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Chapter 661: Baffled!

Chaoge stuffed her pockets with spiritual stones without hesitation.

Mrs Duan was furious. "Master, we don't know that Chaoge will get into Imperial College for sure... It'll be such a waste! Chaoyue is going to join the physical tryout, too. She'll need her resources."

Duan Hongyi shoved Mrs Duan to the side. "What do you know? You're just a woman!"

As important as getting into Imperial College was, to Duan Hongyi, the top priority now was to make Grand Secretary Fang's acquaintance!

His immediate superior at the moment was the subordinate of an official, who in turn was the subordinate of Grand Secretary Fang's once-subordinate... He wouldn't have to worry about not getting a promotion ever again if he could get Grand Secretary Fang as a patron.

Chaoge promptly left home after raiding the family vault, saying that she was going to see Grand Secretary Fang.

Yes, of course. Duan Hongyi nodded repeatedly.

Mrs Duan and her two daughters were infuriated.

Meanwhile, Feng Wu was at home and chatting with her beautiful mother when a distinguished guest arrived at the Feng clan.

"An invitation from Lady Northern Feng?" Lady Wang was elated!

Lady Northern Feng was a member of the upper class in the social circle of the noble ladies of the imperial capital. Lady Wang had been trying to make her acquaintance, but could never get a chance.

She had never expected Lady Northern Feng to send the Feng clan an invitation.

Lady Wang's and Feng Liu's eyes lit up!

Was Lady Northern Feng reaching out to the Feng clan?

After the frustration which Feng Wu had brought them earlier that day, this invitation cheered Lady Wang and Feng Liu up.

What was more, the invitation was brought by Granny Tao, Lady Northern Feng's personal maid, herself.

"You didn't have to go through so much trouble, Granny Tao, not to mention all these gifts." Lady Wang smiled broadly.

Lady Wang knew about the Ning family's marriage proposal and the relationship between Lady Northern Feng and Mrs Ning. She thought that Granny Tao was here to invite Feng Liu and herself over.

Granny Tao scanned the room, then frowned. "Is Miss Feng Liu the only young lady at home now?"

What was that supposed to mean?

Lady Wang's heart sank. "Do you mean..."

"What about Miss Feng Wu? Is she at home?" Despite Granny Tao's soft voice and kind smile, she gave off an air that was characteristic of servants from a noble house. The last thing one wanted to do was offend her.

"Feng Wu..." Lady Wang felt her anger rise at the mention of that name. Of course, she would make sure that Feng Wu would never be part of something this great.

Lady Wang answered with a smile, "Xiao Wu has... probably gone off somewhere. Sorry about that, but she's such a stubborn and unruly child. There's nothing gentle about her and she's never home. We never know where to find her."

That was Lady Wang's usual strategy. With a smile on her face and in a casual tone, she smeared Feng Wu's reputation.

Granny Tao's face darkened right away.

And she snatched that invitation back.

Lady Wang's pupils contracted!

What was that supposed to mean?!

Rising to her feet, Granny Tao said coldly, "Lady Wang, I see that you're rather reluctant to take me to Miss Feng Wu. I'll show myself in, then —"

Lady Wang was baffled!

What on earth was going on here?!

Wasn't Granny Tao supposed to be here for her? To discuss the marriage between Ning Chenxi and Feng Liu? How did Feng Wu have anything to do with that?

Lady Wang's face was livid!

As Lady Northern Feng's chief maid, Granny Tao could give Lady Wang all the attitude she wanted and there was nothing Lady Wang could do about it!

Chapter 662: With Child?!!!

Grinding her teeth, Lady Wang sent Granny Gui out to keep an eye on Fallen Star Yard.

It was where Granny Tao had gone.

Feng Wu took a look at the invitation and was bewildered. "Lady Northern Feng wants to see me? Why?"

Granny Tao showed much more enthusiasm toward Feng Wu. She smiled and said warmly, "Miss Feng was first in the written exam and Her Ladyship is so happy for you. I was sent here to take you to her."

Since Feng Wu had nothing better to do at the moment, she went off with Granny Tao.

Outside, Granny Gui saw Feng Wu and Granny Tao come out of the yard together, with Granny Tao holding Feng Wu's arm in a deferential manner...

Granny Gui's pupils contracted. She went to report to Lady Wang as soon as Feng Wu left!

At the same time.

