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#### Chapter 2441: Yu Mingye?!

"Go to the east gate and find out who's doing it! Can it be the Feng clan?"

Not everyone had lost their judgement.

At that critical moment, Master Zuo made the call.

"That's right! Go to the east gate and see if the Feng clan is setting off all the fireworks!"

'The Dugu family and the Zuo family were allies. If the Zuo family was humiliated, the Dugu family would become a laughingstock as well. Therefore, Mrs. Dugu stepped out to help Master Zuo.

However

They couldn't change what everyone thought.

The expression in the eyes of other people was already changing when they looked at Zuo Qingluan.

Tao Qingqing was the most excited.

For a moment, she thought she was blessed.

Otherwise, why would things turn out the way she wanted?

"Mom! Mom! Did you see it?"

She dragged Mrs. Tao to a quiet corner and whispered, "It was Feng Wu's name in the sky!"

"Theard that Prince Yu is studying under Black Dragon King at the moment and has been making amazing progress!"

"Iwas told that Miss Qingluan went to challenge Yu Mingye, but he forced her to surrender after three stances!"

"Isn't Miss Qingluan supposed to be a junior Spiritual King? Three stances... What level is Prince Yu at, then?"

"The Black Dragon King is the guardian of the Dark Court. If Prince Yu is studying under him, how formidable is he?!"

Zuo Qingluan's face was livid.

She was glad when she heard that the fireworks weren't from the crown prince.

It proved that His Royal Highness still cared about her.

Feng Wu hadn't stolen him away.

But why was Yu Mingye involved?

Moreover, why Yu Mingye?

If Jun Linyuan was the most brilliant teenager that ever existed, then Yu Mingye was the second best.

Zuo Qingluan wanted the best, but she hated to think that Feng Wu, the girl she loathed, was courted by Yu Mingye, an almost equally excellent boy. She wouldn't allow it!

### Chapter 2442: Jun Linyuan the Sovereign

Zuo Qingluan took a deep breath.

She had to calm down.

She needed to figure out a way to force Feng Wu out of this game and destroy her for good.

At the same time.

Fallen Star Yard!

'When Feng Wu's name appeared in the sky, Jun Linyuan stared at Feng Xun.

Feng Xun was equally perplexed.

He felt that something was off when the fireworks rose above the north gate.

Because his order was to set it off in the central square!

And Feng Xun was even more confused when he saw the words in the sky.

Because they weren't his design.

Feng Xun and Jun Linyuan looked at each other in bewilderment.

Jun Linyuan's fireworks would also form some words.

And they were

Feng Xun glanced at Boss Jun.

Jun Linyuan had written those words himself. Feng Xun was sure that Feng Wu would be so excited.

"Xiao Wu, that's so nice!" Chaoge was over the moon. "Happiness forever, birthday girl Feng Wu. That's such a wonderful wish!"

The others nodded as well.

Elder Grain was intrigued, but he was too proud to ask the question.

So he nudged Elder Jing with his elbow.

Elder Jing rolled his eyes at him.

Elder Grain nudged him again.

Elder Jing was speechless.

He had no choice but to ask, "Xiao Wu, who's setting off the fireworks? Is it..."

He glanced at the crown prince.

Boom!

At that moment, the fireworks went off in all four directions before they formed a name in the sky: Yu Mingye.

Everyone saw it.

Yu Mingye!

'The crown prince glared at Feng Xun with a murderous look in his eyes.

Feng Xun wanted to cry.

He had no idea that Yu Mingye would join the competition. That was why the fireworks had started three minutes too early and had the wrong words!

"Boss Jun, I..." Feng Xun didn't know what to say. He made a mental note to find Yu Mingye later and kick his ass.

"Shut up!" Jun Linyuan glared at him.

Feng Xun rose to his feet. "T'll go..."

But right at that moment!

Thump!

'There was another loud bang.

The fireworks this time were even louder and more resplendent than Yu Mingye's.

What the hell?

Feng Wu was baffled by everything that had happened.

She just wanted a peaceful birthday, but why wouldn't these people let her have it?

And it was getting worse.

Because the words formed by the fireworks were astonishing.

"Jun Linyuan the sovereign descends to the world"!

The handwriting contained so much force that the words looked like they had been carved into the sky.

Residents of the imperial capital would probably remember it forever.

'The Zuo family!

"Look! More fireworks!"

"They're even better than before!"

"Yu Mingye's fireworks were amazing. Only a handful of people in the Junwu Empire could make them."

