

## G E D 351

### Chapter 351: Traps

Feng Xun stared at Feng Wu. "Are you sure?"

"Yes," Feng Wu said. "I have my own plan."

"Alright. I'm right next door. Call me if you need me." Feng Xun rubbed Feng Wu's head. She had some fluffy hair on her temples which looked very adorable, especially when she puffed out her cheeks and glared at him like she was doing now. It was so cute, hahaha —

"Hands off —" Feng Xun dashed off before Feng Wu could glare at him, laughing all the way back.

Feng Xun left as abruptly as he had arrived, like a tornado.

However, the guests remained astonished.

"Is Feng Wu that familiar with Young Lord Feng?" Lady Qian was the first to speak. "I didn't know that —"

Mrs Zuo's face darkened a little.

Next to her, Mrs Zhao said, "Everyone knows that Young Lord Feng is His Royal Highness's good friend. If Feng Wu is on such good terms with Young Lord Feng, can it be that... His Royal Highness is also quite familiar with her?"

Mrs Zuo's face was livid.

"No, it's not like that!" Yan Yan showed up out of nowhere and protested loudly. "Feng Wu just wouldn't leave my cousin and His Royal Highness alone. She's so annoying!"

"What?" Everyone was shocked by the statement.

"It's true!" Yan Yan raised both hands. "We came back to the imperial capital together and there was this one night, I saw with my own eyes Feng Wu sneaking into His Royal Highness's bedroom. Too bad for her, His Royal Highness didn't like it at all. He told Feng Wu to get the h—"

She was slandering Feng Wu right in front of her!

And Feng Wu would never stand for such a thing!

*Smack!*

She slapped Yan Yan hard on the cheek!

Everyone was astonished!

Feng Wu did it!

No one knew how she did it. All they saw was a figure in a pale red dress sweeping by and the next thing they knew, Yan Yan was standing there dazed, holding her swollen cheek.

Yan Yan wasn't the only one dumbfounded. The entire hall was as baffled as she was!

Th- this...

This was the Yan manor!

Feng Wu, the crippled girl whose name was in the mud had just slapped Yan Yan in front of everyone! She might as well have slapped everyone of the Yan family!

Lady Wang was the first to realize what had happened!

She hadn't expected that Feng Wu could move so fast, let alone that she could be so bold!

For a moment, she didn't know what to do, for she realized that things were beyond her control...

Feng Yanfeng's instructions resonated in her head.

He had told her to fawn over Mrs Yan as best as she could and to give the latter the gift they had prepared when no one was looking, so that he could get that transfer to the Ministry of Official Personnel. But now... Feng Wu had just slapped Yan Yan in public!

"That Feng Wu..." Everyone stared with their mouths agape.

Only then did Yan Yan come back to her senses, and her eyes went bloodshot red. "Feng Wu! You hit me! How dare you hit me in my place?! I'm gonna kill you!"

Yan Yan flipped her sleeve and a sharp dagger appeared in her hand!

Everyone blanched at the sight of that glinting blade!

She meant it!

Infuriated, Yan Yan brandished the dagger at Feng Wu's face. "I'm gonna rip your face off before I kill you!"

Feng Wu shifted sideways, evading Yan Yan. Meanwhile, she lifted her foot a little and tripped Yan Yan!

"Ahhh —"

Missing Feng Wu and losing her footing, Yan Yan fell head first toward a table!

And a pot of steaming hot pigeon soup had just been served on that table. Yan Yan's face fell right into that pot and she sucked in her breath at the pain!

### **Chapter 352: Awesome!!!**

"Miss Yan!"

And that table was the one Mrs Zuo and Mrs Qian were sitting at. Both ladies tried to stop Yan Yan from falling, but they were too late.

Yan Yan's entire head was in the soup pot and her hair was soaked with grease.

When she was helped to her feet, she had a pigeon wing sticking out of her hair, which looked rather funny.

“Ahhh!” Yan Yan screamed frantically. She threw Mrs Zuo’s hands off and charged at Feng Wu, still holding the dagger!

“Stop it!” A stern voice ran out.

Mrs Yan had come out with her elderly mother-in-law.

