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Chapter 2451: Elder Grain Said So

Most people would omit the “vice” when they addressed him.

Feng Wu smiled at him. “Vice-captain. How impressive. I’m so scared.”

She thought, “Your captain is holding bags of rice in my yard. Would you like to meet him?”

If Dugu Menghai could read her mind, he would have fled the scene.

But he couldn’t, so he remained very arrogant.

“Take her down!” Although Dugu Menghai was amazed by how pretty Feng Wu was, he didn’t feel anything for her because to him, power was the most important thing.

“Wait,” Feng Yanfeng interjected.

He then turned to stare at Feng Wu. “Xiao Wu, if you still care about your family, sign this.”

Feng Wu glanced at the paper. “What’s that?”

Feng Yanfeng said, “It’s an agreement saying that you’ll leave the clan for good.”

Feng Wu said, “What agreement?”

Feng Yanfeng gestured at Dugu Menghai, asking him to wait a moment. He then walked up to Feng Wu and said, “Xiao Wu, your crime is unforgivable. You’re trying to usurp the throne! The Feng clan has lived peacefully for generations, and I can’t let you bring everyone down with you. If you still have any conscience at all, you should give everyone a chance.”

Feng Wu looked from the paper to Feng Yanfeng and smiled. “So, you want me to voluntarily sign this agreement. If anything goes wrong in the future, you won’t need to take any responsibility. Is that right?”

Feng Yanfeng said, “Xiao Wu, stop stalling and sign it!”

Feng Wu asked, “Removing a member from the clan is a major decision. Have you asked the elders yet?”

Feng Yanfeng hadn’t because everything had happened too suddenly and he didn’t have the time.

He decided that Feng Wu would never get to talk to the three elders, and she would have to take his word for it.

He feigned a sympathetic tone. “Xiao Wu, there’s no hope left for you. All the elders agree with me, and Elder Grain even said...”

Feng Wu fought back her laughter and said with a straight face, “What did Elder Grain say?”

Feng Yanfeng said, “Elder Grain called you a disloyal and immoral member of the clan. You’ll only destroy us if you stay here. And there’s more.”

Feng Wu glanced in the direction of the yard and smiled a little. "What else?"

Feng Yanfeng sighed. "Elder Grain said that we should have kicked you out five years ago. He said that keeping you here was the biggest mistake he ever made."

Feng Wu said, "Is that so? Did Elder Grain really say that? You're not making it up, are you?"

Feng Yanfeng glared at Feng Wu.. "Elder Grain said so himself! Feng Wu, stop stalling and sign it! From now on, you'll have nothing to do with the Feng clan!"

Chapter 2452: Face-slapping (1)

Just then, a person charged out of Fallen Star Yard and kicked Feng Yanfeng in the stomach.

What a forceful kick!

Feng Yanfeng immediately flew backward.

Behind him was a team of soldiers.

Soldiers with shiny armor and steel blades!

Therefore —

'When Feng Yanfeng flew backward.

The soldiers behind him fell like dominoes.

'They ended up piling on top of one another, and Feng Yanfeng landed on top of that little "hill."

'The impact cleared a path wide enough for five people to walk shoulder-to-shoulder.

The soldiers were all baffled by the sudden turn of events. They all stared at the newcomer.

Next to Feng Wu was a powerful old man.

He was shouting angrily.

He charged at Feng Yanfeng, lifted him off the ground, and bellowed, "What did you just say? Keeping Feng Wu is my biggest regret? I agreed to kick Feng Wu out?!"

Feng Yanfeng was utterly confused when he was kicked away, but when he saw Elder Grain, he was astonished.

"Elder Grain?!" He didn't know what to say.

'The old man was the last person he expected to see here.

Elder Grain punched him in the stomach. "Tell me! When did I agree to kick Feng Wu out?!"

Feng Yanfeng was so embarrassed. If the ground could open up right now, he would hide in it.

Seeing that Elder Grain was going to hit him again, Feng Yanfeng surrendered. “No! You didn’t say any of that!”

“Hmph!” Elder Grain threw Feng Yanfeng to the ground, still looking annoyed.

Feng Wu crossed her arms and smiled at Feng Yanfeng. “You just said that Elder Grain wants to kick me out, but now you’re saying that he didn’t say it. Uncle, which is it?”

Feng Yanfeng was so embarrassed and wished that he could run back home.

But as the head of the Feng clan, he couldn’t do that.

No one came to help him, so he had to struggle to his feet.

