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Chapter 1501: Untitled

The empress dowager wasn't exactly nice toward them.

To be more precise, the empress dowager was quite nonchalant toward everyone except for Jun Linyuan.

"Your Majesty —"

Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo knelt down to pay their respects.

The empress dowager was excited at first, but her face darkened when she saw that they had come here empty-handed.

The two ladies could sense the change in her mood, but they had no idea what was going on...

"What are you here for?" The empress dowager stared at them.

Mrs Dugu smiled and said, "Your Majesty, we just thought we should visit you. Are you feeling better?"

The empress dowager snorted. "How much better can I get? What's there to see?"

Mrs Dugu looked rather embarrassed when she heard that.

Just then, Granny Lan came in with a food tray.

The empress dowager looked even more displeased when she saw it, and her face was very dark now.

Seeing the way the old lady frowned like a child, Granny Lan smiled wryly. "Your Majesty, I've brought you your meal."

She then opened the food boxes and set the table.

The boxes contained all kinds of boiled vegetables and fruit with no added sugar, salt, or oil. It was rather unappetizing.

The empress dowager already had to put up with the diet for half a month and had reached her limit.

"Take it away! I'm not eating it! Never!" The empress dowager threw a tantrum like a child.

Granny Lan smiled bitterly. "Your Majesty, you said it yourself: this diet is doing great things for your recovery. Plus, your diet can go back to normal in a few days. Please bear with it for a bit longer."

The empress dowager glared at Granny Lan and pushed the tray away. She then said angrily, "I've been eating it for over two weeks! That's how long it's been! One more bite and I'll throw up! Take them away! I'd rather starve to death!"

Granny Lan smiled wryly.

The empress dowager hadn't been able to move around a few days ago, so she didn't have much appetite and didn't eat much. However, as she got better and her tastebuds started working again, it was getting harder and harder to get her to eat.

“But —”

“Take them away! Right now!”

“But —”

“Did you not hear me?!” With her unfulfilled appetite, the empress dowager was very grumpy.

The two ladies exchanged looks, and Mrs Zuo was the first to figure it out. She then came up with a plan.

She frowned at Granny Lan and said, “Granny Lan, is that what you’ve been feeding Her Majesty? How dare you?”

Feeling wronged, Granny Lan looked at Mrs Zuo in resignation. “My lady, here’s the thing. Her Majesty fell sick earlier, and this diet was set by the physician. It’ll help Her Majesty with her recovery.”

Mrs Zuo rolled up her sleeves. “Really? By a physician? Which one? I’d like to ask them why they would abuse Her Majesty like this.”

Hearing that someone was on her side, the old lady immediately regarded Mrs Zuo as her new best friend. Taking Mrs Zuo’s hand, she turned around and glared at Granny Lan. “That’s right! Which physician gave you that instruction? Bring him here! I’d like to know why he’s abusing me like this and if he has a death wish!”

Granny Lan felt so awkward.

Chapter 1502: It... Was... Her?!!!

Because the empress dowager didn’t like Feng Wu, no one had told her that Feng Wu was her savior to begin with, and that this diet was her design as well.

“Was it Master Chu? I ran into him on my way here, but he didn’t say anything about the diet.” Mrs Zuo was smirking inwardly.

She knew what everyone was trying to hide and what the empress dowager hated. If the news had to come out eventually, why not now?

Granny Lan said, “Well...”

She darted a warning glance at Mrs Zuo, hoping that she wouldn’t create more trouble.

However, Mrs Zuo had made up her mind, and Granny Lan just wasn’t important enough to stop her.

The empress dowager frowned. “Didn’t Master Chu prescribe this diet?”

Granny Lan said, “Well...”

Seeing the way Granny Lan stammered, the empress dowager immediately saw what was going on. She grabbed Granny Lan and stared at her with cold, sharp eyes.

She said, “Granny Lan, you’ve worked in the palace all your life. You grew up with me, entered the palace with me, and you were there the entire time until I became who I am. But now, you’re keeping things from me? Speak! What’s this about?!”

Once the empress dowager saw what was going on, it wasn't that easy to fool her anymore. Seeing that things were getting out of hand, Granny Lan shot warning glances at the young maids outside so that they could inform Emperor Wu.

However, the two ladies had also come with maids, and they were doing everything they could stop the young maids. Hence —

“Do you want me to kill you with my own hands?!”

The empress dowager stared at Granny Lan with eyes that could spit fire!

