

MEDICAL PRINCESS

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“Yes, Her Highness fainted. Hurry up... Inform His Highness to go to see her. Mingqiu Nun is also there... Hurry up!” Yujie was so excited that she spoke incoherently.

“Are you stupid?” Xiao Xuanzi looked at Yujie as if she were a fool.

“Quick! It’s true. Believe me.” Yujie was overjoyed and kept urging.

“His Highness will get angry,” Xiao Xuanzi reminded Yujie.

Yujie blinked her eyes in confusion. “Go quickly. His Highness will be happy.”

“His Highness will be angry!” Xiao Xuanzi said loudly. He thought that Yujie was out of her mind. What nonsense she was talking about! Xiao Xuanzi had seen with his own eyes how his master treasured Princess Chen. Princess Chen fainted now, but Yujie said that Prince Chen would be happy. What could he be happy for?

Xiao Xuanzi felt a chill on his back. He even thought that he might not be safe. Instead, this silly girl was giggling here.

Yujie looked at Xiao Xuanzi as if he were a fool. She reached out and pushed him again. “Her Highness fainted... Mingqiu Nun says that Her Highness is pregnant. Go to tell His Highness quickly!”

“Her Highness fainted. His Highness will be angry...” Xiao Xuanzi kept explaining to Yujie. He had a feeling that it was not true. When he suddenly heard the last few words, he immediately widened his eyes and said in a sharper voice, “You... Are you telling the truth?”

“Yes, it’s true. Go, go quickly!” Yujie stamped her feet anxiously.

Xiao Xuanzi turned around excitedly, muttering to himself inwardly, “Her Highness is pregnant. There will be a little master in the mansion soon. That is so great!” He hit something under his feet and almost fell, and he stood up with the support of the pillar on the side. Xiao Xuanzi was so happy that he rushed up to Chu Liuchen.

“Your Highness, hurry... Go and have a look. Her Highness has fainted. She... It’s said that she is pregnant.”

Chu Liuchen’s hand paused on the table, and he looked up at Xiao Xuanzi. It seemed that he didn’t hear it clearly. “What?”

“Her Highness is pregnant. You... Your Highness, go and have a look quickly!” Xiao Xuanzi hurriedly repeated with his eyes full of joy.

Chu Liuchen slowly stood up with a calm look. It seemed that he always moved slowly and calmly at any time. Then he turned to go downstairs.

However, when he went downstairs, he crossed two steps at a time and almost fell.

Xiao Xuanzi followed behind Chu Liuchen with his smiling eyes. Yes, his master was always like this. It was obvious that he was surprised and anxious, yet he looked so calm. In fact, his master was flustered. Xiao Xuanzi had served Chu Liuchen for so many years, so how could he not understand? He knew that Prince Chen was overjoyed.

Shao Wanru was half lying on the bed, eating bird’s nest soup. When she was informed that Chu Liuchen came in, she put down the soup bowl.

Just then, she saw Chu Liuchen coming in a rush. As soon as the servant girl lifted the curtain, he rushed in front of the bed.

Nanny Yu and Nanny Zheng smiled and asked everyone to go out, leaving only the couple in the room.

Chu Liuchen walked so fast that his pale face was a little blushed. He walked to the bed and sat down. He reached out to hold Shao Wanru's hand and whispered, "How long has it been?"

"Well, it's not long. It's just ... just a little over a month," Shao Wanru said with a soft smile, letting him hold her hand with strength. Chu Liuchen held her hand so tightly that his cold palm was stained with a little sweat. Shao Wanru knew that he headed here in a rush.

Chu Liuchen was in poor health before, so he got used to walking very slowly. Afterward, although he got recovered, he never changed that habit. When did he walk so fast?

Looking at Shao Wanru, Chu Liuchen suddenly reached out to hold her in his arms. He chuckle first and then laughed out loud.

Since Chu Liuchen attached so much importance to her unborn child, Shao Wanru's heart was full of tenderness.