He didn’t have time to respond to Feng Wu’s mocking. Right now, he had to focus on appeasing Elder Grain.

“Elder Grain, didn’t you say you want to kick Feng Wu out? I got carried away, and that was why I said those things without asking for your permission first...”

Elder Grain shouted, “When did I say that? I didn’t!”

Feng Yanfeng cringed, but he answered, “You said so yourself when I returned from the grassland...”

Elder Grain was embarrassed.

Back then, he didn’t know Feng Wu and was indifferent to the suggestion of kicking her out, but that was a long time ago!

He glared at Feng Yanfeng. “That was a long time ago! Things have changed!”

Feng Yanfeng wanted to cry. It was less than a month ago..

Chapter 2453: Face-slapping (2)

“Elder Grain, why are you here?” Feng Yanfeng asked gingerly.

Elder Grain bellowed at him, “Feng Yanfeng, you’re heartless! Do you know what day it is today? It’s Xiao Wu’s birthday! You left her alone in her courtyard. Is that what an uncle is supposed to do? Why am I here? I’m celebrating her birthday!”

Feng Yanfeng didn’t even dare to wipe off the spit that was on his face.

He was scared out of his wits when he heard what Elder Grain said.

If he was celebrating Feng Wu’s birthday, that meant that he had to be very close to Feng Wu.

“That’s right. We’re here for Xiao Wu’s birthday.” Elder Jing came out and stood next to Elder Grain.

Elder Jing?!

Feng Yanfeng’s pupils contracted.

Elder Grain was known for his mood swings and wasn't exactly a reliable character. Elder Jing, on the other hand, was very level-headed.

Feng Yanfeng's heart sank when he heard what Elder Jing said.

Dugu Menghai glanced at Feng Yanfeng.

Their plan was to get Feng Wu to sign the agreement. After that, he would arrest her and put her in jail. Once there, she would soon be executed.

But now, the two elders were involved

Dugu Menghai nodded to them and briefly showed them his token. "I'm sorry to have ruined your evening, but Feng Wu has committed a serious crime, and I have to take her away. Now —"

"Oh my, listen to that authoritative tone. So it's you, Vice-captain Dugu." Feng Xun walked out with a grin on his face.

Feng Xun?!

Dugu Menghai frowned.

Feng Xun was the young lord of Northern Feng Mansion. Despite his prestigious status, he didn't have much actual power. Therefore, Dugu Menghai didn't feel intimidated.

What worried him was Feng Xun's friend, Jun Linyuan.

If he was here, would Jun Linyuan be inside as well?

No. Dugu Menghai shook his head. If the crown prince really was visiting someone, it had to be Zuo Qingluan. Why would he be here in Fallen Star Yard?

Therefore, he said matter-of-factly, "Young Lord Feng, Feng Wu's crime is punishable by death, and that's beyond you! Please move aside!"

Feng Xun smiled. "What crime is it? Tell me about it. Otherwise, I won't let you leave even if you want to."

Dugu Menghai said, "Feng Xun, are you obstructing official business now?!"

Feng Xun cupped his fists to show respect to the authority Dugu Menghai represented before he said, "I'm the most loyal member of the court, why would I do such a thing? The problem is, I think you're abusing your power for personal gain!"

Dugu Menghai glared at Feng Xun.. "The Zuo family is looking everywhere for you! You should be at their party now!"

Chapter 2454: Face-slapping (3)

Feng Xun laughed. "Why should I go? Just because they invited me?"

Dugu Menghai said, "Feng Xun, are you going to support Feng Wu, then?"

Feng Xun said, "You're not taking her anywhere unless you give me a reason I can accept."

Dugu Menghai knew that he had to do something to persuade Feng Xun.

He pointed at the lines in the sky. "Do you see that?"

Feng Xun said, "Yes. So what?"

Dugu Menghai said, "So what?! Do you know what it means?!"

Feng Xun said, "What does it mean?"

Dugu Menghai shouted, "Stop playing dumb! Those words are proof that Feng Wu wants to usurp the throne! I can understand that Feng Wu wants to be connected to His Royal Highness. All girls do.

"But 'the sovereign' and 'the land'? She's slandering His Royal Highness! How dare you try to protect her! Do you have a death wish?!"

Feng Xun rolled his eyes. "Dugu Menghai, who told you that Feng Wu set off those fireworks?"

Dugu Menghai snorted. "We caught the suspect and he admitted that Feng Wu is the mastermind behind the fireworks. She can't deny it!"

