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Chapter 2421: Feng Wu's Birthday (3)

Yan Yue smiled. "Probably because Miss Zuo's birthday celebration is always very elaborate."

Seeing the crown prince's attitude, Yan Yue knew which side she should stand on now.

Feng Wu was a brilliant young lady, but Yan Yue wouldn't support Feng Wu just because she liked her. People like Yan Yue never revealed their own opinion.

Their master's opinion was theirs.

They would like whoever their master liked.

Yan Yue was glad that she and her master liked the same person.

"Boss Jun, you've been to Zuo Qingluan's birthday party before. Do you remember?!" Feng Xun finally remembered something. "You were already engaged to Xiao Wu, but you still went to Zuo Qingluan's party."

Jun Linyuan looked confused. He couldn't remember.

Feng Xun said in frustration, "The guests here are all from good backgrounds, but they're still talking about Xiao Wu like that. Other people will just be meaner. Why did that girl take the envelope?"

Yan Yue spoke up at that moment.

She casually said, "Miss Feng Wu doesn't think much about the prize, so I don't think she meant to take the gift. Maybe it was meant to land in her hands."

Feng Xun said, "There were so many people. How could that envelope just happen to land in her hands, unless Zuo Qingluan purposefully... Wait. Zuo Qingluan didn't do it on purpose, did she?"

Yan Yue dropped the hint. "Miss Qingluan stormed off just then. Young Lord Feng, did you offend her?"

Feng Xun said, "I wanted to talk to her outside because I saw that she was angry, but she somehow got offended. Forget about it. That's not important."

He waved Yan Yue off.

Yan Yue looked at him in resignation.

Were all men so slow? She could tell why Zuo Qingluan was mad right away, but these men just couldn't see it!

She had dropped all the hints she needed to drop, but he said that it wasn't important!

At that thought, Yan Yue wanted to smack Feng Xun on the head.

Feng Xun was already thinking about Feng Wu's birthday.

He said, "Xiao Wu will be 14 after New Year's Eve, and in the Junwu Empire, that makes her eligible for marriage. It's a very important birthday."

Yan Yue glanced at Jun Linyuan.

Although he didn't say anything, she could tell that he was thinking the same thing.

The teenager just wouldn't speak his mind.

Yan Yue immediately said, "Miss Zuo has given out gifts, so how about we do the same for Miss Feng Wu's birthday?"

Feng Xun said, "That's not a bad idea, but won't those people say that Xiao Wu is copying Zuo Qingluan?"

Yan Yue said grumpily, "Giving out gift envelopes is a tradition. Miss Zuo didn't invent it."

Zuo Qingluan was only "Miss Zuo" to her now.

"Plus," Yan Yue chuckled, "Miss Feng Wu is so clever. I'm sure she'll use this opportunity well."

Hachoo!

Feng Wu sneezed in Fallen Star Yard.

Chapter 2422: Feng Wu's Birthday (4)

Phoenix Yard, the Zuo family.

Zuo Qingluan had been angry the whole day.

The entire Zuo family felt very nervous.

All the servants remained silent and worked efficiently, fearing that Miss Zuo would vent her anger on them.

In Zuo Qingluan's bedroom.

Tongque still remembered what happened the day before.

When the sacred lady entered her bedchamber, she tilted her head back and let out an angry roar.

Instantly, all the wooden furniture was pulverized.

There had been two maids in the room when they entered.

They turned into puddles of blood as well right in front of Tongque's eyes.

Tongque was speechless.

She had never seen the sacred lady so angry before.

Zuo Qingluan was in a trance-like state the whole day.

No one was allowed to get within ten meters of her. She would kill anyone who dared to try.

Tongque only moved closer after she saw that Zuo Qingluan didn't look so furious anymore.

She had finally come up with an idea.

"Miss Qingluan —" Tongque knew what was on Zuo Qingluan's mind, so she carefully reminded her, "I asked around after we got back yesterday. That Feng Wu really is a piece of work."

Zuo Qingluan glared at her.

She couldn't tolerate the mention of that name!

However, Tongque hadn't served Zuo Qingluan for five years for no reason.

