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Chapter 2491 Empress Dowager

Zuo Qingluan insisted that Jun Linyuan had made the promise first, and she was only asking him to keep his promise.

She sat down and started thinking.

It would be very difficult to try and change Jun Linyuan's mind.

Zuo Qingluan then thought about Feng Xun, and wondered if she could work on him.

She had thought about it before. She would befriend Feng Xun and ask him to support her. That way, she would make a good impression on the crown prince...

It was a good idea, but she couldn't use it.

Because Feng Wu had beaten her to it.

Zuo Qingluan gritted her teeth. "Feng Wu, you keep saying that you're not in love with His Royal Highness, but you made friends with Feng Xun first and used him to get to His Royal Highness. How cunning!"

Since His Royal Highness's friend wouldn't work, she had to work on his family instead.

Bao Er... Zuo Qingluan shook her head. She wasn't capable enough at the moment to treat Bao Er.

His Royal Highness's mother had passed away, and he didn't see eye to eye with His Majesty. That left her with only one candidate.

The empress dowager. The old lady doted on the crown prince, and she was the only person whom Jun Linyuan was patient with.

Zuo Qingluan concluded that Jun Linyuan would definitely listen to the empress dowager. As long as she agreed... Zuo Qingluan smiled a little.

It seemed that she was going to visit the royal palace.

She never did things that she wasn't confident about. To win over the empress dowager, she made a lot of preparations in advance.

She needed to figure out what the old lady liked and disliked.

The Zuo family would help her with that.

Mrs. Zuo's eyes lit up when she heard the plan.

Finally, her daughter was going to do something.

She had been so proud, but now, she was asking about the empress dowager's preferences.

What Mrs. Zuo didn't know was that this was all part of Zuo Qingluan's plan. She would never willingly fawn over any person.

Zuo Qingluan had no real respect for the empress dowager.

But her hands were tied, and she had to do things she hated.

For other people, it would be very difficult to meet the empress dowager.

But the Zuo family could visit the empress dowager almost whenever they wanted.

Mrs. Zuo took Zuo Qingluan to Empress Dugu's palace first.

Empress Dugu was pleased when Zuo Qingluan, the sacred lady of Firmament Palace, came to pay her respects to her. Zuo Qingluan was also her niece. Empress Dugu then took Zuo Qingluan to see the empress dowager. Cining Palace.

"The sacred lady?"

The empress dowager frowned a little.

She remembered Zuo Qingluan. The girl had been very proud since she was little. She behaved more like a princess than Jun Wuxia.

The empress dowager didn't like girls who were too proud, so she didn't think much of Zuo Qingluan.

Two elderly maids served the empress dowager.

One was Granny Lan. She was mild-tempered and rather liked Feng Wu.

The other one was Granny Gui, who got along well with Empress Dugu.

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Granny Gui said, "Miss Qingluan has the True Phoenix Blood. If His Royal Highness marries her, their children will have both bloodlines. Your Majesty, aren't you searching for a wife for His Royal Highness? Maybe Miss Qingluan can be a candidate."

The empress dowager frowned. She only gestured at the servants to bring Empress Dugu and the others in.

Empress Dugu was chuckling when she walked in.

The empress dowager frowned because she didn't like Empress Dugu.

She wanted to protect Jun Linyuan, but Empress Dugu had never been friendly toward him, so the empress dowager had never liked her daughter-in-law.

Empress Dugu knew that as well, but her family was here, so she had to pretend that she and the empress dowager were very close. Otherwise, it would be so humiliating.

Your Majesty, how was your day?" Empress Dugu greeted her mother-in-law.

The empress dowager glanced at Empress Dugu but soon looked past her.

She was looking at the people behind Empress Dugu — Mrs. Zuo and Zuo Qingluan.

The empress dowager had expected Zuo Qingluan to be as arrogant as she used to be, but she was wrong.

When she looked at Zuo Qingluan, the girl was smiling

A smile? The empress dowager couldn't believe her eyes.

She looked again.