"Who's setting off these ones, then?"

"The sovereign descends to the world? Gosh, can it be.

# Chapter 2443: Feng Wu the Phoenix

"Jun Linyuan the sovereign descends to the world? Gosh, can it be..."

"Can it be from His Royal Highness?"

"Has His Royal Highness joined the game?"

Meanwhile, Mu Yaoyao ran up to Zuo Qingluan and shouted excitedly, "Sister Qingluan! His Royal Highness created those fireworks for you!"

Zuo Qingluan remained indifferent, as if nothing could affect her.

The common people of the imperial capital were shocked by everything that was happening.

They had been eating dinner with their families at home when all the noise went off.

In Willow Alley.

"Wang, come out here! Get your whole family! I have good news!"

"Chen? What good news?"

Chen was a cart driver and had always been well-informed.

"Some big shot is giving out gift envelopes today! At the central square! Let's go!"

"What's the occasion?"

"What do you think? His Royal Highness is celebrating Miss Qingluan's birthday, and the gifts will be worth 100 million in total!"

"100 million? OMG! Let's go!"

Many families had heard similar news, and they all headed for the central square.

'The Feng clan.

Lady Wang and Feng Yanfeng were having dinner with Feng Yiran and Feng Sang.

Of course, they all heard the news as well.

Feng Yanfeng said, "Today is Xiao Wu's birthday."

Lady Wang glared at him.

They were going to kick Feng Wu out of the family; why was he still calling her "Xiao Wu'

"Xiao Wu and Miss Qingluan's birthdays are on the same day. Wouldn't all those fireworks offend Miss Qingluan?" Feng Yanfeng was a little scared of Zuo Qingluan.

Lady Wang snorted. "No one can steal Zuo Qingluan's spotlight. Feng Wu just isn't important enough to offend her!"

Feng Yiran chimed in, "Father, don't worry. His Royal Highness is in love with Zuo Qingluan, and Feng Wu can't change that. See? It says 'Jun Linyuan the sovereign descends to the world' now; the next sentence will probably be 'Qingluan the phoenix is by his side'

Feng Sang rolled her eyes at him. "That doesn't even rhyme! It should be..."

The second round of fireworks went off before she could finish.

Feng Sang was pleasantly surprised.

It was right on cue! Was she the lucky girl?

Would all her wishes come true, then?

But soon, she knew that she wasn't the lucky girl, but Feng Wu!

Because she saw the sentence in the sky!

"Feng Wu the phoenix soars above the land"!

'The first line was still in the sky when this line appeared. Feng Wu couldn't help but curse under her breath.

What about the Zuo family?

Everyone had become very quiet.

One could even hear the sound of leaves falling on the ground.

What an embarrassing moment!

It wasn't Zuo Qingluan.

It was never going to be her.

Rather, it was Feng Wu!

The girl whom so many people had slandered before!

'Tao Qingqing put a hand over her mouth, fearing that her heart would jump out at any moment.

Meanwhile, Zuo Qingluan —

#### Chapter 2444: How Can It Be Feng Wu?

Meanwhile, Zuo Qingluan —

She was completely baffled.

For the first time in her life, her head was completely blank.

The blow was so hard that she didn't know how to react.

How could it be Feng Wu?

"Luan?" Mrs, Zuo rushed to her side and embraced her, fearing that she might pass out.

Zuo Qingluan slowly came back to her senses, and her eyes refocused.

She was shocked by the looks the others gave her.

She panicked.

She had never panicked after she destroyed Feng Wu's True Phoenix Blood, but now, she was panicstricken.

No! She was Zuo Qingluan!

She was the sacred lady of Firmament Palace and the only one with True Phoenix Blood! She shouldn't panic!

She regained her posture and looked perfectly calm again.

Mrs. Zuo was still grumbling, "Who's doing it? Who? Someone must be setting off these fireworks under the guise of His Royal Highness's name! That's right! Someone is setting His Royal Highness up!

"Jun Linyuan the sovereign descends to the world'? His Royal Highness is still the crown prince; that line is so provoking! Are they trying to turn His Majesty against His Royal Highness?

"And what is 'Feng Wu the phoenix soars above the land' supposed to mean? Luan is the one His..."

"Mother, be careful with your choice of words."

Zuo Qingluan wanted to tell Mrs. Zuo to shut up, but she thought that wasn't the words a future empress would use, so she toned it down a little.

Mrs. Zuo was very scared of Zuo Qingluan.