She had a soft, steady voice and was very considerate.

"Miss Qingluan, you've been cultivating in Firmament Palace for the past five years, unlike her, who had all the time to hover around His Royal Highness. That's why the crown prince is more familiar with her."

Tongque knew that she couldn't make it sound like Zuo Qingluan was to be blamed. She needed to belittle Feng Wu as much as she could.

If the sacred lady thought that she was being humiliated, Tongque knew that she was dead.

She was right.

Zuo Qingluan had been spreading rumors, saying that the crown prince was so fond of her that she was the only candidate for his future wife.

She had even fooled herself, not to mention Tongque.

But Zuo Qingluan was no fool. When she saw the crown prince's interaction with Feng Wu, she knew that there was something going on between them.

Back then, she had been the only close female friend of the crown prince, but Feng Wu had basically replaced her now.

It made her feel humiliated in front of Tongque.

In her mind, no one was allowed to see that side of her.

Tongque's life was indeed in danger.

But the young maid could read people well. She had seen that her life was in danger yesterday, but instead of running away, she faced the challenge head-on and went to check up on Feng Wu.

They should have done that a long time ago.

But Zuo Qingluan had been ignoring Feng Wu because she thought she had taken Feng Wu out of the running five years ago. To her, Feng Wu wasn't even worth a glance.

But Tongque realized how serious it was, so she went out for help.

Firmament Palace had a branch in the imperial capital. It was known as Firmament Pavilion.

They hired professional spies there, and it had only taken them a day to gather all the information Tongque needed.

After reading what Feng Wu had been doing these days, Tongque was astonished.

Chapter 2423: Feng Wu's Birthday (5)

Tongque was shocked by how cunning Feng Wu was. Her sacred lady had definitely underestimated that woman.

After putting all the information in order, Tongque put a 10cm-thick folder on Zuo Qingluan's desk.

The Zuo family had efficiently restored the bedchamber one hour after it was destroyed.

However, Mrs. Zuo had forbidden anyone from spreading the news.

"Miss Qingluan —" Tongque put the file on the desk, but Zuo Qingluan still ignored her, so she reminded her mistress, "We should probably get to know our enemy better."

Zuo Qingluan frowned and looked like she was going to explode at any moment.

If she lost her temper, things would get very ugly...

Tongque bowed and left the room.

After she was gone, Zuo Qingluan's gaze moved to the file.

Was that everything Feng Wu had done in the imperial capital in the past year?

In fact, Zhen Xia of the crown prince's residence, her mother, and many other people had all written to her, but she had burnt all the letters that had Feng Wu's name in it.

Mu Yaoyao, her junior sister, went to Firmament Palace in person to beg for her to come back.

She told Zuo Qingluan that if she didn't come back soon, Feng Wu would steal the crown prince's heart.

And what did Zuo Qingluan say?

She said that if a man could be stolen, he wasn't meant for her to keep.

She still remembered how frustrated Mu Yaoyao had looked.

She rubbed her forehead and looked at the file on the desk.

How thick! Were there so many things to record?

Before, Zuo Qingluan would have burnt the file to ash.

However...

She remembered what Tongque said.

"We should know our enemy a little better."

Taking a deep breath, Zuo Qingluan fought back her repulsion and took the first booklet in the file.

Northern Border City...

She read from dawn to dusk.

Tongque stayed outside the entire time, filled with anxiety.

In front of everyone else, the sacred lady was as otherworldly as an immortal, but Tongque had been with her for many years, and she knew better.

The real sacred lady was treacherous and ruthless. She wouldn't even blink when she killed someone, as if they were just an insect on the road.

After she read Feng Wu's story, would they have to redo the bedroom again?

Just then, she heard Zuo Qingluan's calm voice. "Bring Mu Yaoyao here."

Mu Yaoyao had come back a few days earlier. Although she was the daughter of Lord Mu, to Zuo Qingluan, she was just another minion.

"Yes." Tongque was finally relieved.

She knew that this was a historical moment.

Because her sacred lady was finally starting to pay attention to Feng Wu.

Zuo Qingluan looked at the booklet on the desk. It read, "Feng Wu's birthday: New Year's Eve."

