Divine Physician Xie heard that Third Miss’s body was weak, so he took her pulse and even prescribed medicine. He said that Third Miss’s illness could be eliminated.’

“I suddenly fainted yesterday. Did Divine Physician Xie take my pulse?” Yu Youyao suddenly felt suffocated. She even felt that it was ridiculous.

In the nightmare, Yao Yao had used the Xie family’s parasitic medicine and soaked in it since she was young. Her physique was very suitable to be used for testing. What about in reality?

Xia Tao nodded. “Yes, he did!”

The Flower Festival at Duke Rongs Residence and her grandmother’s serious illness had all happened in her nightmare. Although the nightmare was different from reality, the trajectory of development was very similar.

After Divine Physician Xie entered the residence, Yu Youyao’s fate was developing towards the path of a “test subject”.

She was no longer the lonely and helpless Yao Yao from her nightmare.

She was the eldest daughter of the first wife of the Yu Residence.

The County Head of Shaoyi, personally conferred by the Emperor.

She was the daughter of the Yu Clan, who was deeply righteous and helped the refugees.

She was also King Yue Fei’s “little cousin.”

The Xie Residence was still fine too.

After leaving Ting Lan Courtyard, Yu Jianjia returned to the courtyard in a daze.

Yesterday, after Divine Physician Xie took her pulse, he said that her illness could be cured completely.

Hearing this, Yu Jianjia was very excited.

However, after calming down, she did not believe it.

She had this illness from her mother’s womb. Even Imperial Physician Hu couldn’t treat it completely. How could a physician like Divine Physician Xie compare to the palace’s imperial physician?

He was just spouting nonsense!

Divine Physician Xie could tell that she did not believe him. He asked her to dismiss the servants and said bluntly, "Third Miss was born at full term, right?"

These words were like a thunderclap, startling Yu Jianjia so much that her heart skipped a beat. The teacup in her hand almost fell to the ground.

She forced herself to calm down. "I wonder where Divine Physician Xie heard this nonsense. I was born prematurely in July and was born with a congenital deficiency. Everyone knows about this."

Divine Physician Xie stroked his goatee. "Whether it's premature or not, a powerful doctor will know it with a glance. Third Miss, you don't have to panic. As physicians, we value medical ethics the most and have always prioritized the privacy of the patients. Naturally, we won't say anything we shouldn't say."

Yu Jianjia's face turned pale. No matter what, such a matter would be gossiped about. The best way was not to answer.

Divine Physician Xie smiled. "It doesn't mean that one wouldn't be born with congenital deficiencies if they were given birth at full term. If I'm not wrong, when Eldest Madam Yang was pregnant with Third Miss back then, her fetus didn't look good and she lost her general recuperation. She had to take pregnancy-preserving medicine."

Hearing his reasoning, Yu Jianjia's heart skipped a beat.

After all, they were mother and daughter. As long as she was a little more meticulous, she could discover some clues. After conducting some scrutiny and verification, how could she not know?

Back then, her mother had schemed against her father when she was still young.

When she realized that she was pregnant, her mother was still in her room. Worried that she would be discovered, she did not put herself on bed rest at all. In fact, in order to let her father marry her, she had to struggle.

In the end, her father had no choice. Firstly, he pitied her mother for being pregnant and felt guilty towards her. Secondly, he was also worried that if the matter blew up, it would ruin his future. Thirdly, he had a strong relationship with her mother at that time, so her father disobeyed Matriarch and married her into the family.

It was also because of this that her mother's fetus did not look good. She had to keep taking pregnancy-preserving medicine.

Later on, when the fetus was stable, in order to cover up this ugly matter, she did not stop taking the pregnancy medicine. It lasted for more than ten months before she gave birth to her.

Seeing that she was silent and her expression was still calm, Divine Physician Xie continued, "There are three types of poison in medicine. Any medicine used when needed is a good medicine for treating illnesses. If you use too much, it will be harmful to your body. Your mother took too many pregnancy-preserving medicines and delayed the birth, causing Third Miss's foundation to be damaged from the moment she was born. This is the root cause of Third Miss' congenital deficiency."



In fact, Imperial Physician Hu had also mentioned this a long time ago. However, the imperial physicians in the palace had always been cautious, so they had to be careful with their words.

She believed what Divine Physician Xie said.

Yu Jianjia pursed her lips and hesitated for a moment. Finally, she couldn't help but ask, "You just said that my illness can be cured completely. Is that true?"

If her illness could be cured, who would be willing to be a sickly child?

Miracle Doctor Xie nodded. "Of course."

After saying these two words, he did not say anything else. Instead, it made Yu Jianjia's heart itch unbearably. She tightened her grip on her handkerchief and relaxed. Then, she tightened her grip again. After repeating it a few times...

She finally couldn't help but ask, "I wonder what's the method?"

Divine Physician Xie shook his head and only said, "In Jianghu, I'm just a random doctor who knows some unpresentable tricks. It's really not worth mentioning."

When Yu Jianjia heard this, she knew that Divine Physician Xie was putting on airs. He was a "random doctor" from Jianghu but he dared to put on airs in front of the young miss of an official family. This also indirectly proved that Divine Physician Xie might have some real ability. Moreover, she had heard that an alchemist like Divine Physician Xie was knowledgeable and had some unknown abilities.

At the thought of this, Yu Jianjia couldn't help but say, "Divine Physician Xie, you're too humble. For Grandmother's sake, Father has visited all the famous doctors, so he found you. I think it's also because your medical skills are brilliant and you're famous. I heard that there was a riot in Zhejiang earlier and Father was injured by a mob. It was also because of your wonderful hands and benevolence that Father didn't miss the disaster relief. Father had already praised you for being a scholar in your field. I've been raised in my own room since I was young and don't have much knowledge. If I've offended you, please forgive me."

Since she had already said so, Divine Physician Xie couldn't help but express something. He sighed helplessly. "Third Miss' illness can indeed be cured completely. You'll just need something that can help test and create the medicine. Moreover, this something is very rare, so I didn't mention it much just now..."

Yu Jianjia was delighted and quickly asked, "May I know what it is that's needed? Divine Physician Xie, please tell me. If this method can really treat my illness, I'll definitely reward you handsomely in the future."

Her father doted on her very much. If her health could really be cured, her father would definitely do his best to find it for her.

Her father was a high-ranking official. She did not think that there was anything in this world that her father could not find. It was just that it would take more time and effort.

Divine Physician Xie wanted to say something but hesitated, as if he had something difficult to say. After hesitating for a long time, he shook his head and did not answer.

No matter how much Yu Jianjia asked, he refused to speak.

Yu Jianjia did not ask anything, so she could only leave in disappointment. However, thinking about this, she tossed and turned the entire night, unable to fall asleep.

Therefore, after breakfast this morning, she went to look for Divine Physician Xie again.

After a series of cries, Divine Physician Xie was finally moved..