After eating food without salt, sugar, or oil for over two weeks, the empress dowager was on the verge of breaking down.

Sighing inwardly, Granny Lan said sorry to Feng Wu in her head, and —

“Your Majesty, please don't get excited. Can you sit down and hear me out?”

Having served the empress dowager for so many years, Granny Lan was able to calm the empress dowager down with a few sentences and made her sit down.

“Tell me now!” The empress dowager glowered.

Granny Lan crouched down in front of the empress dowager, held her hands, and looked into her eyes.

She said, “Your Majesty, we didn't mean to keep it from you, but because of your condition earlier, we decided to keep you in the dark for the time being, but we didn't mean to. Your health is always our priority.”

The empress dowager wasn't as angry when she heard that. She snorted with a stern look on her face. “Speak!”

Granny Lan smiled bitterly. “Your condition was so severe two weeks ago that your life was hanging in the balance, but Master Chu... He had no confidence in curing Your Majesty at all.”

“What?!” The empress dowager stared at Granny Lan. “It wasn't Master Chu who saved me?!”

Granny Lan kept her gaze on the empress dowager and nodded solemnly.

“It wasn't him? That's impossible —” The empress dowager was dumbfounded. “Master Chu is the most capable imperial physician in the convoy this time. If he couldn't help me, who did it in the end —”

All of a sudden!

An idea struck her.

And the idea astonished her.

She looked like she had been struck by lightning.

“It... was... her?!!!”

Chapter 1503: Untitled

The empress dowager was completely dumbfounded.

Taking the empress dowager's hands, Granny Lan looked solemnly into her eyes. "Your Majesty, we all know that you don't like her, nor would you accept her treatment, but it was very urgent —"

"How dare you?! How?!!!"

The empress dowager threw Granny Lan's hands off and glared at her. "You people know perfectly well how much I dislike her, but you still did it! Damn you all!"

She was so infuriated that she saw stars. She stumbled and almost fainted.

"Your Majesty —"

Everyone cried out in astonishment.

Granny Lan caught the old lady in time.

"Go get the doctor! Now!" she said hastily.

Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo exchanged awkward looks.

Only then did they start feeling scared.

If something really happened to the empress dowager, His Majesty would definitely punish them for it.

Master Chu's tent was only a short distance away, so he arrived in no time.

He frowned after examining the empress dowager and said, "Her Majesty was just too angry, hence the episode. Luckily, we still have the dragon wood fiber powder from Miss Feng Wu. Otherwise, I can't imagine what could have happened."

After that, Master Chu took a bottle out of his sleeve, unplugged it, and gave Granny Lan instructions. "Fill a small bowl with some warm water, melt a spoon of the powder in it, and feed it to Her Majesty."

Granny Lan hesitated.

Master Chu prompted her, "Do it now. Otherwise, Her Majesty's health may be damaged."

Granny Lan took a deep breath, glanced at the two ladies, and remained silent.

The two ladies suddenly had a bad feeling, and Mrs Zuo was acutely aware of it, so she suggested that they leave.

Hasty footsteps came from outside.

And Emperor Wu rushed into the room at that moment.

"How's Her Majesty doing?!" Emperor Wu looked concerned.

Master Chu then told Emperor Wu the diagnosis.

"It was because of anger?" Emperor Wu's darkened even more. "How did that happen? Why was Her Majesty angry? Who did that to her?!"

Granny Lan stared at Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo.

Mrs Zuo's survival instinct kicked in, and she immediately realized that Granny Lan was going to tell the truth, so she spoke first. "Your Majesty, Her Majesty was mad at Miss Feng Wu, because she learned that Feng Wu was her doctor."

It was nicely done, and Emperor Wu was immediately angry at Feng Wu.

"Get Feng Wu here —"

"Your Majesty." Just then, Granny Lan calmly interjected. She bowed at Emperor Wu and spoke in an unperturbed tone. "Her Majesty didn't know at first —"

The two ladies glared at Granny Lan.

"How dare you?!"

However, they had underestimated Granny Lan's aplomb and courage.

Keeping her gaze on Emperor Wu, Granny Lan said, "Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo worked together to reveal the truth to Her Majesty, which was why Her Majesty fainted in an infuriated state."

Emperor Wu stared at Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo with cold, murderous eyes.

He looked like he was ready to kill someone!

Because he had made it very clear that no one was to reveal the truth to the empress dowager!