She smirked.

She remembered that five years ago, the crown prince went to her birthday party in person and gave her a gift. This time, she would show Feng Wu that she was the woman the crown prince loved!

Chapter 2424: Gift Envelopes

Fallen Star Yard.

Whenever Feng Xun went to see Feng Wu there, he always jumped over the wall and never used the front door.

The gate of Fallen Star Yard had been damaged and repaired again.

Feng Wu then put inscriptions on the walls so that they wouldn't be damaged so easily.

"Xiao Wu?" Feng Xun sat on the wall and waved at Feng Wu.

Feng Wu was sitting on top of a tree and absorbing the spiritual essence in the morning sunlight. She opened her eyes to find the teenager beaming at her.

"Feng Xun?" Feng Wu didn't move, so Feng Xun eagerly jumped into the tree and sat down next to her.

The big tree had been in Fallen Star Yard for many years now. It would take three people to wrap their arms around the tree, and it was over 30 meters tall. Sitting on top, one could see the entire Feng manor, as well as the street outside.

It was deep into winter, and everything was covered by snow.

On the street, the Feng clan had arranged for someone to clean up the snow outside the front gate.

Around the corner, a few breakfast stalls had been set up, and the aroma was mouth-watering.

“Shall I buy you breakfast?” Feng Wu glanced at Feng Xun.

Although she could see everything up on the roof, it felt too far away from the common people, and she didn’t like that feeling.

She would rather blend in with the crowd.

“Breakfast? Great!”

Before Feng Xun could jump into the courtyard, Feng Wu led him to the other side of the wall and toward a street corner.

There was a wonton stall with only a few customers.

The owner was an elderly couple, who seemed to know Feng Wu well. They asked, “Miss Wu, do you want the usual? Small wontons with a lean meat baked bun?”

Feng Wu nodded with a smile.

Feng Xun said, “I’ll have the same, but a large one!”

The elderly couple nodded.

After ordering the food, Feng Xun asked curiously, “Do you know them well?”

Feng Wu said, “Their food tastes like home.”

Feng Xun said, “You’re such a strange girl.”

Feng Wu looked at him curiously.

Feng Xun said, “I thought noble young ladies like you would never eat on the side of the street. Zuo Qingluan hated it. If she gets any of the smell in her hair, she’ll wash it three times.”

Feng Wu said, “How pretentious.”

“That’s so true!” Feng Xun couldn’t agree more. *Before I knew you, I thought that all girls were like Zuo Qingluan. I was so wrong!*

“By the way!” Feng Xun finally remembered why he was here today. “Xiao Wu, I need to ask you something.”

“What is it?” Feng Wu asked. “You never sound so humble. What’s the question?”

“Do you know how to give out gift envelopes?” Feng Xun asked grumpily. “Zuo Qingluan came back with all those magpies and red envelopes, and I don’t like it at all! Can you do something better?”

Something better? Of course Feng Wu could!

In her previous life, Feng Wu was used to giving out and receiving gift envelopes.. She knew exactly what to do with them.

Chapter 2425: Dragon and Phoenix

Many big companies had also turned this activity into a profitable business, and Feng Wu knew that she could learn from them.

However...

“Why gift envelopes? Are you going to pay for them? Do you have too much money to burn?” Feng Wu was perplexed.

Feng Xun cleared his throat.

He glanced at Feng Wu. Of course, it was because of Jun Linyuan, but he couldn’t tell Feng Wu that.

“New Year’s Eve is in a few days; what’s wrong with giving out some gifts? Any ideas?” Feng Xun grumbled. “We have to do better than Zuo Qingluan!”

Feng Wu said, “But it’ll cost you a lot of money.”

Feng Xun patted his chest. “Money won’t be a problem! I’ll take care of it!”

Feng Wu asked, “How big a scene do you want it to be?”

Feng Xun said, “The bigger, the better!”

Feng Wu asked, “Are you sure?”

Feng Xun said, “Of course!”

Feng Wu rolled her eyes at him. She couldn’t understand these rich people.

The Zuo family.