"Retch —"

"Retch —"

"Retch —"

Feng Liu retched into her handkerchief.

Lady Wang frowned. "What's wrong? You were fine this morning. Why are you sick all of a sudden? Is it a stomach problem? You lot, go fetch the doctor now —"

Feng Liu's nose puckered up. "I've been like this for a few days. I feel sick all the time, I've lost my appetite, and I'm always sleepy. This is so annoying."

Lady Wang looked stumped for a moment.

She stared at Feng Liu, as if she had just been struck by lightning.

"Y- you —"

"What?" Feng Liu's stomach lurched.

"You! H- how long have you been like this?" Lady Wang had forgotten to blink.

"Just a few days..."

"When did Feng Wu come back?" Lady Wang grabbed Feng Liu's arm with a desperate look in her eyes.

"T- two months ago, I think?"

"Then you and..." Lady Wang's eyes popped. "You! You!"

"What... did I do?"

"You're not with child, are you?!" Lady Wang stared at Feng Liu!

Feng Liu: !!!

Eyes wide open, Feng Liu looked like she was in a trance as she stood dazed on the spot.

She put a hand on her belly... could it really be...

If that was the case... Oh god!

"Mum, what... I... what am I gonna do?!" Flustered, Feng Liu was at a loss. Tears welled up in her eyes.

She was still so young and life had been smooth sailing for her. The news completely befuddled her.

Lady Wang was no better...

“You fool!” She jabbed Feng Liu’s head with a finger.

Feng Liu cried so hard that she couldn’t say anything else.

“What’s going on?” Feng Yanfeng asked with a frown as he walked out of his study to find the mess outside.

It suddenly occurred to him that starting from a short while ago, his wife didn’t feel as pleasing as before...

His voice made Lady Wang and Feng Liu jump!

Lady Wang said in a hurry, “Nothing, really. Liu Er has an upset stomach, that’s all. We’ve sent for the doctor already.”

“An upset stomach?” Feng Yanfeng was feeling patient today, which was very rare for him. “Come here. Let me feel your pulse.”

“No!” Feng Liu shook her head repeatedly and tears rolled down her cheeks.

Feng Yanfeng frowned. Why was the girl so touchy?

Lady Wang hastily ushered Feng Yanfeng out of the room. “The doctor is coming soon. Please don’t let us keep you. Your official business is way more important.”

Seeing how badly Feng Liu was shaking, Feng Yanfeng frowned, put his hands behind his back, and grumpily left the room.

“Mum, what shall I do? If the doctor gets here and I’m really... I’d rather die!” Feng Liu burst out crying.

Lady Wang felt lightheaded at her daughter’s wail and she thought she was going to pass out.

Just then —

Chapter 663: Ah Xun Would Be So Lucky to Have You As His Wife

The doctor arrived.

An idea struck Lady Wang. “Go hide behind the bed curtain! Now!”

When the doctor came in, Feng Liu only stuck a hand out without showing her face.

Doctor Gu was well-known in the imperial capital for his abilities. He looked delighted after feeling the pulse.

“Madam, congratulations. The patient is with child.”

Feng Liu shuddered!

Lady Wang drained of all color as well!

WHAT?!

With child?

It was really happening?

Lady Wang felt the room spin in front of her eyes and she almost fainted!

Feng Liu was really pregnant... What should they do now?

Behind the curtain, Feng Liu wished that she could pass out now. That way, she wouldn't have to face the humiliation.

Doctor Gu gave Lady Wang a suspicious look.

What a strange family.

Other families would be thrilled to hear the news, but people here in the Feng manor looked as if the world was about to end.

Lady Wang finally came back to herself. She squeezed out a smile, then asked a maid to see Doctor Gu out.

Luckily, Granny Gui was as vigilant as ever. She stuffed a pouch filled with money into Doctor Gu's hand and said in a warning tone, "No one else is to know about this!"

Feng Liu broke down as soon as the doctor left and she burst into tears!

Seeing Feng Liu's reaction, Lady Wang was at a loss over what to do.

Feng Wu had no idea of the drama going on back home. At that moment, she was on her way to Northern Feng Mansion, led by Granny Tao.

Lady Northern Feng came out to greet Feng Wu at the front gate.

The lady was elated to see Feng Wu. She hurried to Feng Wu's side and grinned. "Kiddo, you've forgotten about me. You'd never come visit me if I didn't invite you over."