The old lady, in whose name the banquet was being held, wore a birthday outfit decorated with dark golden thread. Her silver hair was neatly combed, giving her a stern and dignified look.

Mrs Yan looked equally stern and she glared at Yan Yan. “Stop right there!”

Yan Yan had always been terrified of her mother and she cried out furiously, “She hit me and pushed me into a pot of soup! Mother, I won’t have it!”

Feng Wu smirked. “Are you saying that you can slander me all you want and I can’t do anything about it? Why should I stand it when you can’t?”

Seeing Mrs Yan, the other ladies eyed Feng Wu with sympathy.

Mrs Yan always took the side of her own people and she doted on Yan Yan. Feng Wu was unbelievably bold to strike Yan Yan first... she was so dead.

The old lady’s and Mrs Yan’s faces were livid!

Mrs Yan knew Yan Yan too well. When she saw what was going on, there was no doubt in her mind that Yan Yan had provoked Feng Wu first. Hence, she glowered at Yan Yan and said harshly, “You’re too old to say such capricious things! Are you a child? Go clean yourself up!”

“But —”

“Now!” Mrs Yan was very intimidating when she straightened her face.

Yan Yan would have stormed off on any other day, but now, she only stood there stubbornly with tears in her eyes.

“Mrs Yan, I’m sorry, I’m so sorry —”

Only then did Lady Wang and Feng Liu arrive at the table, and both apologized repeatedly to Mrs Yan. “It was all Feng Wu’s fault. No matter what Miss Yan said, she shouldn’t have hit her. This girl is really... Mrs Yan, feel free to punish her as you see fit.”

After apologizing to Mrs Yan, Lady Wang turned to scold Feng Wu. “Have you forgotten what I told you before we left home? I told you to be demure and obedient. You’re not what you used to be! Without any cultivation, how can you still be this proud? Get down on your knees and apologize to Miss Yan and Mrs Yan now!”

Mrs Yan had mixed feelings toward Feng Wu.

She had disliked Feng Wu at first, but then, she couldn't deny her appreciation for Feng Wu anymore. There was even a time when she had wanted Feng Wu to treat her...

"We can't afford the apology of the superior Feng family!" The old lady was relentless with her words as she glared at them. "I see that the Feng clan is too prestigious for our Yan family to befriend. Mrs Feng, please take your daughters and leave!"

Everyone said a slight prayer for Feng Wu... The old lady was banishing her in front of everyone; how was the Feng clan ever going to establish themselves in society again? And what about Feng Wu?

Feng Wu, however, smirked. "I see that the elderly Mrs Yan has such strict domestic discipline. Is that why Miss Yan knows how to come up with the most groundless slander? She's so good at framing other people, ruining their reputation, and spreading rumors. Is that all the result of your teaching?"

Awesome!!!

### **Chapter 353: Aggrieved**

The others thought that Feng Wu would burst into tears and run away in grievance...

But no one had expected Feng Wu to be bold enough to talk back to the old lady!

The old Mrs Yan was a tough, stern, and proud lady, and no one of her generation had ever dared offend her! But Feng Wu had just challenged her outright. Was she really a 13-year-old good-for-nothing?

In the area for male guests on the other side.

Feng Xun gloated. "See? What did I tell you? Xiao Wu is awesome! Just listen to her. Even the old lady isn't her match, not to mention Yan Yan."

Feng Xun sat with all his buddies from the imperial capital.

Everyone looked at him in resignation. "Brother Feng the Third, isn't Yan Yan your cousin and the old lady your own relative? Why does it sound like you're on Feng Wu's side?"

Feng Xun darted the person a glance. "Xue the Fourth, don't tell me you're one of those who values family loyalty over reason?"

Xue the Fourth, the one he spoke to, was the fourth son of Minister Xue and one of Feng Xun's buddies whom he usually hung out with.

Xue was baffled. Wasn't Brother Feng the one who emphasized standing up for friends and valuing family above all else? Why was it the other way round now that Feng Wu was involved?

The others all stared at Feng Xun in bewilderment, not sure what to make of his attitude.

At that moment, Sir Yan, who was in the host seat, rose to his feet with a frown and had the servants remove the hedge between the two areas.