Master Zuo and Mrs. Zuo were discussing in low voices. “Apart from the first day, Qingluan has kept a low profile since she came back. We hardly ever see her.”

Master Zuo nodded.

Mrs. Zuo said, “Her birthday is coming up. How about we throw her a big party?”

Master Zuo asked, “Is it really necessary?”

Mrs. Zuo said, “Of course it is. Have you forgotten who Qingluan is? She’s the only girl with the True Phoenix Blood in the empire, and you know what that means!”

Everyone in the Junwu Empire knew what it meant.

Noble families would often marry one another, including the imperial family.

The True Phoenix Blood was one of the most prestigious bloodlines and almost as respected as the dragon bloodline.

Not all imperial family members had the dragon bloodline. There would be one member at most in each generation.

Sometimes, the entire living imperial family might not have it.

For instance, no one in Emperor Wu's generation had it. Therefore, everyone was elated when they found that Jun Linyuan had the bloodline.

That was why no matter what Jun Linyuan did, Emperor Wu would only shout at him but wouldn't actually do anything.

With his dragon bloodline, it would only make sense that he should marry a girl with the True Phoenix Blood. Once the two bloodlines combined, they would probably have even more talented babies.

Mrs. Zuo was very pleased. "His Royal Highness has the dragon bloodline, and Qingluan has the only True Phoenix Blood in the empire. She's the only girl His Royal Highness will marry!"

Master Zuo was more level-headed than she was. "You forgot about Feng Wu."

Mrs. Zuo smirked. "You did that thing five years ago precisely because of Feng Wu, right? His Royal Highness had two choices, but now, he only has one!"

Mrs. Zuo didn't think much of it when she saw Master Zuo's frown because she knew that her family was going to be connected to the imperial family by marriage.

"My lord, we were friendly with Prince Jun Linshen, but we can't do that now. After all, His Royal Highness is going to be Qingluan's future husband, so we should support him."

Master Zuo rolled his eyes at her. "Everyone knows that Prince Jun Linshen can never replace the crown prince; his supporters are only making fools of themselves.. His Majesty will only laugh it off."

Chapter 2426: Jun Linyuan Isn't the Only One I Can Marry

Whenever Emperor Wu got angry at Jun Linyuan, he wanted to urge Jun Linshen to compete with his brother, but that was very naive of him. Jun Linshen wasn't Jun Linyuan's match at all.

Master Zuo shook his head.

"But His Royal Highness treats Feng Wu differently." Master Zuo frowned.

"I disagree!" Mrs. Zuo shook her head. "Yes, His Royal Highness found Feng Wu special before, but that was when Luan hadn't come back. Now that she's here, things will be different!"

"My lord, just think about Qingluan!"

“She has the True Phoenix Blood and is the only perfect match for the dragon bloodline.

“And she’s supported by both the Zuo family and Firmament Palace. That’s unmatched in the Junwu Empire.

“Moreover, she’s very talented. She’s only about to turn 18, but she’s already a Spiritual King. How formidable is that?!”

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Mrs. Zuo listed Zuo Qingluan’s merits before naming Feng Wu’s shortcomings.

In the end, she reached the conclusion: “His Royal Highness was only tricked by that Feng Wu because he doesn’t know how brilliant Luan is. I believe that he’ll come to his senses.”

The more she spoke, the more excited she became. “Let’s have a big celebration and show everyone how amazing Luan is. The entire imperial capital will talk about it, and His Royal Highness will have to listen.

“Of course, the most ideal situation is that His Royal Highness will come in person,” said Mrs. Zuo. “Wait, I need to discuss it with Luan.”

In Phoenix Yard.

“My lady?” Tongque thought that her mistress was lost in thought, so she wanted to wake her up from her reverie.

But in fact, Zuo Qingluan was eavesdropping on her parents.

Master Zuo didn’t set up a barrier when he spoke, and at Zuo Qingluan’s cultivation level, she could easily hear them.

Zuo Qingluan glanced at Tongque and rose to her feet.

Mrs. Zuo was coming out with her maids when Zuo Qingluan arrived.