Zuo Qingluan was smiling sweetly at her.

The empress dowager's heart almost skipped a beat.

The arrogant girl from five years ago was fawning on the empress dowager. What a bright smile.

The empress dowager hadn't liked the idea of marrying Zuo Qingluan to Jun Linyuan at first since the boy was already very cold. If his wife was equally cold, what would their life be like?

The empress dowager was looking for a considerate girl with a warm smile.

Right now, Miss Zuo looked like a suitable candidate.

"Are you Zuo Qingluan?" The empress dowager was a little intrigued.

"Yes, Your Majesty."

Zuo Qingluan slowly walked up to the empress dowager and bowed.

How graceful.

The empress dowager and Granny Gui exchanged looks, and both were pleasantly surprised.

Her movements were so accurate it was like they had been measured with a ruler.

The girl looked like she was born to live in the palace.

"Your Majesty, here's some Snowy Cream my master made for you."

Firmament Palace was good at making both medicines and poisons.

Zuo Qingluan knew that all women loved things that made them more beautiful.

Although the empress dowager was an elderly woman, she still spent hours on skincare every day. Zuo Qingluan had chosen the perfect gift for her.

The empress dowager was surprised to see the gift. "Snowy Cream? I use it all the time, but this one smells fresher."

Zuo Qingluan nodded. "The Snowy Cream sold in Firmament Pavilion has a similar formula, but the ones sold elsewhere are made by ordinary people, so they are not as effective."

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“Your Majesty, this Snowy Cream was made by my master, and is the same cream that she uses every day. My master said that Your Majesty and her were best friends when you were young. Although the two of you haven’t met each other for many years, she still cares about Your Majesty.”

Zuo Qingluan studied the empress dowager as she spoke.

She didn’t expect that the old lady would like her right away. As long as the empress dowager liked her better than before, she would achieve results.

The empress dowager looked pleased when she heard that the master of Firmament Palace still cared about her.

And the Snowy Cream was a very considerate gift.

Seeing that Zuo Qingluan wasn’t as arrogant as she had expected, the empress dowager wasn’t as indifferent as before.

“Take a seat,” said the empress dowager.

Despite the change in her attitude, the empress dowager wasn’t that easily impressed. It would take more than a few gifts to melt her heart.

“Wait. Is Zuo Qingluan here?” Jun Wuxia was there as well, and was surprised to see Zuo Qingluan.

Zuo Qingluan nodded at her. “That’s the deluxe version of the Snowy Cream. Zuo Qingluan, did you give it to Grandma?” Jun Wuxia asked curiously.

Zuo Qingluan nodded. She didn’t like Jun Wuxia because the princess was too proud for her liking. While other people called her Miss Qingluan, Jun Wuxia kept addressing her by her full name.

Jun Wuxia stared at Zuo Qingluan. “Hey, why isn’t there something for me?” “Wuxia!” Empress Dugu chided her.

Jun Wuxia snorted. “I see. She’s sucking up to Grandma.”

Zuo Qingluan bit her lower lip and disliked Jun Wuxia even more.

The empress dowager looked from Zuo Qingluan to Jun Wuxia. She didn’t say anything, but there was a pointed look in her eyes.

Zuo Qingluan had always considered herself the respectable sacred lady of Firmament Palace. Now, however, a mere princess was talking to her that way. Zuo Qingluan was furious.

However...

She couldn’t lose her temper now.

To marry Jun Linyuan, she had to win these women’s hearts first.

At that thought, she took a deep breath and fought back her rage. She then smiled at Jun Wuxia.

“I still have a bottle in Firmament Pavilion. I thought I would keep it for Her Majesty for future use. Would you like me to fetch it for you?” she asked Jun Wuxia.

Jun Wuxia snorted. "If you don't want to give it to me, just say so. Are you trying to say that I'm taking Her Majesty's face cream? Zuo Qingluan, you're such a schemer!"

Zuo Qingluan glared at Jun Wuxia and took a deep breath. She didn't know what to do with this rude princess.