That way, they were able to see what was going on, on the other side.

He then went over to his wife with a frown. "What's wrong?"

Before Mrs Yan could say anything, the old lady exploded.

She had never expected Feng Wu to be bold enough to talk back. She wouldn't have it!

"Kick her out! Now! Now!!!" Infuriated, the old lady thumped her walking stick loudly on the floor!

Many were giving Feng Wu strange looks now...

Sir Yan turned his cold gaze on Feng Wu. "And who might this young lady be?"

"She's Feng Wu, the fifth daughter of the Feng clan, and the one that destroyed her own cultivation because of her greed." Mrs Zuo smirked in a condescending manner. "I knew that she was arrogant, but I finally see how arrogant she can actually be. She slapped Miss Yan first, then offended the old lady. Such an ill-bred girl."

Mrs Yan frowned. "It's not like that. It was Yan Yan's fault today."

"Did you just take that girl's side?!" The old lady almost stuck her walking stick in Mrs Yan's face. "Have you forgotten that Yan Yan is your daughter? Why are you speaking up for that girl?! What kind of mother are you?!"

"Mother, don't be mad. It's not good for your health..."

A pregnant woman who spoke in a gentle voice cajoled the old lady. She had one hand behind her waist and the other over her plump belly.

It was none other than Lady Tang, Sir Yan's favorite concubine. She then turned to Feng Wu. "Miss Feng, my mother isn't in great health and we can't have her losing her temper. Please apologize to her. She's such a kind lady that she'll forgive you as soon as you say you're sorry."

However, no one noticed how grim Yan Yan's face was when she stared at Lady Tang!

Lady Tang was the old lady's brother's daughter, and the old lady had offered this concubine to Sir Yan herself. Somehow, after so many years, Lady Tang was still one of Sir Yan's favorites.

Yan Yan had overheard a conversation once. Her father had promised Lady Tang that he would make her his second official wife once she gave him a son.

### **Chapter 354: Chaos**

There was no way that Yan Yan would let Lady Tang give birth to this baby. Hence, she decided to make Feng Wu the culprit.

According to her plan, she would set Feng Wu up, get rid of the baby, and kill Lady Tang during the process, making Feng Wu the one to take the blame... That would be killing four birds with one stone, and it couldn't be any more perfect!

Yan Yan's eyes flickered and she nodded at someone behind Feng Wu.

What happened next was quicker than words could describe!

All of a sudden!

Someone pushed Feng Wu hard!

It was a great momentum!

Feng Wu hurtled forward!

Great! Yan Yan's eyes glinted coldly!

Feng Wu was going down and Yan Yan would get her ultimate revenge!

Seeing that Feng Wu was flying at Lady Tang, everyone opened their eyes wide in astonishment!

"No!"

"Watch out!"

"The baby!"

Feng Wu grabbed Feng Liu when she fell forward!

For Feng Liu was the one who had pushed her when no one was looking!

The moment Feng Wu stumbled forward, she grabbed Feng Liu and threw the latter in front of her!

Poor Feng Liu. She flew out like a rag doll!

And Feng Wu had thrown her in Yan Yan's direction!

Seeing Feng Liu flying at her, Yan Yan raised her hands and tried to push Feng Liu away.

However, Feng Liu was so flustered that she grabbed Yan Yan's hands and wouldn't let go!

Feng Wu had almost knocked into Lady Tang, when she twisted her body at the last moment and missed the latter —

*Crack* —

Everyone heard the sound of cracking bones.

In order to dodge Lady Tang, Feng Wu fell to the ground and rolled away!

*Thud!*

She kicked Feng Liu and Yan Yan, who were grappling with each other, and both girls stumbled toward Lady Tang despite themselves.

It was the worst day of Lady Tang's life. She had yet to recover from the fact that Feng Wu had nearly knocked into her, when Feng Liu and Yan Yan smashed into her together!

"Ah!" Lady Tang wailed!

"Zi Er —" Sir Yan cried out and quickly ran toward Lady Tang!

But it was too late!

Lady Tang stumbled back until she lost her footing and fell backward!