"Proof? Suspect?" Feng Xun wanted to laugh.

How ridiculous.

Feng Wu had no idea that they were going to celebrate her birthday today. She didn't know anything about their plan.

But this man was saying that he had some sort of proof and wanted to arrest her.

It was preposterous!

Feng Xun felt so sorry for Feng Wu because he could only imagine how much she had gone through.

"Dugu Menghai, you're dead." He glared at Dugu Menghai.

Dugu Menghai smirked. "You don't know what you're talking about. Feng Xun, you're going down. The person who set off the fireworks is the steward of your family!"

'The Dugu family had been trying to bring down Northern Feng Mansion, but Northern Feng General was such an upright man that they never had the chance.

But right now, they felt that they had the perfect opportunity.

Even if they couldn't destroy Northern Feng Mansion, taking down Feng Xun would be a great achievement as well.

But then, Dugu Menghai saw a man coming out of the courtyard.

'The crown prince?!

Dugu Menghai couldn't believe his eyes.

He was even more surprised than Feng Yanfeng was when he saw Elder Grain.

“Your Royal Highness? Why are you here? Aren’t you taking care of governmental affairs in your residence?!” All those people they sent to the crown prince’s residence had come back with the news saying that the crown prince was still busy.

But here he was.

Dugu Menghai’s eyes popped out.

He had a very bad feeling, and his heart sank.

Chapter 2455: Face-slapping (4)

“No, this can’t be happening!”

Dugu Menghai wouldn’t give up his last bit of hope.

“Your Royal Highness, Feng Wu is slandering you. I’ve reported it to His Majesty, and she will be punished!” Dugu Menghai trembled under Jun Linyuan’s cold gaze.

He knew that he had to follow the crown prince’s order, so he used Emperor Wu as an excuse instead.

He would probably cry if he knew that Emperor Wu was right inside.

‘The energy Jun Linyuan gave off made everyone shiver.

He said in a decisive tone, “I wrote them.”

“What?” Dugu Menghai didn’t get it.

‘The crown prince smirked and repeated, “I wrote the lines. Do you have a problem with that?”

What?!

This time, Dugu Menghai finally understood.

And he wished that he hadn’t heard it.

Because the truth was too scary!

“Your Royal Highness, what do you mean? Did you remember incorrectly?” Dugu Menghai’s heart was racing.

He couldn’t believe his ears!

‘The crown prince had admitted that he was the one who had written the lines in the sky! Dugu Menghai wanted to cry.

‘The Dugu family and the Zuo family were close allies!

If Zuo Qingluan could marry the crown prince, the Dugu family would benefit from it as well, but he now discovered that the crown prince had come to see Feng Wu.

'The Zuo family had invited members of all the influential families of the imperial capital tonight. Rumor was that the crown prince was so in love with Zuo Qingluan that he was going to announce their engagement tonight.

That love never existed!

Nor would there be an engagement!

'The crown prince wouldn't even set foot inside the Zuo family residence! He was here with Feng Wu!

Not only that, he also wrote those words to announce his feelings to the world!

He was in love with Feng Wu!

Feng Wu was their ultimate enemy!

Dugu Menghai glared at Feng Wu.

Meanwhile.

Feng Wu was dumbfounded.

Ever since Jun Linyuan said that he had written those words, her head stopped working.

A little Feng Wu in a pink dress laughed in her head. "I told you so! He's fond of you!"

A little Feng Wu in a black dress shook her head. "No! It can't be! It has to be a misunderstanding!"

Pink Feng Wu said, "If he's not in love with you, why would he give in whenever you speak nicely to him?"

Black Feng Wu said, "Because... that's just the way he is."

Pink Feng Wu said, "If other people try to do the same thing, they'll be kicked away before they get anywhere near him. You're so dumb!"

Black Feng Wu covered her face. "I don't believe you!"

While the two little girls fought in her head, Feng Wu remained dumbfounded.

She closed her eyes and decided to pretend that she hadn't heard anything,

Chapter 2456: I Wrote Them

However, Dugu Menghai was determined to arrest Feng Wu.

He looked from Feng Wu to Jun Linyuan and came up with an idea.

'They could accept that the crown prince was in love with Feng Wu, but he had to marry Zuo Qingluan. Therefore, Feng Wu had to be arrested. That way, she would be tamed and could only obey Zuo Qingluan's orders in the future.