She couldn't control her temper for much longer.

Empress Dugu wanted to cover her daughter's mouth and stop her from attacking one of their own.

She smiled awkwardly and said, "The two of you are cousins. Why are you quarreling? Wuxia, didn't you say that Qingluan is your best friend? You went to her birthday party just the other day."

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That only made Jun Wuxia even more frustrated

She felt that she should never have gone to Zuo Qingluan's birthday party.

Jun Wuxia had only been there because Feng Wu was her enemy. Since Feng Wu was protected by the crown prince, Jun Wuxia had to condescend to hang out with Zuo Qingluan. If Zuo Qingluan won back the crown prince's heart, Jun Wuxia felt that she could then take care of Feng Wu.

But things didn't turn out that way.

"Don't even mention that birthday party," Jun Wuxia snapped. "I thought my brother was going to be there, but he wasn't!"

Zuo Qingluan's face immediately darkened.

She had never been humiliated like this before.

Jun Wuxia was a spoiled child and had always gotten her way, so she just blurted out whatever was on her mind.

She saw Zuo Qingluan's dark face and smirked. "I thought you would win my brother back from Feng Wu, but look what happened."

Emperor Wu arrived at that moment to see his mother. Hearing the conversation, he told the eunuch not to announce his arrival. He hid behind a curtain and listened.

Jun Wuxia glared at Zuo Qingluan. "As it turned out, my brother went to the Feng clan!" "How do you know that?" The empress dowager stared at Jun Wuxia.

Jun Wuxia said, "Dugu Menghai was given the order to arrest Feng Wu, but his cultivation ability was destroyed as a result. My mom is from the Dugu family, which is why I know."

The empress dowager frowned at Empress Dugu. "Is that true?"

Empress Dugu nodded with a pale face.

What happened to Dugu Menghai was a hard blow to the Dugu family, and Zuo Qingluan was the main reason behind it...

After what happened to Dugu Menghai, Zuo Qingluan became their only hope.

The empress dowager was infuriated.

Junjun and Feng Wu...

Jun Wuxia said, "And that's not all. My brother gave out gift envelopes to everyone in the imperial capital. He spent a fortune for Feng Wu's birthday!"

WHAT?!

The empress dowager smacked the table.

Zuo Qingluan turned pale.

The crown prince was supposed to be angry at Feng Wu, which would make Zuo Qingluan happy. However, the more Jun Linyuan cared about Feng Wu, the more humiliated Zuo Qingluan felt. She clenched her fists in her sleeves.

She wanted to scream.

She was supposed to be respected by everyone and not treated like this!

Zuo Qingluan rose to her feet.

Empress Dugu suddenly said, "Qingluan is very blessed."

Where did that come from?

Everyone looked at her.

Empress Dugu chuckled. "Master Linghu himself said that Qingluan is very fortunate and blessed."

Master Linghu said so?

The empress dowager immediately remembered something.

She had wanted to be the first precant of the year, but Master Linghu had said that he was going to give that opportunity to a very blessed child.

The empress dowager had been wondering who that child was.

"Did Master Linghu call you a blessed child?" The empress dowager stared at Zuo Qingluan.

Chapter 2495 Why Did I Hear...

Empress Dugu kept giving Zuo Qingluan warning looks, trying to remind her that she should grab this great opportunity. "Did Master Linghu call you a blessed child?" the empress dowager asked Zuo Qingluan. Given how smart Zuo Qingluan was, she obviously knew that the empress dowager didn't like Feng Wu. Now was the best time to win the old lady's heart.

As for being a blessed child... She was the sacred lady of Firmament Palace and the daughter of the Zuo family who was born with the True Phoenix Blood. Of course she was blessed!

Therefore, she nodded.

She nodded!

The empress dowager was shocked.

“You were the first precant of the year! Master Linghu chose you!” She stared at Zuo Qingluan.

Zuo Qingluan was baffled. What first precant?

Before she could ask, Empress Dugu answered the question for her.