Feng Wu only smiled. "I've been busy preparing for the written exam."

Lady Northern Feng's eyes lit up and she patted Feng Wu on the shoulder. "You're amazing! You've surprised everyone! No one thought you'd apply for Imperial College, let alone get the highest score! That's so incredible!"

Feng Wu gave her a wry smile. "It was only the written exam."

"Only the written exam?! I was told that you're the first person ever to get full marks! Your name is going into the records! Xiao Wu, how can you be so smart?!"

Lady Northern Feng looked Feng Wu up and down. The girl was pretty, smart, and adorable. She was perfect.

The lady had wanted to set up a marriage agreement with Feng Wu when the latter was little, and that hope had never faded.

Hence, she blurted out, "Xiao Wu, Ah Xun would be so lucky to have you as his wife."

“Pfft —”

Feng Wu was sipping her tea and she spat everything out at those words.

“Cough, cough —”

Feng Wu put down the cup in a hurry and Qiuling quickly wiped her hands with a handkerchief.

Lady Northern Feng gave her a wry smile. “I guess I don’t have to ask anymore. You got so scared that you spat out your tea.”

Feng Wu waved her hands, looking flustered. “No, it’s not that. Lady Feng, I’m not good enough for Young Lord Feng.”

Lady Northern Feng’s eyes lit up!

“Are you saying that you’ll marry Ah Xun when you think you’re good enough for him?”

Feng Wu coughed again. “Please don’t take this the wrong way, Lady Feng, but the young lord is very picky. He’ll never want me as his wife. Moreover, he’s really stubborn and wants to find a girl himself. I’m afraid he’ll become defiant if you try to make the decision for him.”

Recalling what a naughty little bugger Feng Xun was, Lady Northern Feng agreed with Feng Wu’s reasoning.

Chapter 664: This Girl Is a Doctor Who Works Miracles?

Lady Northern Feng raised an eyebrow at Feng Wu. “I’ll beat about the bush a little and see how he feels about you.”

Feng Wu picked up her cup, trying to change the subject.

She noticed something on Lady Northern Feng’s face and frowned.

Noticing Feng Wu’s unblinking gaze, Lady Northern Feng felt disturbed.

“Kiddo... why are you staring at me like that? It gives me the creeps.”

The frown on Feng Wu’s face grew bigger.

“Your Ladyship, I need to speak to you in private.”

Lady Northern Feng was bewildered. Why was the girl so serious all of a sudden?

Since she had always liked and trusted Feng Wu, the lady dismissed all the maids so that Granny Tao was the only servant left in the room.

“Lady Feng, you...” Feng Wu asked after some hesitation. “You sweat easily these days, don’t you?”

Lady Northern Feng was surprised by the question and Granny Tao answer for her immediately. “That’s right. Her Ladyship has been sweating profusely in her sleep in the past month, but she rarely sweats during the day.”

“Does she wake up at midnight every day, covered in a cold sweat?”

“Yes! That’s right!” Lady Northern Feng nodded in a hurry. “That’s exactly what’s been going on. I’ve been jerking awake at midnight every day. I can always go back to sleep soon afterward, which is why I haven’t thought much of it. How did you know that?”

Feng Wu smiled bitterly. “Because midnight is when the Yin and Yang energies replace each other.”

“Huh?” Lady Northern Feng didn’t know what that meant, but still felt concerned.

Feng Wu then asked, “Do you occasionally feel dizzy when you get up in the morning these days? But the sensation goes away after a while?”

“Yes!” Lady Northern Feng nodded. “Xiao Wu, you’re spot on! I felt that way several mornings in a row and I sent for doctors. But they only told me that I was plagued by weakness and needed more rest. That was all they could say about my case.”

Feng Wu examined Lady Northern Feng’s face, then leaned over and whispered in her ear, “Has it been a while since you had your period?”

Lady Northern Feng’s eyes widened. “How... how did you know that?!”

She looked at Granny Tao when she said that.

Granny Tao smiled bitterly. “Your Ladyship, I would never tell Miss Wu such a private matter.”

Lady Northern Feng believed her. She then turned her sharp gaze on Feng Wu. “How did you know that?!”

Her menstrual cycle was so private a matter that the only other person who knew about it was a female medicine refiner in the medicine refiners guild!

Feng Wu shrugged. “I can see it on your face.”