“Xiao Zi!” The old lady’s hands reached out as she tried to stop Lady Tang from falling. However, she tripped and fell down herself before she could reach Lady Tang.

Yan Yan and Feng Liu smashed into the old lady and Lady Tang together —

“Ahhh —”

All hell broke loose.

Sir Yan was furious!

He rushed over, picked up Yan Yan and Feng Liu with each hand, and tossed them aside. After that, he helped his mother to her feet.

Lady Tang, on the other hand, was ghastly pale.

Holding her plump belly, she was too weak to cry.

What Sir Yan failed to notice was that Feng Wu had taken something from him when he walked past her.

Little Phoenix’s thrilled voice rang out in Feng Wu’s head as soon as she grabbed that cold key. “Yes! I recognize that energy! That’s it! That’s the key to that broken piece of the star!”

“It’s not the broken piece itself?” Feng Wu looked down at the snowflake-shaped object in her hand and asked in surprise.

“Of course it’s not!” Little Phoenix flew around in circles in the ring. “I didn’t know that it would be so easy! Little Feng Wu, you know what? I know how to get you leveled up to the Spiritual Grandmaster stage if you can get that broken piece!”

“Really?”

“Really!” Little Phoenix flapped its wings in excitement. “Go find what that key opens now. That Sir Yan is so much more capable than you. The moment he realizes that key is gone, he’ll go berserk!”

### **Chapter 355: What If It Won’t Open?**

The hall was in utter chaos.

Lady Tang was wailing, Yan Yan was defending herself, Feng Liu was trying to make excuses, and the old lady was scolding everyone... It was like a circus out there.

And there wasn’t a better moment for Feng Wu to sneak off.

When no one was looking, Feng Wu hid behind a column before quickly hopping into a big tree. The next moment, she was nowhere to be seen.

Actually, Feng Wu had had everything under control the whole time.

It wasn't that she had figured out everything herself, but Yan Yan and Feng Liu had just happened to discuss their plan under a tree that Feng Wu had been hiding in. She had heard everything.

Feng Wu learned that Feng Liu was going to persuade her to come to the Yan manor and that the latter would make Feng Wu a laughingstock during the banquet. She also learned that Feng Liu and Yan Yan were going to make her the scapegoat for Lady Tang's mishap.

Feng Yanfeng would do anything to curry favor with Sir Yan. Just imagine what he would do to Feng Wu if he learned that Feng Wu had killed Sir Yan's favorite concubine and her baby.

It was probably the cleverest plan Feng Liu and Yan Yan had ever managed to come up with. Unfortunately, Feng Wu had been right above their heads and had heard every word.

Hence, Feng Wu had decided to twist their trick to her own use.

Because she needed that key which Sir Yan kept in his sleeve all the time.

Sir Yan was much more capable than Feng Wu and he always had that key on him. Feng Wu wouldn't be able to steal it under normal circumstances, and she could only give it a go when he was greatly disturbed and was distracted.

Hence, Feng Wu played along with Feng Liu and Yan Yan, entertaining them with their little trick. She finally got what she wanted when Sir Yan walked past her.

The Yan manor was a spacious one with six rows of houses, and each row had multiple courtyard levels. Airy pavilions and pagodas with rows of overhanging eaves stood in great numbers. It could be quite overwhelming.

Luckily, Feng Wu had been here last night to explore the place, and she knew the layout of the Yan manor by heart.

"Take a left turn here, then turn right after 500 meters. Walk for another 1000 meters, then turn left..." Little Phoenix could sense that broken star piece, and it guided Feng Wu toward it.

Before long, Feng Wu reached a tower on an islet in the middle of a lake.

"It's right there in that tower!" Little Phoenix was thrilled.

The tower stood right in the center of Blue Lake. The water was limpid and the tower reminded one of an eagle spreading its wings.

Nothing obscured the line of sight and the tower could be seen from all sides.

Taking out the cold key, Feng Wu slid it into the slot.

She needed to open the door as soon as possible. All would be lost if she was spotted.

Inside was one of the broken star pieces to save her master, and she would give anything to obtain it!

However, after sticking the key in, Feng Wu couldn't turn it no matter what. Something seemed to be stuck and it just wouldn't budge.