Chapter 684 - 684: Bewitched

Divine Physician Xie only said, "Ordinary medicinal pills can't treat Third Miss's illness. However, among the witchcraft medicine inherited by the King of Medicine Valley, there's a Blood Medicinal Catalyst. By using the most precious herbs and extreme yin and poison on the Medicinal Catalyst, we can take its blood and use it as medicine. It can cure your congenital deficiency and extend your life."

When he said the last three words, there was a strange excitement in his tone.

However, he quickly restrained himself and sighed slightly!

"It's just that this prescription is harmful to the heavens and is a prohibited law of the King of Medicine Valley, so it's not appropriate to mention it to Third Miss. It's also my fault for letting you down. Seeing that you are still young and have a good life in the future, I couldn't bear to see you tortured by health illness, so I accidentally misspoken. If there's anything wrong, please pretend you didn't hear this..."

Yu Jianjia was not a fool. Divine Physician Xie vaguely mentioned the Blood Medicinal Catalyst but it was obvious without even thinking that he meant nurturing a person into a medicinal catalyst before taking their blood and using it as medicine.

There was actually such a disgusting treatment method.

No wonder it had become a forbidden technique!

Yu Jianjia felt uncomfortable, and even her face turned pale. She quickly said, "I-I'm not feeling well, so I'll go back first. Eldest Sister is in charge at home. Since she's sick, there's no one to make decisions in the residence. If there's anything wrong, I seek your understanding, Divine Physician Xie. If you need anything, feel free to instruct the servants to do it."

When she returned to the courtyard, Ai Ye saw that Young Miss did not look too good and was very worried. She quickly instructed the small kitchen to brew medicine and bring it to her.

Yu Jianjia looked at the black medicinal soup in the bowl in a daze. The bitter medicinal smell immediately rushed into her nose, making her feel nauseous.

Only she knew how bitter the medicine was, but for as long as she could remember, she had never stopped taking it.

If only she was also like Yu Youyao and had a good body. Who would want to be like a medicine bottle, taking in medicine non stop every day?

Yu Youyao was a bereaved eldest daughter. After she turned 11, many people came to her.

The talented Song Mingzhao would give her some medicinal herbs and spices every time he came to visit. His thoughts were obvious. The incomparably noble Third Prince also wanted to scheme against Yu Youyao's marriage...

As for herself, she was a sickly young miss. She was already twelve years old, but still, no one asked for her hand.

If her illness could not be cured completely, there was no need to think about the noble families in the capital. It was even very likely that she would be married off to a lower status because of her health.

They were both the legitimate daughters of the first wife. Why should she be inferior to Yu Youyao in every way?

Seeing that Young Miss's expression was changing as she held the medicine bowl, Ai Ye quickly said, "Young Miss, you have to drink this medicine while it's hot."

Yu Jianjia was already used to drinking medicine. After hearing Ai Ye's words, she picked up the bowl and poured the medicine into her mouth, planning to drink it in one go.

However, for some reason, the bitter medicine that she was used to drinking in the past had now entered her heart. It was actually difficult to swallow. As soon as it reached her throat, it rushed back to her mouth.

Her face turned pale and she spat out all the medicine in her mouth.

"Young Miss..." Ai Ye was shocked and at a loss.

After vomiting the medicine, Yu Jianjia vomited non-stop, almost spitting out yellow bile.

After an unknown period of time, Yu Jianjia finally stopped vomiting.

Ai Ye quickly helped Young Miss rinse her mouth, clean up, and change her clothes...

After all this, Yu Jianjia's essence, energy, and spirit seemed to have been sucked dry. She was like a small flower that had lost its color. She leaned against the bed with a pale face and cried silently.

Ai Ye quickly said, "Young Miss, are you feeling better? Why don't I invite

Divine Physician Xie over to take a look?"

At the mention of "Divine Physician Xie", Yu Jianjia couldn't help but think of the "Blood Medicinal Catalyst." She couldn't help but panic and open her mouth to say, "No need."

However, for some reason, just as the words were about to come out of her mouth, she said, "Alright, go and invite Divine Physician Xie over. Divine Physician Xie's medical skills are brilliant. You have to be polite. Don't be negligent. Also, call Hui Xiang over."

Ai Ye was not surprised. Although Hui Xiang had been reduced to a maidservant, she had served Young Miss since she was young. Occasionally, Young Miss would also call Hui Xiang over to serve her.

Since Bai Ye was not around, Young Miss had to have someone to take care of her.

Ai Ye received her orders and left.

Only then did Yu Jianjia realize what she had said. She opened her mouth, wanting to call Ai Ye back, but her throat seemed to be choked by something, and she couldn't even make a sound.

She watched helplessly as Ai Ye left the house.

Yu Jianjia's tears welled up again. She subconsciously convinced herself that her body was weak and she had vomited just now so she should indeed invite Divine Physician Xie over to take a look.

Yes, that was right.

She was only looking for Divine Physician Xie to check on her and had no other motives.

It was just a consultation!

Moreover, her health wasn't good, so it was only right for her to ask Divine Physician Xie to take a look.

It was nothing.

Yu Jianjia's heart was in a mess. After an unknown period of time, Ai Ye brought Divine Physician Xie over.

The bed curtain was lowered, and Ai Ye left the room. Only Hui Xiang was left in the room to serve her. Yu Jianjia reached out a hand from the bed curtain, and Divine Physician Xie took her pulse carefully.

It was the same as before.

Yu Jianjia wanted to thank Divine Physician Xie, but just as the words were about to come out of her mouth, she subconsciously asked about the "Blood Medicinal Catalyst".

Divine Physician Xie was not surprised.

He had traveled extensively and had seen all kinds of patients. There was no one in this world who didn't want their bodies to be healthy. Very few people could resist the temptation of a "cure".

As soon as he entered the Yu Residence, he asked around!

Third Miss Yu had a weak illness from the moment she was born. All these years, she had taken a lot of medicine and even coughed up blood two years ago. She had no choice but to go to the manor to recuperate. However, the illness from birth was not something that could heal easily. As long as there was a trace of hope of recovery, Third Miss Yu would definitely not give up.

Divine Physician Xie explained some things about the catalyst. "It's not easy to be a catalyst, and it's even more difficult to choose a suitable one. The reason why I mentioned this is because there's a person in your residence who's very suitable to be one for you. Not only is her physique a match, but she's also of the same bloodline as you with the same root. She'll be the most effective in creating a cure for you..."

Yu Jianjia's heart was about to jump out. Her face turned pale with shock, and she leaned against the pillow dejectedly, asking Hui Xiang to politely send Divine Physician Xie out of the house.

Not long after, Bai Ye returned with the news. Seeing Young Miss's pale face, she blamed herself. "It's all my fault. I was talking to Grandmother just now, but I didn't know that Young Miss was suffering..."

Yu Jianjia panicked and shook her head gently. "I'm fine, It's just that the medicine is too bitter and I can't take it for a while. Divine Physician Xie has already taken my pulse. I'm fine. Don't blame yourself."

Only then did Bai Ye feel a little relieved. She chatted with Young Miss for a while and mentioned that her grandmother wanted to kowtow to First Madam.