Hearing that, she immediately shut up.

However, she didn't know what she had done wrong.

Zuo Qingluan looked at Dugu Menghai, the eldest son of the Dugu family.

Dugu Menghai was the vice-captain of the imperial guards who worked under Qin Yan, the captain who was always by the emperor's side.

"I's okay to celebrate Feng Wu's birthday, but someone is pretending to be the crown prince and incriminating him for treason. I can't overlook it. Brother Menghai, please look into it now."

"Of course. I'll be on my way." Dugu Menghai immediately went to carry out that order.

Mrs. Tao studied Zuo Qingluan.

How clever. She immediately concluded that someone was working against His Royal Highness. Not only did she save herself from the embarrassment, she blamed Feng Wu as well.

However, when she recalled what Feng Wu had done in the Gu family, she felt that Feng Wu was still the smarter one.

Many people depended on the Zuo family, so in a moment like this, they jumped out to defend the family.

"Miss Qingluan is right! Someone must be doing it on purpose!"

"Of all the girls out there, they have to mention Feng Wu's name. I'm sure she's involved!"

"Does Feng Wu still hold a grudge against Miss Qingluan for what happened back then, so she's using this opportunity to disgust her?"

"What happened back then?"

"Don't you know? Five years ago, two people had the True Phoenix Blood. One was Miss Qingluan and the other one was Feng Wu, but Feng Wu destroyed her own blood and became useless. She must hate Miss Qingluan after that!"

"So true! Feng Wu must be involved! We have to get to the bottom of it!"

#### Chapter 2445: Mysterious Father of the Emperor

Tao Qingging smirked. Get to the bottom of what?

'The crown prince had protected Feng Wu against the Gu family; it was so obvious that he was fond of her! That Zuo Qingluan should stop daydreaming!

She gave Zuo Qingluan a mocking glance.

It just so happened that Zuo Qingluan glanced in her direction at that moment.

Tao Qingqing was scared out of her wits. She turned the other way, and her face lost all color.

Mrs. Tao shook her head in resignation.

Meanwhile, on the street.

Emperor Wu was outside when he saw the words.

"Jun Linyuan the sovereign descends to the world and Feng Wu the phoenix soars above the land?"

Emperor Wu stood in the busy street and looked at the central square from afar. He narrowed his eyes when he read the words.

Gao and Qin Yan looked at each other in astonishment.

"TIL look into it," said Qin Yan.

Emperor Wu smiled a little. "Of course it has to be that boy. Who else is bold enough to say such a thing?"

"The sovereign descends to the world? He just can't wait to take the throne, can he?" thought Emperor Wu.

Neither Gao nor Qin Yan dared to utter a word.

However, the fury they expected never came. Emperor Wu said quietly, "Jun Linyuan the sovereign descends to the world and Feng Wu the phoenix soars above the land. That's quite a match! What a clever boy!"

That settled everything.

Gao and Qin Yan's clothes were soaked in sweat.

"I thought he had abandoned Xiao Wu, but here he is, planning something big. My dear son is so smart, isn't he?"

No one answered.

When he turned around to see the two scared subordinates, he snapped, "Grow some balls!"

Emperor Wu had been furious when he first saw the words.

"Jun Linyuan, are you going to usurp the throne now?"

But then, he remembered something.

Before his father abdicated, he had summoned Emperor Wu to the study and told him something.

"The throne was meant for your younger brother because he's better than you."

Emperor Wu worshiped his wise father, and that comment almost broke him.

However, there was a "but."

"But you have an excellent son, so you're going to guard the throne for him for 20 years. After that, it'll be his."

Emperor Wu was overwhelmed by all the information.

"Father, I promise you that I'll pass the throne to Jun Linyuan!"

'The old man gave him a long look and said indifferently, "If he wants it."

'The young Emperor Wu almost cried.

He and his brother had fought tooth and nail for the throne, but what did his father say?

Seeing that he was upset, his father patted him on the shoulder. "It's a family tradition. We only get a genius every other generation. Your generation just isn't lucky enough.."

# Chapter 2446: His Majesty the Onlooker

Emperor Wu realized that both his father and son were geniuses, making him the only idiot in between.

He almost wanted to cry.

That was why he had indulged Jun Linyuan all these years. He was only holding the throne for him.

What a sad story. Emperor Wu waved off the old memories. At least his son was indeed a genius, proving his own wise father correct.

"Keep moving!" He glanced at Gao and Qin Yan.

