

All Hail 891

Chapter 891 - 891: Core

Knowing that Yin Huaixi had already made so many arrangements, Yu Youyao felt relieved and less anxious. However, “Although my Nineteenth Brother has taken precautions in advance and has a specific plan for the resettlement of the refugees, we can’t underestimate the prevention of the epidemic. It’s easy to contract the epidemic in a chaotic environment with too many people. We should prepare as soon as possible.”

It would take at least two months to settle down a large number of refugees. There were too many variables in two months.

Uncle Sun nodded. “Prepare the medicinal herbs and incense medicine to prevent and treat the epidemic. We’ll definitely need them in April. When Madam Zhangs case comes to an end, I’ll set off for Longcheng.”

Yu Youyao had asked him to check the medicinal herbs in the People’s Relief Hall. The government might very well summon him to court, so he couldn’t leave for the time being.

In addition, the temperature in the Liaodong area had yet to rise. As long as the refugee camps were prepared, there would not be any problems for the time being. April was the most likely time.

When the weather warmed up in April, it was easy for germs to breed.

In May, the temperature rose greatly, and people would be easily exposed to an epidemic.

Therefore, April was the key to preventing the epidemic. If they were prepared by April, the probability of an epidemic outbreak was very low.

Yu Youyao nodded. “The incense shop is already making incense medicine to avoid the epidemic.”

Uncle Sun continued, “By the way, the Bai Residence has publicly admitted the sale of inferior medicinal herbs by the People’s Relief Hall, ruining the Han

Clan’s scheme. I don’t think the Han Clan will stop either. Be careful.”

Yu Youyao smiled. “I’m just afraid they won’t do anything.”

At this moment, Yin Huaixi, who Yu Youyao had been thinking about, was still in the area of Anshan.

The area around Anshan was vast and sparsely populated. Below it were three small counties, Haicheng, Tai’an, and Xiuyan. Behind them was the Goddess Peak, second only to Xiangping County.

The local people relied on the mountains and water to feed themselves. They raised silkworms, mined stones, picked herbs, sold mountain goods, salvaged rivers, and so on. Furthermore, because Anshan had a warm climate, the four seasons were clear and the land was fertile. The local area also produced maize, rice, soybeans, peanuts, and other staple food.

It was one of the few richer areas in the three provinces of Liaodong.

However, the local people were very valiant. They had formed hunting teams and were all skilled. The power of the nobles had not infiltrated, and the government did not dare to provoke them easily.

After all, if they provoked one or two people, they could settle it with a little power. If they provoked a group of people, the relatives of the people would be involved too, creating a huge group.

The law did not punish everyone. It was too troublesome.

Anshan and Xiangping were neighbors. The Anshan people advocated martial strength. In the past, there had been many people who had joined the army. Advisor Huang, who was under King Yue Fei, and General An Yuan were all from Anshan.

The reason why the nobles dared to restrain King You was because they controlled the local resources and controlled the lifeline of the You army. The area of Anshan was too involved with the You army. If anything happened, they would directly go against the You army. No one was willing to get involved in this muddy water. As time passed, Anshan almost became an autonomous county.

Anshan had also become the “base camp” of the two Kings of the North.

Therefore, Yin Huaixi had secretly trained an elite army in Anshan to avoid detection.

The area around the Goddess Peak was rich in all kinds of ores, and the mineral reserves were shocking. Yin Huaixi was proficient in the geomancy techniques and had secretly built a mine, and iron smelting facility, steel-making facilities, forging facilities, and so on on the Goddess Peak. This was the core secret of the You army.

Anshan had very superior agricultural, industrial, and business development conditions. It could be advanced at the same time.

Unfortunately, in the past, King Li of Zhou had been under the control of a noble. The development of Anshan was too eye-catching, and it was a disaster but not a blessing for the You army. In addition, the area around Anshan was vast and sparsely populated, so he faced many restrictions and difficulties in developing it.

Accepting refugees was an opportunity for development in the area of Anshan.

Yin Huaixi used the excuse of relocating the refugees to open a silkworm farm, a quarry, a medicinal mountain, and so on in Anshan. He also took the lead to screen a group of trustworthy refugees with skills and moved them to the area of Anshan, causing the population of less than 700,000 people to exceed more than a million.

Yin Huaixi planned to build a business area in the Anshan area.

Stone gambling, jade artifacts, craftsmanship, and so on corresponded to the quarry. Silk, weaving, dyeing, and clothes corresponded to the silkworm farms. Planting, picking, processing herbs, and so on corresponded to the medicinal mountain.

If an inherent industrial chain was formed, it would attract jade, silk, and medicinal herb merchants to do business.

As they had long planned it, all of this went very smoothly. “This batch is filled with refugees from the North. Some of their families have once joined the army and have also been taken care of by the You army. They have the highest recognition of the You army and are more trustworthy. It’s more appropriate to settle them in Anshan.”

The person in charge of implementing the area around Anshan was Luo Huai. He was once a valiant general of the You army. In his early years, he had injured a leg on the battlefield and could no longer go to the battlefield, so he retired.

What Luo Huai had said in Anshan was even more useful than that of the county magistrate. No matter what happened in the county office, they had to ask for his opinion before making a decision.

Luo Huai frowned and said, “Isn’t it a little too much to migrate nearly

300,000 refugees over at once? Of course, the Anshan Mountains are wide and sparsely populated, and agriculture is more developed. It’s close to the mountains and water. The commoners live on the mountains and water. With a population, there’s productivity. Food won’t be a problem. Even if it has to accommodate two million people, it won’t be a problem. The biggest problem is that if a large number of refugees migrate over, it will cause a huge impact on the local customs, appearance, and so on. It’s easy to cause conflict.”

Every place had its own customs and relationships, so it was very difficult to reach a unification in a short period of time. There were 300,000 refugees, which was also a very large number. If the two sides caused a commotion, it would be a proper riot.

Yin Huaixi said, “This group of people has lived in the refugee camp for four to five months and have already integrated into Liaodong. Even their language and accent have changed a little. They have been thrown into confusion assigned to various small and large counties in Anshan to avoid the possibility of them gathering to cause trouble. Culture and customs differences are inevitable, but it’s manageable.”

Luo Huai nodded. “Your Highness is indeed far-sighted.”

Yin Huaixi continued, “The refugees have been starved and frozen. They want to live a stable life and want to integrate into local life. They’re new to the area and are in a weak position, so they won’t deliberately cause trouble. We’ll arrange for someone to take the initiative to help them integrate into the lives of the saddled people and subtly influence them. Their living habits, accents, dialects, and even local customs and favors will be integrated with the Anshan people in three to five years at most.”

The people of Liaodong were warm and straightforward. They were not xenophobic. This was also the fundamental reason why he was willing to accept refugees and settle them down.

If it were in Shanxi or Shaanxi, he wouldn’t have done this.

Luo Huai felt more or less relieved. “In the early days of Emperor Gaozu’s dynasty, there were rarely any people in the three provinces of Liaodong. Later, it was also Emperor Gaozu who migrated a large number of refugees who had been displaced by the war. Only then did it gradually develop into the current Liaodong military town. As long as the commoners who had suffered disasters can open their hearts and accept them calmly, it’s not difficult to integrate..”

Yin Huaixi nodded. "Of course, there will definitely be conflicts. You have to remember at all times that we're guarding our territory, and it's also the thousands of commoners in this territory. Since the refugees are in our territory, no matter what their local accent is, they're the people we need to protect. "

Luo Huai's expression trembled. "Although I've retired from the army, as long as I'm in the You army, I'll remember ghosts for the rest of my life."

Yin Huaixi was finally a little relieved. "The matter in Anshan County has come to an end. The refugees in Liaodong have also been settled. I'll return to Xiangping tomorrow. "

Luo Huai couldn't help but laugh. "You're worried about the Little Princess Consort, right?"

Anshan and Xiangping were neighbors. During this period of time, news about

Xiangping kept spreading to Anshan and into His Highness's ears. His Highness's actions had clearly become more urgent, and he had not slept for three days.

Yin Huaixi did not deny it. "She's young and has just arrived. I wonder if she's used to life in Xiangping."

When Luo Huai heard this, he was surprised. "In just a few days, Madam Zhangs complaint has caused an uproar. The Han Clan is coming aggressively. Aren't you worried that she'll suffer?"

As the Bai Residence publicly admitted that the People's Relief Hall sold inferior medicinal herbs, in order to salvage their reputation that had been damaged by selling inferior medicinal herbs, the Bai Residence carried out a series of activities such as lowering prices, discounts, giving medicine, and volunteer consultation, catching the Han Clan off guard.

However, the Han Clan was not to be trifled with.

After their initial plan was disrupted, they immediately counterattacked.