Yu Jianjia seemed to be possessed. A terrifying thought gradually formed in her heart. "It's rare for your grandmother to have such thoughts. I'll bring her over another day.."

Chapter 685 - 685: Ignorant Person

Bai Ye looked grateful again.

Only then did Yu Jianjia ask Yu Youyao, "Is Big Sister feeling better?"

"I heard that she woke up in the morning. After eating some Rogue rice porridge, she's much better. She's probably fine. Young Miss, don't worry."

Bai Ye's heart ached for Young Miss, so she did not mention that Eldest Miss had a high fever last night.

Young Miss was not feeling well, but she was still thinking about Eldest Miss.

She did not even think about how because Eldest Miss had fainted in front of Eldest Master yesterday, Eldest Master's heart really ached. Half of the expensive things he had brought back from Zhejiang had been sent to Eldest Miss.

Only her young miss was honest and did not have Eldest Miss's impressive schemes.

Eldest Miss had only fallen sick this time, but Eldest Master was so concerned. Their Young Miss took medicine every day, but Eldest Master did not seem to be affected.

They were both daughters of the first wife, yet they were treated unfairly.

Xia Tao went to look for Nanny Liu to talk about changing the prescription.

Yu Youyao was still tired but did not plan to continue sleeping. After washing up and changing into fresh clothes, she looked much more energetic.

At this moment, Nanny Xu brought over a bowl of Rogue rice porridge. "You seem much better. I'll get a doctor over later to check on you again."

There was a divine physician in the residence. It was said that his medical skills were brilliant, but he was still a doctor from Jianghu after all. She did not know his background, and it was not a serious illness. It was safer to have a doctor in the residence to check on her.

Nanny Xu handed the bowl to her, but Yu Youyao did not take it. "I feel weak. I can't even carry the bowl. Auntie, feed me!"

"You're already so old, yet you still have the cheek to act this way. Don't you know shame?" As Nanny Xu spoke, she really held the bowl and fed Yu Youyao porridge spoon by spoon.

Yu Youyao sat obediently on the bed like a baby swallow and looked at Nanny Xu eagerly, waiting to be fed. Nanny Xu laughed at her.

After finishing the bowl of porridge, Nanny Xu asked, "Do you want to sleep a little longer?"

Yu Youyao shook her head. "I'll go visit Grandmother so that she won't worry."

Nanny Xu stroked her head. "You have to take care of your health in the future. Don't make yourself sick again."

It was precisely when Old Madam Yu was young that she had worked too hard that her body collapsed without realizing. Now that she was old, it was difficult to nourish her body.

Yu Youyao was also concerned about her grandmother that she ended up getting sick from worry and overworking.

She watched from the side, but she couldn't dissuade her. She had to suffer a little to understand how serious it was. Fortunately, she was still young and had recovered after bed rest for a few days.

Yu Youyao threw herself into Nanny Xu's arms. "Auntie, if I have to leave the Yu Residence one day, can you come with me?"

Nanny Xu was not surprised. She stroked her hair and chuckled. "Sure. The world is big, and I don't have anywhere else to go. It'll be less worrisome if I'm by your side too."

In the past two years, her days in the Yu Residence had been smooth sailing. Now that she had developed great relations with Yu Youyao, she also felt that it would be a good decision.

It was also a good thing that Yu Youyao could give up on the Yu Residence. Yu Youyao was very happy. "Auntie, I'll definitely treat you well in the future."

After Divine Physician Xie entered the residence, her thought of leaving the Yu Residence became clearer. For a woman who was raised in her own room from young to leave the family she had lived with for over a decade, it was too deviant of an act.

She would be confused and terrified.

Now that Auntie Xu had agreed to go with her, she was suddenly no longer afraid.

Yu Youyao changed into bright clothes and applied some rouge and lipstick.

After seeing that she was no different from usual, she brought Chun Xiao to her grandmother's house.

Nanny Liu looked exhausted. When she saw Yu Youyao coming over, she couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief. "Eldest Miss, you're finally here."

Matriarch didn't see you yesterday and couldn't even sleep well. She woke up more than ten times at night. As soon as she woke up, she asked for you. She didn't even drink her medicine today and kept asking for you..."

How could she dare to say that Eldest Miss was sick from exhaustion and had a high fever?

She only said that she was busy at home and couldn't leave for a while.

However, Matriarch did not believe it. When Eldest Master came over this morning, she even suspected that he had beaten and scolded Eldest Miss.

Eldest Master was a dignified man, but he was scolded so badly by Matriarch that he couldn't raise his head.

After that, he fled.

Perhaps because he had a conscience, as soon as he left An Shou Hall, he arranged for Wen Zhu to send most of the expensive things he had brought back from Jiangnan to Eldest Miss' house.

Yu Youyao quickly said, "Thank you, Nanny."

Nanny Liu quickly shook her head. "Eldest Miss, you're exhausted. Go in and talk to Matriarch. Leave the care of the prescription to me. You're Matriarch's lifeblood, you can't fall sick from exhaustion again. Otherwise, I don't know how upset Matriarch will be if she finds out."

Ever since the Matriarch fell sick, Eldest Miss was never happy. There was no one in the residence who could take charge. Eldest Miss was also worried about the Matriarch and wished she could guard her day and night.

She had tried to persuade her, but Eldest Miss refused to listen.

As a servant, she could not stop Eldest Miss from being filial to her grandmother.

Yu Youyao nodded. "Nanny, don't worry. I'm much better now. I'll take care of my health in the future."

Nanny Liu was a little relieved.

At this moment, there was a commotion in the room. Yu Youyao was shocked and quickly lifted the curtain to enter!

Old Madam Yu's hair was disheveled, and she was only wearing a greenish-gray shirt. She got out of bed and shouted, "Yao Yao, Yao Yao, my good granddaughter..."

Yu Youyao's eyes turned red. She quickly went over to support her grandmother. "Grandmother, I'm here. I made a trip to the manor yesterday and only returned today. Hurry, lie down..."

Old Madam Yu grabbed Yu Youyao's hand. "I'm glad you're fine. I'm glad you're fine..."

"With Grandmother protecting me, what can happen to me?" Yu Youyao helped her grandmother lean against the pillow. She quickly poured another cup of warm water and fed it to her grandmother.

Only then did Old Madam Yu calm down a little. She took a deep breath and still had lingering fears. "I had a nightmare just now. I dreamed that bastard, your father, actually disowned his biological daughter and even wanted to chase you out of the house. He didn't care if you lived or died. Fortunately, it was just a nightmare. It wasn't real..."

Yu Youyao was stunned. No wonder her grandmother had looked for her everywhere when she woke up.

Old Madam Yu rubbed her forehead. "I don't know if it's because I've been thinking about it a lot, but I've been dreaming these past two days that your father doesn't treat you well..."

She kept feeling that if she left, her granddaughter would not have a good life.

Yu Youyao comforted her. "Grandmother, you're thinking too much. Father treats me very well."

Old Madam Yu waved her hand and sneered. "How can a lowly person have a deep relationship? Your father is greedy and untrustworthy. Be more wary in the future.'