“That’s right. Master Linghu called Qingluan a blessed child. She was also the first precant of the year. Your Majesty, what do you think of her?”

The empress dowager was speechless.

It was Zuo Qingluan. She hadn’t expected that.

She didn’t answer the question.

However, Emperor Wu, who had been standing behind the door curtain, was astonished.

How could Zuo Qingluan be so vain?!

The little monk of Wandering Temple had gone to Fallen Star Yard, and Feng Wu had been the one whom Master Linghu had chosen. How did Zuo Qingluan have anything to do with that?

He cleared his throat.

“My son is here.” The empress dowager was glad to see Emperor Wu.

Emperor Wu greeted the empress dowager and smiled. “I heard your cheerful conversation from miles away. What’s the occasion?”

The empress dowager said happily, “I found the lucky child who was chosen to be the first precant of the year.” Emperor Wu asked, “Who was it?” Empress Dugu gestured at Zuo Qingluan. “Your Majesty, it was Qingluan. Look. Isn’t she pretty? She’ll make the perfect wife for His Royal Highness. Master Linghu has acknowledged her great quality.”

Emperor Wu thought that Feng Wu was better looking

As for becoming Jun Linyuan’s wife, that wasn’t going to happen. She was vain enough to claim an honor that wasn’t hers, so what kind of quality could she have?

Of course, Emperor Wu wouldn’t be so straightforward. He only glanced at Zuo Qingluan and said, “So, you were Wandering Temple’s first precant of this year.”

Zuo Qingluan didn’t know what to say.

She knew what becoming the first precant meant, but...

The chance of pleasing the empress dowager was too tempting.

So, she had let Empress Dugu mislead the empress dowager. Now that Emperor Wu had asked the question specifically, Zuo Qingluan took a deep breath and nodded. “Yes, it was me.”

No, it wasn't!

Emperor Wu wanted to shout at Zuo Qingluan. If Master Linghu knew what she was doing, he would probably slap her.

The girl had spread the rumor first, making everyone believe that Jun Linyuan was in love with her. Now, she was laying claim to something that she didn't do. That was despicable!

Emperor Wu didn't lose his temper. Instead, he asked, "Why did I hear that the first precant of Wandering Temple was Feng Wu?"

Chapter 2496 The Best Way

WHAT?!

Everyone was astonished when they heard Emperor Wu's words. Feng Wu?!

How did Feng Wu have anything to do with it?

The empress dowager stared at Emperor Wu. "You shouldn't joke about such things! Feng Wu would never deserve such an honor!"

Emperor Wu was displeased.

That girl had saved the empress dowager many times; without her, the old lady wouldn't be chatting here now.

However, being a loving son, Emperor Wu couldn't say that to his mother's face. Otherwise, she would cry her eyes out.

Empress Dugu and Zuo Qingluan gave each other astonished looks.

Feng Wu? How could it be her?!

Was it possible that His Royal Highness had helped Feng Wu to grab that chance?

In that case...

Zuo Qingluan would be so humiliated!

Just then, Concubine Oriole walked toward Emperor Wu with her hands on her bulging belly. "Your Majesty, that's not possible. Feng Wu can't be..."

She suddenly slipped and lost her balance.

"Ah!"

She fell to the floor.

She was eight months pregnant, and her belly was as round as a ball. It just so happened that she fell face first. "Ahhh —"

Concubine Oriole screamed in pain.

“Oriole!” Emperor Wu ran to her side. “How do you feel? Are you alright? Get the physician!” Concubine Oriole had the voice of a singing oriole, and Emperor Wu quite liked her. It had been a while since one of his women had a baby, and he was rather looking forward to this one.

But that fall...

Emperor Wu felt his blood run cold.

He looked at Zuo Qingluan. She was too far away to touch Concubine Oriole, and it wouldn't be reasonable to suspect her.

But Emperor Wu still glanced at Gao.

Gao nodded, indicating that he would look into it.

Master Bai soon arrived.

He said that Concubine Oriole shouldn't be moved around, and it was better to treat her right on the spot.