Lady Northern Feng wouldn’t believe it. “You’re too young to be able to do that. I don’t believe you.”

Feng Wu gave her a wry smile. “If you let me check your pulse, I can tell you how long it’s been since you had your period.”

Lady Northern Feng stared at Feng Wu suspiciously.

Feng Wu gave her another wry smile. “Your Ladyship, I wouldn’t have involved myself in such a matter if it wasn’t for your kindness toward me.”

That convinced Lady Northern Feng. The girl was wise in the ways of the world and played it safe. Bringing up this matter was already against her philosophy.

“Alright —” Lady Northern Feng raised her right arm and rested it on the table in front of Feng Wu.

Even that female medicine refiner from the guild couldn’t tell how long it had been since she had her period; how could Feng Wu know? Even Granny Tao wasn’t so sure.

Feng Wu narrowed her eyes as she checked the lady’s pulse.

She almost never actively tried to help a patient, but when she did, she would spare no effort.

Chapter 665: The Most Exciting Moment!

Lady Northern Feng and Granny Tao kept their gazes on Feng Wu, trying to decipher what the latter was thinking.

In fact, both women had doubts.

The girl was simply too young. Even the imperial physicians and the female medicine refiner from the guild didn't know what was wrong with the lady... what could this girl do? An elderly doctor with white hair and goatee looked a lot more trustworthy.

Lady Northern Feng had no faith in Feng Wu.

Neither did Granny Tao.

They didn't expect Feng Wu to solve the problem.

If they didn't have expectations, there would be no disappointment.

Feng Wu drew back her hand in less than five minutes.

That was way too soon. Lady Northern Feng shook her head inwardly.

"What have you learned?" Lady Northern Feng asked indifferently.

Feng Wu smiled wryly. "Four years and three months. Am I right?"

"What?!" Lady Northern Feng stared at Feng Wu in disbelief!

Feng Wu's answer was so accurate! Four years and three months was right!

Back then, Lady Northern Feng had thought that she was pregnant, which had terrified her. That was why she remembered the exact time.

Feng Wu smiled. "Your pulse feels heavy and your tongue is pale and covered in a thin layer of fur. This indicates that you lack energy in your spleen and stomach, and that you're suffering from overactive phlegmatic fire. You must have lost your temper four years and three months ago. Am I right?"

Lady Northern Feng nodded...

"Lost her temper" would be an understatement. She had been so angry that she almost passed out.

Seeing Lady Northern Feng confirm her diagnosis, Feng Wu went on. "And it was also during that time that you caught a cold, right?"

"Yes..."

"With the internal fire brought on by the anger and the evil energy introduced by the ailment, it was like a fire fanned by the wind. The evil energy made its way into your internal organs and the spleen and stomach were the first to be damaged, which in turn produced an excessive amount of phlegm. Because

the ailment hasn't been properly treated for so long, it makes you dizzy. In fact, the cause of your disease lies in your spleen and stomach."

"Are you telling me that I have a problem with my spleen and stomach?" Lady Northern Feng listened attentively at first, but she smiled bitterly when Feng Wu told her that her headache was caused by a problematic spleen and stomach.

"Yes. In order to cure you, we have to start working on your spleen and stomach. We'll focus on clearing your phlegm and replenishing your deficiencies while we're at it. The internal fire and evil energy will also be eliminated."

"Are you telling me that the ailment I had four years ago is still inside me? That I was never properly treated?" Lady Northern Feng stared at Feng Wu.

Feng Wu said earnestly, "Yes. Not only weren't you cured, your health has been continuously affected by it. You may seem in good shape and only have occasional dizziness, but —

"If I'm guessing right, you were out in the wind today and had some saltwater fish... I'm afraid that you're going to get dizzy very soon."

"I can't eat saltwater fish?"

"Of course not. Fish and meat will aggravate the dampness caused by the phlegm inside you. Your body can't handle it," Feng Wu said decisively.

Lady Northern Feng wasn't fully convinced.

Just then, footsteps came from outside.

Lady Northern Feng frowned. She had left instructions that she wasn't to be disturbed. What was this about?

There was a knock at the door.

Lady Northern Feng darted a glance at Granny Tao, who went off to dismiss the unwelcome guest.

"My Lady, it's your sister-in-law —"

It was none other than Mrs Ning herself.

The same Mrs Ning that Feng Wu had saved and the mother of Ning Chenxi.