Firstly, it was exposed that someone had taken the medicine from the People's Relief Hall and caused a human life. It pushed the Bai Residence to the top of the limelight, causing the Bai Residences reputation to plummet.

It was obvious that they had messed up Princess Shaoyi's plan to help the Bai Residence.

Yin Huaixi laughed. "She's never lost when it comes to scheming. If the Han

Clan behaves obediently, she won't be able to do anything to them."

Scheming was often closely related to a person's horizons, knowledge, and heart. Meanwhile, a person's horizons, heart, and knowledge were often closely related to a person's family background, talent, and status.

He had taught Yu Youyao, allowing her to grow her mind and temperament.

The upbringing of the aristocratic families allowed Yu Youyao to have a higher starting point. She had long known how to control people's hearts and human nature. She was also familiar with the rules and games between the aristocratic families.

The Xie Residence and Yu Youyao could be said to be very close. Although she was not as close to the Xie Residence as she was with Old Madam Yu, in terms of familial ties, they were far better than the people from the Yu Residence. The Xie Residence never interfered in Yu Youyao's matters, but they set an example and subtly influenced her in the ways of the world.

This made Yu Youyao better at observing developments and changes. She took advantage of the situation without scheming and was guided by the situation. She often hit the nail on the head.

He was good at scheming, and Yu Youyao was even better at scheming.

Sixth Young Master Han was under house arrest. He Zhixian was in a relatively remote manor in Xiangping and knew nothing about what had happened in Xiangping.

Madam Zhang was a citizen of Xiangping County, so it was difficult for her to escape responsibility. On the same day, Princess Shaoyi left the government office of the state capital and was summoned to the government office to "assist" in investigating this case.

Due to a "important" case in Xiangping City, the city had also begun to be under martial law. Letters were piled up at the courier station, and the city gate was guarded with more troops. Everyone who came and went had to be strictly checked.

The exact news in Xiangping City could not be sent out.

The land-owning class did not know the situation, so they could only send news through the spy that Sixth Young Master Han had arranged previously.

As Sixth Young Master Han did not participate in the arrangements for this matter, and the martial law in Xiangping City, Sixth Young Master Han did not take the initiative to contact the spies. The spies did not dare to take the initiative to contact Sixth Young Master Han. The spies could not obtain any specific information about their master, and the information they sent was all obtained from the market. Most of the information was about what happened on the surface.

The undercurrent behind this case was turbulent, making it even more confusing.

The land-owning class did not doubt this either. As a direct descendant of the Han family, Sixth Young Master Han was someone that the family had focused on nurturing. They had sent Sixth Young Master Han to Xiangping City because they recognized his abilities.

Sixth Young Master Han had secretly come to Xiangping City. His plan to deal with Princess Shaoyi was also carried out behind the scenes. In order to prevent this matter from implicating the Han Clan, Sixth Young Master Han did not take the initiative to contact the spy or show his face. In the eyes of the land-owning class, this was out of caution. There was no problem at all.

If there was a problem, Sixth Young Master Han would definitely send a message to the clan in advance.

No news from Sixth Young Master Han was the best news.

They had never dreamed that He Zhixian would betray them and place Sixth Young Master Han under house arrest. He had become the culprit behind their mistakes.

Hence, the news spread by the spies was that Madam Zhang had reported her case. However, Princess Shaoyi was not easy to deal with either. She implicated King Li of Zhou, who had dodged

the bullet, and even captured 18 hooligans who had instigated the commoners before complaining to the government office.

The reaction of the land-owning class was almost the same as that of He Zhixian back then.

Madam Zhangs complaint was originally just to accuse Princess Shaoyi of interfering in the court and causing chaos in the country.

The plan did not work, but Madam Zhang had publicly intercepted Princess Shaoyi's carriage and cried out for justice on the streets. This was obvious to everyone. The Han Clan only needed to release some rumors about Princess Shaoyi and use public opinion to achieve their goal.

The Han Clan's public opinion attack was undoubtedly successful.

As Madam Zhangs husband, Liu Dagen, was killed by an ordinary cold because he had eaten the inferior medicinal herbs he had taken from the People's Relief Hall, all kinds of rumors about the Bai Residence spread like wildfire.

A series of preferential activities such as lowering prices, discounts, giving medicine, and volunteer consultations from the Bai family's pharmacy still failed to restore the credibility of the Bai family's many years of operations.

The commoners were furious. As they scolded the Bai Residence for being greedy and disregarding human lives, they rushed crazily to the Baiji Medicinal Shop. In front of the Bai Residence, they threw rotten eggs, rotten vegetables, stones, and so on. They asked the Bai Residence to admit their crimes publicly and turn themselves in at the government office. Otherwise, they would not stop.

The Bai Residence was deeply mired in public opinion, condemnation, and criticism.

The Han Clan used this opportunity and spared no effort to use the strength of other nobles to suppress and slander the Bai Residence. They even implicated Princess Shaoyi.

"A life for a life. The Bai family has to take responsibility!!

"They said that they were enlightened by Princess Shaoyi and were determined to be kind. If they really wanted to be kind and caused someone's death, why didn't they turn themselves in at the government office?"

"Didn't they say that Princess Shaoyi is kind and benevolent? Why is she still covering up for the Bai Residence?"

"The Bai Residence must have gotten involved with Princess Shaoyi, so they're fearless.'

"This case has been interrogated for a few days, but the Bai Residence has been fine. Princess Shaoyi must be supporting them."

"Get Princess Shaoyi to hand over the Bai Residence..."

Anything that involved human lives would become very complicated. The retaliation of the aristocratic families was more intense than they had imagined.

All of this was within Yu Youyao's expectations..

Yu Youyao had hidden the fact that the ox bezoar from the People's Relief Hall. was fake and did not have the medicinal effect that it should have. She had allowed Liu Dagan's case to continue fermenting, giving the land-owning class the illusion that Liu Dagan's death had been arranged flawlessly. The People's Relief Hall was deeply involved in the public opinion of selling low-grade medicinal herbs. As long as the government office could not find any new evidence, the Bai Residence would bear all the responsibility for Liu Dagan's death.

The Bai Residence had taken the initiative to admit that they were selling inferior medicinal herbs and had launched all kinds of preferential activities, further creating an illusion for the land-owning class to dispel their doubts. They had mistakenly thought that the Bai Residence was in a worrying situation. Thus, they had no choice but to break the jar and smash it. They wanted to use all kinds of preferential activities to win people's hearts and restore their credibility.

The Han family's victory was in their grasp, and they felt that their plan to deal with the Bai family had succeeded.

Under Princess Shaoyi's guidance, Madam Bai was determined to be kind. This also became an excuse for the Han Clan to attack Princess Shaoyi. The notice posted in front of the Baiji Medicinal Shop was "iron evidence" that Princess Shaoyi was covering up for the Bai Residence.

Xia Tao was a little puzzled. "Ordinary people who aren't scholars aren't allowed to discuss the court's politics in public, criticize the officials of the Imperial Court, and slander the emperor's relatives. Their crimes will be increased and they'll be punished with the crime of offending their superiors. Why do they still dare to criticize you?"

Yu Youyao said calmly, "The law excuses the masses. When everyone says it, everyone will follow suit. In the face of so many people, they naturally have nothing to fear."

After soaking in the frankincense for six hours, the water turned milky white, and the frankincense became soft. Yu Youyao placed the frankincense into a small stone grind and turned it, grinding the frankincense into juice. The grounded juice was like cow's milk, with a faint fragrance.

This was one of the parts of making frankincense dew.

Xia Tao pursed her lips. Although all of this was part of Young Miss's plan, she had done so much for the people of Liaodong. Not only were the commoners not grateful, but they also criticized her.

She couldn't help but feel indignant for her Young Miss. "Don't you feel aggrieved?"

"What's there to feel aggrieved about?!" Yu Youyao added frankincense as she spun the stone grindstone. "I only do what I think is right and what I should do. As for what others think of me, let them do as they please."

However, Xia Tao felt aggrieved for Young Miss. "But..."

Yu Youyao knew what she wanted to say. "Although I'm known for being kind and have indeed done many good deeds, I haven't done much for the commoners. The commoners also think that

I'm kind, but they actually haven't enjoyed the benefits of my kindness. Why should I carry burdens like kindness and the title of the living Bodhisattva to make myself uncomfortable?"

She had set up the Graceful Heart Hall. In order to help her gain a good reputation, her grandmother had to build momentum for her. The Yu Clan was happy to see this happen, so they naturally had to help to encourage it. The Xie Residence also used her name to cooperate with her in donating to the Zhejiang water disaster. When there was a drought in the north, in order to reduce the pressure of disaster relief, the Imperial Court also publicized her good name wantonly, collecting donations and launching disaster relief among the commoners.

It made her good reputation spread throughout the Great Zhou Dynasty.