For the baby's safety, the empress dowager gave permission to have Concubine Oriole treated in Cining Palace.

“Master Bai, how's the baby?” Emperor Wu asked.

Master Bai shook his head. “The pregnancy is quite advanced, and things can be tricky. Your Majesty, we need to prepare for the worst.”

Master Chu also arrived. After examining the patient, he reported to Emperor Wu.

Emperor Wu trusted him. He asked, “How is she? Is the baby safe?” Master Chu took a deep breath. “Your Majesty, in the worst case scenario, who will be the priority? The mother or the baby?”

Emperor Wu asked, “Is it that serious?”

Master Chu nodded. “Which will it be, then?”

Before Emperor Wu could reply, the empress dowager said coldly, “Concubine Oriole was so careless, and put the baby's life in danger. If something happens to the little prince, she'll pay with her own life! You shouldn't be asking that question!”

“But...” Emperor Wu still had feelings for his concubine.

Zuo Qingluan was intrigued.

She thought about the question Emperor Wu had asked her, and wondered if he knew something

The best way to stop him from asking the question was...

Chapter 2497 Ahhh!

The best way to do that was to do the emperor a favor!

Zuo Qingluan knew that if she could save Concubine Oriole and the baby, Emperor Wu would be grateful for what she did and would stop questioning her.

She was indeed the culprit who had tripped Concubine Oriole.

"I can help her," Zuo Qingluan said calmly. "Firmament Palace is known for its medical skills. I'm the sacred lady, and I specialize in medicine."

She turned to Emperor Wu. "If Your Majesty wants to keep both the lady and the baby alive, I'm the only one who can help them."

Emperor Wu studied her. The truth was that he didn't trust her, hence...

"Gao, go get Miss Feng Wu!" That order felt like a slap to Zuo Qingluan's face.

Why was this even happening?! Why would Emperor Wu trust Feng Wu but not her?!

"Your Majesty!" Zuo Qingluan revered Emperor Wu, but her desire for Jun Linyuan prevailed. She said, "I'm a semi-Supreme Level physician and will soon be at the Supreme Level. Why would Feng Wu..."

"Semi?" Emperor Wu smirked. "Feng Wu passed that level a long time ago." What was that supposed to mean? Zuo Qingluan was dumbfounded at first. Then, the empress dowager said, "That's right. Go get Feng Wu. She's the best candidate for the job." WHAT?!

Zuo Qingluan's cheeks flushed with fury.

She remembered the information Tongque had given her. It mentioned that Feng Wu had treated the empress dowager a few times with the assistance of Master Chu, and now, Master Chu was here.

Zuo Qingluan stared at Emperor Wu, and her eyes glinted.

She had been humiliated, and she would have her revenge.

She quickly hatched a plan.

Empress Dugu was also embarrassed. She led Zuo Qingluan to the side and whispered, "Feng Wu is indeed a capable physician. Don't take the risk."

Zuo Qingluan smirked. So what if Feng Wu was already a Supreme Level physician?

Other than medical skills, Firmament Palace was also great at something else: assassination. Their undead insects could kill a person without leaving a trace.

"Sure," Zuo Qingluan replied.

She was so good at controlling her emotions that even Empress Dugu couldn't see how furious she actually was.

Master Chu and Master Bai were doing their best to help Concubine Oriole.

Zuo Qingluan lowered her gaze.

She had done more than just trip Concubine Oriole.

Without her intervention, both mother and baby would die today!

In the end, the emperor would still have to ask for her help.

That thought greatly satisfied Zuo Qingluan.

Inside, the midwife was doing all she could to get the baby out.

But Concubine Oriole couldn't go into labor, and the pain was excruciating.

She screamed at the top of her lungs.

Gradually, her voice became weaker.

Master Chu came out with his face covered in sweat. "Your Majesty, the lady is in critical condition, and I really need a hand!"

Emperor Wu gritted his teeth. "Feng Wu isn't here yet."

The empress dowager said, "It's been almost five minutes! Where is she?!"