Of course Lady Northern Feng couldn't chase Mrs Ning away and she rose to her feet with a smile. "Dear sister-in-law, what brings you here? Do come in."

Mrs Ning walked in with a few maids and grannies.

She looked worn out as she smiled bitterly. "What do you think? I'm here for Miss Feng Liu, of course."

Chapter 666: The Truth!

Mrs Ning failed to notice Feng Wu and began to pour out her grievances right away. "I know Miss Feng Liu is wonderful and smart and it wouldn't be so easy to get her family to agree... So, we went to Lord Wuan the other day and asked him to be our go-between. But —"

"The Feng family turned you down again?" Lady Northern Feng frowned.

Mrs Ning smiled bitterly. "That's right. Sir Feng only said 'wait and see,' and that was as good as a refusal.

"We've done everything there is to be done and showed as much sincerity as we could! But the Feng family just won't say yes!

"I even went to see Mrs Feng the other day myself." Mrs Ning sounded more aggrieved as she spoke. "She gave me a similar reply, saying that her daughter was still young and that she'd like to have her around for a bit longer.

"I know she's still young, but we're not asking her to get married right away. An engagement will do. But the Feng family won't even say yes to that.

"Chenxi studied so hard for Imperial College's entrance exam this time and he got the third highest score!" Mrs Ning was almost in tears. "He stayed up late to study and lost so much weight from his hard work. He did all that just to get good grades to please the Feng family.

"Look, he was third! And his cultivation achievement is way above average. I'm sure he'll do great."

Lady Northern Feng smacked the table. "And the Feng family still won't accept him?"

"You don't say. Lord Wuan went to talk to Sir Feng himself about the marriage proposal, but Sir Feng turned him down."

Mrs Ning was distraught. "Why is the Feng clan so proud? Is Chenxi ever going to be able to marry Miss Feng Liu?"

Lady Northern Feng snapped, "Forget about her, then. Feng Liu isn't a good choice, anyway. She doesn't get along with her sister and she's not particularly talented. I just don't understand what you and Chenxi see in her."

Mrs Ning gave her a wry smile. "The thing with her sister is a big misunderstanding. Feng Wu, her sister, started it. One look and you'll know that the girl is a piece of work. She's always ready to stir things up. Feng Liu really is a nice girl."

Lady Northern Feng: !!!

Feng Wu was right next to them and it was so inappropriate for her sister-in-law to say such things!

"As for her talent —" Mrs Ning smiled. "I told you once. Miss Feng Liu is actually a genius doctor! Back when we were in Wanping Town, if it wasn't for her, my twins and myself would have all died. She saved me again afterward. She's an amazing girl!"

Lady Northern Feng almost lost her temper.

Was this the same Feng Liu she knew?

She snorted. "If this Feng Liu really is as wonderful as you describe, why didn't she even pass the written exam?"

"Well..." Mrs Ning didn't know what to say.

"Cough, cough —"

Standing behind them, Feng Wu felt so awkward.

If she was guessing right, the savior Mrs Ning was talking about was her... However, something must have gone wrong, for the lady had mistaken her for Feng Liu.

But why did Ning Chenxi want to marry her? Feng Wu shook her head.

She began to back away, hoping that she could sneak off before things got more awkward.

However, Lady Northern Feng's palm landed on her shoulder. "Xiao Wu, is it true? Feng Liu is secretly a genius doctor?"

Chapter 667: Who Is the Real Feng Liu?

Lady Northern Feng's question attracted everyone's attention.

Only then did Mrs Ning see Feng Wu's face!

So did Granny Qu beside her!

Both women were shocked!

They looked as if they had been struck by lightning!

All words failed them!

Feng Wu cleared her throat. "Mrs Ning, it's been a while."

Mrs Ning didn't know what to say.

This was so embarrassing.

She had poured out her grievances without checking the room first and had gone on and on about Feng Liu and the Feng clan... She hadn't tried to hide her dissatisfaction at all.

But the person she was talking about had been here all along!

And that person had saved her life before!

Mrs Ning was so embarrassed.

"Xiao Wu, you know my sister-in-law?" Mrs Ning was the sister of the Northern Feng General.

"Xiao Wu?" Mrs Ning looked at Lady Northern Feng in bewilderment. "You called her Xiao Wu?"

"That's right." Lady Northern Feng nodded.