She was pleasantly surprised when she saw her daughter. “Luan, I was going to see you, and you’re here. What a coincidence! Come in. Mom and Dad have something to tell you.”

Zuo Qingluan remained indifferent. She still used her condescending manner when she spoke to her parents.

After they entered, Master Zuo cleared his throat. “Luan, there’s no one else around, so just tell us: What do you think of His Royal Highness?”

Mrs. Zuo rolled her eyes at her husband. What kind of question was that? Of course, everyone admired His Royal Highness!

But Zuo Qingluan frowned and said coldly, “His Royal Highness is brilliant, but he’s not the only one I can marry.”

What?!

Mrs. Zuo paled. "Luan, are you in love with someone else? Who is it? Is he from Firmament Palace?"

Zuo Qingluan said, "There's no one. I'm only saying that I'm just as brilliant as he is. If he marries me, I'll stand by his side, but if he won't, I can rise to the top myself!"

Mrs.. Zuo panicked. "Who gave you that idea? What do you mean 'if he won't'? You have to marry him!"

Chapter 2427: Where's His Royal Highness? (1)

Master Zuo nodded and said, "You're right!"

Mrs. Zuo glared at him. "No, she's not! We invested so much in her so that she can marry His Royal Highness!"

Master Zuo said, "His Royal Highness is brilliant, but so is Luan. She'll marry His Royal Highness one day, but she can't seem too eager. We should let other people hear her little speech as well."

Mrs. Zuo didn't understand.

Master Zuo patted Zuo Qingluan's shoulder. "That's good. You know what you're doing, and you have a clear goal. Although we've lost your siblings, with you here, the Zuo family will still have a bright future!"

Only then did Zuo Qingluan remember what she read in the file. "What happened? Did Feng Wu kill them?"

She didn't trust what she heard from other people, so she asked her parents.

Mrs. Zuo had been waiting for that question for a long time, and she burst into tears.

She added very colorful details to her description when she told Zuo Qingluan how Zuo Qingxian, Zuo Qingliu, and Zuo Qingyu died. In the end, she took Zuo Qingluan's hand and wept. "Feng Wu hated you for destroying her True Phoenix Blood, so she took it out on your siblings. Luan, you have to make her pay for what she did!"

Zuo Qingluan didn't really care about her siblings, but...

She took what Feng Wu did personally.

"Mother, I'll avenge them. Don't worry," Zuo Qingluan promised. "Throw a big party for me. If you can, invite Feng Wu."

"Why?!" Mrs. Zuo asked angrily.

"Because her birthday is on the same day," Zuo Qingluan said viciously.

"She's already on guard. I don't think she'll come," said Mrs. Zuo.

Zuo Qingluan smirked, "Then she'll be a coward."

Mrs. Zuo didn't understand, but she trusted her clever daughter.

“By the way, send an invitation to the crown prince’s residence as well,” said Zuo Qingluan before she left.

Mrs. Zuo was pleasantly surprised. She grabbed Master Zuo’s hand and said, “Look, Luan really is fond of His Royal Highness. If we send the crown prince’s residence an invitation, we should invite the other influential families as well. The entire imperial capital will see how miserable Feng Wu is in comparison!”

Master Zuo didn’t say anything, but instinct told him that things wouldn’t be so simple.

The crown prince’s residence.

Granny Gong frowned when she saw the invitation.

Zuo Qingluan’s 18th birthday was coming up.

And His Royal Highness was invited to the party.

Granny Gong snorted, tossed the letter aside, and went back to what she was doing.

She needed to prepare for something very important!

Soon, it was New Year’s Eve.

The Zuo family was packed. Many influential guests were there for the event.

Even the main street outside was blocked by carriages.

The Feng clan had no visitors at all.

It was a stark contrast to the Zuo family.

There were guests from all nine major clans. Even a royal banquet probably wouldn’t have so many people.

“Where’s His Royal Highness?” That was the only thing Mrs.. Zuo cared about.

Chapter 2428: Where’s His Royal Highness? (2)

It was a stark contrast to the Zuo family.

There were guests from all nine major clans. Even a royal banquet probably wouldn’t have so many people.

“Where’s His Royal Highness?” That was the only thing Mrs. Zuo cared about.