From the day Madam Xie died, she no longer had any hope for her son..

Chapter 686 - 686: Final Mercy

She was hesitant to allow her eldest son to marry Yang Shuwan.

The kind of tricks that Yang Shuwan used to deceive men were nothing new. She had her ways to deal with such a thing.

She did not make a move because her son would remarry sooner or later.

Yang Shuwan was narrow-minded and had a weak family background.

Without a scheme to support her ambition, let alone a powerful maiden family, it was impossible for her to control Yao Yao.

Yang Shuwan and her son had an affair. After Yang Shuwan married into the Yu Residence, no matter how good she was at lying to men, she would always have something on her.

If she dared to harm Yao Yao, this would be enough to ruin her reputation.

She was sick and did not have that much energy to take care of her granddaughter. Instead of a second wife whose background she did not know, it was better to let him marry Madam Yang.

On this point, she and Madam Xie had reached a consensus.

After so many years, Madam Yang was just as she had expected. Although she had many schemes, she was still inferior.

She didn't like Yao Yao either, but she didn't dare to really attack her.

Madam Yang did some petty tricks but she let it slide as it could also be considered training for Yao Yao so that she would know to deal with schemes.

Before she dies, she was going to leave a letter and entrust it to someone she trusted. If Yang Shuwan dared to humiliate Yao Yao after her death, she would also ruin her reputation.

She had everything arranged.

So as to pave a good path for her granddaughter.

Even if she died, she wanted her granddaughter to live a carefree life.

Yang Shuwan and Yu Zongzheng himself created their own weakness.



If Yu Zongzheng did not marry Yang Shuwan, she would only be a romantic affair to him. As time passes by, even if someone exposed that he had slept with the daughter of a concubine, who would take it to heart?

However, if she married him, it would be different.

If an affair turned into a scandal, the Imperial Court's impeachment would cause him to lose face and his future to be ruined.

In this world, no mother would be so ruthless as to scheme against her biological son.

It was Madam Xie's death that had allowed her to see through Eldest Son's heartlessness, causing her to subconsciously plan more in case of emergencies.

All these years, she had hidden her thoughts so well that even Nanny Liu had not guessed it.

She hoped that her schemes would never come to light.

This was also her last mercy to her son.

Yu Youyao couldn't continue this topic, so she changed it. "Father specially brought Divine Physician Xie back from Zhejiang. It's obvious that he still cares about Grandmother. I've also asked Imperial Physician Shi to take a look at Divine Physician Xie's prescription. He said that it's an excellent prescription. If Grandmother is worried about me, take your medicine and recuperate."

Divine Physician Xie swore that as long as she took the medicine and rested well, her health would improve.

She did not refute those words. After all, it was her son's filial piety, so she couldn't refuse it. She didn't expect there to be such a thing.

Imperial Physician Shi said that the prescription was good, so it should be effective.

At the thought of this, Old Madam Yu perked up. "Since it's a good prescription, I'll listen to you and eat it well for a while."

Perhaps because she had been frightened by the dream just now, she was always worried that if she left, her son would treat her granddaughter badly, so she wanted to last as long as she could.

During this period of time, her grandmother's every word seemed like she was planning for her funeral, making her very worried. Now that she saw that her grandmother's eyes were lively, Yu Youyao was a little relieved.

Old Madam Yu continued, "This morning, your father entered the palace to make a report. The disaster relief matter in Zhejiang has come to an end. This time, your father did a good job and didn't make any major mistakes. Next month, he probably still has to lead the disaster relief work in the North. His wish has finally been fulfilled."

Every time there was a natural disaster, there would always be many troubles. There would be riots and outbreak of diseases.

Yu Zongzheng was also lucky. With the help of the Xie family and Yao Yao, he did not lack food or medicine. In addition, Ye Hanyuan could control the situation, so he could stop the riots and a large-scale epidemic.

Perhaps because her mentality had changed and she had switched to Divine Physician Xie's new prescription, Old Madam Yu felt much better after taking the medicine for three days.

Yu Youyao felt relieved. If she could continue to recuperate like this, her grandmother's health might really recover.

Yu Zongzheng had contributed to the disaster relief and had been praised by the Emperor. The palace rewarded him with many things.

The Empress Dowager did not forget Yu Youyao's contribution and rewarded her.

The disaster relief matter finally came to an end.

Exterminating the pirates was even more urgent. Fortunately, after Ye Hanyuan took over the military affairs at the southeast coast, he quickly reorganized the navy and chased after the pirates. He broke through the pirates at Dragon Mountain and chased them all the way to Yanmen Ridge. Then, he supported Fujian and Guangzhou.

At the same time, it was even more urgent to deal with the governance of the southeast coast.

The Emperor ordered the River Censor to be an imperial envoy. He was to investigate many crimes including the Navys loss of the air force, embezzlement of the river repairment money, and invasion of the land of the commoners. He was to report on big and small matters.

The Left Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Official Personnel Affairs, Yu Zongzheng, was involved in this matter.

After the floods and the pirate problem, there was another storm in Zhejiang.

Natural and man-made disasters were endless. Everyone in the court was spending money sparingly. The Mid-Autumn Festival was about to arrive, but the festive atmosphere in the capital was weak.

The big families were worried that if they were too extravagant, they would attract the attention of the Imperial Court.

The commoners did not even have enough to eat, so they were not in the mood to celebrate the holidays.

However, no matter what, the Mid-Autumn Festival was a reunion festival. They still had to celebrate it.

Even if it couldn't be lively, there would be a few lanterns hanging to match the scene. Families would gather for a reunion meal. There would always be hope on this day.

When Yu Youyao heard the news from the court, she couldn't help but sigh slightly. "Zhejiang has just suffered a water disaster, and the people have suffered a calamity. There have even been three riots previously. The Imperial Court should be benevolent and appease the people to further stabilize the situation in Zhejiang. They shouldn't carry out the investigation on officials with great fanfare."

Water could carry a boat, but it could also overturn it.

Everything should be done for the people.

Old Madam Yu agreed deeply. "The Emperor is still too anxious."

The Zhejiang family had taken root in Zhejiang for generations.

Previously, the Emperor had used the water disaster to deal with a group of corrupt officials. It was a deliberate show of power as a warning so that the various officials in Zhejiang could also be obedient for the time being.

After the effects of the water disaster and pirates had passed and the situation in Zhejiang stabilized, it wouldn't be too late to settle the problem.

In the past, with Xia Yansheng in charge of the cabinet, the Zhe family had political cover. Naturally, it was not easy for them to make a move.

Now, Ye Hanyuan had been promoted by the Emperor. Song Xiuwen's matter had yet to be resolved, and he was still locked up in jail. There were still pure officials in Zhejiang, so why should he worry about not being able to improve Zhejiang?

Yu Youyao shook her head. "The treasury is empty, and the accounts of the six ministries are in varying degrees of deficit. Everyone in the court is thinking of ways to fill the deficit. The River Censor has dealt with a group of corrupt officials and confiscated a large sum of dirty money. The Emperor's eyes are red with anxiety and is fixated on the money in Zhejiang. He no longer has any patience.."