At that thought, Dugu Menghai summoned up his courage and looked Jun Linyuan in the eye. "Your Royal Highness, don't you think what you wrote has crossed the line? The order came from His Majesty, so I must take Feng Wu with me!"

Hearing that those men were going to take Feng Wu away, the beautiful lady burst into tears. She wanted to go out and help her daughter.

It pained Emperor Wu to see Lady Ling like this, so he immediately said, "Just wait here. I'll go."

The beautiful lady looked at Emperor Wu with teary eyes. "Can you help us?"

That was all Emperor Wu needed to hear.

"Of course I can!"

Who could say no to such a beautiful woman?!

"It'll only take a minute!" Emperor Wu turned around and marched off.

Gao didn't know what to say.

His Majesty had never been so eager in front of any of his women.

Dugu Menghai couldn't believe his eyes when he saw Emperor Wu

He was astonished.

His face lost all color.

And his head went blank.

Dugu Menghai froze on the spot, as if he was in a trance.

He stared at Emperor Wu and Qin Yan.

Captain Qin was his direct superior, and becoming the captain of the imperial guards was Dugu Menghai's life goal!

"Why don't I remember giving such an order?" Emperor Wu raised his eyebrows and asked in a casual tone.

He was feeling very protective at the moment because Lady Ling was watching. He wanted to show her that he was the most important man in this empire.

Dugu Menghai dropped to his knees. "Your Majesty! Why... why are you here..."

Emperor Wu said coldly, "Do I need to inform you where I go?"

Dugu Menghai shook his head, and his face was very pale. "No, no, I didn't mean that. I was only trying to say..."

Emperor Wu smirked. "You're only trying to say that I gave you the order to arrest Feng Wu, is that it?"

Dugu Menghai looked like he was going to pass out.

He knew that he had made the biggest mistake.

The imperial guards were in charge of guarding the capital city. If their vice-captain delivered a false order from the emperor, the entire army could be seen to have turned against the throne as well. Therefore, Dugu Menghai couldn't afford to be considered a liar.

But now.

He had said such a thing when His Majesty was listening.

He had just delivered a false imperial edict.

Dugu Menghai didn't think that the emperor would take Feng Wu's side, but what he did was still unforgivable.

He had forgotten all about Zuo Qingluan and was overwhelmed by the fear of death.

He didn't want to die.

"Your Majesty, it was all my fault! I shouldn't have made up such an order! But those words still show Feng Wu's intent to usurp the throne!"

Chapter 2457: Strange Mood In the Zuo Family

Dugu Menghai decided that if he could prove that Feng Wu planned to usurp the throne, his crime wouldn't be so severe.

However, Emperor Wu only smiled. "You don't like what those lines say, do you?"

Dugu Menghai said, "Your Majesty, that proves she's a usurper!"

Emperor Wu didn't seem angry, but he suddenly kicked Dugu Menghai in the chest.

He was displeased when he saw that Dugu Menghai didn't fly away.

He said grimly. "Usurper? Then I'll be usurping my own throne! I wrote those words!"

Dugu Menghai was shocked.

So was everyone else.

Emperor Wu sneered at him then looked over his shoulder at Lady Ling.

Lady Ling was smiling now.

Emperor Wu was so happy that he smiled for a split second as well. Dugu Menghai couldn't believe it.

His Majesty was smiling? He had to be seeing things!

However, when Emperor Wu turned around, he kicked Dugu Menghai again. "Your crime is punishable by death!

"Qin Yan!"

“Yes, Your Majesty.”

“Dismiss him from his post! He’ll never be employed as an officer ever again!” Emperor Wu said coldly.

“Yes.”

Emperor Wu stole a glance at Lady Ling.

She was frowning and seemed worried.

She was worried about her daughter because the crown prince was there, but she was only wearing a casual outfit and wasn’t behaving like a noble young lady.

But Emperor Wu took it as a sign that Lady Ling wasn’t satisfied with the punishment Dugu Menghai received, although Dugu Menghai had almost fainted.

Emperor Wu waved his hand. “Destroy his cultivation ability and break his legs. If the Dugu family dares to give him any help, they can go down with him!”

Qin Yan said, “Yes, Your Majesty.”

Gao almost felt sorry for Dugu Menghai.

One shouldn’t take lives on New Year’s Eve, so Emperor Wu gave him a punishment that was worse than death.

Dugu Menghai was dumbfounded.

He knew that he would be punished and possibly demoted, but his family would ensure that he got his job back. However, what was happening was beyond his expectations

“Your Majesty!”