But these two people!

"Your Majesty, please forgive us!" Frightened, Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo dropped to their knees and trembled from head to toe.

Chapter 1504: Untitled

"How dare the two of you?!" Emperor Wu was furious. "This is unacceptable!"

"Your Majesty, please forgive us —"

Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo pounded their foreheads on the floor.

"After what you did, do you actually expect me to forgive you? In your dreams!" Emperor Wu had been very frustrated to begin with, and he just vented all at once.

"Take them out and flog them twenty times each!" Emperor Wu gave the order.

WHAT?!

Everyone was dumbfounded!

So were Mrs Zuo and Mrs Dugu!

They couldn't believe their ears.

The emperor usually only punished his officials, and the punishment hardly ever extended to their family members, let alone was anything as humiliating as flogging.

Because those who were flogged would have their pants removed so that their lower torsos were naked!

“No —”

Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo went pale in fright and almost fainted.

If they really were flogged, they would lose their dignity for good.

“No — please don’t — Your Majesty, please forgive us. Please —” Mrs Zuo wrapped her arms around Emperor Wu’s thigh and whimpered. “Your Majesty, please forgive us. Please! We’ll never do it again! It was all our fault —”

That punishment was simply unimaginable!

Empress Dugu had arrived, and her face was very dark as well.

Mrs Dugu was her sister-in-law, and Mrs Zuo was her sister. If these two women were flogged, Empress Dugu would be humiliated as well.

“Your Majesty, please don’t be mad —”

Empress Dugu pleaded for the two women.

She reasoned with him, laid out all the facts, and tried to persuade him as tears ran down her cheeks.

“Your Majesty, please don’t flog them. Even if Your Majesty has to flog someone, it shouldn’t be them. Please consider their dignity...”

Emperor Wu calmed down slightly, but it wasn’t enough to appease him.

He said, “They can’t be flogged? Great! Get Zuo Ming and Dugu Wangwo here and flog them fifty times each! Now!”

WHAT?!

Everyone was dumbfounded.

“What?”

“Why?”

“Your Majesty, please don’t —”

Mrs Zuo felt desperate. If Zuo Ming knew that she was the reason he was going to be flogged, he would hate her!

Mrs Dugu thought the same.

However, Emperor Wu had made up his mind, and he wasn’t going to cut them loose.

Poor Master Zuo and Master Dugu. Right now, they were standing there with hands behind their backs as they watched Feng Wu banter with Feng Xun and Xuan Yi.

Master Zuo said in a contemptuous tone, "This Feng Wu is such a superficial and restless girl. No wonder Brother Feng doesn't like her. She's such a troublemaker."

Master Dugu nodded. "That's right. A daughter like that is bound to bring trouble to a family."

Master Zuo said, "One should always marry a woman for her virtue, such as our wives. With a good wife, for the next three generations..."

However, an army marched toward them before he could finish.

It was led by the chief steward.

"Sir, where are you heading?"

The chief steward was quite a respected figure, and even someone like Zuo Ming would treat him appropriately.

However, the chief steward had a very stern look on his face, which was very rare, because he always had a smile.

Behind him, the army looked very aggressive.

"Are those His Majesty's imperial guards? What's going on? Is there an assassin?" Master Dugu was perplexed.

Chapter 1505: Untitled

The chief steward smiled slightly. "No, there's no assassin. But my lords, the two of you are in trouble."

Seeing the aggressive looks in the guards' eyes, Master Zuo felt his stomach turn.

"What do you mean..." Master Zuo's voice trembled.

The chief steward took out his token of authority and gave a wave of his hand. "Take them down!"

Huh?

Master Zuo and Master Dugu were both dumbfounded!

The imperial guards only took orders from the people who held Emperor Wu's token, and ignored everyone else.

Immediately, four stalwart men stepped out of the team and charged at the two masters.

"Sir, what's this about?!" Zuo Ming glared at the chief steward.

It was quite a scene. After all, Master Zuo and Master Dugu were getting arrested.

With their official status, it was quite a terrifying thing to witness.

Hence, all eyes turned their way.

Even Feng Wu and Feng Xun, who had been messing around, looked this way with smiles on their faces.

The chief steward raised his token and said, "Fetch a bench, pin them down on it, and flog them fifty times each!"

OMG —

The others were still hoping that the chief steward was only joking.

But what was happening was so real that they didn't know how to react.

Zuo Ming yelled, "This has to be a mistake! Sir, please let me explain!"