## Chapter 687 - 687: Witch Medicine

Old Madam Yu nodded. "That's true. The dirty money that was confiscated previously was from the tails. The real big deal are those that had been stolen by powerful officials at the top..."

The Imperial Court's annual taxes were only around a million taels of silver. In addition to maritime trade, it was only three to four million silver.

However, the amount confiscated previously was already a million taels of silver, which was equivalent to a year's worth of taxes from the Imperial Court.

It was obvious there would be a huge sum of money hidden by the heads.

Yu Youyao was worried. "When you pull a radish out of the ground, dirt comes up along with it. Ye Hanyuan will be busy exterminating the pirates until

October at least. When the weather turns cold, the war at sea will be settled. Once the battle is over, it's done. The difficult thing is to deal with the aftermath of the war. To provide food relief, help the people, and rebuild..." This was the most important thing.

All of this could not be done without the governance of the local officials, let alone without Ye Hanyuan managing the overall situation.

At this rate, it was going to be really busy in Zhejiang!

Old Madam Yu had also thought of this. "After your father leaves the government office, I'll talk to him and ask him to send a memorial to the Imperial Court to persuade the Emperor!"

Yu Youyao shook her head. “The Emperor has been anxious to see quick results for a long time. If we can think of the problem, it’s impossible that the court officials haven’t thought of it. If the Emperor is being stubborn, it’s useless no matter who persuades him.”

Moreover, Yu Zongzheng was not someone who could be directly admonished.

Old Madam Yu sighed when she heard this. “Women and children of the Inner Residence like us can’t interfere in the important matters of the court.”

Previously, in her letter, her cousin had reminded her that Zhejiang was going to be in chaos. He had asked her to gather all the businesses in Zhejiang and buy more farmland. There was nothing more practical than attaining farmland.

Land in Zhejiang was generally expensive. Even if one had money, they couldn’t buy it. The fields were the lifeblood of the commoners. Unless they were at their wits’ end, no one was willing to sell their fields.

The Imperial Court’s disaster relief was only temporary. It was impossible to count on the Imperial Court to live.

When the commoners couldn’t live anymore, they could only sell their fields for food.

Now that Zhejiang was really going to be in chaos, be it farmland or land, money and food were more important.

Once Zhejiang becomes chaotic, the price of farmland would only be lower. There would even be people who would take the opportunity to suppress the price of farmland so that they can buy low and sell high to obtain huge profits.

Yu Youyao was about to make the first move and keep the land price in Zhejiang at a better rate to ensure that the commoners could exchange for more money and food.

There were people who offered a high price, while others offered a low price for the same plot of land. The commoners were not fools.

However, no matter how rich Yu Youyao was, she couldn’t control the price of a province’s land alone. She planned to cooperate with the Xie family.

Moreover, Yu Youyao had already planned it!

In the future, when Zhejiang settled down, she would rent the land back to the commoners for free to farm. The commoners would get 30 0/0 of the harvest.

When the commoners earned enough money, they would be allowed to redeem the sold land at the original price.

She did not feel that she would be suffering a loss.

It was known that the land in Zhejiang was expensive to begin with. It would take many years for the commoners to have the ability to redeem the land. The harvest in these fields had already made her a huge profit.

It was mutually beneficial without her doing much. Why shouldn’t she do it?!

However, such a big business needed a thorough plan. She could not be careless in all aspects, let alone harm the interests of the commoners.

Hence, there were many things to consider and worry about.

Yu Youyao recorded some immature thoughts in her heart, then picked them out one by one and thought them through carefully.

While Yu Youyao was racking her brains and to come up with a grand plan, Yu Jianjia finally couldn't resist the temptation of the "cure" and secretly asked Divine Physician Xie about the "Blood Medicinal Catalyst".

Divine Physician Xie also told her everything.

Knowing that the "Blood Medicinal Catalyst" belonged to witchcraft with a very long history, the crazy thoughts in Yu Jianjia's heart grew like vines. For the sake of safety, she looked up a large number of ancient books and realized that there were many records of witchcraft medicine in the Classic of

Mountains and Seas. There were also records of it in the Shennong Herbal Sutra...

Yu Jianjia was like a drowning person who had grabbed a straw to clutch at. She already firmly believed in the "Blood Medicinal Catalyst". She thought to herself: "Yu Youyao, don't blame me. If you want to blame someone, blame yourself."

Yu Youyao was the eldest daughter of the first wife and had been conferred the title of County Head of Shaoyi. Who would dare to use her body to create medicine?! No matter how tempting the "Blood Medicinal Catalyst" was, she could only open her eyes and watch.

However, God had allowed her to get to know Old Madam Lai.

She also knew Old Madam Lai's secret.

She could even control Old Madam Lai.

Even God was helping her.

Also, the person who had caused her mother to be locked up in the Tranquil Heart Residence back then was Yu Youyao herself.

It was also because Yu Youyao had made her unable to stay in the residence that she had taken the initiative to go to the manor to recuperate.

Yu Youyao was also the one who sent her maidservant away. As she did not have enough people by her side, it gave her a chance to get to know Old Madam Lai!

She had gone to the Tranquil Heart Residence a few days ago.

Yu Jianjia had specially taken a detour to the Tranquil Heart Residence. Fortunately, when Yu Youyao fell sick, her father had asked her to pay more attention to the matters in the residence, which allowed her to take advantage and avoid being noticed.

Otherwise, she really wasn't confident that she could come to the Tranquil Heart Residence without alerting anyone.

Why else would she say that even God was helping her?!

Since there were too many coincidences, it must be fate.

Yu Jianjia asked Hui Xiang to guard the courtyard. No matter who came, she had to come in and report it.

Hui Xiang quickly nodded.

In broad daylight, the room became a little darker, and a lingering sour smell kept entering her nose.

Nanny Li and Bi Tao were not in the house.

There was no filial child who visited to help in a long time. Her mother had been sick for three years. No matter how deep their master-servant relationship was, it had been exhausting for them. It wasn't easy for them to guard the door of the Tranquil Heart Residence. Nanny Li and Bi Tao had been locked up for three years and were easily lured out of the Tranquil Heart Residence.

In the entire Tranquil Heart Residence, there were only her, her mother, and Hui Xiang.

Yu Jianjia resisted the urge to cover her nose and walked to the bed. She called out softly, "Mother, Mother, wake up quickly. I'm here to see you..."

When Yang Shuwan heard the call, her eyelids moved slightly and she opened her eyes hard. Her daughter's pale and weak face was reflected in her turbid eyes. "Jia... Jia Jia. Are you Jia Jia?"

Yu Jianjia's eyes welled up with tears, and even her voice choked. "It's me, Mother. Mother, are you feeling better? It's all my fault for being unfilial. I couldn't serve you and made you suffer..."

At this point, she couldn't help but feel sorrow from the bottom of her heart. For a moment, tears fell like rain. Her tears flowed down her overly pale face and onto her sharp chin. It made her look even more pitiful.