Later on, Yin Huaixi even used the sweet potatoes to alleviate the drought in the North and publicly asked the Imperial Court for credit for her. Only then did her reputation rise to the highest point.

They had deliberately spread the name of her kindness.

Xia Tao was indignant. "Why do you say that you didn't do anything for the commoners? Just based on the fact that you tried to plant sweet potatoes, not only did you alleviate the drought in the North, but you also let the commoners in Xiangping and the surrounding counties eat their fill. They shouldn't have said that about you. There are also more than a million refugees in Liaodong who can be resettled. How many of them are there because Young Miss is working with the Xie family to develop the silkworm industry in the North and promote the planting of sweet potatoes?"

There were still more than a million refugees gathered in Longcheng, and they were still waiting to be settled.

They were all counting on the sweet potatoes to save their lives.

Without sweet potatoes, who would dare to accept refugees? Furthermore, Young Miss had been busy dealing with the epidemic recently, as well as the locust plague in May and June.

Which of Young Miss's actions wasn't for the commoners?

Yu Youyao changed the topic helplessly and asked, "How's my case going?"

Xia Tao hurriedly said, "Old Madam Zhang said that after interrogating Madam Zhang and the 18 hooligans overnight, according to their confessions, in less than three days, the suspects who instigated Madam Zhang and bribed the hooligans to frame Princess Shaoyi were arrested one by one. One of the masterminds has also been locked up in Xiangping. Lord He is tentatively suspected of colluding with the Han Clan, but we still have to go through the next round of interrogation to confirm it."

Among the people arrested, they were not related to He Zhixian. However, a hooligan identified that one of them was the granddaughter of one of his relative's aunts. That person was a secret prostitute, and he had once seen He Zhixian's trusted aide spend the night there.

This was a secret prostitute.

Usually, they were all women from good families. Not only were they beautiful, but they also came from good backgrounds. Not only were they proficient in poetry, books, etiquette, the zither, chess,

calligraphy, and painting, but they had also been specially trained. When they were in bed, they would serve men, and when they were out of bed, they would write sentimental verses.

Officials of the Great Zhou Dynasty were not allowed to play with prostitutes.

All the wives and concubines in the family were from proper backgrounds. However, serving others made them uncomfortable.

Thus, many serious officials outside had secret prostitutes.

If they were discovered, they would be declared to have a mistress. Although it was not dignified to raise a mistress, it would not violate the law.

He Zhixian's trusted aide had a secret prostitute outside. No matter how secretive it was, no secret could be kept forever. Xiangping was only so big, and clueless hooligans were mixed in the streets. Such shady information was the best.

Yu Youyao was not surprised. If this case was handed over to He Zhixian, the Bai Residence would definitely be finished.

She passed by He Zhixian and reported directly to the state government office to prevent the county office from dragging in the interests of the nobles.

“From the looks of it, my case will almost come to an end in three to five days. At that time, it'll be time to hear about Madam Zhangs husband, Liu Dagen's case.”

Yu Youyao had an idea. She added charcoal to the stove and set up a porcelain distillation boiler. She poured the grounded frankincense juice into the distillation boiler and sealed it.

The earliest distillers were bronzeware, used to distill wine.

Later on, someone used gold, silver, porcelain, and iron to make distillers of different materials. The craftsmanship was also much improved, and the efficiency of distillation extraction was much higher.

Xia Tao nodded. “The government office has already transferred the case file regarding Liu Dagen's death from the county office. They've begun to investigate and collect evidence.”

Yu Youyao's lips curled up slightly. “The progress of the case is faster than I thought. Lord Ye is really swift and decisive.”

Her case was not complicated, nor was it a big case. It was also a piece of cake for the state government office.

The key was still the attitude of the person handling the case.

Yu Youyao took out the dried rose flowers and shattered the dried flowers. She repeatedly grounded it into powder. After grinding it, she sieved the fine powder and added a few drops of lemon. The dark red color immediately turned bright red..

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She continued to add olive oil and stirred. After mixing the rose powder and olive oil together, she added beeswax and stirred evenly. She poured it into the lipstick box. After solidifying, a box of rose lipstick was ready.

She used a small silver spoon to gently pick some and applied it on the back of her hand. The color was bright and pure, exuding the fragrance of roses. She dripped a few drops of water on it and wiped it hard, but it did not fade easily.

At this moment, the frankincense juice in the distiller also boiled. Drop by drop, the distilled water dripped from the distiller tube into the transparent glass cup.

After a while, the glass cup was full.

Yu Youyao changed to a new glass cup and placed the freshly filled frankincense distilled water to the side to cool.

After cooling, the distilled water would separate into water and oil.

The golden essence would float up, while the distilled water below was pure dew. It was relatively simple to extract, but the essence could only be extracted when the amount of oil was large.

Pure dew could be used to moisturize and soften the skin after washing the face. Essence oil was even more precious.

At this moment, Yin Shi walked into the house. "According to your instructions, we've already captured all the spies and nails planted by the land-owning class in Xiangping City. We've locked them up in a manor outside the city and sent someone to interrogate them strictly. When the government office officially investigates Liu Dagen's death, they can be used as witnesses and handed over to the government office. They can be used as witnesses to accuse the Han Clan of framing you."

Yu Youyao chuckled. "It's been hard on you recently."

The land-owning class had arranged for her to be accused by Madam Zhang. It could be inferred that the land-owning class had definitely planted many spies and people in Xiangping City.

She had deliberately instructed the Bai Residence to post the notice that they had been enlightened by Princess Shaoyi and were determined to be kind. Thus, they would carry out concession activities, numbing the land-owning class.

It made the land-owning class misunderstand that the time to deal with her had arrived.

They felt that as long as they tarnished the reputation of the Bai Residence and defeated it, they would definitely be able to use this notice to implicate her.

It was not easy to expose the spies and people of the land-owning class in the dark. However, the bigger the commotion they caused in Xiangping City, the more they needed to do, and the greater the chance of being exposed.

Spreading news often had to be done at more crowded places, such as restaurants, casinos, and busy markets. She had sent people to keep an eye on these places and indulged in unfavorable rumors about the Bai Residence and her that had spread like wildfire in Xiangping City. This was because she wanted to capture the spies and people planted by the soldiers.

Now that they had caught the witness, it was completely confirmed that the Han Clan had slandered and framed her.

Yin Shi did not say anything else and only asked, "What should we do next?"

Yu Youyao smiled. "We'll continue to cast a long line to catch the big fish. However, we've captured so many people. I'm afraid it will arouse their vigilance. Arrange for some more people to continue to spread rumors in Xiangping City that are disadvantageous to the Bai Residence and me. Muddy the waters of Xiangping. The better, the better."

The people they had captured now were all small fish. The real big fish were hidden behind them and would not appear easily. They had to create a chance for them to appear.

Yin Shi nodded. "In the past few days, there have been commoners gathering in front of the Bai Residence every day to cause trouble. The Bai Residence's door is tightly shut, and even the Baiji Medicinal Shop is closed. Will it affect our subsequent plans?"

Yu Youyao's expression darkened. "I've already cast my net. Next, it's up to the Bai couple." She stopped smiling and her eyes turned cold. "Do you know what's good for you?!"

Old Master Bai and Madam Bai hid in the residence and listened to the crazy shouting, cursing, and smashing outside. Finally, they paid a painful price for their greedy actions back then and shed tears of regret.

Madam Bai looked at her husband in a daze. "How did things develop to this point? Didn't Princess Shaoyi say that as long as the commoners benefited, there was room for the Bai Residence's reputation to be salvaged? She clearly promised us that she wouldn't let our family bear the groundless accusation..."

Old Master Bai said dejectedly, "However, she didn't promise not to let the Bai Residence suffer heavy losses, nor did she promise that the Han Clan wouldn't continue to attack us.'

To be honest, they were too arrogant.

She thought that Princess Shaoyi wanted to use the Bai Residence to deal with the Han Clan and intimidate the other nobles. She would not abandon them easily, so it was inevitable that they would be a little fearless.

Madam Bai's eyes widened in shock as she said in disbelief, "What, what does this mean? In order to cooperate with Princess Shaoyi to deal with the Han family, our family took the initiative to admit that we sold inferior medicinal herbs. We even took the initiative to reduce the price, offer discounts, give away medicine, and provide volunteer consultations. Our family has already suffered a huge loss. Isn't that enough?"

Old Master Bai smiled bitterly. "During the Three Kingdoms period, Lu Bu was captured by Cao Cao. Lu Bu said to Cao Cao that when Duke Cao obtained him, he would lead the cavalry and Duke Cao would lead the infantry to unify the world. Cao Cao respected Lu Bu's name as the number one general of the Three Kingdoms and was tempted for a moment. In the end, Cao Cao still killed Lu Bu.'