Granny Tao replied with a smile, “We sent invitations to the crown prince, Young Lord Feng, and Young Lord Xuan.”

Mrs. Zuo nodded. “They were friends with Luan when they were little. I’m sure they’ll be here to celebrate Luan’s birthday.”

Granny Tao said, “I’m sure they’ll come.”

Just then, they heard the announcement outside. "Princess Mu Yaoyao is here on behalf of the Mu family."

Mrs. Zuo said happily, "Look, Princess Mu is here."

Immediately after that, there was another announcement. "Princess Jun Wuxia is here."

Jun Wuxia and Zuo Qingluan had been good friends since they were little. Her presence meant a lot.

Unlike old Mrs. Gu's birthday, the guests weren't government officials.

Most of them were noble ladies with their daughters, and some had brought their sons as well. After all, Zuo Qingluan had many admirers.

For instance, Mrs. Dugu brought both Dugu Yamo and Dugu Mengxi.

The teenagers gathered in the garden, and the mothers and daughters stayed indoors and chatted.

Of course, their conversation revolved around lavishing praise on Zuo Qingluan.

They all said that she was the most talented and capable young woman in the empire, and her True Phoenix Blood made her the only candidate for the future wife of the crown prince.

Mrs. Tao and Tao Qingqing were there as well.

They were in a quieter corner of the room.

Mrs. Tao nudged Tao Qingqing. "Why don't you say hello to Miss Qingluan?"

Tao Qingqing thought very highly of herself as well and didn't like the idea of sucking up to Zuo Qingluan.

Mrs. Tao lowered her voice and chided her daughter in a voice that only the two of them could hear. "You're going to marry Prince Jun Linshen one day, and that will make you and Miss Qingluan sister-in-laws. Just go!"

Tao Qingqing said, "Prince Jun Linshen doesn't get on well with His Royal Highness..."

Mrs. Tao said sternly, "Use your brain! Prince Jun Linshen will never be the crown prince's match! He'll always be only a prince!"

Tao Qingqing said, "Mother, how can you say such things about your future son-in-law?! If that's the case, why do you want me to marry him?!"

Mrs. Tao said, "Do you think you can marry His Royal Highness, then?"

Tao Qingqing said, "Mother!"

Mrs. Tao was very direct. "I'm not criticizing you, but you're just not the sharpest tool in the box. Your father and I have indulged you, and you've never been a hardworking cultivator. You're simply not Miss Qingluan's match."

Tao Qingqing snorted. "It's not certain that Zuo Qingluan will marry His Royal Highness. That Feng Wu has a chance, too."

Mrs. Tao rubbed her head affectionately and sighed. "Sweetheart, you know nothing about marriage. Yes, His Royal Highness is fond of that girl, and we all can see it. So what?"

Tao Qingqing was confused. "What do you mean?"

Chapter 2429: Where's His Royal Highness? (3)

Mrs. Tao said, "Marriage is the joining of two families, and the Feng family is nothing compared with the Zuo family, not to mention that Zuo Qingluan is also connected to Firmament Palace.

"Although Feng Wu has been making fast progress, Zuo Qingluan has the True Phoenix Blood. Do you know what that means? It means that she's the Chosen One!"

"But Feng Wu is so pretty," Tao Qingqing said. "She's already so good-looking now. Just imagine how beautiful she'll be when she grows up!"

Mrs. Tao shook her head.

Tao Qingqing was perplexed. "Am I wrong?"

"Of course you are!" Mrs. Tao patted her head. "You don't understand men at all. To men like His Royal Highness, a pretty girl like Feng Wu can be an addition to their collection, but someone like Zuo Qingluan is the woman they'll marry."

Tao Qingqing said, "Is that so?"

Mrs. Tao said, "Just wait and see. His Royal Highness and Zuo Qingluan were childhood friends, and they're still very close. Today is Zuo Qingluan's birthday; His Royal Highness will definitely come here. It'll be as good as an official announcement. After that, Zuo Qingluan will be even more prestigious. Quickly, go talk to her before His Royal Highness arrives!"