Yang Shuwan's heart ached so much that she panted and her eyes rolled back. Yu Jianjia was shocked and cried, "Mother, Mother, what's wrong? Mother..." Fortunately, Yang Shuwan still managed to catch her breath. She held her daughter's hand tightly, not knowing where she got the strength from..

Chapter 688 - 688: Grudge

Yu Jianjia cried her heart out. "I've let Mother down, Mother..."

Yang Shuwan held her breath and said, "No, it's not your fault. Mother knows that you're filial. It's all her fault for not allowing you to see me. Don't blame yourself."

Yu Jianjia seemed to have suffered a huge grievance. "Mother doesn't blame me, but I can't forgive myself. I only hate myself for being alone and helpless. I know that Mother is suffering, but I can't save you. Every time I think of you locked up in the courtyard and tortured by your illness, I wish I could replace you..."

In Yang Shuwan's ears, her words were interpreted as she was being bullied in the residence and was not having a good time.

Yang Shuwan felt sorrow from the bottom of her heart. That damned old woman only doted on Yu Youyao, while Yu Zongzheng did not care about Jia Jia as much as before. He focused all his attention on Yu Youyao and Concubine Qiu's son.

After all, Brother Si was the legitimate son and would inherit the family business in the future,  
But what about her Jia Jia?

Since her grandmother did not like her, father did not dote on her, sister was not kind, and younger brother was young, she did not have many days left. How could her daughter survive in this residence?

Muddy tears rolled down the corners of her eyes and into her hair. Yang

Shuwan's voice was hoarse. "Don't, don't cry. Jia Jia, don't cry..."

"Mother, I'm so afraid. I sent the servants away today and came over secretly. Mother, what, what should I do..." Yu Jianjia grabbed her mother's hand as if she was holding onto a straw to clutch at. There were still tears in her eyes. Her lips trembled, and she looked panicked and afraid.

Even Yang Shuwan's breathing became heavy. She quickly asked, "What, what happened? Did something happen?"

No wonder she had not seen Nanny Li and Bi Tao after she woke up.

The door of the Tranquil Heart Residence was removed. Even though

Matriarch did not like Jia Jia coming to visit her, there was no need to send the servants away.

Something must have happened!

Yu Jianjia shivered, and even her face turned pale. "Mother, Mother, I, I..."

Her daughter was so afraid that she couldn't even say anything for a long time. Yang Shuwan knew that something big had happened and held her breath. "No, don't be afraid. Hurry up and tell Mother what happened. I will stand up for you."

Yu Jianjia's face was pale. She shook her head and cried. Her lips trembled. Clearly, she was very frightened!

Yang Shuwan's heart felt like it was being stabbed by a knife. She gritted her teeth and said, "No matter what, just tell me. Although I'm sick, I'm still your father's legitimate wife in name. Whoever wants to bully me or my daughter, they'll have to go through me."

Yu Jianjia cried uncontrollably. "It's, it's my maidservant, Bai Ye. She, she..."

She had thought that she had found her backbone, but when the words were about to come out of her mouth, she felt timid and did not know how to continue,

Bai Ye?

She remembered that Bai Ye was the maidservant that her daughter had taken in previously. Could it be that she had caused something that implicated Jia Jia, her master?

Yang Shuwan was so anxious that she was sweating profusely. She made a gurgling sound in her throat. "Quick, tell me. Mother will help you!"

She was just a small servant. No matter what happened, they could just kill her.

Her daughter was still an unmarried girl, so it was naturally not appropriate for her to interfere in such private matters. As for herself, she already had one foot in the grave. What else could she not do?

Yu Jianjia panicked. “Bai Ye’s grandmother, Old Madam Lai, isn’t in good health. I-I couldn’t bear to see them live apart, so I made the decision to bring Old Madam Lai into the residence...”

Although this was a little inappropriate, as a master, it was reasonable for her to show some respect to the servants around her. Why was she so afraid?

Yang Shuwan was in no hurry to ask. She calmed down.

“I-I originally thought that Old Madam Lai had served in Grandmother’s house in the past, and her family was clear and there were no problems.

That’s why I allowed Old Madam Lai to enter the residence out of goodwill.

However, I never expected that Old Madam Lai would...” At this point, Yu

Jianjia’s face turned a little paler and she cowered, as if she had been shocked.

She had served the Matriarch before leaving the residence?

Why did she leave the residence out of the blue?

Yang Shuwan was also used to seeing private matters in the inner residence. She knew best about the matters in the back residence. After thinking about it carefully, she could figure out what had happened.

Yu Jianjia stammered, not knowing what to say. “I-I happened to hear Old Madam Lai scolding someone once.”

Yang Shuwan quickly asked, “Who was she scolding? What, what did she say?”

Yu Jianjia stammered for a long time. Even her face turned red, and she couldn’t say a word.

Yang Shuwan understood immediately. Perhaps it was because Old Madam Lai was vulgar with her words. Jia Jia had been raised with grace since she was young, so how could she say those words? “Get, get Hui Xiang over.” Yu Jianjia said in a panic, “Hui Xiang is guarding outside. I’ll call her in...” As she spoke, she quickly left to call for Hui Xiang.

Hui Xiang quickly entered the room and knelt on the ground with a thud. She kowtowed to First Madam. “Greetings, First Madam.”

Seeing that Hui Xiang was still so steady and well-behaved by her daughter’s side, Yang Shuwan felt a little relieved. “Tell me in detail about what Old Madam Lai scolded.”

Hui Xiang was shocked. Just like Yu Jianjia, her face turned pale. She stammered, “There was once when Old Madam Lai came to visit Young Miss. There was a portrait of Eldest Madam Xie hanging in Young Miss’ house. I watched as Old Madam Lai stared at Eldest Madam Xie’s portrait for a long time. Her gaze was a little off. I was worried that something would happen to

Old Madam Lai and she would implicate Young Miss, so I secretly followed her out...”



Before she could finish speaking, she trembled and looked terrified. Even her eyes widened.

She looked exactly the same as Jia Jia.

Yang Shuwan felt as if there was sand caught in her throat and her voice was rough and hoarse.  
“Continue!”

It seemed that Old Madam Lai’s departure from the residence back then was still related to Madam Xie.

There had to be something fishy going on.

Hui Xiang was sprawling on the ground, her teeth chattering. “I saw Old Madam Lai walk to an empty place and spit a mouthful of thick phlegm on the ground. Then, she cursed softly, ‘Pfft, shameless little b\*tch. She relied on her cheap appearance to hook up with her brother-in-law. What a wh\*re, With a short life span too...’”

Hui Xiang tried her best to imitate Old Madam Lai’s tone at that time and repeated the curse.

After saying that, it was as if all her strength had been sucked out of her. Her body collapsed to the ground, and she did not even dare to raise her head. The floor under her was cold and hard, and the cold air kept drilling into her knees. She could not help but shiver..

Chapter 689 - 689: Affair Between In-Laws

When such words reached her ears, regardless of whether they were true or not, they were like a bowl of arsenic that was poured into her stomach. If she were caught, she might be thrown into the mass grave to feed the wild dogs. Even though she knew that Young Miss was kind and wouldn’t let her die,

But Hui Xiang still felt afraid.