“Isn’t she Feng Liu?” Mrs Ning looked at Feng Wu in astonishment. “You’re Feng Liu and you saved me twice on our way back, didn’t you?”

Mrs Ning sounded desperate, for she had a very bad feeling about this.

Lady Northern Feng was equally baffled. “What Feng Liu? She’s Feng Wu, the fifth daughter of the Feng clan! Feng Liu is the sixth daughter. How can you mistaken one for the other?”

Mrs Ning was dazed on the spot!

“You’re Feng Wu?! Your name is Feng Wu?! You really are Feng Wu?!” Mrs Ning grabbed Feng Wu’s wrist. “You... tell me who you are!”

Feng Wu gave her a wry smile. “Mrs Ning, there must have been a misunderstanding. I’ve always been called Feng Wu and Feng Liu is my sister. You’ve met her before as well. She was with Feng Yiran at the time.”

Mrs Ning: !!!

“My lady... My lady...”

Mrs Ning shut her eyes and her knees buckled. She almost fainted.

Luckily, Granny Qu reacted in time and stopped Mrs Ning from falling.

Seeing Mrs Ning’s reaction... most of the people in the room had guessed the truth.

Granny Tao looked shaken. “Did Mrs Ning mistaken Miss Feng Liu for Miss Feng Wu? That is...”

Lady Northern Feng was equally bewildered.

Feng Wu shook her head. Taking out a silver needle, she gave Mrs Ning’s philtrum a quick prick and Mrs Ning opened her eyes shortly afterward.

Mrs Ning was furious after she regained her strength. “I was misled! It’s a huge misunderstanding! This is so...”

Lady Northern Feng patted her on the back. “Calm down, calm down. Luckily, the damage is still under control. Although, how could this have happened?”

Mrs Ning was so angry that her face had drained of all color. “That day, Miss Feng... Wu...”

She took Feng Wu’s hand. “After Miss Feng Wu left, Granny Qu went to ask for the name of the girl who saved my life, and that Feng Liu told her that it was Feng Liu who had helped me! That was why I’ve been mistaking Feng Liu for Miss Wu all along! And I wasn’t the only one! That girl said the same thing to Chenxi!”

Hence, Mrs Ning had gone straight to the Feng clan after they arrived at the imperial capital, asking for a marriage arrangement with “Feng Liu.”

Lady Northern Feng said, “So, you are all victims of that real Feng Liu.”

Mrs Ning was almost in tears. "It's so stupid of us. We've been trying so hard to marry Chenxi to that Feng Liu! And we pulled so many strings. And as it turns out —"

Chapter 668: Do You Want the Truth?

"Pffft —" Infuriated, Mrs Ning spat out a mouthful of blood.

Lady Northern Feng was exasperated. "Don't be so mad. It's fortunate that they didn't say yes. You would have even more to handle if they had agreed and you found out the truth afterward."

Only then did Mrs Ning calm down a little.

But she was still very angry!

"How dare that girl try to play me like this?! Feng the Second isn't someone she can mess with!" Mrs Ning used to be a handful herself before she got married.

Lady Northern Feng smiled. Miss Feng Liu would have a very hard time after this.

Feng Wu shook her head. She had no idea that Feng Liu could be so reckless. However, it had been Feng Liu's decision, and Feng Liu would have to face Mrs Ning's wrath herself.

Seeing that Mrs Ning was alright, Feng Wu asked for permission to leave.

Fearing that keeping Feng Wu here would embarrass her even more, Lady Northern Feng let her go back home.

"Feng Liu! There will be consequences! I won't let her off so easily!" Mrs Ning said between gritted teeth as she clasped Lady Northern Feng's hand.

"Alright, alright —"

Lady Northern Feng then asked Mrs Ning to tell her what happened on the way back to the imperial capital.

Mrs Ning told her in detail.

She had told Lady Northern Feng once before, but the lady's mind had wandered off, because Mrs Ning had been talking about "Feng Liu," whom Lady Northern Feng didn't like.

But it was different this time. The story was about Feng Wu and Lady Northern Feng hung onto every word.

"What? She saved you twice? And she helped the twins as well?" Lady Northern Feng was surprised.

"That's right. Xiao Wu is an incredible doctor. Young Master Ba of Wanping Town said that I was beyond saving and that they should prepare for my funeral, but Miss Wu wouldn't give up. She brought me back from the brink of death. Young Master Ba is Old Master Ba's grandson, that Old Master Ba." Mrs Ning sighed with emotion.