Everyone had gathered in the central square.

It was almost impossible for Emperor Wu to get through. Of course, if Qin Yan were to force his way in, no one would be able to stop them.

But Emperor Wu wouldn't let him.

"It's New Year's Eve. Let them enjoy tonight," said Emperor Wu.

A young man saw them and asked curiously, "Are you here for the lucky draw as well?"

Emperor Wu asked, "What lucky draw?"

The young man known as Chen said excitedly, "Don't you know? Northern Feng Mansion is giving out gifts today! Join the queue!"

Qin Yan wanted to punish the man for talking to the emperor that way, but Chen had already dragged Emperor Wu into the queue.

Seeing that the emperor was glad to join the game, Qin Yan didn't object. He and Gao stayed right next to Emperor Wu on either side, protecting the most important figure of the empire.

Chen had no idea that he had narrowly escaped death.

"I guess you have no idea that it's the birthdays of two people today," said Chen. "One is the sacred lady of Firmament Palace, and the other is the useless daughter of the Feng family."

Emperor Wu said, "You're quite well-informed, aren't you?"

Chen said, "Of course! I subscribe to Capital Gossip, and it has everything! By the way, do you know who Miss Qingluan and Miss Feng Wu are?"

Emperor Wu wanted to say no, but seeing how talkative the young man was, he nodded. "I've heard those names."

Chen said, "In that case, I won't go into detail. In short, they have the same birthday and are competing for the same man — our crown prince. How exciting is that?!

"Everyone thought that His Royal Highness would be celebrating Miss Qingluan's birthday, but as it turns out, he did something else! Do you know what he did?"

Emperor Wu pointed at the words in the sky that hadn't dissipated yet.

Chen said, "That's right! It sounds like they're perfect for each other, doesn't it? I've been their supporter from the very beginning!"

Emperor Wu wanted to laugh, but he only nodded and listened to the young man.

Chen said, "That is to say, these gifts are from His Royal Highness! They're his way to express his feelings for Miss Feng Wu! Isn't it exciting?!"

Emperor Wu said, "Yes, of course."

Chen said, "His Royal Highness is so generous! The total value of these gifts is 100 million coins! I don't think there's that much cash in His Majesty's treasury!"

# Chapter 2447: His Majesty and Two Bags of Rice

Emperor Wu glanced at Chen.

'The young man had no idea how close he was to death. He told Emperor Wu, "Enough chit-chat. Here's how you play: They're giving out ten rounds of gift envelopes at 15-minute intervals.

"All envelopes contain vouchers, and they represent various gifts. Some can be exchanged for silver and gold coins, and others can give you spiritual stones, condiments, and food! You can cash them in right here and take everything home with you.

"Do you know what's the most important prize?"

Emperor Wu asked, "What is it?"

"It's a collection of eight words!" Chen said excitedly. "On the back of each voucher, there's a word. There are eight different words in total, and if you can find all eight of them, you can exchange them for 999 silver coins!"

Emperor Wu said, "That's a lot."

"You don't say! His Royal Highness is so generous. When that Miss Qingluan gave out gift envelopes, her prizes were so petty. His Royal Highness's gifts are 100 times better!

"Back then, some people said that Miss Feng Wu competed for the house which Miss Zuo was giving out as a gift. What were they thinking? She can receive much better gifts from His Royal Highness!"

Emperor Wu was baffled.

He looked over his shoulder at Gao and wondered when public opinion had changed. Zuo Qingluan had seemed much more popular than Feng Wu before.

Gao was equally confused.

Emperor Wu asked, "You think very highly of Feng Wu, don't you?"

Chen said, "I'm not the only one. Look, Prince Yu of the Dark Court set off fireworks to express his love for Miss Feng Wu, which goes to show how amazing she is. She's only 14, but she's already a Level 6 Spiritual Lord!"

Emperor Wu smiled proudly. He knew that Feng Wu's level was even higher than that.

"Plus, Miss Feng Wu is so pretty. I wonder how beautiful her mother has to be."

Emperor Wu wanted to announce that he had met her mother in person.

"Twas so mad when I saw Prince Yu's fireworks. Luckily, His Royal Highness's are much better, and they outshine Prince Yu's!"

Emperor Wu wondered if this could count as some sort of patriotism.

Emperor Wu started gathering gift envelopes and tried to find all eight words. However, he just wasn't lucky enough.

Chen had much better luck. He soon found all eight words, cashed them in for 999 silver coins, and went back home.