Tao Qingqing mumbled, "I feel sorry for Feng Wu, then. I heard that she was still engaged to His Royal Highness..."

She then went to befriend Zuo Qingluan.

However —

Zuo Qingluan was so unapproachable!

She glanced past Tao Qingqing as if she was invisible.

She only showed her face for a brief moment before going inside, and probably wouldn't come back out again before the party started.

Tao Qingqing was speechless.

She stared at Zuo Qingluan in disbelief.

She was the daughter of a lord and was used to getting things her way. When she went to court, even Empress Dugu had taken her hands and praised her in front of His Majesty.

But Zuo Qingluan...

She wasn't mean or said anything rude to her. She simply looked past Tao Qingqing as if she wasn't worth the energy.

Tao Qingqing would rather hear some harsh words from her. That would make them enemies on equal footing.

But Zuo Qingluan made her feel like a nobody. That was so frustrating!

Tao Qingqing stomped her foot and grumbled, "His Royal Highness may not come!"

"I don't think His Royal Highness will come," said a cold voice behind her.

Tao Qingqing turned around and saw that it was Dugu Yamo.

She asked, "Why are you so sure?"

The Dugu family and the Zuo family were related by marriage and were allies. She couldn't understand why Dugu Yamo said that.

"Do you fancy His Royal Highness?" Tao Qingqing frowned.

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"I don't deny that I used to be in love with His Royal Highness, but I fancy someone else now." Dugu Yamo smiled.

Tao Qingqing didn't believe her. "How can you like someone else after you've been in love with His Royal Highness? Dugu Yamo, you must be lying! So tell me, who's that person?"

"It's Feng Wu." Dugu Yamo grinned.

Tao Qingqing almost choked on her own spit. "That's not funny!"

Dugu Yamo stopped joking. She looked at Tao Qingqing and asked seriously, "Do you want to know the real Feng Wu?"

Tao Qingqing frowned. "Do you know what she's really like?"

Dugu Yamo asked, "Do you want to hear the story of how she was trapped in the tombs and how she fought against all odds and succeeded in the end?"

Tao Qingqing was intrigued. "Tell me everything!"

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"Wow! Really?! She's so smart!

"Noooo! She turned a maid into an Ultimate Yin Body, you said? That's so rare! Of course everyone will try to recruit her!

"What?! Even that useless Duan Chaoge is a genius now? OMG!

“Did you say that Feng Wu spoke back to His Majesty?!”

“What?! Feng Wu...”

Tao Qingqing kept crying out in surprise and making all kinds of exclamations.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Zuo was having a difficult time.

Mrs. Tao asked a subtle question when she greeted Mrs. Zuo. “Will we be seeing His Royal Highness today? I had the pleasure to meet him once in the Gu family. I would be so honored to see the crown prince again.”

Mrs. Zuo recalled what Zuo Qingluan told her.

Zuo Qingluan said that she had personally sent another invitation to the crown prince, so he would definitely be here.

All the noble ladies around them looked in their direction when Mrs. Tao asked the question.

Most of them had decided to come here today because of the crown prince.

The rumor outside was that the crown prince was deeply in love with Zuo Qingluan, so they all wanted to see that side of Jun Linyuan.

Mrs. Zuo forced a smile and said, “Qingluan wrote the invitation herself, and His Royal Highness replied in person, saying that he would be here to celebrate Qingluan’s birthday. You know how busy His Royal Highness is. I’m sure he’s still working right now.”

“That’s right. State affairs are more important.”

“I’m sure His Royal Highness will be here once he’s free. Maybe he’s already seeing the sacred lady in her room now. Hahaha —”

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Once the subject was diverted, Mrs. Zuo quickly went outside. She grabbed Granny Tao and asked in a low, fierce voice, “Is His Royal Highness here yet?”

Granny Tao had been waiting outside the front gate the whole time. She shook her head anxiously. “Not yet.”

“Then... Has Young Lord Feng arrived?” asked Mrs. Zuo.

Feng Xun was the crown prince’s best buddy. Having him here would be the next best thing.

Granny Tao still shook her head. “I don’t see him either.”

“What about Young Lord Xuan?”