Old Master Ba? Everyone in the Junwu Empire knew the name of that medicine refiner.

Lady Northern Feng and Granny Tao exchanged looks. So, they could trust Xiao Wu's medical skills, after all.

"Then, Lady Tang's spy poisoned me and I almost died. Miss Wu saved me again. Her skills are truly unmatched!"

"She's that good?" Lady Northern Feng cried out in surprise.

"She's that good!"

"I didn't know that. Little Feng Wu has always been ignored or bullied at home. Where did she learn all that?"

"Xiao Wu is having a hard time at home?" Mrs Ning took Lady Northern Feng's hand, her eyes flickering.

Lady Northern Feng nodded. "That's right. After what happened five years ago, her family members are either crippled or weak. They've been through so much. As far as I know, they've struggled quite a bit."

Mrs Ning tightened her grip. "Sister-in-law, help me! You have to help me this time!"

"What?"

"We've been mistaking Feng Liu for Feng Wu the whole time, which is why I've been trying to get Chenxi engaged to Feng Liu. But now, I'm going to ask for a marriage agreement with Feng Wu!" Mrs Ning was excited. "We want to take care of Xiao Wu! I promise we'll be very nice to her! Sister-in-law, please help me!"

Marry Feng Wu to Ning Chenxi?

Lady Northern Feng didn't like the sound of that at all. "I'm afraid not."

"But why?" Mrs Ning asked.

Lady Northern Feng looked at Mrs Ning. "My dear sister-in-law, do you want the truth?"

Chapter 669: But —

Mrs Ning said eagerly, "Of course I want to hear the truth. Please tell me."

Lady Northern Feng cleared her throat. "Sweetheart, you know I always speak my mind and never sugarcoat things."

"Yes."

"I'm going to be straightforward with you, then."

"Sister-in-law, just say it," Mrs Ning urged her.

"I offered a marriage proposal to Xiao Wu on Ah Xun's behalf before you arrived."

"What?!" Mrs Ning almost jumped to her feet!

As Northern Feng General's only child, Feng Xun was the sole heir to Northern Feng Mansion. Could he take Feng Wu as his wife?

Lady Northern Feng asked, "Do you think that Xiao Wu would be marrying above her station?"

After some hesitation, Mrs Ning nodded. "After all, Xiao Wu can't cultivate anymore."

"I've always wanted her as a daughter-in-law, ever since she was little, and I haven't changed my mind. I'd really love for Ah Xun to marry her. The girl is impeccable in her appearance, temperament, wisdom, talent... You name it. Even when she's lost her cultivation ability, she still got the highest score in the written exam."

Lady Northern Feng looked at Mrs Ning. "You said that Chenxi worked from dawn to dusk to prepare for the exam and he got the third highest score. He got 250, if I remember correctly?"

Mrs Ning nodded.

Lady Northern Feng said, "But little Feng Wu got 300! Full marks!"

Mrs Ning was stunned. "Really?"

"Really. Her answer sheets were posted on the bulletin board and I went to read them myself. It was perfection itself!" Lady Northern Feng said in amazement.

As a straight D student, she had always admired curve wreckers like Feng Wu!

Mrs Ning was speechless.

"The girl didn't think my Ah Xun was good enough for her. As for Ning Chenxi..." Lady Northern Feng smiled wryly. "I really think you should give up on the idea."

Mrs Ning was speechless.

That same night, Lady Northern Feng felt normal when she went to bed, but at midnight —

Her clothes were soaked with cold sweat!

And her head was pounding!

"It hurts —"

Granny Tao was startled!

Miss Feng Wu had predicted that the effects of Her Ladyship's ailment would show up soon, but they didn't expect it to be this soon!

"My lady, my lady —"

Hearing the noise, Feng Xun rushed out of his own courtyard.

"Mum!" Feng Xun took Lady Northern Feng's hands. "I'll go fetch an imperial physician! Hang in there!"

Face pale, Lady Northern Feng was drenched in cold sweat, but she wouldn't let go of Feng Xun's hands. "Xiao Wu... Xiao Wu..."

Feng Xun was worried sick and looked at Granny Tao in confusion.

Granny Tao said hastily, "Please go fetch Miss Feng Wu. She knows what to do! She can help Her Ladyship! Hurry up!"