In the end, Emperor Wu only received two bags of rice.

He had Qin Yan carry them for him, and it was quite a funny picture.

Emperor Wu laughed when he saw the look on Qin Yan's face.

"Your Majesty, are we really going back with the rice?" Gao asked in bewilderment.

"Going back? Not yet! We're going to the Feng family!" Emperor Wu marched off.

'The Feng clan.

Fallen Star Yard.

Everyone was baffled when they saw the lines in the sky.

Apart from Feng Xun and his two friends.

"What's that supposed to mean?" Elder Jing couldn't believe his eyes. "Who did it? Are they trying to get Xiao Wu killed?!"

Feng Xun said, "Elder Jing, why do you say that? I would never harm my own sister!"

Elder Jing said, "So, you're the culprit! Have you lost your mind?!"

Feng Xun asked, 'Why do you say that?"

## Chapter 2448: Do You Not Know?

Feng Xum asked, "Why do you say that?!"

Elder Jing pointed at the sky with a shaking finger. "Can you read? You can't use such expressions freely! You're going to get Xiao Wu killed!"

Elder Grain was equally angry and wanted to slap Feng Xun.

"Hey! Not my face!"

Feng Xun took off when he saw that the two elders were coming after him.

Meanwhile, Feng Wu didn't know how she should react.

She looked up at the sky, where the words were still twinkling.

'Jun Linyuan the sovereign descends to the world and Feng Wu the phoenix soars above the land."

That was a very ambitious statement.

Feng Wu couldn't begin to describe her feelings.

She was angry, excited, proud, and abashed at the same time.

The feelings almost overwhelmed her.

She took a deep breath to clear her mind and wouldn't let herself be carried away by her emotions.

She decided that Feng Xun had to be the culprit and that he was trying to make fun of her and the crown prince like he used to.

At that thought, she threw a dirty look at Feng Xun.

She would get back at him later!

Meanwhile, Feng Xun was running away from the two elders as he shouted, "Don't hit me! I didn't come up with those lines! It was J—"

He was about to say the name, when a steamed bun flew into his mouth, shutting him up.

"You're all here."

They were still chasing and shouting when they heard the voice. Everyone looked up and saw Emperor Wu standing in the doorway.

Qin Yan and Gao were with him as usual. It was just that...

There were two bags of rice in Qin Yan's hands, which was an unusual scene.

"Your Majesty? To what do we owe this honor?' Feng Wu was genuinely surprised to see Emperor Wu, but she reacted quickly and greeted him.

Emperor Wu waved at her. "I'm just taking a walk. I heard all the noise and thought I should take a look. I had no idea that it's your house."

Feng Wu wanted to roll her eyes at him.

Liar!

With the defense formation she had set up, people outside wouldn't be able to hear any noise in the courtyard.

But since the emperor had spoken, she decided to take his word for it.

However —

She was baffled when Qin Yan handed her the rice. "Your Majesty, what's this about?"

Everyone looked from Emperor Wu to the rice and was confused.

Ahem...

Emperor Wu cleared his throat and said with a smile, "Someone was giving out gift envelopes on my way here, and I was lucky enough to receive the rice as a gift. I guess it's a blessing from above, awarding me for feeding all the people of the empire. It's quite meaningful, so I thought I could give it to you as

a birthday present. Kiddo, aren't you happy?"

'What else could Feng Wu say?

She smiled. "Thank you, Your Majesty."

Emperor Wu said, "Don't mention it."

Feng Wu asked, "But who would give out gift envelopes at this late hour?"

Emperor Wu gave her a strange look.

Feng Wu looked back at him in confusion.

Emperor Wu looked from Jun Linyuan to Feng Wu and asked, "You mean you don't know.."

## Chapter 2449: Who Wrote Them?

Feng Wu was confused. "What should I know?"

Emperor Wu said, "The lucky draw."

Feng Wu asked, "What lucky draw?"

Emperor Wu pointed at the rice. "The lucky draw that's being carried out in your name. And do you see the lines in the sky?"

Feng Wu nodded.

Emperor Wu lowered his voice. "All the envelopes contain a word, and there are eight in total that say together, 'Jun Linyuan the sovereign, Feng Wu the true phoenix.' If one collects all eight, they can exchange them for 999 silver coins! I tried to find them all but failed. What a shame."

Feng Wu said, "Did you say 'collect all eight words'?"

Emperor Wu nodded.

Feng Wu glared at Feng Xun!