"What a coincidence! I am going to enter the Palace, and I'll have to hear those old ministers talk about the shortage of concubines in the imperial harem again. Zhuozhuo, you are pregnant at this time. I'd like to see what they dare to say."

After laughing, Chu Liuchen said. It sounded like he was talking to himself, and it also seemed to be saying to Shao Wanru.

Shao Wanru raised her bright eyes in his arms and asked softly, "Has Uncle the Emperor made up his mind?"

"Yes, he has decided to abdicate, saying that he will leave the Palace with Noble Consort Lan in the future. Then they will travel around outside, and by

the way, they will go to the south of the Yangtze River to recuperate,” Chu Liuchen said lightly and held Shao Wanru gently. “When we enter the Palace and have a child later, those pedantic old men won’t dare to talk.”

“Will they blame you?” Shao Wanru raised her beautiful eyes, which were full of the figure of Chu Liuchen, clear and bright.

“Of course, they will. It’s annoying for me to be annoyed every day. Now, it’s fine because I have you and our child, Zhuozhuo. I can simply refuse whoever asks me to hold the Pageant,” Chu Liuchen said happily.

He had other ways to refuse, but this way was the best and the plainest one. They would even think that Shao Wanru was the best.

He didn’t need other women in his imperial harem. Zhuozhuo and their children were enough for him. What had happened in his last life was too heavy, so he didn’t want to care too much. As for the Emperor, his biological father, Chu Liuchen had no intention to change the title either. In his opinion, it was all caused by too many women in the imperial harem.

When Noble Consort Lan was pregnant with him, she was schemed by several people, including the Empress and Consort of Virtue. Many people did not want her to give birth to a healthy child.

The Empress and Chu Liuzhou were locked up together. Chu Liuyue was beheaded. Consort of Virtue was sent out of the Palace, and now, she was living with Zhang Qilan, who was willing to support Consort of Virtue for the rest of her life. As for the other concubines in the Palace, some were dead, and some escaped. Chu Liuchen only asked someone to count the number and then let them go.

Since they had been out of the Palace, let them go their separate ways!

Chu Qing and Consort Dowager Qing were also beheaded. In addition, those people, who were in the hands of Pushan Nun and brought by Princess Yuyan, were all eliminated in this palace coup.

In the Xu State, Chu Liuchen passed a message to Princess Yutao. Then the Xu State also underwent a political change, in which Consort Li's family branch failed. Consort Li's son was completely defeated by Princess Yutao, and he became the victim of the palace coup. At this point, all the matters of the previous dynasty were resolved.

Nanny Wei, Wei Dahai and the others were also confiscated.

At this critical moment, the Emperor was going to abdicate.

The old ministers submitted memorials one after another, pleading with the Emperor not to abdicate so early. However, the Emperor was determined to leave. He took the excuse of his poor health, saying that he could not hold on any longer and that the reason why he could survive the palace coup this time was completely relying on Chu Liuchen.

The ministers in the court had no choice but to bow to Emperor in tears.

On a selected auspicious day, the Emperor abdicated, and Chu Liuchen succeeded him on the throne. And on the same day, Shao Wanru was conferred the title of Empress.

Wearing a crown, Chu Liuchen stood in front of the main hall and looked at Shao Wanru, who was walking over slowly, with a charming smile.

Shao Wanru was also dressed in fancy attire with a crown. She walked up to Chu Liuchen with slightly red eyes. In the previous life, she did not have a chance to see the scene of his ascending the throne. They were parted by death, so she didn't know how long he had been the Emperor.

Thinking of what had happened in her dream, Shao Wanru assumed that with his paranoid character, Chu Liuchen would probably destroy the whole country in a few years after being the Emperor.

Nowadays, their suffering had come to an end. Shao Wanru gently put her hand on Chu Liuchen's palm. The next part of the way was taken by the Emperor and the Empress together, representing the harmony of the imperial harem.

Chu Liuchen walked very slowly, afraid that Shao Wanru would feel uncomfortable if she walked fast, and he paused from time to time and took smaller steps. It could be seen that he was taking care of Shao Wanru, who was petite beside him.