Dugu Menghai wanted to beg for mercy, but Qin Yan hit him on the back of his neck, knocking him out.

Qin Yan dragged him away after that.

The 300 hundred guards whom Dugu Menghai had brought here were filled with terror as well.

Qin Yan took them away with him as well.

As for what he would do with them

He wouldn’t be much gentler than Qin Mo, the head of military intelligence.

‘What happened to Dugu Menghai was confidential information, and the Zuo family wasn’t notified.

They were still waiting for more information.

But the news never arrived.

No news was bad news. Zuo Qingluan’s heart began to sink.

The party had been going on for hours, and it would soon be midnight. The guests were already thinking of leaving.

But with the strange atmosphere in the manor, no one dared to bring it up.

Tao Qingqing tugged at Mrs. Tao. "Mother, I'm sure that His Royal Highness isn't coming. We can wait for news of Feng Wu back home.. How about we leave now?"

Chapter 2458: Humiliation

Tao Qingqing couldn't stand the suffocating atmosphere anymore.

Mrs. Tao still hesitated.

Just then, the servants whom the other families sent out to gather information came back to deliver the news.

WHAT?!

The fireworks at the central square were set off under the order of Young Lord Feng?!

Even Zuo Qingluan couldn't deny the fact that Feng Xun and the crown prince were best buddies.

So

"Those words came from His Royal Highness?!"

"OMG! What's that supposed to mean?!"

"Isn't it obvious? His Royal Highness is telling everyone he's in love with Feng Wu! Don't you see? Feng Wu is the one His Royal Highness is going to marry!"

"Gosh! It can't be! I don't believe it!"

"That may not be the case. If His Royal Highness really is confessing his love for Feng Wu, why didn't people of the crown prince's residence set off the fireworks? Why was it Northern Feng Mansion?"

"Well, what does that mean?"

Hearing the conversation, Mrs. Dugu said, "It can't have been His Royal Highness's idea. I'm sure that it was Young Lord Feng's own decision."

But Tao Qingqing said, "But can those 100 million coins' worth of gifts be from Young Lord Feng as well? Does he have that much money?"

Everyone fell silent.

Yes, Northern Feng Mansion could afford it, but Feng Xun was no fool. Why would he spend so much of his own money to show Feng Wu that the crown was in love with her?

Tao Qingqing grinned. "That can be easily proven. If His Royal Highness didn't give permission, no one would dare to use those words. You've been guessing that the fireworks are from Feng Wu or Young Lord Feng, but just wait until tomorrow. If Feng Wu and Feng Xun are both safe and sound tomorrow,

that means that His Royal Highness gave his consent. What's more, His Royal Highness might even be the one who set off the fireworks. Do you agree with me?"

Tao Qingging didn't really like Feng Wu, but she disliked Zuo Qingluan even more and would use every chance to annoy the sacred lady.

Zuo Qingluan stared coldly at Tao Qingging.

She had heard everything Tao Qingging said.

But because she was the sacred lady, she couldn't be bothered to quarrel with an ant.

While she was staring at Tao Qingging, Tao Qingging stared back at her as well.

You don't scare me! I'm from the Tao family, and I have amazing brothers! Bite me!

The temperature around Zuo Qingluan seemed to drop.

Mrs. Tao was speechless. She was here to make friends, not enemies. Seeing how things were turning out, she had to leave. "Mrs. Zuo, I'm so sorry, but we need to go to Wandering Temple early in the morning, so we should leave now."

The mention of Wandering Temple reminded everyone of the important event of the new year.

Mrs. Dugu asked, "Did you get a place?"

Mrs. Tao said, "Yes, we were very lucky. We're going to be the fifth to pray at the temple this year, and we can't be late. See you later."

Chapter 2459: Wandering Temple

Mrs. Tao nodded at Mrs. Zuo.

Mrs. Zuo nodded back, her smile a little forced.

It was the perfect excuse, and no one could stop her.

Master Linghu of Wandering Temple was like a god to the people of the Junwu Empire.

For a time, Master Linghu had lived in seclusion and wasn't known to the public.

13 years ago, the empire came under attack. At a critical juncture, he single-handedly killed the head of the Dongsang Kingdom and stopped the enemy from advancing. He became the savior and protector of the empire.

It was said that he could see everything in the past and future. It was also rumored that he was the most advanced cultivator in the Junwu Empire.

And there was more.