Chapter 2498 Princess Feng Wu Is Here

Five minutes.

Granny Lan was speechless.

Gao probably hadn't arrived at the Feng clan yet. Of course Miss Feng Wu couldn't be here so soon. She didn't have wings.

Master Chu turned to Emperor Wu. "Your Majesty, if someone doesn't give me a hand now, we'll lose both the mother and the baby."

Emperor Wu was shocked. "Didn't you say that you can save one of them?!"

Master Chu shook his head. "That was before. Things have become much worse now." Zuo Qingluan smiled a little.

She was waiting for the emperor to beg her for help.

She was the only one who could save the lady and her baby.

She smirked for a split second, and Emperor Wu just happened to look at her at that moment.

Zuo Qingluan!

When Feng Wu interrogated Zuo He, the emperor heard Zuo He admit that Zuo Qingluan was the criminal mastermind behind the scheme against Feng Wu.

Emperor Wu hadn't believed it at first.

Zuo Qingluan had only been a little girl back then; how bad could she be? She couldn't be so cruel. But now, he believed it.

However, he still cared about his concubine and the baby. Even though he was the emperor, he still had to...

He didn't like the idea of asking Zuo Qingluan for help at all!

Zuo Qingluan was so sure that Emperor Wu would ask her for help, when –

“Princess Feng Wu is here!”

Gao's voice rang out. The next moment, Feng Wu rushed into the room.

“Your Majesty —”

She was about to greet Emperor Wu, when he grabbed her wrist and pushed her into the bedchamber.

“There's no time for that! Help them!”

“Yes.”

It took Feng Wu less than three seconds from walking into the room to disappearing behind the door curtain of the bedchamber.

Zuo Qingluan couldn't believe it.

How had Feng Wu arrived so soon?

Emperor Wu was so excited to see Feng Wu.

She was right on time!

He then glanced at Zuo Qingluan.

How dare you try to blackmail me?!

He had never been a magnanimous man, and now, he held a grudge against Zuo Qingluan. But Zuo Qingluan didn't notice the look in his eyes.

She only cared about the woman in labor.

She had put an undead insect in Concubine Oriole. That was why the baby wouldn't come out.

She believed that Feng Wu would never find out.

At that thought, Zuo Qingluan smirked again.

It was good news for her that Feng Wu had arrived so soon.

This way, she could prove to the world that despite being a Supreme Level physician, Feng Wu couldn't save Concubine Oriole and her baby.

Seeing that things were getting messy, Mrs. Zuo gave Zuo Qingluan a warning glance, telling her to leave.

But Zuo Qingluan shook her head.

Mrs. Zuo was so anxious.

They had only been here for minutes, and so many things had happened. She began to panic.

But Zuo Qingluan was very confident.

Chapter 2499 I Won't Let Her

Feng Wu was bound to fail, so Zuo Qingluan wasn't worried.

As expected, Concubine Oriole's voice grew weaker and weaker until she sounded like a cat meowing

Master Chu was assisting Feng Wu. At first, Feng Wu didn't find out what was wrong.

She examined everything and checked the concubine's pulse a few times but still found nothing.

Master Chu was worried. "Miss Wu, do you know what's going on?"

Feng Wu rolled her eyes at him.

Master Chu smiled bitterly. "His Majesty cares about the lady and her baby very much. If something goes wrong, we're going to..."

Just then, Concubine Oriole grabbed Master Chu's hand.

"Master Chu, help me!"

Master Chu drew back his hand and told Concubine Oriole, "Miss Feng Wu is a much better physician. I'm only assisting her. You should be asking for her help."

"No..." Concubine Oriole shook her head. "She's a bad person. She'll kill me... Master Chu, please help me..."

Master Chu was shocked.

Why would she say such things in a moment like this?

He immediately said to Feng Wu, "Miss Wu, Concubine Oriole is only..."

Feng Wu said grumpily, "Let's just save her life first."

Concubine Oriole screamed, "I don't need your help! You're evil!"