Why was this happening? Was it the wrong key?



Feng Wu was a little flustered, for there was no cover around and anyone passing by would be able to spot her right away.

Moreover, Sir Yan might figure out what was going on at any moment, and she would be in a lot of trouble if that happened!

But the key just wouldn't turn!

Meanwhile —

Lady Tang had been taken inside for emergency treatment and the old lady was being treated for her leg, which had been injured in the fall.

"How's Lady Tang doing?"

Mrs Yan was the most exasperated person here.

Although she didn't like the fact that Lady Tang was having a baby —

### **Chapter 356: Will Feng Wu Be Blamed?**

However, Mrs Yan had allowed Lady Tang to carry that baby until now, which indicated that Mrs Yan wanted it.

After all, Yan Yan was her only child, and the Yan family needed a son.

At that thought, Mrs Yan darted a harsh look at Yan Yan, who was shivering in a corner!

How could she have such a stupid daughter?

Why didn't Yan Yan realize why she had let Lady Tang carry the baby to full term? She would decide what to do with the concubine after the baby was born!

Lady Tang could live if she gave birth to a girl. If she had a son, Mrs Yan would get rid of the mother and keep the boy for herself. However, Yan Yan had just ruined everything!

Both Yan Yan and Feng Liu were petrified.

For everyone had seen that it was the two of them who had knocked over the old lady and Lady Tang... If anything happened...

Yan Yan was too frightened to look her father in the face.

Master Bai was a guest at the banquet, and his services had been called on after the incident.

The old lady's minor injury could wait, but Lady Tang —

"How's Lady Tang?" Mrs Yan asked with genuine anxiety, fighting back her rage.

Because her own daughter was the culprit and everyone in the banquet had seen it. What would other people think of her in the future?!

Master Bai shook his head. "It doesn't look good. The lady is bleeding out and I think we're losing the baby..."

Sir Yan's face was livid!

"Maybe she'll have a chance if Master Chu is here." Master Bai sighed. "But Master Chu is giving Her Majesty the empress dowager her routine examination today. I don't think he'll be able to come."

Sir Yan and his wife might not have good enough connections to get Master Chu, but —

"Feng Xun!" Mrs Yan rushed to Feng Xun's side and took him by the arm!

"Aunt?" Feng Xun was looking for Feng Wu everywhere, and was bewildered by Mrs Yan's sudden appearance.

"Go to the royal palace and get Master Chu for me now. You're the crown prince's good friend. I'm sure you can do it. Please help me!" Mrs Yan was so frustrated by her imbecilic daughter!

"But I'm busy looking for someone here." He hadn't seen Xiao Wu after she got knocked over... Could she have fallen victim to a trap?

That girl was without cultivation, but so proud. What if someone decided to get rid of her?

At that thought, Feng Xun ran up to Yan Yan and grabbed her by the arm. "What have you done to Xiao Wu?!"

Yan Yan might be fierce in appearance, but she was faint of heart. She burst into tears at Feng Xun's harsh tone right away. "I didn't mean it. Cousin, I really didn't... It was all Feng Liu's doing! She said she wanted to get rid of Feng Wu and that's why I agreed to work with her. It was her plan! It was her plan all along! *Sob* — "

Feng Liu was shocked. Yan Yan was blaming her for everything!

If she let Yan Yan do it, everyone would think that it was her fault. In the end, Yan Yan would walk away while Feng Liu would be in so much trouble!

Feng Liu raised her voice immediately. "Yan Yan, that's nonsense! You came to me first, saying that you couldn't let Lady Tang have this baby, or your status would be threatened. You prompted me to bring Feng Wu here today and to push her at Lady Tang..."

"Shut up!"

Lady Wang slapped Feng Liu hard in the face!

How could she be so stupid?!

How could she make such accusations in public?! She was going to incriminate herself together with Yan Yan!

Just then —

**Chapter 357: More Chaos**

Feng Yanfeng was walking toward them while chatting cheerfully with the others.

He had picked a valuable gift for Sir Yan today and the latter had patted him on the shoulder afterward with a knowing smile.

Feng Yanfeng knew there and then that he was going to get that assistant minister position in the Ministry of Official Personnel.