People believed that if they were the first to pray at Wandering Temple in the new year, Master Linghu would give them an object personally blessed by him, and the person would be lucky for the whole year.

Therefore, people fought head over heels for that opportunity every year.

The Zuo family was no exception.

Mrs. Zuo had visited Wandering Temple countless times; she thought that if Zuo Qingluan could become the first precant, that would mean that she had been acknowledged by Master Linghu.

With that, she would be even more likely to marry the crown prince.

But she never succeeded.

She spent a small fortune on donations to the temple, but the abbot told her that the first precant was always chosen by Master Linghu himself. It could be anybody.

From second place onward, the sequence was decided by the amount of donations given. With what Mrs. Zuo had spent, she would have taken eighth place.

Mrs. Zuo stormed off. Eighth just wasn't good enough.

But that place was soon filled. When Mrs. Zuo regretted her decision and went back, she was already out of the competition.

Mrs Zuo didn't know what to say.

"The good luck of the first precant is real," old Mrs. Gongsun said. "My grandson had back luck for years, but then, he was chosen. After that, he became very smart, and is already in the top 3 in his class!"

She was talking about Gongsu Jia, who was indeed an impressive teenager. However, it was the first time people heard of the story behind it.

"I think that position belongs to Her Majesty the empress dowager this year. Her Majesty has been talking about it for a long time."

Because of the change in subject, the atmosphere didn't feel so awkward anymore.

Zuo Qingluan went back to her Phoenix Yard.

She knew that people had tried to change the subject to ease the tension, but she could see the pity in their eyes.

"Tm the sacred lady! I don't need pity!"

Zuo Qingluan gritted her teeth and hated Feng Wu even more.

Meanwhile, in Fallen Star Yard.

After taking care of Dugu Menghai, Feng Wu was ready to ask everyone to leave because it was time for her mother's beauty sleep.

But there was a tap on the door.

Everyone was alarmed.. More unexpected guests?

Chapter 2460: Who's Master Linghu?

Qiuling opened the door to find a smiling young monk outside.

Feng Xun cried out, "Aren't you the little monk from Wandering Temple?!"

He knew the monk well.

'Whenever he went to Wandering Temple with Jun Linyuan, he never had the chance to meet Master Linghu. Every time, this little monk would take him to the gatehouse and force him to practice his cultivation there.

It was one of Feng Xun's most painful memories.

"Yuanbao." Feng Xun rubbed the monk's smooth head. "I thought you never left the mountain. What are you doing here?"

Wandering Temple?

Feng Yanfeng, who had been lying forgotten in a corner, was shocked by the name.

'Was it THE Wandering Temple?

There was too much information for Feng Yanfeng to digest.

The two elders were on Feng Wu's side, then there was the crown prince and even the emperor himself. What was going on?

He had been about to pass out when the monk of Wandering Temple arrived.

Master Linghu was about as famous as Emperor Wu and Jun Linyuan. Was he involved as well?

The little monk greeted Feng Wu. "Miss Feng Wu, my master wants to invite you to visit our temple."

"Master Linghu?" Feng Wu still held a grudge against that old monk. "What does he want?"

Yuanbao grinned. "My master wonders if you're interested in being the first precant."

Feng Wu wasn't. She was more interested in smacking Master Linghu on the head.

Had it not been for him, she wouldn't have to go through the 12 trials and fawn on Jun Linyuan!

At that thought, she shook her head. "No!"

Elder Jing and Elder Grain were equally shocked.

Although they had read information on what Feng Wu had done after she returned from Northern Border City, it was never mentioned that she was acquainted with Master Linghu.

But it was such a sweet deal.

Elder Jing pulled Feng Wu to the side, and Elder Grain smiled at Yuanbao. "Of course she's interested!"

He then gave Feng Wu a warning glance.

“Silly girl, that’s Master Linghu! What are you thinking?!”

Feng Wu didn’t think much of it. She rolled her eyes at Elder Grain. “That old trickster will only set me up! Become the first precant? He’s only trying to trick me again!”

Emperor Wu opened his mouth but didn’t know what to say.

The empress dowager had wanted to be the first precant. She went to see Master Linghu but was sent back without meeting the old man. She had wept in her palace, and Emperor Wu had offered to talk to the master himself.

He did see Master Linghu after that, but the old monk only said no.

Emperor Wu knew Master Linghu’s true identity.

Because of that, he felt so strange when he heard Feng Wu call him an old trickster.

He stared at Feng Wu..