Madam Bai was stunned for a moment before she subconsciously said, “That’s because Liu Bei said at the side that Lu Bu was a turncoat. This made Cao Cao think of Ding Jianyang and Grand Tutor Dong, who were killed by Lu Bu. It’s said that a loyal slave would not serve two masters. Princess Shaoyi wants to teach us a painful lesson and make us willing to be controlled by her in the future.’

After saying this, even her bones felt cold.

It was said that one should not doubt the people they used, and one should not use people they doubted.

If Princess Shaoyi wanted to use them, she would not be conflicted about whether they would sincerely surrender and really help her deal with the Han family in the future.

She had used her own method to leave the Bai Residence with no way out.

Princess Shaoyi did not test human nature, because she could easily control people’s hearts and human nature.

Could a young lady’s shrewdness really be so deep and meticulous?

Old Master Bai nodded. “On the surface, the Han Clan is targeting the Bai Residence, but in fact, their spearhead has been targeting Princess Shaoyi alone from the beginning. All of this was Princess Shaoyi’s scheme. She used the Bai Residence as a chess piece and carefully set up a good game. The crazier the retaliation of the land-owning, the more involved the Han Clan will be when it’s time to settle accounts. They will be involved more deeply in the situation, making it hard for them to get out.”

Mrs. Bai suddenly reacted. “In order to deal with Princess Shaoyi, the Han Clan has borrowed a lot of the power of nobles. Could it be...” Her eyes suddenly widened, and she couldn’t help but gasp. “Not only does Princess

Shaoyi want to uproot the Han Clan, but she also wants to eliminate all the nobles related to the Han Clan!”

Old Master Bai nodded with a heavy expression.

Mrs. Bai’s body went limp. “Then what should we do now?”

Old Master Bai said helplessly, “We have no way out anymore. Let’s follow the plan. Princess Shaoyi needs to use the Bai Residence to deal with the Han Clan. She won’t give up on us.”

The rumors became more and more intense. At this moment, another notice was posted at the entrance of the Bai Residence. “The Bai Residence admires Princess Shaoyi and has decided to imitate the Xie Residence. The Bai Residence will donate 70% of their family’s wealth to King Yue Fei as military funds. They will also donate a batch of supplies and medicinal herbs to the government to support the plague prevention and resettlement of the refugees..”

Chapter 895 - 895: No Creation Without Breaking

As soon as the news was out, there was another uproar in Xiangping City.

Under the instigation of some people, the commoners all thought that the Bai Residence was trying to curry favor with Yue Fei and escape punishment. They were even more furious.

The next day, Huang Wenxian and General An Yuan went to the Bai Residence.

In front of Huang Wenxian and General An Yuan, the Bai couple counted the Bai family's wealth and handed stacks of banknotes to Huang Wenxian.

After the family assets were handed over, Old Master Bai and Madam Bai

suddenly felt like the dust had settled, as if they had resolved a worry in their hearts. The uneasiness and fear they had been feeling for the past few days were all settled.

Seeing that they were still sensible, Huang Wenxian said, "The Princess asked me to send a message to the two of you. The Bai Residence has worked with the Han Clan for many years, and the stakes are endless. The Bai Residence used Liu Dagen's death to bite the Bai Residence tightly. It's the best situation. There's a saying that there's no making without breaking."

Old Master Bai's expression changed.

Princess Shaoyi's meaning was very clear. The Han Clan would not let the Bai Residence off easily. If they could not deal with the Bai Residence using Liu Dagen's case, they would definitely make a move elsewhere.

The Han Clan and the Bai Residence had been working together for many years. Just as the Bai Residence had a lot of information about the Han Clan, the Han Clan also had information about the Bai Residence.

This was because those weaknesses were more or less related to the Han Clan and were disadvantageous to them. For the time being, the Han Clan would not harm anyone. They had chosen the People's Relief Hall, which had nothing to do with the Han Clan. They could also take this opportunity to target Princess Shaoyi and kill two birds with one stone.

The Bai Residence had suffered a heavy blow because of Zhang Dagen's case. This was the best outcome.

At the very least, Liu Dagen's death was not related to the Bai Residence.

As long as Princess Shaoyi kept her promise and cleared the Bai Residence, there was still a chance for the Bai Residence to make a comeback.

Huang Wenxian continued, "The worse the situation of the Bai Residence now, the more innocent the Bai Residence will be when the grievances are resolved.

The series of preferential activities by the Bai Residence will become a form of repentance. The donation will also become a show of goodwill. The Bai Residence's actions of identifying the Han family will also become the abandonment of the dark and joining the light."

Madam Bai's eyes lit up even more. Since Military Advisor Huang was willing to say this, it meant that the King of the North had decided to accept the Bai Residence's donation.

General An Yuan also said, "As the saying goes, it's good to learn from your mistakes. The more you do now, the better the Bai Residence's future situation will be. The Bai Residence has suffered a huge loss from this calamity. Take it as a lesson. I hope that from now on, you can really follow kindness and establish your trust."

Old Master Bai was extremely excited. He bowed. "I've learned."

As soon as Huang Wenxian and General An Yuan left, the state government office sent troops to surround the Bai Residence. The bailiffs dispersed the commoners blocking the entrance of the Bai Residence. They knocked on the

door of the Bai Residence and summoned the Bai couple into the government office.

In Liu Dagen's case, before there was new evidence, the Bai couple had been summoned to court for trial as suspects.

The case progressed like fire.

The donations from Madam Huang and General Ning Yuan also spread like fire. Although the commoners were poor, they were enthusiastic and straightforward. If they had money to donate, they would also step forward to support their own fields. During the farming season, the commoners were not too busy. The nearby villagers even spontaneously organized the villagers to go up the mountain to pick medicinal herbs to donate.

Medicinal herbs for preventing an epidemic, such as crow-dipper, mugwort, angelica, Cang Zhu, and so on, were all common medicinal herbs.

The medicinal herbs donated by the Xie Residence and the Bai Residence were also sent to Longcheng one after another. As the medicinal herbs and spices under Yu Youyao's name were more complete, some commoners were organized to quickly make all kinds of incense medicine to avoid the epidemic day and night. The Jade Pavilion also made all kinds of incense recipes to be publicized to the commoners through official notices.

The commoners could pick herbs and make the incense themselves.

Using these incense medicine often could also have the effect of preventing illnesses in daily life.

Some commoners were surprised to discover that some of the mild cold symptoms they experienced had actually healed in two to three days because they had used incense medicine that was meant to avoid the epidemic.

When they went to the pharmacy to ask around, they learned that most prescriptions for avoiding the epidemic had the effect of correcting filth, cleaning the air, and dampening the air.

It only took a little time to reduce their illnesses, save on the cost of medicine, and save on the loss of work due to illness. Why not?

It had to be known that the North was short of supplies to begin with, and the price of medicinal herbs was not low. Many commoners could not afford medicine.

For a moment, the fragrance of incense spread throughout Xiangping County and the surrounding small counties. It even showed signs of spreading.

It was as if the Jade Pavilion was on fire,

Even Yu Youyao couldn't help but sigh with emotion when she heard about this. "If it weren't for the fact that those prescriptions were all recorded in the 'Heavenly Fragrance Records' and various incense books, and they were all very rare prescriptions, I almost would have thought that Sister Bai

Kui and Sister Qing Xiu had found someone to put on a show to build momentum for the Jade Pavilion.”

The Jade Pavilion made all kinds of incense medicine to prevent and treat the illnesses of the refugees. From a righteous standpoint, they had established a good business image.

Publicizing the incense prescription was beneficial to the people.

The incense prescription was really effective. This indirectly showed the strength of the Jade Pavilion.

Chun Xiao couldn't help but laugh. “The incense prescription in your hand is all good stuff that was passed down after fierce competition. Only you don't take it seriously. If it were anyone else, they would definitely hide it for their own benefit.’

Putting aside those incense prescriptions, the medicinal herbs and spices used were all common.

However, Chun Xiao knew that the more brilliant a doctor was, the simpler the prescriptions they would prescribe, and the more ordinary the medicinal herbs they would use. For example, Uncle Sun had studied many prescriptions himself. Most of the medicine he used was limited to ten medicinal herbs.

Even for more complicated illnesses, there would not be more than 20 herbs.

It was the same for incense medicine.

The medicinal herbs needed for the Tianze Incense Pill and paste oil that Young Miss had developed had gradually condensed into more than 30 types from the initial hundreds of herbs. Fewer spices and medicinal herbs were used, and it was also simpler.

Not only did it reduce the cost, but the effect was also better.

Yu Youyao chuckled. “There's always a limit to an individual's strength. Only by making the commoners take it seriously can we achieve true prevention. Don't think that just because the refugees have been settled down, there won't be an outbreak of the epidemic.”

Chun Xiao was stunned for a moment. “Isn't that so?”

Yu Youyao shook her head and explained, “The refugees fled to Liaodong.