Feng Yanfeng was feeling ecstatic inside, when he heard about what happened to Lady Tang. He then decided to come over with some friends to console Sir Yan.

However, he heard Feng Liu's loud accusation before he even saw her face!

Feng Yanfeng was mortified!

He froze on the spot!

WHAT?!

Feng Liu had something to do with what had happened to Lady Tang?

By then, Yan Yan had jumped to her feet and began to scream at Feng Liu. "That's bullshit! You came to me first! You said you couldn't stand Feng Wu's arrogance and you wanted to set her up and make her kill Lady Tang's baby. That way, you'd be able to kill two birds with one stone —"

Feng Liu wasn't going to let Yan Yan pin it on her and she jumped at Yan Yan.

" *Smack* — "

A slap landed on her face, so hard it made her lightheaded and she saw stars.

"You brat!" Feng Yanfeng thought his head was going to explode!

It had cost him a fortune to fawn on Sir Yan, and he had practically gone down on his knees. And look what Feng Liu had done behind his back! Feng Yanfeng swore that he could kill her right there and then!

Feng Yanfeng was about to say something, but Sir Yan silenced him with a wave of his hand.

Mrs Yan also stood there and stared at Yan Yan in astonishment... She knew that Yan Yan wasn't smart, but she had never expected that the latter could be this stupid!

"Ahhh —"

Lady Tang wailed in pain.

Master Bai came out and grimaced in resignation. "There's really nothing I can do now. You'll need a better doctor."

It reminded Mrs Yan of someone. "Where's Feng Wu?"

The old lady flared up at that name. "What do you want that brat for? Kick her out! I don't ever want to see her again! She's never setting foot in this manor!"

Mrs Yan took a deep breath.

She couldn't let Lady Tang die. If that happened, the others wouldn't blame Yan Yan, but would be convinced that the girl had done it under her mother's instructions... That would ruin Mrs Yan's reputation forever.

At that thought, Mrs Yan was even more desperate to find Feng Wu.

"Miss Wu is an extremely talented doctor. I'm sure she'll be able to save Lady Tang and her baby." Mrs Yan was there when Feng Wu had saved Mrs Ning.

However, her stubborn mother-in-law only smirked. "You evil woman. I know you want Lady Tang dead! Only then can you be satisfied!"

"Mother!"

That outright accusation made Mrs Yan's face very grim.

"Ahhh — it hurts — my baby —" Lady Tang kept on crying and her shrill cries made Yan Yan and Feng Liu blanch.

They had never felt as despairing as they did now.

Despite the old lady's angry protests, Mrs Yan gave her order. "Go find Miss Wu and bring her here ASAP!"

"Yes —"

Mrs Yan had run the household affairs for years and all the servants were in the habit of following her orders.

However, what was Feng Wu doing at the moment?

She was studying the key she had stolen from Sir Yan.

She had taken it for an ordinary key until she couldn't open the door. Only then did she take a closer look, and she saw that —

### **Chapter 358: Withdraw Their Confession!**

Feng Wu realized in amazement!

There was a spiritual imprint on the key so that no one other than Sir Yan himself could use it!

Feng Wu was so frustrated!

After putting up with Feng Liu's lousy plan all this time, she just found out that it was all for nothing?

What a waste of time!

Just then, Feng Wu saw people begin to move to and fro around the lake... Since she couldn't get in, her only choice was to give up for the time being...

*Sigh.*

Feng Wu patted herself on the chest. She didn't like it at all, but she had no choice but to head back with the key...

Mrs Yan was frantically searching for Feng Wu.

Mrs Zuo was confused and so were the other ladies.

"Feng Wu? She knows medicine?" Mrs Qian frowned. "How can that be?"

Mrs Zhao was equally bewildered. "I've never heard of such a thing. Is Mrs Yan mistaken?"

The other ladies gathered around and talked among themselves. Their conclusion was that Mrs Yan had lost her mind.

Someone then suggested, "Is it possible that... Mrs Yan doesn't want Lady Tang to have this baby? Is that why she's insisting on letting Feng Wu treat her?"

"But that's so stupid. She has so many other options if she wants to get rid of Lady Tang. Did she have to do it in front of so many people? Mrs Yan is too smart to make such a mistake."