However, the chief steward looked very stern and was as grave as a judge.

"Flog them! Now!"

Now that he had finally gotten the chance, of course the chief steward would make sure that they paid the price.

The guards all had aggressive and murderous looks in their eyes, and they were incredibly strong.

No matter how Master Zuo and Master Dugu struggled, they were pinned down like helpless chickens.

"Flog them now! This is His Majesty's order!" The chief steward brought up the emperor.

Master Dugu and Master Zuo felt like crying.

They had no idea what this was about.

The others all watched in astonishment.

Two high-ranking officials were being flogged in front of everyone, which was so humiliating.

What a disgrace!

Mrs Zuo and Mrs Dugu had been released, and they almost broke down when they saw their husbands getting punished from a short distance away.

"Sister-in-law... what are we going to do now?" Mrs Zuo was almost in tears.

Mrs Dugu was equally distressed.

If their husbands knew that they had to go through this all because their wives had said too much... It would be a disaster!

Their husbands would probably hate them forever!

"Sister, don't say a word. We're going to take this secret to the grave without telling another soul. Remember?" Mrs Dugu stared at Mrs Zuo.

Mrs Zuo nodded as she cried.

They couldn't bring themselves to watch anymore, because they were worried that their guilt would give them away if they stayed any longer.

“Why?! Even if you have to kill me, we still deserve an answer! Sir, why is this happening? What did we do?!”

The chief steward smirked. “You didn’t do anything wrong except marry the wrong women! Ask them when you get back home!”

After the flogging, both Master Dugu and Master Zuo were too weak to even stand up, so the chief steward had someone carry them back.

“Go back to whatever you were doing!”

The crowd scattered, but the gossip wouldn’t go away that easily.

Chapter 1506: Untitled

Everyone was intrigued by the chief steward’s words.

They had married the wrong women?

So, was it Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo’s fault?

While the men were being flogged, Feng Wu was still roasting fish.

She listened to what was going on as she unhurriedly roasted the fish, as if it was nothing out of the ordinary.

Feng Xun said, “Hey, little Feng Wu, Master Zuo and Master Dugu are getting flogged. Aren’t you a little bit curious?”

Feng Wu asked, “About what?”

Feng Xun said, “Don’t you want to know why they’re being punished?”

Feng Wu nodded.

Feng Xun grinned, flashing his perfectly white teeth. “Little Feng Wu, you do want to know, don’t you?”

Feng Wu didn’t say a word.

Crossing his hands behind his back and raising his chin, Feng Xun gloated. “Beg me now, and I’ll go ask around for you. I’m very good at gathering information, and I can always get the information I want.”

Feng Wu said, “I know.”

Feng Xun stared at her. “What do you know?”

Feng Wu gave him a “you idiot” look. “I know why Master Zuo and Master Dugu are being punished.”

“You know? How? What do you know?” Feng Xun asked.

Feng Wu said in resignation, “How can I not know? Didn’t the chief steward tell us already? He said that they were suffering because of their wives.”

Feng Xun said, “Yes, the chief steward did say that, but that was all. He didn’t say anything else.”

Feng Wu said, "Are you an idiot? The chief steward might have only said that, but the meaning behind it is very obvious. All you need is some simple deduction."

Feng Xun asked, "What do you think, then?"

Feng Wu said, "It's simple. Mrs Dugu and Mrs Zuo upset Her Majesty to the point that she passed out from her rage. His Majesty was so furious that he wanted to flog Mrs Zuo and Mrs Dugu, but Empress Dugu begged for His Majesty's forgiveness, so the husbands got flogged instead."

Feng Wu's reasoning was well-rounded and clear, which dumbfounded Feng Xun.

"You — you got all that from the chief steward's one sentence?" If that was true, Feng Wu had to be clairvoyant.

Feng Wu chuckled. "You believe that?"

Feng Xun said, "Huh?"

Feng Wu said, "Master Chu was worried that he would do something wrong and aggravate Her Majesty's condition when she fell ill, so he came to ask for my advice. Before he could do that, he had to tell me everything."

She gave Feng Xun a gloating smile after she said that.

Feng Xun was rendered speechless.

He couldn't help but flick Feng Wu's forehead with a finger. "You naughty girl! You almost got me!"

Feng Wu laughed.

"Poor Master Zuo and Master Dugu. If they find out what happened, they'll hate their wives."