Along the way, they starved and froze, and their bodies were in bad shape. Now that the disaster hasn't really passed, they're all holding on. When they settle down and have food, they'll relax. Once their breath is released, many people will fall sick. Their illnesses will be contagious to a certain extent. It will spread, and ordinary colds will evolve into a warm plague.”

Some of the incense medicine used to prevent the plague could expel filth and ward off evil. Some could aid in warming and unblocking yang energy, and some could prevent illnesses and nourish the mind. Coupled with some medicine from the government to prevent the epidemic, the effect was immediate.

This was medicinal treatment..

Chapter 896 - 896: Incense Shop

In addition, Chinese medicine also emphasized treating the heart first.

By nurturing a person's mind, it gave them a psychological hint, making them subconsciously believe that after using these medicines, their bodies would be able to resist the disease and they would not fall ill easily.

Chun Xiao came to a realization. "I've heard long ago that many refugees fell sick when they entered the refugee camps. Those refugees finally arrived at the refugee camps after going through hardships. Often, after a hot meal, they would relax and die in one breath.'

The escape had dealt a huge blow to the refugees' bodies, hearts, and minds.

Yu Youyao was stunned when she heard this. She couldn't help but purse her lips. "Do many people die every day?"

Chun Xiao nodded. "I heard that at least a hundred people die every day."

Yu Youyao said after a while, "We can only settle the refugees as soon as possible. It can also prevent a large number of refugees from gathering together. If an epidemic erupts, it will implicate more than a million refugees. There won't be enough doctors and a large number of medicinal herbs will be consumed. This isn't something the North can withstand. Scattering the refugees can reduce the probability of an epidemic happening. Even if the epidemic happens unfortunately, one village or a few villages will be easier to control. It'll be relatively easy to treat."

If there were fewer refugees, they could be effectively controlled and not affect too many people. At the same time, they could also gather resources and treat them.

The scale of the incense shop was very large. There were special people working on washing the medicinal herbs, drying them, making them, and so on. Everyone was efficient and methodical.

Qing Xiu brought Yu Youyao around the incense shop.

Yu Youyao was a little surprised to discover that this manor was very big and had many medicinal herbs and spices planted inside. "So this is a medicinal plantation?"

Qing Xiu nodded. "This manor is located at the foot of the Goddess Peak. It's mostly sloped land and can't grow crops, but it's suitable for planting some common medicinal herbs and spices. There are more than 30,000 acres in total, and more than 300 common medicinal herbs and spices are planted."

Yu Youyao was shocked. "Is it actually so big?"

The land-owning class in the North was very xenophobic, so it was very difficult for outsiders to buy businesses.

Qing Xiu smiled. "Not only is there this medicinal plantation, but we've also bought the forest near it. There's a total of 70,000 to 80,000 acres. In the future, when the incense shop develops, we can still continue to open a medicinal garden. We just have to buy land from the government office. I found the You army, who's in charge of settling the refugees, and picked a group of refugees who know some pharmacology. I signed a long-term contract and asked them to plant medicine. Although we can't be self-sufficient on the medicinal herbs produced by the manor, at least we can resolve the urgent situation and won't be choked by the local medicinal merchants.'

Ever since she came to Xiangping, Yu Youyao had been busy every day and did not have time to care about the incense shop. She had heard a little from Bai Kui earlier and approved of Bai Kui and Qing Xiu's abilities, so she did not pay attention to them anymore.

She did not know that Qing Xiu and Bai Kui had quietly created such a huge facility.

She was shocked. "The medicinal herbs in Liaodong are of high value. This medicinal plantation should be very expensive. How did you and Sister Bai Kui get it?"

When Bai Kui and Qing Xiu came to Liaodong, Yu Youyao had given them a large sum of money to use as they pleased to build the incense shop.

Qing Xiu explained, "The original owner of the medicinal plantation was a medicinal herb merchant in Xi'an. As he was implicated in King Li of Zhou's case, his family's possessions were confiscated and his entire family was exterminated. The businesses under his name were taken back by the Imperial Court. Later on, the Ministry of Revenue and the Ministry of War settled the accounts. Over the years, they owed the You army money and couldn't take out any real money, so they could only give a portion of the confiscated businesses to the You army and hand them over to be dealt with on their behalf. This plantation was bought from the You army through Butler Wen."

Yu Youyao came to a realization. "Although the Imperial Court has handed over the medicinal plantation to the You army to deal with on their behalf, in fact, the You army doesn't have any ownership. They can't farm it, and the sale of businesses has to go through the government. The government will report it to the Imperial Court, and because it implicates King Li of Zhou, ordinary people don't dare to touch it, so it's inevitable that it will fall into their hands."

"This area of the Goddess Peak is only suitable for the growth of medicinal herbs, but it's very troublesome to manage them. Ordinary people can't do it. Most of the medicinal herbs that were originally planted are also unusable.

The price of the manor continues to go down."

Qing Xiu nodded. "This manor was sold for 300 copper coins per acre of wasteland. The land where medicinal herbs and trees are planted is 850 copper coins per acre."

Yu Youyao said in surprise, "We've really gained a lot."

Qing Xiu agreed deeply. "Why were we able to buy this medicinal plantation at such a low price? The land price in the Liaodong area is very low to begin with. It's a pity that this medicinal plantation can't be sold. Furthermore, it's mainly because Butler Wen has stepped in and opened up the connections of the government. When the government found out that you're the one who wants to buy the plantation, there's no need for them to make things difficult for you for a plantation that has nothing to do with them and won't benefit.

Naturally, they're willing to sell you a favor."

Yu Youyao naturally understood this. "There's a lack of supplies in the North, and the value of medicinal herbs is high. The cost of making incense medicine is too high, which limits the target population and production of incense medicine. It also limits the development of the Jade Pavilion.

Buying a medicinal manor allows us to be self-sufficient and can greatly reduce the cost. It's been hard on you during this period of time."

The position of the Jade Pavilion had always been that it had expensive goods. The rich could afford it, but there were also some cheap and beautiful products. Ordinary people could also use it.

In fact, every quarter, there would even be some preferential activities to deal with some of the accumulated goods that were not suitable to be stored for

In the future, the Jade Pavilion would have to supply goods to the entire country or even overseas countries. If the cost was too high, they would probably only be able to earn money after much effort. The two of them entered the incense shop again.

The three-way courtyard was clearly arranged.

Every step of the process was divided into areas, and they were all done by separate small courtyards. There were three small stewards in each small courtyard. One was in charge of the operations of the courtyard, one was in charge of production, and the other was in charge of quality.

In addition, every ten people were divided into teams. Every team was specially in charge of certain medicinal herbs and spices.

After the process was completed, professionals would come over to count, check, and register the information. If there were no problems, they would immediately be sent to the next area for further processing.

The procedures were detailed, and there were many more processes, but the division of responsibilities in each area was also simpler and clearer.

As long as there was a problem with any process, they would directly look for the managers of that area. There would not be a situation where they blamed each other. Everyone's responsibilities were clearly defined. In order to avoid wrongly taking responsibility, they would do things more seriously.

Yu Youyao admired this management method.

At this moment, Bai Kui came over and smiled. "I learned this method from Young Miss. Young Miss wants to rush the making of incense medicine.

Previously, she mentioned that she wanted to separate the process of making incense medicine and let someone be in charge of each step. It gave me a lot of inspiration."

Yu Youyao was very interested..

Chapter 897 - 897: General

"After I returned, I discussed it with Qing Xiu. Qing Xiu knows a bit about incense medicine, so she divided the making of incense medicine into five large areas. There's the incense and medicinal herbs processing area, the mixing area, the half-finished product area, the finished product area, and the quality inspection and distribution area. Every large area was divided into many small districts. The small districts were also divided into processes.

There were separate people in charge and management...”

Yu Youyao listened carefully. “You’ve thought it through. Centralizing power to govern people and dividing power to govern matters is just right.”

Qing Xiu was still a little worried. “There’s one bad thing about doing this, and that’s that we need a lot of manpower. The people we’ve nurtured previously are far from enough. It’s not a problem for the scattered workers to only make some simple incense medicine. In the future, when they make some complicated incense medicine, it won’t work at all. In addition, the monthly salary of the contract workers is also a big expense.”

Yu Youyao said, “The incense shop needs to develop. This isn’t something that can be rushed. I think this batch of scattered workers is quite efficient. Take a look at who can be used and sign a long-term contract with them. The incense medicine production process has been refined, and the process has become simpler. Recruit some people with good personalities and skills, and nurture them according to their needs. I think they’ll be able to get used to it soon. When they do, their production will increase greatly. Making preparations won’t delay the work. This is a good thing.”

To be honest, Bai Kui and Qing Xiu’s actions had already exceeded her expectations. One of them managed matters and the other managed people.