In the crowd of ministers, Wen Xichi was also watching this scene. He felt a lump in his throat. He gritted his teeth hard, and a touch of bitterness appeared in his eyes. He wished that he were the one who stood beside her.

Even if he couldn't give her the whole world, he would protect her wholeheartedly. He wouldn't let her go through any hardships again. He would treat her carefully, lest she would repeat the tragic fate like her last life.

However, she had a better choice now. Perhaps they had been doomed to miss each other in their last lives. After all, he could not have protected her well eventually in the last life, so it was useless to say anything now.

Wen Xichi lowered his head, stared at the ground in front of him, and took a deep breath. As long as she lived well, nothing else was important. She was the Empress now. He could tell from the way Chu Liuchen behaved now that Chu Liuchen should treat Shao Wanru extremely well.

That was enough for Wen Xichen.

Whether in the dream or the last life, it was not as good as in this life. The abbot was right. This life was the present, and the present was hopeful. From

today on, she was the Queen, and he was a minister. He would restrain all inappropriate thoughts and assist her silently.

Not only her but also the child she gave birth to...

The Emperor and the Empress came to the front of the throne and sat down hand in hand. All the ministers knelt down and called out "Long lives" three times. So, the ceremony was completed. Shao Wanru was carefully escorted to the imperial harem and lived in the Empress' Palace.

When Rui'an Great Elder Princess heard that Shao Wanru was pregnant, she was so happy that she came into the Palace every day. She first went to see the Grand Empress Dowager and chatted with her for a while. Then she went to see Shao Wanru. Shao Wanru had been pregnant for about two months, but her belly was still flat, and she did not care much about it. In contrast, Rui'an Great Elder Princess was so nervous that she told Shao Wanru to special care as soon as she saw Shao Wanru.

It got Shao Wanru on tenterhooks as well.

There was only Shao Wanru in the imperial harem, so it wouldn't cause any trouble. In addition, she got advice from Rui'an Great Elder Princess and the Grand Empress Dowager, as well as the addition of Noble Consort Dowager Lan now and then. The imperial harem was lively but with no tricks. However, it was different in the imperial court. The ministers complained about no consorts in the imperial harem, urging the Emperor to start the Pageant as soon as possible to enrich the imperial harem.

Many ministers who had daughters were so positive that they all wanted to send their daughters to the Palace. Except for the Empress, there were plenty of vacant positions of consort in the imperial harem. How could they let it be? Their daughters were completely qualified for the positions of consort.

Those who had daughters about to be married at home were most positive.

Chu Liuchen just said coldly, "The Empress is pregnant, and she can't get tired either mentally or physically at this time. If the fetal development were affected, no one could bear the responsibility."

All the ministers look at each other at his words. If something really happened, no one could take on the responsibility.

Moreover, Wen Xichi, the new deputy minister of the Ministry of Justice, who had a glib tongue, spoke up for the Emperor. Whoever talked to Wen Xichi about the Pageant, would end up with failure. Just a few days later, under Chu Liuchen's tough threatening and Wen Xichi's intentional guidance, the ministers stopped mentioning it. After all, the Emperor had said so, and the Empress was pregnant with a descendant of the Emperor, so it was useless to say anything right now.

Chapter 1312 Keep a Low Profile and Be Obedient

Shui Ruolan followed the Nanny who led the way ahead and felt uneasy. Since she came to the capital, she occasionally associated with some Madams from aristocratic families. She would not attend their parties unless it was necessary.

On the one hand, she always had a weak character. On the other hand, every time she joined them, some Madams always asked about Madam Di intentionally or unintentionally. They were polite to Shui Ruolan on the surface, but they sneered at her behind her back when talking about her.

People in the capital thought that Madam Di was Qin Huaiyong's legal wife. Shui Ruolan was a divorced woman. How could she compare with a decent Madam from an aristocratic family? Her status was much lower than Madam Di's. Of course, there were some people who flattered her. They were two-bit nobodies who wanted to curry favor with Qin Huaiyong.