The room was so quiet that one could hear a pin drop—

Yang Shuwan was clearly also shocked by these words. Her withered face suddenly flushed red, and a strong excitement rushed to her mind.

Yu Jianjia lowered her head and wiped her tears.

Every year, there were servants who were let go from the Yu Residence for various reasons. Although Old Madam Lai was Bai Ye’s grandmother, she did not take her seriously.

However, it seemed like Old Madam Lai was someone who knew how to cause trouble. Now that Bai Ye was serving the residence, Old Madam Lai relied on her relationship with the Matriarch in the past to go to the manor to visit her.

That day, she was sitting in the central room like today. There was a portrait of Madam Xie on the wall.

After Old Madam Lai entered the house, she did not bow to it immediately. Instead, she glanced at Madam Xie’s portrait on the wall with a very strange gaze, making her suspicious.

Previously, Seventh Aunt had mentioned that when Madam Xie entered, Old Madam Lai was still serving in the residence.

The Matriarch's health wasn't good. As soon as Madam Xie entered, she asked her to help manage the household.

Yu Jianjia had heard that Madam Xie was a powerful person. Just like Yu Youyao, she rewarded and punished people clearly. She was a kind person. Even though Madam Xie had passed away many years ago, there were still old servants in the residence who remembered her kindness.

Old Madam Lai worked under Madam Xie. Forget their master-servant relationship, anyone with discerning eyes could tell that with the way Old Madam Lai was looking at Madam Xie's portrait, there was a problem.

After Old Madam Lai kowtowed to her to thank her, she secretly asked Hui Xiang to follow her.

Indeed!

When Old Madam Lai arrived at a place with no one around, she spat on the ground and cursed, "Pfft, shameless little b\*tch. She relied on her cheap appearance to hook up with her brother-in-law. What a wh\*re. With a short life span too..."

After that, she scolded and lamented, and Yu Jianjia pieced together the truth about Old Madam Lai leaving the residence.

Back then, Old Madam Lai had served in the residence. Although she was efficient, her hands and feet were a little dirty. It seemed that Madam Xie had discovered that she had stolen jewelry that her master did not wear because her brother was seriously ill.

She was a servant in the Matriarch's house, so Madam Xie couldn't make a fuss.

Madam Xie was not a heartless person. She privately interrogated Old Madam Lai. When she found out that her brother was seriously ill, she did not report it to the officials or punish Old Madam Lai. She only wrote Old Madam Lai on the list of people who terminated the contract.

To outsiders, it was said that Old Madam Lai's brother was sick. Old Madam Lai was worried about her nephew and was willing to resolve the contract with the residence.

It was also because of this that no one in the residence knew the truth.

From Yu Jianjia's perspective, Madam Xie's actions were very benevolent.

There were national laws and family rules. It was understandable why Old Madam Lai had stolen her master's jewelry, but a mistake was a mistake. She couldn't have continued to serve in the residence,

Madam Xie did not go too far and helped Old Madam Lai cover up the theft.

Old Madam Lai had left the residence unscathed. With her experience serving an official, it was easy for her to find other jobs. It could be considered as giving Old Madam Lai a way out.

However, after hearing Old Madam Lai insult Madam Xie like this, it seemed that not only did she not appreciate Madam Xie's kindness, but she also held a grudge.

Hence, Yu Jianjia was suspicious of what she said about "seducing her brother-in-law."

However, it was inevitable that she would take these words to heart.

When she spoke to Seventh Aunt, she had deliberately asked Madam Xie what she had said. Seventh Aunt only thought that she respected her mother, so she naturally said something.

Later on, she found out from Seventh Aunt that back then, after Second Uncle Yu Zongshen was ranked, he went to Quanzhou. With the help of the Xie family, he wrote the “Sea Map Strategy” and laid a solid foundation for later entering the cabinet.

This was also the reason why the Xie Residence and the Yu Residence got married.

Only then did Yu Jianjia realize that something was amiss.

Actually, what had happened to Second Uncle back then was not a secret in the residence.

Since Matriarch did not mention this and Yang Shuwan was the second wife, she did not know much about this matter. The first and second branches had also separated long ago. She only knew some bits and pieces, so she did not think about it.

At Seventh Aunt’s mention, Yu Jianjia suddenly realized that the person who had a close relationship with the Xie family was actually Second Uncle.

Second Uncle had stayed in Quanzhou for more than a year and had been in and out of the Xie Residence. It was impossible for him not to know Madam Xie.

In that case, Old Madam Lai’s words were very likely not groundless.

Yu Jianjia’s face turned pale with fright, but a secret excitement surged in her heart.

After that, she used the excuse that Old Madam Lai had once served in the Matriarch’s house to help Old Madam Lai hire a doctor to treat her illness. She even transferred Bai Ye to serve her personally.

Old Madam Lai and Bai Ye were also grateful.

She used this favor to indirectly ask about Madam Xie.

Old Madam Lai only thought that she respected the first wife very much and wanted to know some things about her, so she couldn’t help but say more.

However, Old Madam Lai had served in the residence after all, and her mouth was very tight. No matter how she probed, she did not mention anything about Madam Xie and Second Uncle.

However, she still found out some useful information.

Old Madam Lai hated Madam Xie. No matter how cautious and tight-lipped she was, it was inevitable that she would reveal her resentment towards Madam Xie when she mentioned her due to oversight.

These words were detailed, so it was difficult for ordinary people to associate them with an “affair between in-laws”.

Yu Jianjia was a “mindful person” to begin with. She thought about Old Madam Lai’s every word and sentence, even her tone and expression when she spoke.

In the end, it was confirmed that Madam Xie and Second Uncle had known each other since they were in Quanzhou.

She couldn't help but guess!

Second Uncle was ranked first and had even entered the Hanlin Academy. In the future, he would be a cabinet minister. How could he marry a businesswoman?

The lowest rankings included scholars, farmers, businessmen, and merchants.

If Second Uncle married Madam Xie, it would inevitably make people sick.

The legitimate son of an aristocratic family, who was ranked first in the rankings, and the heir of the Hanlin Academy. The stigma of being "obsessed with women" would ruin his great reputation. Madam Xie would become the greatest obstacle in his career.

From a mother's standpoint, be it for her son's future or his reputation, it was impossible for Matriarch to watch her son marry a businesswoman.

Old Madam Lai was a cautious person. This matter was definitely not groundless. Even if she did not have evidence, she definitely knew some inside information.

She had brought Old Madam Lai into the residence because she wanted to show her kindness and observe her carefully. If she investigated this matter clearly and had something on Yu Youyao, her future would be good.

However, plans could not keep up with changes.

Her father had brought Divine Physician Xie back from Zhejiang. Divine Physician Xie's "Blood Medicinal Catalyst" cure was too tempting. If she wanted to nurture Yu Youyao into a medicinal catalyst, she first had to get her father to give up on her.