Feng Xun said, "That's for sure. His Majesty was so ruthless."

"If I were His Majesty —" Feng Wu smiled a little. "I would never let those two ladies go unpunished. They haven't paid the price yet."

"Do you have a plan?" Feng Xun was very interested in punishing the two mean ladies.

"If it were up to me, I would send the two men some beautiful women — gentle, talented young women, to be precise. The younger and prettier they are, the more damage they'll do."

Chapter 1507: Untitled

Feng Xun's eyes lit up, and he kept his gaze on Feng Wu.

The girl was so clever. She was able to kill subtly without spilling any blood.

If Master Zuo and Master Dugu realized that they had been stripped half-naked and flogged in front of everyone because of something their wives did, they would never be able to stand it.

And just as they were feeling inferior and vulnerable, those gentle, pretty young maids would show up...

“Little Feng Wu, you’re so... Anyone who knows you well won’t dare make an enemy of you. That’s such a scary idea. You know what? Just be my friend.”

Feng Wu chuckled.

Seeing the way Feng Wu laughed wholeheartedly, Feng Xun inwardly smiled bitterly.

This girl... Who could know how scary she was deep down?

“Hey, where’s Jun Linyuan?” Feng Wu asked curiously.

She hadn’t seen him since she started roasting fish.

She hadn’t thought much of it when he was there all the time, despite the fact that he was the only heir to the throne.

However, she actually missed him when he wasn’t there.

What an odd idea, Feng Wu thought to herself.

Feng Xun said, “Boss Jun is halfway up the hill. Right there. Look, there’s Feng. He’s guarding Boss Jun right now.”

Feng Wu narrowed her eyes and told Feng Xun, “Go fetch him.”

Feng Xun immediately shook his head. “No, I won’t. Boss Jun is very fussy; if I interrupt his cultivation, he’ll kill me!”

Feng Wu said, “Don’t worry, I’m here. Just go.”

Feng Xun waved his hands repeatedly. “No, I can’t! I just can’t do it!”

Feng Wu rolled her eyes grumpily. “If you’re not going, I will, alright?”

Feng Xun stopped her. “Forget it. You shouldn’t go either. Although Boss Jun seems to treat you kindly enough, you can’t be as important as his cultivation. He’ll kick you away.”

Feng Wu had made up her mind. “Don’t worry, I’ll bring Jun Linyuan here.”

She walked off after that.

Behind her, Feng Xun and Xuan Yi exchanged looks and saw resigned smiles on each other’s faces.

Feng Wu was too young and too naive. Where did she get the idea that she could bring Boss Jun here? She was dreaming!

By then, Feng Wu had already reached Jun Linyuan.

He was meditating with his eyes closed and ignoring the rest of the world.

Feng stood next to him, holding a sword and looking like a god. He was there to watch over Jun Linyuan to make sure that he grew stronger.

When Feng saw Feng Wu —

He shot her a warning glance to walk away as soon as possible.

However, Feng Wu had made the declaration already, and she found it too embarrassing to back away now.

“Jun Linyuan —”

Standing in front of Jun Linyuan, she put her hands behind her back and smiled at him.

Feng paled. Jun Linyuan took his cultivation very seriously, and he could be relentless at times. Feng Wu would face severe consequences after disturbing him like this!

Involuntarily, Feng wanted to shield Feng Wu with his own body.

To his surprise, Jun Linyuan’s bright eyes snapped open.

Chapter 1508: Outsider (1)

Feng was about to shield Feng Wu behind him when —

Jun Linyuan rose to his feet.

His eyes were mesmerizing!

They were exceptionally bright when set off against his well-defined features.

Feng Wu backed away involuntarily when she saw those cold eyes.

“Well... Please don’t let me keep you from your cultivation. I — I’m off!” She then turned to flee.

But —

Jun Linyuan grabbed her hand before she could walk away.

The look in his eyes was so terrifying that she felt a chill run down her spine.

She regretted her decision now. Had she known better, she wouldn’t have tried to mess with the big boss here.

“You’re here already; you’re not going anywhere.”

With a slight pull from the crown prince, Feng Wu fell into his arms.

She asked, “W- What are you doing?”

The crown prince raised his straight dark eyebrows. “What do you think I’m going to do?”

Feng Wu said, “Whatever you’re thinking, you’re not doing it! Let me go!”

Jun Linyuan started walking, dragging Feng Wu along with him.