Feng Wu rolled her eyes at the woman. She couldn't take it anymore.

She wasn't obligated to save this woman.

She turned to leave.

When she walked out of the room, Emperor Wu immediately took her hands. "Kiddo, is Oriole alright?" Zuo Qingluan smirked.

Alright? She knew better than anyone else how Concubine Oriole was doing. The undead insect was still in her womb and stopping the baby from coming out.

Of course, she wouldn't tell anyone what was going on.

Ever since Zuo Qingluan came back, she had been living in Feng Wu's shadow. Now that she heard Concubine Oriole's desperate cries, she felt so satisfied.

She had always known that she liked to see other people suffer.

Whenever someone else was in pain, she would find it cathartic.

Feng Wu glanced at Emperor Wu and gestured at the bedchamber.

"I won't let her treat me! She's evil! She's going to kill me! You Majesty, please let Miss Zuo help me!"

Concubine Oriole shouted at the top of her lungs. Emperor Wu was furious.

But Zuo Qingluan looked pleased.

After hearing that, Emperor Wu had to let her treat the lady.

The empress dowager's face darkened.

Concubine Oriole's shouting was giving her a headache.

"Your Majesty, if Oriole is insisting that Zuo Qingluan treat her, I'm sure that something went wrong when Feng Wu was there. How about we let Zuo Qingluan treat her first? If the baby still won't come out, we can then send Feng Wu in."

The empress dowager had never considered the possibility that Feng Wu wouldn't treat Oriole.

Chapter 2500 She Left

In the empress dowager's eyes, Feng Wu should feel honored to be given the chance to treat a member of the royal family.

Emperor Wu said apologetically, "Xiao Wu, sorry about this. Concubine Oriole doesn't know what she's talking about. After the baby is born, I'll make her apologize to you."

Feng Wu waved him off. "There's no need. If I'm not needed here, I'll go back home."

She promptly left after that.

Everyone was astonished. She left. Just like that?

How could she?

How could she act so arrogantly in front of the royal family? The empress dowager was furious.

"Let her go! We'll be just fine without her! Concubine Oriole will be fine!" The empress dowager smirked. "How can a girl of her age have such a temper?!"

Jun Wuxia said, "My brother likes her just fine."

The empress dowager wanted to smack Jun Wuxia on the head.

“Let Zuo Qingluan treat Oriole!” said the empress dowager. She then turned to Emperor Wu. “You may not trust the skills of Firmament Palace, but I do! Zuo Qingluan is a much better physician than Feng Wu!”

“Go inside! If the prince is born safely, I’ll give you a big reward!” the empress dowager told Zuo Qingluan.

Zuo Qingluan bowed politely before going into the room.

The empress dowager was pleased. “That’s a perfect bow. She must have worked very hard on it.”

Granny Gui immediately said, “That’s so true. Her knees were bent at the perfect angle. It was so beautiful.”

Apart from Granny Gui, the empress dowager also had Granny Lan as her maid. Compared with Granny Gui, Granny Lan was a much more decent person.

She thought, Does she know how urgent the situation is? Nobody cares about a perfect bow! Of course, she wouldn’t dare say that out loud.

The empress dowager glared at Emperor Wu. “You’ve indulged that Feng Wu too much! How could she walk out on us like that? She needs to be tamed!”

Emperor Wu took a deep breath as he listened to his mother’s ranting.

Concubine Oriole was very frustrating, but Xiao Wu had left so quickly, too...

“I’ll talk to her later. She’s as stubborn as Jun Linyuan. I’ll make sure that she’s disciplined.”

“Disciplined?!”

The empress dowager couldn’t believe her ears. “If anything happens to Concubine Oriole and the baby, I’ll kill her!”

Emperor Wu said, “I’m sure that isn’t her fault.”

The empress dowager wanted to kick Emperor

Wu.

What happened to her docile son?!

The empress dowager smirked. “If Zuo Qingluan wasn’t here, Concubine Oriole and the baby would have been left to die! I’ll never forget what Feng Wu did!”