There was no need to mention how they complemented each other. Furthermore, they had also grown up together and were like sisters. They understood each other’s personalities and had a tacit understanding of each other. They had also seen the world with their grandmother. They were simply too hardworking.

If it were her, she wouldn’t be able to do better than them.

Bai Kui changed the topic. “The first batch of incense medicine has been completed. Tomorrow, we’ll send someone to Longcheng. In the future, the incense shop will send goods every ten days until the refugees are completely settled.”

As soon as Yu Youyao returned to the Yu Garden from the incense shop, Shu Yun came over to report, “Young Miss, His Highness is back. He’s waiting for you in the main study.”

“My Nineteenth Brother is back!” Yu Youyao was pleasantly surprised. She quickly picked up her dress and ran to the main study.

The people in the Liaodong area were valiant and did not have so many rules and etiquette. However, Yu Youyao was a daughter of an aristocratic family. In the age of cardamom, men and women had to be more careful with the rules.

As a private residence, the Jiushao Courtyard also had to be avoided. The Yu Garden had arranged for a large study in the front courtyard. Usually, she interacted with her uncles and cousins, as well as external guests in the front courtyard.

Yu Youyao rushed to the main study excitedly. Suddenly, she lightened her footsteps and held her breath, wanting to give Yin Huaixi a “surprise.”

As soon as she approached the door of the study, she heard Yin Huaixi’s voice from inside. “Yin Yi, how’s the situation in the Longcheng camp?”

Yin Yi's voice replied respectfully, "It's still stable at the moment. The Imperial Court has supported us with a batch of food. External merchants and local nobles have donated money and food one after another. However, more and more refugees have been pouring into Longcheng recently. The consumption of supplies is too great. The supplies in the camp are not enough to deal with the consumption of nearly a million clueless refugees."

Yin Huaixi was not surprised. "How long can the supplies last?"

"Five days at most."

Yin Huaixi's expression darkened. "Get the local government to ignore the Imperial Court. Say that the number of refugees is too large and there are insufficient supplies. Request the Imperial Court to continue providing supplies. "

The food support was even less than he had expected.

Yin Yi did not understand. "But the Imperial Court has already gathered a batch of food from the land in the Huguang area. I'm afraid they won't be able to support us anymore..."

Yin Huaixi said calmly, "Do you know why I placed the refugees who fled in Longcheng back then?"

Yin Yi subconsciously said, "Longcheng is beside mountains and rivers, and it's rich in resources. It's affected by the warm and humid climate of the Bohai Sea and the dry and cold climate of the highland in the north. It's a half-dry and half-wet area. In spring and autumn, it's windy and dry, and the temperature is low. It's not easy for germs to breed."

The corners of Yin Huaixi's mouth twitched slightly. "Longcheng also neighbors Hebei and the capital. A large number of refugees have gathered in Longcheng, which will pose a certain threat to the capital and Hebei. The Imperial Court doesn't have food, but..." He smiled meaningfully. "There are many people with food."

Yin Yi was stunned for a moment before he came to a realization. "Do you mean that you want the Imperial Court to collect food from the commoners? Although the area in Hebei has suffered a disaster and the commoners have fled, Hebei is the land of food production in the three provinces of the capital. The food production in this land is more than enough to support the entire three provinces of the capital. There's definitely no lack of food." In Hebei, the wealthy families, merchants, and landowners who owned good farmland did not lack food. They hired a group of strong guards and symbolically donated a batch of supplies to the government to obtain their protection. After closing the door of their residence, they could stay at home and live well.

Yin Huaixi said calmly, "The people who are most worried about the lack of supplies in Liaodong are the officials and nobles of Hebei and the capital. As long as the news of the lack of food in Longcheng is released, the Imperial

Court won't sit back and do nothing, and those large families won't stand by."

In the past, when the refugees fled everywhere, they posed a certain threat to the Imperial Court. However, the refugees did not become powerful. Although the Imperial Court had a headache, they were not afraid.

Now, nearly two million refugees had gathered in the Longcheng area, forming a large-scale gathering. Even the You army might not be able to suppress them.

Once the supplies in Liaodong were exhausted, millions of refugees would flood into Hebei, where there was food, and gather to threaten the capital. Yin Da was shocked.

The Imperial Court had never dreamed that His Highness would gather the refugees in Longcheng wantonly and threaten Hebei and the capital. He was indirectly forcing them to fork out money and food to unite the Imperial Court.

Yin Yi said worriedly, "Aren't you afraid of angering the Imperial Court?"

Yin Huaixi smiled. "What has the obstruction of the national policy got to do with me?"

What bad intentions did King Yue Fei have?

King Yue Fei had only been forced to accept the hot potato thrown by the Imperial Court. He wanted to share the Imperial Court's burdens, but if the nobles did not cooperate, he would also run out of steam!

Yin Yi was stunned.

The Imperial Court had clearly issued a national policy and ordered the nobles of the North to cooperate fully to settle the refugees.

Now that the implementation of the national policy had been obstructed, the refugees could not be evacuated and relocated, causing a large number of refugees to gather in one place. The local nobles would be the first to bear the brunt!

As a threatened Imperial Court, the first thing they had to take their anger out on was the local nobles. Previously, there was the death of King Li of Zhou, and it had yet to change. Later, there were a million refugees who threatened the country. When the new and old accounts were calculated, the nobles would suffer.

Yin Huaixi chuckled. "I've never liked to make myself suffer."

The benefits of taking in refugees were obvious, but behind the benefits, it also represented countless troubles. The safety of the camp, the consumption of supplies, the prevention of the disease, and so on were not things Liaodong could afford.

The best way was to take all the benefits and leave the trouble to others to resolve. He only needed to sit back and reap the benefits..

Chapter 898 - 898: Killing to Stop Killing

Yin Yi calmed down, then looked worried. "However, it takes time for the Imperial Court to collect food. It will take at least half a month. Our current supplies are only enough for five to six days."

Yin Huaixi said calmly, "There's no hurry. Liu Dagen's case will reach the Han

Clan in three to five days at most. Once the Han Clan falls, the nobles in the North will go bankrupt and beg to send a large number of supplies over. It'll be unimaginable how rich the nobles in the North are. At that time, not only will the camp not lack supplies, but they can also distribute food to

the refugees. The You army won't have to worry about military funds and provisions for the next few years."

The Xie family was willing to take the lead and donate most of their assets to teach the nobles of the North a lesson.

Yu Youyao had used the prevention of the epidemic to make a big fuss about this. The Han Clan couldn't hold it in anymore and used Liu Dagen's case to scare the tiger. They planned to take Yu Youyao a notch down.

Instead, their evil nature was revealed by Yu Youyao.

Yu Youyao sat steadily and used Xiangping as a chess piece to control public opinion in Xiangping. She controlled the situation in Xiangping completely and beat them at their own game. She lured out the spies planted by the land-owning class in Xiang Ping and used these spies to pass the news she wanted to pass on to the Han Clan.

The Han Clan, which was far away in Xi'an, suffered from distance, causing the information to be mixed up, so they naturally fell into a trap.

The little girl had originally planned to use the nobles to severely damage the vitality of the land-owning class.

However, in order to scheme against her, the Han Clan had completely angered her. Not only did she want to severely injure the land-owning class, but she also wanted to uproot the land-owning class led by the Han Clan.

Yin Huaixi chuckled. "Killing the chicken to warn the monkey is far more intimidating than knocking on a mountain to scare the tiger."

This was undoubtedly a head-on blow to the nobles of the North. The noble's vitality was greatly damaged, so there was nothing to fear.

Yin Yi looked excited. "The Princess is really a hero among women. His Highness is scheming outside, so it's inevitable that he'll lose sight of one thing and can't take into account the situation in the North. Ever since the Princess came to the North, she's been cooperating with you inside and out, and all the problems that are troubling His Highness have been easily resolved.'

The resources donated to the camp had to go through the government and not fall into His Highness's hands. However, now that His Highness was powerful, the bulk of the money had to be donated to him to achieve the goal of seeking favor with him and maximize the value of this money.

Like the Xie Residence, the Bai Residence had donated 50% of their wealth to His Highness.

Meanwhile, 20% of their wealth was used to buy medicine, which was donated to the government.

Yin Huaixi's smile deepened. He changed the topic and asked, "Previously, I heard that Longcheng has already started the resettlement of the refugees, right?" He frowned, clearly not agreeing with this. "I've instructed earlier that the refugees taken in by Longcheng are all from the northwest. They have to be placed in the refugee camps first and observed for a while. Send the people of Liaodong to interact more with them and help them understand the people's customs and relationships. After confirming that there are no problems, we'll make arrangements."

The people of various places had different customs and relationships. If they rashly fused, there would be chaos.