—

Mrs Yan heard everything.

Her face was livid!

She cast stern looks at Yan Yan and Feng Liu. They were going to pay for this!

"Have you found her?!" Mrs Yan glared at her steward and said between gritted teeth.

Although he had no idea why Mrs Yan was doing this, the steward still shook his head and replied, "We lost track of Miss Feng Wu among the chaos. It's not that easy to find her."

Just then, someone went up to Yan Yan and whispered something in her ear.

It was Zuo Qingyu, Zuo Qingluan's own sister.

Yan Yan's eyes lit up!

"She won't take advantage of the chaos and try to steal stuff, will she?"

Yan Yan, who had been huddled in the corner, spoke up all of a sudden, which caught everyone's attention!

"I mean it!" Yan Yan clenched her fists, hoping more than anything else to drag Feng Wu into this. "She's just come back from Northern Border City and her family has nothing. I bet she has her eye on a lot of things here and she's out there stealing things!"

The others weren't convinced. Could it be possible?

"Actually, it was all Feng Wu's plan!" Yan Yan rose to her feet and said loudly, "You all saw it. She dragged us toward Lady Tang just then! She planned everything!"

Feng Xun only thought Yan Yan ridiculous and rolled his eyes at her. "Didn't you admit that it was Feng Liu's plan just then? Why are you blaming Feng Wu now?"

"Haha, cousin, you're so naive!" Yan Yan reacted quickly. "I said so because I wanted to bring Feng Wu's guard down. She would feel safe enough to sneak off if she saw me and Feng Liu attacking each other!"

Feng Xun felt like slapping her. "Yan Yan! You were accusing Feng Liu earlier and you're accusing Feng Wu now! Where's your evidence? Do you think everyone will take your word for it?"

Chapter 359: Feng Wu the Scapegoat

Yan Yan said earnestly, "Cousin, I'm telling the truth! Ask Feng Liu if you want!"

Feng Liu nodded. "I was acting as bait with Yan Yan, so that Feng Wu would give herself away. I bet you'll find Feng Wu somewhere around your vault!"

In order to frame Feng Wu, the servants would make sure that they found her in that general direction.

Yan Yan and Feng Liu made sure of it.

Despite the earlier episode, the two of them were working together again.

That made the others wonder. Was it possible that Feng Wu wanted to steal from the Yan family?

However, what was here that was worth stealing?

Sir Yan only found Feng Liu and Yan Yan ridiculous!

It didn't take a genius to figure out how far-fetched Yan Yan's accusation was!

However, Yan Yan was his daughter after all, and he couldn't have her accused of harming her father's concubine. Sir Yan didn't mind if Feng Wu could be incriminated instead.

As for Feng Wu's own future... After all, she was a good-for-nothing, and to make it up to her, he would give Feng Yanfeng that assistant minister position.

At that thought, Sir Yan reached into his sleeve.

All of a sudden!

He blanched!

"My key is gone!" Sir Yan's pupils contracted!

He was only going to make a show of it, pretending to have lost his key. However, he realized that his key was really gone!

He broke into a cold sweat right away.

All eyes were on Sir Yan.

He was sweating. What a great actor!

However, they still played along and asked, “Sir Yan, what key?”

“The key to my vault!” The corner of Sir Yan’s mouth twitched. “I have it on me all the time! But it’s not here!”

“Feng Wu took it!” Yan Yan bolted to her feet and her face lit up!

She knew perfectly well that Feng Wu wasn’t capable enough to take that key from her father, but she couldn’t care less about that rationale now. She would make it stick!

Yan Yan said loudly, “Feng Wu pushed us toward Lady Tang deliberately, and Father, didn’t you walk past her then? You were so concerned about Lady Tang that you became distracted. Feng Wu took that key when you weren’t paying attention to your sleeve! She’s so cunning!”

Yan Yan would never have been clever enough to come up with such a speech. Zuo Qingyu had fed it to her word by word.

At that moment, Yan Yan had never felt more excited!

She knew that it wasn’t true, but her family would make sure it became the truth.

As for the Feng clan...