Yu Youyao was the eldest daughter of the first wife, and she had been conferred the title of County Head of Shaoyi. It was impossible for the Yu

Residence to give up on her easily..

Chapter 690 - 690: Every Man for Himself

If Madam Xie really lacked virtue, her father would be embarrassed and would not tolerate Yu Youyao.

However, she definitely couldn't get involved in such matters.

She was the one who had brought Old Madam Lai into the residence. If anyone found out that she was involved in this matter, it would mean that she had deliberately schemed against Yu Youyao.

Even if Yu Youyao was despised by the Yu Residence, she would not have a good ending.

She would only let her mother do it.

Her mother had always doted on her the most. She would definitely plan carefully for her and not implicate her in this matter.

Every man for himself, and the Devil take the hindmost.

She just wanted to have a healthy body and did not want to be a sickly person eating medicine forever.

She did not have to raise Yu Youyao into a Blood Medicinal Catalyst. She had originally planned to choose a suitable orphan daughter.

It was Divine Physician Xie who had said that Yu Youyao's physique was suitable. They came from the same bloodline, so the medicine nurtured with her body would be the best. No one else was as suitable as Yu Youyao.

At the thought of this, Yu Jianjia cried again. "Mother, what should I do? I heard that back then, when Second Uncle went to Quanzhou and interacted with the Xie family, he must have known First Mother long ago. First Mother had proper teachings, so she naturally wouldn't do such a thing. However, Old

Madam Lai is a rascal. If word gets out, it'll inevitably cause misunderstandings..."

If they had never interacted in the past, these words would have just been passed around.

However, since they had known each other in the past, it was inevitable that they would be involved.

Yang Shuwan felt a little dizzy. Actually, she did not know much about Madam Xie. Before she married into the Yu Residence, the first and second branches had already been separated for a few years.

As they were from separate families, the two families did not interact much.

Madam Yao was filial. Other than during the holidays, she would only come to the main house every ten days to visit her mother-in-law and give her some filial gifts.

That was all.

Her brother-in-law was busy with the court, so he came even less.

She really couldn't think of Madam Xie and her brother-in-law together. However, after hearing Jia Jia's words just now, the two of them knew each other in Quanzhou. Perhaps this was not impossible.

Madam Xie was flirtatious and beautiful, and her brother-in-law was also gentle and refined.

The man was unmarried, and the woman too. It seemed reasonable for her brother-in-law to have some thoughts when he saw Madam Xie's good colors.

However, this did not mean that the two of them were having an affair.

Her brother-in-law was ranked first and was even the Grand Secretary of the Cabinet now. It was said that he did not even have much contact with the concubines in the house, nor did he seem to covet Eldest Sister-in-law.

Yu Jianjia seemed to be extremely afraid. "I heard that less than half a year after the first wife married into the family, Second Aunt also married into the family. Not long after, the two branches separated."

Yang Shuwan's eyelids twitched violently, and she heard Yu Jianjia say as she cried, "With both parents around, there shouldn't be any separation. Every family is like this. The Yu Residence doesn't have many people to begin with, and Father and Second Uncle are just two brothers. The family is indistinguishable and support each other. How can it not be better than separating the

family? Grandmother hasn't been in good health either. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to have two daughters-in-law taking care of her at home? If others think about it this way, the Yu Residence will definitely be exposed. What should we do..."

Although Yang Shuwan did not know why the first and second branches had split up back then, she had never felt that it was inappropriate in the past. However, when her daughter mentioned it, she also felt that there seemed to be something wrong with this split.

If Madam Xie and her brother-in-law had an affair, they definitely wouldn't be able to live under the same roof for long...

Yu Jianjia's voice was hoarse from crying. "I didn't expect Old Madam Lai to cause such a commotion. I want to chase her out of the residence, but I'm also worried that Old Madam Lai will spout nonsense outside. Her mouth is loose, it won't make a difference if we just keep her in the residence. If she says anything one day and others hear it, what should we do!"

Once this matter spread, the reputation of the entire Yu Residence and even the Yu Clan would be ruined. The reputation that had been accumulated for generations would also be ruined.

No wonder Jia Jia was so frightened. She couldn't make a decision herself, so she had to send the servants away and secretly come to the Tranquil Heart Residence to make a decision with her mother.

Yang Shuwan's turbid eyes were red as she suddenly looked at Hui Xiang. "I still have something to say to Third Miss. You... go outside and guard the place. "

"Yes, I- I'll go immediately." Hui Xiang shuddered and crawled out of the house.

Her heart was still pounding all the way to the courtyard.

The way First Madam had looked at her just now was really too terrifying, causing her scalp to go numb and goosebumps to rise all over her body. It was not winter yet, but her body was cold for no reason.

In the house, Yu Jianjia's face was pale and she was terrified. "Mother, I was the one who brought Old Madam Lai into the residence. If anything happens to her, it will definitely be my fault. If Grandmother finds out, she definitely won't let me off easily. Mother, I'm really afraid..."

Yang Shuwan's heart ached for her daughter, and there was a strange excitement in her tone. "Don't, don't panic. Don't panic yet. Listen carefully to what I say and do as you're told."

Yu Jianjia nodded frantically, her eyes still filled with tears.

Yang Shuwan instructed, "You can't keep Hui Xiang in your house anymore.

Use the excuse of sending her out to do something first. Leave the rest to me..."

Yu Jianjia's eyes widened in horror. "Mother, Hui Xiang has been with me for many years and has been loyal to me. Can you not..."

"Jia Jia!" Yang Shuwan raised her voice. As she was too agitated, she couldn't breathe anymore and rolled her eyes.

Yu Jianjia was so frightened that she fell to the side of the bed. She held her mother's hand and cried as she admitted her mistake. "Mother, I was wrong. I know that Mother is doing this for my

own good. Don't scare me. I'll listen to you. I- I'll do whatever you want me to do. Mother, don't be angry with me..."

Yang Shuwan tightened her grip on the blanket and forced herself to hold on. "Jia Jia, I know that Hui Xiang is loyal to you. She's been serving you since you were young. You have a special relationship with her."

Yu Jianjia lowered her head and cried softly, but she did not dare to say anything else, afraid that she would anger her mother and her body would not be able to take it.

Yang Shushu sighed and softened her voice. "I don't want to sin either, but as long as Hui Xiang doesn't die, it's hard to guarantee that one day, she won't accidentally let it slip. What will you do then?"

Yu Jianjia looked at her mother blankly, as if she did not understand what she meant.

Her daughter was young and had never been through anything, so she did not know the consequences of this matter. Yang Shuwan said, "This matter concerns the future of the entire Yu Clan. As long as you're involved, the only end would be poison. You won't be able to survive at all."

Compared to the reputation of the entire Yu Residence, the future of her brother-in-law and master, and even the honor of the entire Yu Clan, a life was insignificant.

Not only Jia Jia, but everyone involved would not survive.

Yu Jianjia was stunned.

"I have no choice either. Between you and Hui Xiang, I can only choose you. I don't have many days left. You have to rely on yourself in the future. Whether it's good or bad, I can't help you anymore..!"