Feng Xun had seen what Feng Wu could do with her medical skills. Mrs Ning's case had been an excellent demonstration.

"No problem! I'll go get her now!" Without hesitation, Feng Xun dashed off!

He ran as fast as he could!

Feng Wu hadn't gone to bed yet. Instead, she was boiling some herbal medicine.

Feng Wu had bought the necessary ingredients from a herbal medicine shop on her way back home from Northern Feng Mansion. She had proceeded to boil them right away.

Bang —

Feng Xun rushed in, grabbed Feng Wu's arm, and tried to drag her away.

"Hey, wait —"

Feng Wu was still working on the medicine. She fetched a bottle, poured the liquid in, then handed it to Feng Xun.

"What's this?"

"The medicine to help your mother," said Feng Wu. "Divide this into three equal portions and feed each one to her every two hours. I'll check up on her tomorrow morning."

"But —"

"I examined her this afternoon. This will work on her," Feng Wu said earnestly.

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Feng Wu looked so trustworthy.

Feng Xun stared at her for a minute before he gave a nod. He then left with the medicine.

"Miss, are you not going with him? Are you sure they'll be alright?" Qiuling was concerned.

After all, the patient was Lady Northern Feng.

"The medicine will solve her problem." Feng Wu was very confident.

In fact, Feng Wu was too busy to leave home.

She was designing a formation.

Since Grand Secretary Fang had given her the property next door, Feng Wu decided that she would make full use of the lode underground.

Dig the spiritual stones out? That didn't seem like the most ideal choice.

Instead, Feng Wu decided that she would build a cultivation formation on top of that lode. With her current capability, she could easily build a Grandmaster Level essence-gathering formation. With it, Xiaoqi, Qiuling, and the others would be able to get double the results with half the work.

After studying the terrain, Feng Wu set out to build a small Immortal Taiyi formation.

Thus, Feng Wu spent the whole night focusing on drawing out the formation. She had to be very precise with her strokes!

Qiuling bustled in and out of the room, delivering Quling tea and hot towels to her mistress.

Feng Wu was consuming an abundant amount of spiritual essence while she drew the diagram, which made her sweat profusely.

The sweat had to be wiped off before it dripped down; the drawing would be ruined if even one drop of sweat fell on it.

Feng Wu had left the instruction before she started working.

Qiuling looked at her mistress.

Miss Wu could be carefree and lighthearted at times, and she never hesitated to pretend or show weakness when necessary. However, when she put her mind to something, she held nothing back.

Right now, Feng Wu seemed to be in an enigmatic, indescribable state. She kept adding more to the drawing, and with each stroke, more spiritual essence was consumed.

She had long drained her spiritual essence and was only able to hold on because of top-grade spiritual stones and Quling tea.

One after another, the top-grade spiritual stones shattered into little pieces, and no matter how many cups of Quling tea Qiuling brought in, Feng Wu downed them all. Qiuling looked at Feng Wu's pale lips and the cold sweat on her forehead —

1Qiuling worried about her mistress so much.

But she knew better than to disturb Feng Wu or try to talk her out of it.

In moments like this, Feng Wu was the most stubborn. She would lose her temper if anyone tried to interrupt her when she was working.

Qiuling had no idea how long it would take Feng Wu to finish...

Leaning against the doorframe. Qiuling looked up at the silver moon and kept Feng Wu company.

Soon, it was deep into the night.

Then dawn came and the eastern sky began to light up.

The first ray of sunlight painted the sky orange.

Only then did Feng Wu put down her pen.

“Miss —”

Qiuling already had a towel ready, which had been heated to the right temperature to soothe Feng Wu’s fatigue.

Feng Wu put the hot towel over her face. The steam felt very comfortable.

She glanced at Qiuling. “You soaked the towel in hot Quling tea. What a waste.”

With the steam from the Quling tea, Feng Wu’s eyes felt rested and looked as limpid as before.

Qiuling took the towel, then handed Feng Wu a pair of soft slippers.

All of Feng Wu’s shoes were made by Qiuling to the exact measurement of Feng Wu’s feet. They always fit Feng Wu nicely.

“Qiuling, it’s so wonderful to have you around. I don’t think I’d know what to do without you.” Feng Wu enjoyed Qiuling’s service.

Qiuling smiled gently. “Miss Wu, you’re meant for important things. Helping you with the petty matters is all I can do.”