Yin Yi said helplessly, "It's also because of the pressure of supplies that we had no choice but to first arrange for a group of refugees, who know literature and are proficient in a skill, and their relatives to be placed in the businesses under the Princess, the Xie family, and you. Previously, the supplies donated by the nobles were very limited. It was only after the Xie family stood out that the nobles donated another batch of supplies one after another to prevent others from gossiping. Otherwise, the supplies wouldn't have lasted for more than five days."

The nobles were indeed holding out hope until they were faced with the grim reality. Yin Huaixi frowned. "Have you confirmed that there's no problem?"

Yin Yi hurriedly said, "Your Highness, don't worry. The 3,000-man Hidden Dragon Army has been divided into parts and disguised as refugees to mix in the various refugee camps to eliminate the threats hidden among the refugees. They've all been on the battlefield for a long time and have been through hundreds of battles. The methods of the refugees can't be hidden from them. Therefore, the group of people who were arranged in advance are all well-known and have been screened many times."

Yin Huaixi's voice was indifferent and sharp. "I'd rather kill a hundred wrongly than let anyone off. Don't cause trouble for the Princess and the Xie family."

None of the refugees who could survive the famine and escape all the way to Liaodong were simple. Although the refugees were pitiful, there were definitely many hidden dangers.

He had long arranged for people to eliminate these hidden dangers.

Yin Yi's expression turned cold. "Yes!"

Yin Huaixi was clearly worried. "True evil only occurs zero times, or countless times. In the refugee camp, there are the You army and the government on guard. They don't dare to be rash. Once they're settled and out of the sight of the You army and the government, all kinds of monsters will appear. Continue to send people to keep an eye on them."

Yu Youyao gasped. Chun Xiao had mentioned to her earlier that many people died every day in the refugee camp. Although she couldn't bear to see it happen, she didn't suspect anything.

Unexpectedly, she was still too naive.

In the desolate era, the tragic matter of starving people eating each other was not uncommon in history. There were countless people who had lost their morals. What right did Yin Huaixi have to receive refugees on such a grand scale?

What right did he have to maintain stability in the refugee camp?

He would rather kill a hundred wrongly than let anyone off.

Killing to stop killing was cruel and iron-blooded.

The Hidden Dragon Army harvested human lives every day, but no one suspected anything. This was because the refugees had endured hunger and cold, and their bodies had long suffered. Chun Xiao knew that many people died in the refugee camp every day. It was very normal!

At this moment, the study suddenly fell silent.

After a while, Yin Huaixi rubbed his forehead. "Come in!"

He had not slept for a few days in a row, making him rather tired. After returning to the Yu Garden, as soon as he relaxed, he inevitably lost his vigilance.

Yu Youyao took a deep breath and pushed open the door to the study.

Yin Huaixi stood by the window and was trimming the cinnabar orchid. The cinnabar orchid liked warmth and moisture. After reaching Xiangping, it withered a little because the climate was colder.

Yu Youyao had specially found a flower farmer who was good at tending to orchids to take good care of them. Only then could it barely survive.

She suddenly stopped in her tracks and looked at Yin Huaixi's back from a few steps away. She suddenly realized that after not seeing him for a long time, he seemed to have lost a lot of weight. The thin clothes stuck to his body, making him look even broader, narrow-shouldered, and extremely thin. Yin Huaixi put down the scissors and turned to look at her. "Come here."
"Nineteenth Brother..." Yu Youyao reacted and quickly went forward.

Before she could react, she was pulled into Yin Huaixi's arms. His arms were abnormally firm, and he exuded the aura of a traveler after a long journey.

Yu Youyao's heart ached, and her voice was muffled. "When did you come back? If I had known, I would have gone out today."

"I've only just arrived at the Yu Garden." Yin Huaixi heard that her tone was as intimate and concerned as before, and a smile appeared in his eyes. "Looking at the time, I thought that you would be back soon, so I didn't look for you."

At the same time, he wanted to understand the exact situation of Xiangping..

Chapter 899 - 899: Angry and Heartbroken

Yu Youyao pursed her lips. "Why have you grown so much taller?"

Yin Huaixi lowered his head and saw the little girl leaning obediently in his arms. Her head had just reached his chest, making her look slender and petite.

Quanzhou was in the south, and their people were a little shorter than the northerners. The women were generally about 1.6 meters tall, making them look petite and exquisite.

Yu Youyao had taken after her mother, Madam Xie. She had been petite since she was young. Even if she was a little chubby, she did not look clumsy or fat.

Instead, she looked even more delicate and cute.

Yu Youyao looked depressed. "After arriving in Liaodong, I've become a shortie. When I go out for a walk, everyone is taller than me. Dong Mei has changed my hair into a high hairstyle, and I wear a small crown. The embroidered shoes I wear outside have also been changed to double-layered soles."

Yin Huaixi pursed his lips tightly, but the corners of his mouth twitched uncontrollably.

He estimated that the little girl was about 1.56 meters tall. At this speed, she would be around 1.63 meters tall by the time she was 16 years old.

Seeing that he was silent, Yu Youyao was a little angry. She looked up at him. "Why aren't you saying anything? Do you think I'm short too?"

The little girl's eyes widened as she stared at him with an unfriendly expression. Yin Huaixi's tiger body trembled. "Southern women are generally 1.56 meters to 1.63 meters tall, about the same height as you. This is called being petite and exquisite. You're still young. In the future, you'll grow taller.

In a few years, you'll definitely be taller than many southern women."

Thank you, she wasn't comforted. "Will I be taller than short women?"

Yin Huaixi's scalp went numb. "Military Advisor Huang and General An Yuan were born and raised in the mountains. They also have Ruzhen bloodline. They're tall and strong. Don't just think that I'm tall. Compared to them, I'm still a little inferior.'

Emperor Gaozu had personally conquered the north and scattered the Ruzhen race on the grassland. The Ruzhen race was forced to move south and settle down in the area of Anshan. In order to win people's hearts, Emperor Gaozu had given the Ruzhen race autonomy.

Later, the Ruzhen people married local Han people and integrated into Han

However, the people in the Anshan area still maintained the habits of living in the grassland. They liked to eat beef and mutton and were very tall and strong. The valiant nature of the grassland people flowed in their blood, and many people had joined the army.

Yu Youyao tried to think. What if Yin Huaixi, who was noble and virtuous, had a handsome face and a stocky build?

In the next moment!

She was shocked by herself and suddenly shivered. She quickly shook her head vigorously to expel the "cold" image in her mind.

The scene was too beautiful to look at.

Yin Huaixi let go of her. He did not pay much attention to dogma, nor was he a person who followed the rules. His little bit of self-restraint was used on her.

He quickly changed the topic. "Are you used to living in the Yu Garden?"

"It's quite good." Yu Youyao did not dwell on it anymore and nodded. "I heard from Uncle Sun that the feng Shui layout in the Yu Garden was meticulously arranged by you. I'm not unaccustomed to it."

Seeing that she looked good, Yin Huaixi asked, "How's your health?"

"I've been staying in the Yu Garden all day and Nanny Xu is taking care of me. What's wrong with that?! On the other hand, you..." Yu Youyao glared at him

angrily and said angrily, "Your eyes are green and black. Tell me, how long has it been since you've had a good rest?"

Yin Huaixi felt that he was in the wrong and tactfully shut his mouth.

Seeing his guilty expression, Yu Youyao stomped her feet in anger. "Didn't I tell you that although your leg has recovered, your body has been crippled for many years? You have to take advantage of your youth to recuperate well before you can completely recover. Why didn't you listen?"

Yin Huaixi quickly said, "It's not that I didn't listen to you. I'm using the incense medicine you prepared for me every day."

Yu Youyao was angry and her heart ached. She couldn't help but feel a lump in her throat and her eyes turn red. "Don't push yourself too hard. I'll be able to help you gather a batch of medicinal herbs and food soon. The matter of settling the refugees can wait a little longer."

A smile appeared in Yin Huaixi's eyes. "Alright, I'll rest in Xiangping for three days before leaving for Longcheng."

He had originally planned to set off for Longcheng tomorrow morning.

Yu Youyao did not expect him to leave so soon. She was a little disappointed. Thinking of Yin Huaixi's conversation with Yin Yi just now, she guessed that the situation in Longcheng was far from stable.

She suppressed the bitterness in her heart and quickly said, "By the way, are you hungry? You've been back for so long. Have you eaten? I'll arrange for the servants to prepare a bath for you first, then I'll go to the small kitchen to make some simple food for you. Have some snacks first to fill your stomach."

Don't be hungry..."

As she spoke, she turned to leave...

Yin Huaixi suddenly held her hand. "Get the servants to prepare!"

Yu Youyao was a little hesitant. She was worried that the servants would not prepare well.

Yin Huaixi pulled her to the bed table at the side. "Stay and accompany me for a while."