So, that was what it was about!

Feng Xun felt a chill run down his spine. He moved closer and grinned at Feng Wu. "Xiao Wu, are you mad?"

Feng Wu glared at him. "You're making fun of me!"

Feng Xun grew anxious.

Boss Jun would kick his ass if he heard that!

Feng Xun immediately said, "I would never do that! Why would I do such a thing?!"

Feng Wu said, "Never? What words did I give you when you came to me for ideas? I never said any of that!"

Feng Xun said, "The envelopes are for a birthday celebration! What words did you give me? Patriotic and diligent? They just don't suit the mood!"

Feng Wu said, "I thought His Majesty was giving out gift envelopes on New Year's Eve!"

Emperor Wu was perplexed.

Feng Xun said, "How could it be His Majesty? They're for celebrating your birthday!"

Feng Wu said, "But you didn't tell me what you were going to use!"

If she had known, she would never have let Feng Xun use those words.

Yes, Zuo Qingluan would be furious when she saw it and might acknowledge that Jun Linyuan was in love with Feng Wu. That way, she would be able to finish the eleventh trial. However, it would also mean that Feng Wu herself was admitting to her relationship with Jun Linyuan.

"The entire imperial capital will think that there's something going on between me and His Royal Highness! You..." Feng Wu told the two elders, "Do whatever you want with him!"

Elder Jing and Elder Grain were already chasing Feng Xun. Upon hearing what Feng Wu said, however, they both stopped.

Elder Jing asked Feng Wu, "Aren't you still engaged? What's wrong with letting people know about it?"

It would be very wrong!

Feng Wu glared at Feng Xun.

Feng Xun didn't know what to do.

It wasn't his fault!

The crown prince hadn't liked the words Feng Wu suggested, so he wrote those words himself!

He was so pleased with what he came up with that he couldn't stop smiling.

Feng Xun hated to admit that it was a very foolish smile.

He had never seen Jun Linyuan smile like that.

Feng Wu grabbed Feng Xun. "Did you write those words?"

Feng Xun said, "Of course not! Do you think I have such excellent handwriting?"

Feng Wu said, "Who wrote them, then?"

Chapter 2450: Arrest

Feng Xun said, "It wasn't me!"

He knew that Boss Jun would kill him if he told the truth.

Emperor Wu shook his head when he heard the bickering. He then looked around the courtyard, as if he was searching for someone.

Soon, he found the person he was looking for.

He was astonished. Lady Ling was even more beautiful than he remembered.

Just then, they heard footsteps outside.

It sounded like a trained army.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Someone pounded on the front gate.

Emperor Wu frowned. He barely had time to look at his goddess. How dare these people disturb him?

The knocking went on and became louder.

Someone shouted, "Open up! Surround Fallen Star Yard!"

Who was that?

Everyone was perplexed.

Feng Wu said, "Wait here. I'll have a look."

Feng Wu opened the gate and saw hundreds of people outside. Their armor shone coldly in the torchlight.

Two men led the team. One of them was dressed like a general and had a fierce look in his eyes.

He stared at Feng Wu the moment she opened the door. It was obvious that she was his target.

'An unwelcome guest.

Feng Wu frowned and looked at Feng Yanfeng, who was standing next to the general.

He had hidden away in his own house ever since the incident with Lady Gu, but he couldn't do that anymore.

He had no idea what visitors Fallen Star Yard had at the moment. He stared at Feng Wu and said, "How could you do such a thing?!"

Feng Wu had no intention of letting them in.

Even when she saw all the heavily-armed soldiers, she remained perfectly calm.

She sighed in resignation when she said to Feng Yanfeng, "Today is New Year's Eve and my birthday. Can't you let me have a peaceful evening? What's this all about?"

Feng Yanfeng gloated at Feng Wu's predicament.

He said in an authoritative tone, "Xiao Wu, you've done the most unspeakable thing. Even I can't protect you now. I'm so disappointed in you."

Feng Wu didn't know what to say.

Before she could say anything, the general spoke. "Feng Wu, you're suspected of usurping the throne. I'm going to arrest you now. If you resist, I'm going to kill you!"

Usurping the throne?

Feng Wu wanted to laugh. Why would she want the throne?

She said, "And you are?"

Feng Yanfeng said, "This is General Dugu Menghai, the heir to the Dugu family and the vice-captain of the imperial guards."

Feng Wu said, "I see. Vice-captain Dugu, is it?"

Dugu Menghai's face darkened.