“Hey! Jun Linyuan! What are you doing? Let go of me!” Feng Wu cried out

There were a lot of people nearby, and Feng Wu’s yelling immediately caught their attention.

Seeing that everyone was turning in their direction, Feng Wu lowered her voice and said, "Jun Linyuan, what are you doing?!"

Jun Linyuan raised his well-defined chin and shot an arrogant glance at Feng Wu. "What do you think I'm doing?"

Feng Wu said, "You —"

Jun Linyuan found her reaction idiotic. "Why did you come here?"

Feng Wu said, "I roasted some moon fish and thought maybe you would like to try some."

Jun Linyuan asked, "Did you roast it yourself?"

Feng Wu said proudly, "Of course I did."

Jun Linyuan said, "Let's go, then."

Feng Wu glanced at him. "I thought Feng Xun said you didn't like fish."

She had come here to tease him because Feng Xun said Jun Linyuan didn't like fish.

But that didn't seem to be the case.

The crown prince gave her a "you idiot" look. "That's right. I don't like it."

"Don't go then. You don't have to force yourself. We'll stay right here..." Feng Wu tugged at Jun Linyuan's hand as she spoke.

Jun Linyuan rubbed Feng Wu's head with his free hand.

"Don't do that! You're messing up my hair!" Feng Wu stomped her foot in frustration.

The crown prince grinned. "You're so dumb."

Feng Wu said, "Jun Linyuan! Call me dumb again, I dare you!"

Jun Linyuan put both hands behind his back and walked at an unhurried pace while holding Feng Wu's hand in his right one. They looked like a loving young couple.

Feng Wu tried to throw his hand off as they walked, but his grip was so tight that nothing she did could shake it.

Next to the grill.

Feng Wu had roasted five moon fish before she left, but when she came back, she saw that —

Feng Xun and Xuan Yi were crouching in front of the grill and staring at the roast fish that was turning on it. The five cooked ones were already gone.

She asked, "Where are the five roast fish?!"

Feng Xun raised his head and looked at her with his teary big eyes. "We finished them."

Feng Wu asked, "Seriously?"

Feng Xun said, "Seriously."

Feng Wu said, "You pig! Those fish are all half a meter long, and they weigh dozens of kilos even after they're cleaned up! How could you eat them all?!"

Chapter 1509: Outsider (2)

Feng Xun nodded eagerly. "Yes!"

Feng Wu rested her hands on her waist and looked up at the sky in resignation.

What was she supposed to say?

"They're just so delicious! I was so tempted, and I couldn't stop eating. Before I knew it, I ate them all. And what's amazing is that you can never get too full with this fish. No matter how many I eat, I can always eat more. My stomach has turned into a bottomless pit."

Feng Wu said, "You certainly have your argument all prepared."

Feng Xun looked at her eagerly and ran happily to her side. "Xiao Wu, Xiao Wu, we've prepared the fish. Can you cook one more for us?"

Feng Wu rolled her eyes. "One more? That's it?"

Feng Xun shook his head repeatedly. "No, of course not! Fifty more, at least!"

"You wish!" Feng Wu smacked him on the head. "There are five here, and that's all I'm going to cook for you."

Feng Xun pouted and gave Feng Wu a pleading look.

"Three, then?" Feng Wu said grumpily.

Feng Xun said, "No, no, five's fine! Five it is, then!"

Feng Wu glanced at the fish on the grill and said, "These two are almost cooked. Eat them first."

Feng Xun and Xuan Yi exchanged looks, but neither of them moved.

Feng Wu said, "I thought you like this fish. Why won't you eat them?"

Feng Xun frowned and looked very reluctant, but he still removed the two fish from the grill in the end.

Feng Wu stared at him.

Feng Xun tore a piece of flesh off the fish and glanced at Feng Wu.

She still stared at him in silence.

Feng Xun had no choice but to put the fish in his mouth.

But —

The next second!

Bah!

Feng Xun spat it out right away!

“Gosh! That’s terrible! How can it taste so bad? Why is it bitter?” Feng Xun stared at Feng Wu in disbelief.

Feng Wu shrugged; she didn’t have an answer either.

“How can this happen? I copied everything you did in roasting them and used the same condiments, but why do they taste so different?” Feng Xun was utterly confused.

He had thought that his roast fish should at least be half as good as Feng Wu’s.

But now —

Forget half, it wasn’t even 1/10th, no, 1/100th as good as hers!

That was unbelievable!