Yu Youyao could only nod. She quickly called Chun Xiao over and instructed her to go down and prepare a bath and food. Considering that Yin Huaixi had been on the move, she repeatedly emphasized that the food had to be light and appetizing.

"I brought you a gift." Yin Huaixi smiled and took out a handkerchief from his pocket. He lifted the handkerchief, revealing a silk-patterned jade bracelet on it.

The jade bracelet was delicate and smooth, with a flawless luster. It was as white as suet and as yellow as dried tangerine peel. The rarest thing was that the dark color had already reached the color of chicken blood. It was thick and pure.

Yu Youyao was pleasantly surprised. "What jade is this?"

“It’s a river millstone jade produced by Xiuyan.” Yin Huaixi held her left hand and put the silk-patterned jade bracelet on her wrist. “It has five colors, namely white, yellow, orange, red, and pastel orange. It’s a rare colorful flower jade. You can admire it.”

The jade mines in Xiuyan were rich in resources and produced the most jade materials, so the value of the jade was low. However, old jade like the river millstone jade had already reached the quality of Hetian Jade, so it was still very expensive.

Meanwhile, the colorful jade was born from the essence of the mountains, rivers, sun, and moon. It was the best of the best.

The jade bracelet was stuck in between his thumb and index finger. Yin Huaixi pressed his hand and easily pushed the jade onto Yu Youyao’s wrist. It was the right size.

“It’s really beautiful.” Yu Youyao fiddled with the silk-patterned jade bracelet in her hand happily. A complete piece of jade was made into three separate and intertwined jade hoops. Each jade hoop was only a little thicker than a noodle strand. When the three jade hoops were intertwined, they did not look clumsy. Instead, they exuded a dexterous and meticulous beauty.

“I didn’t expect you to know the craftsmanship of silk-patterned jade. I heard that this craftsmanship is about to be lost.” She shook her wrist gently, and the three jade hoops seemed to come to life, wrapping around her fair wrist and making a light and pleasant sound.

An entire piece of jade was used. The jade was dug out bit by bit to empty the core. When it came to this kind of craftsmanship, one also had to be picky with the material. As long as there was the slightest flaw, the jade material would directly crack during the carving process..

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Seeing that she liked it, Yin Huaixi’s smile deepened. “Anshan is rich in jade materials. The people of Anshan have lived in Anshan for generations and are proficient in many lost jade crafts. I also learned it from the local people.”

He was proficient in jade carving to begin with. No matter how difficult the craftsmanship of the silk jade was, it would not change. Now that he knew the method and had the right tools, it was not difficult to learn.

However, silk jade was not easy to make. A finished product would take at least a month, or even months. As soon as he arrived at Anshan, he started making it. It took more than a month.

Yu Youyao quickly said, “Thank you, Nineteenth Brother.”

Yin Huaixi took the red pine wooden box from the bed table and slowly opened it. “The Xiuyan jade is extremely transparent and the color is pure and bright. I made you a set of makeup boxes.”

Yu Youyao was quickly attracted by the exquisitely carved containers of different sizes and shapes in the box.

They were made to be thin. They were as thin as an eggshell and resembled glass. They were flawless. "Use these containers to store the usual brow powder, lipstick, balm, makeup, and so on. It will definitely look good."

After the surprise, Yu Youyao couldn't help but glare at him. "You're already so busy. You don't even have time to rest. Why are you still helping me make this?"

She expressed her duplicity vividly.

Yin Huaixi held back his laughter. "You've been in Xiangping for so long, but I haven't had time to accompany you. I just hope that you'll be happier when you receive the gift."

Yu Youyao smiled.

At this moment, Chun Xiao came over. "Young Miss, the medicinal bath has been prepared. Your Highness, please move to The Green House."

Yin Huaixi's gaze darkened. "The Green House?"

For some reason, Yu Youyao felt a little flustered by his deep gaze. "There are many courtyards in the Yu Garden, so I prepared a small courtyard for you and Brother Si in the front courtyard. I named it after the small courtyard you used to have in the Yu Residence. It'll be more convenient for you to travel usually..."

Actually, she also knew that this was a little inappropriate.

She and Yu Shansi were siblings of the same blood. It was necessary to prepare a courtyard for him.

However, Yin Huaixi was an outsider. Even though the people of Liaodong were valiant, they still had to maintain the etiquette between men and women.

When she was preparing the courtyard, she did not think of anything messy. It was just a thought. In addition, Yin Huaixi would come and go from the Yu Garden in the future, so it was convenient to have a place to stay.

After all, she was a Princess. Ordinary etiquette teachings could not restrain her. Even if there was something wrong, as long as she avoided it in front of others, it was fine.

Now that he had "looked at" her, she suddenly felt so embarrassed that she couldn't resist his gaze. She couldn't help but lower her head. "I—I've asked my Grandmother. She said that I'm already a Princess. The entire Yu Garden is heavily guarded, and the servants have also been carefully selected after careful training. The commoners in the Liaodong area are deeply influenced by the Northern Barbarians. As they suffer from the war all year round and the nobles are rampant, they don't pay too much attention to etiquette and teachings, so I don't have to be too restricted."

However, although her grandmother did not object, she did not support it. This was how she and Yin Huaixi had interacted in the Yu Residence in the past. Now, it was clearly impossible to ask them to be distant and avoid each other.

After all, they had an alliance, and the Xie family was unwilling to distance themselves from her.

Therefore, her grandmother had privately warned her that it was not impossible for her to get close to Yin Huaixi in private. However, they could not do things that single men and women did together.

Yin Huaixi's smile deepened. "Old Madam is right. Cousin's arrangements are really..." He leaned closer to Yu Youyao and lowered his voice, revealing a smile. "I like them!"

Yu Youyao looked a little flustered. "As long as you like it!" Without waiting for Yin Huaixi to reply, she quickly stood up. "I— I'll go to the small kitchen to take a look first."

As she spoke, she was about to leave.

Yin Huaixi held her hand again.

Perhaps because she was too nervous, Yu Youyao subconsciously struggled twice and was a little angry. "What are you doing?!"

Yin Huaixi suddenly said, "What I want to accept is the commoners who really want to settle down and live well, not morally and heartlessly animals."

Yu Youyao was stunned for a moment before she immediately reacted. Yin Huaixi was explaining to her. She burst out laughing. "You also said that those people are morally depraved and no longer worthy of being called humans. Why would I be angry with you for the sake of animals?" As she spoke, she pursed her lips and said unhappily, "Could it be that in your eyes, I'm that kind of person?"

Yin Huaixi couldn't help but suffocate. He suddenly felt like he had shot himself in the foot.

Yu Youyao narrowed her eyes at him with an unfriendly expression.

Yin Huaixi braced himself and said, "The refugees in the camp have all fled from all over the country. There are more than a million refugees gathered in Hebei, Shanxi, Shaanxi, Gansu, and Ningxia. Their language, customs, and living habits are different. In order to survive, they formed cliques. Due to all kinds of friction, there have been many violent conflicts, and many innocent people have died."

Yu Youyao pursed her lips. She had not considered this question before.

Yin Huaixi said, "It's impossible for the You army to manage everything. Even if they manage the two million refugees, they won't be able to manage them all. The government has limited manpower, so they might not be able to control them. Moreover, our supplies are limited. Let them eliminate themselves and integrate themselves. We can naturally eliminate a group of restless people and leave more supplies to those who need them more. Although it's very cruel, if we can't kill some potential threats in the refugee camps, there will be endless trouble in the future."

The law did not punish everyone. How could a group of people be held accountable for their crimes?

They were just some trivial matters. One party said that they were in the right, while the other party said that they were also in the right. It was difficult for an honest official to resolve family matters. How should they be dealt with?

It wasn't that she didn't want to care, but she couldn't.

Meanwhile, the refugees had endured hunger and cold all the way to Liaodong. Everyone was holding back their anger. If they did not flare up, it would cause a disaster in the future.

This was the truth of the refugee camp. There were disputes every day, and many people died every day. However, Yu Youyao couldn't say that Yin Huaixi was wrong.

In fact, she knew very well that this was the most appropriate thing to do. In the end, she was too naive. Yu Youyao sighed softly. "I understand."

Yin Huaixi heaved a sigh of relief. "I don't think you're muddle-headed. I'm just worried that you'll feel terrible when you find out about this."

If one wanted to inherit merit, they had to inherit its weight.

As soon as Yu Youyao stepped into the territory of Liaodong, she knew that she had the reputation of a living Bodhisattva in the Liaodong area. She knew very well that her status as a Princess was not so much a gift from the Imperial Court as a gift from the commoners. It was precisely because she was so famous in Liaodong that the Imperial Court did not dare to be negligent.

Therefore, she racked her brains to make a living for the refugees.

She had spent a lot of effort on the refugees. No one hoped more than her that the refugees could settle down in Liaodong and not suffer from famine

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