Well —

Feng Yanfeng was their current leader and he was Feng Liu’s father. Between a daughter and a niece, of course he would sacrifice the latter.

Feng Yanfeng had a habit of sitting on the fence, and he valued his personal gain above all else. He was the first to switch sides when his own interests were concerned. He took the hint from Yan Yan’s words right away and saw that his ideal choice was to give Feng Wu up.

“Feng Wu!” Feng Yanfeng put on an angry face and said in a regretful voice, “She used to be such a nice girl. I never expected that she would become this narrow-minded after she was crippled!”

Lady Wang chimed in right away. “It’s not your fault. After all, they’ve been staying in Northern Border City all this time and you weren’t able to give her guidance. Sigh... I’m afraid we’ve lost that old Feng Wu... How sad...”

Chapter 360: His Royal Highness Is Here —

Not only did Lady Wang confirm Feng Wu’s inferior moral character, she also took the chance to blame the beautiful lady for it. How cunning.

Feng Yanfeng cupped his hands at Yan Shifan. “Sir Yan, the Feng clan is ashamed to have a daughter like Feng Wu. I’m afraid that she’s too unruly for me to discipline; please feel free to do whatever you see fit to her. I will have no objections.”

Sir Yan only smirked and said nothing.

Yan Yan and Feng Liu exchanged looks and both saw satisfaction in each other’s eyes!

Yan Yan held Zuo Qingyu's hand tight, feeling utterly grateful for the latter's help!

Zuo Qingyu was so clever, for the brief speech she had come up with not only cleared Yan Yan and Feng Liu of all accusations, but pushed all the blame on Feng Wu. That girl would never be able to clear her name and she would be condemned by the public!

Feng Wu was doomed!

Zuo Qingyu smiled a little and cheered inwardly. She hadn't expected Feng Wu to be this vulnerable to attack.

Feng Wu, on the other hand, had no idea of all the things happening in the main hall. After failing to open that lock, she took a detour and returned via another route.

Everyone was eyeing her in a suspicious and unfriendly way when she walked in.

Feng Wu could distinctly detect that change in their attitudes.

"Where did you find Miss Feng Wu?" Yan Yan asked the steward.

The steward, who had been taught what to say, replied, "Miss Wu was near Moon Tower when we found her."

And Moon Tower was very close to the vault!

"Feng Wu, what other excuse do you have now?!" Yan Yan's face twisted and she raised her pointy chin in an arrogant manner.

Feng Wu frowned a little. She turned to Feng Xun, asking with her eyes what was going on.

Feng Xun said indignantly, "Yan Yan is framing you for stealing Sir Yan's key, and saying that you're going to rob their vault! Your uncle has also said that he would let Sir Yan punish you as he saw fit!"

Feng Wu frowned and gave Yan Yan an indecipherable look. The girl had actually told the truth; it was just that she hadn't expected Feng Wu to come back voluntarily after failing to open the door.

However...

Feng Wu couldn't help but dart Feng Yanfeng a look.

Her uncle was really an expert at trimming his sails.

He had been planning to offer Feng Wu to Jun Linyuan as a concubine just earlier today, but now, he had sold her off just to save Feng Liu and get himself the job he wanted.

Feng Wu smirked inwardly and lowered her gaze, letting her dense eyelashes shield the glint in her eyes from everyone else.

Yan Yan should have known better. The fact that Feng Wu had dared to leave the hall meant that she had a backup plan.

Feng Wu was anything but stupid.

"Feng Wu, tell everyone now: why were you around Moon Tower?!" Yan Yan said aggressively.



Feng Wu frowned and was about to reply when —

A hubbub of excited voices came from outside —

“All hail His Royal Highness —”

His Royal Highness?!!!

Everyone was dumbfounded!

As in Jun Linyuan?

He was like the most dazzling star in the sky!

He was too superior and unattainable to even dream of getting close to.

Attending the same event as the crown prince was something worth boasting about for three years!

“His Royal Highness is here?”

Even an experienced and level-headed bureaucrat like Sir Yan couldn't help but get flustered!

Fearing that his ears had failed him, he asked again, “His Royal Highness? As in the crown prince? Prince Jun Linyuan?”