“Xiao Wu, how did you do it? Why is our fish so different?” Feng Xun stared at Feng Wu in utter disbelief.

Feng Wu shrugged. “I don’t really have a recipe at all. You know what? You shouldn’t waste it. Finish the fish.”

Feng Xun said, “I’m not eating it!”

Xuan Yi said, “Neither am I!”

Just then, Feng Xun’s eyes flickered, because he saw someone coming their way.

And there was another pretty girl behind that person.

“The third and fifth princesses?” Feng Xun’s and Xuan Yi’s faces darkened a little.

Jun Wuxia was known for her arrogance, and her sister was notoriously timid. The two teenagers liked neither of them.

“Brother Feng Xun, there you are.” Jun Wuxia walked up to Feng Xun with her sister and smiled at him.

It was common knowledge that Jun Wuxia was in love with Feng Xun, because she had raised quite a fuss, trying to catch his attention.

But what did Feng Xun think of her?

In Feng Xun’s own words, he would rather step on shit!

Therefore, he wanted to slip away as soon as he saw Jun Wuxia.

Chapter 1510: Outsider (3)

But Jun Wuxia seemed to have anticipated that Feng Xun would try to run, so she held her ground and blocked his way.

“Brother Feng Xun, aren’t you happy to see me? Are you leaving already?” Jun Wuxia stood in front of Feng Xun and looked at him with teary eyes.

After all, she was a princess, and her parents were just around the corner, so Feng Xun couldn’t be too harsh on her.

Hence, he had to smile awkwardly as he said, “My princess, you’re mistaken. I’m just standing up to welcome you and your sister. To what do we owe this honor?”

Jun Wuxia was glad to hear that, and she smiled, looking as pretty as a blossoming flower.

“Feng Xun, do you like to see me that much? How about I come and visit you tomorrow?” Jun Wuxia stepped forward with her delicate chin raised, tugged at Feng Xun’s wide sleeve, and looked at him eagerly.

Feng Xun looked as if he had just swallowed a fly.

“Please don’t. You really don’t have to do that, my princess.” His head was already aching.

Feng Wu glanced at Feng Xun as she roasted the fish.

It was quite a teasing look.

Was that girl laughing at him? Feng Xun threw a dirty look at her.

Feng Wu made a face at him. Yes, she was laughing at him, because he couldn’t even handle Jun Wuxia.

Feng Xun snarled at Feng Wu.

Jun Wuxia was Empress Dugu’s daughter, and that woman was the emperor’s favorite, so he couldn’t afford to offend the girl.

He wasn’t Boss Jun, who could strike anyone he didn’t like with his sword and tell them to get lost.

Seeing the way Feng Wu and Feng Xun interacted with each other, Jun Wuxia was furious.

Her gaze shifted from Feng Xun to Feng Wu.

“Why, I was wondering who it was. Isn’t it Miss Feng Wu?” Crossing her arms, Jun Wuxia walked around Feng Wu and looked her up and down, as if she was examining her.

She was sizing Feng Wu up.

Other people would have been shaken by that searching look, but Feng Wu...

She wasn’t the least bit disturbed, and she looked perfectly calm as well. She didn’t react to Jun Wuxia’s gaze at all.

Jun Wuxia narrowed her eyes.

This Feng Wu was so annoying!

She had made Jun Wuxia miserable in the World Tower last time, so when the princess saw Feng Wu again, she was filled with rage.

“Miss Feng Wu, what are you doing here? Are you roasting fish?” Jun Wuxia stared at the grill with a displeased look on her face.

Feng Wu didn't want to talk to her, so she only hummed.

Jun Wuxia's face darkened a little.

She had never been ignored like this before.

Growing up, she was used to enjoying wealth and honor, not to mention that the empress was her mother, so no one had ever dared to offend her. However, this insignificant Feng Wu kept ignoring her!

Damn her! Damn her!

However, Jun Wuxia had to feign a magnanimous attitude, just to show Feng Xun that she was a kind, gentle princess.

“Feng Wu, I hear that you're an excellent cook, and everyone in the crown prince's residence can't stop singing your praises. Is that true?” Jun Wuxia's eyes glinted.

She tugged at her sister's hand, telling the latter that she should speak now.

The shy fifth princess suddenly interjected, “I heard that your fish-flavored shredded pork is amazing. Can I try it?”

Jun Wuxia glanced at her little attendant and seemed pleased.