This was the first time Shui Ruolan had entered the Palace since she came to the capital.

"Madam Shui, how about you take the palace sedan chair?" Noticing that Shui Ruolan walked slowly, the Nanny in the Palace suggested again.

When Shui Ruolan entered the Palace just now, the Nanny had proposed it, but Shui Ruolan rejected it.

"I am good. Thank you, Nanny," Shui Ruolan replied politely. Although she had not entered the Palace before, she knew that only high-ranking Madams were entitled to take the palace sedan chair. She had the title conferred by imperial mandate now. However, previously, Madam Di was still there, so Shui Ruolan thought it inappropriate to request for conferring the high-ranking ladyship. Afterward, Madam Di's affairs cause an uproar, and Shui Ruolan didn't want to be in the limelight even more.

Shui Ruolan had always kept a low profile and just wanted to live a peaceful life. She didn't take those worldly things seriously.

She didn't want to make things difficult for Shao Wanru because of her high profile either. Before she entered the Palace, Old Madam Qin repeatedly told her to know her place well, observe more and talk less, and deal with things carefully, so as not to disgrace the Empress.

Everyone knew that the Empress originally came from Qin's Mansion.

"Madam Shui, please take the palace sedan chair if you are tired. Otherwise, Her Majesty will blame me," the Nanny said with a smile, very politely.

"I'm really good. Thank you, Nanny," Shui Ruolan said softly.

The Nanny in the Palace repeatedly cared for her, so Shui Ruolan was not as nervous as in the beginning. She thought, "Her Majesty has been close to me since we were young, and she knows my character very well. She should have given instruction to the Nanny in particular."

"How is Her Majesty doing in the Palace?" Seeing the Nanny look kind, Shui Ruolan could not help asking an extra question, not looking panicky as in the beginning.

Only then did Shui Ruolan really feel that the child raised by her family had become the Empress.

"Her Majesty lives very well in the Palace. Apart from chatting with the Grand Empress Dowager, She has little to do. Rui'an Great Elder Princess will also come to visit her. Madam Shui, you're welcome to come to the Palace and keep Her Majesty company when you are free," the Nanny smiled when she saw Shui Ruolan was very kind. As she heard, Shui Ruolan and the Empress had a very good relationship, and even after the Empress found her origin, she still kept a close relationship with Shui Ruolan. Therefore, the Nanny naturally did not dare to offend Shui Ruolan.

The nanny sighed in her mind, "Madam Shui looks extremely delicate, but Her Majesty treats her so well!"

There was only one Empress in the imperial harem. As for the last generation of imperial concubines, those who had children moved out of the imperial harem and lived in their children's mansions, and only Noble Consort Dowager Lan was left. As for the older generation, only the Grand Empress Dowager was left. So only one from each of the three generations was left in the imperial harem. An ordinary family usually had three or four concubines, but the Emperor only had one wife. How blessed the Empress was in all respects!

"The reason Her Majesty asked you to come is just to enable you to get familiar with the route. Later, you can often come to the Palace to keep Her Majesty company," the Nanny said again.

The Nanny thought to herself, "This Madam is really blessed. As a remarried woman, she can have such good fortune. She not only married the general as a secondary legal wife, but she has also become the Madam of the General's Mansion. In addition, Her Majesty has been close to her since childhood. With these factors, she can enjoy at least a few decades of stability and wealth in the future."

"It's all thanks to Her Majesty," Shui Ruolan smiled. She remembered the well-behaved and lively Shao Wanru in her childhood. Now she had become the Empress, the uniquely favored one by the Emperor. Everything in the past was as if in a dream, which made Shui Ruolan feel unreal sometimes.

Who would have thought that an orphan back then would become the current Empress?

Shao Wanru didn't live in the Phoenix Palace. Chu Liuchen disliked the Phoenix Palace, so he deliberately asked Shao Wanru to move into his Chenhua Palace. Since Shao Wanru moved in, he hadn't given her a chance to move out.

The layout of the Chenhua Palace was different from that of the Phoenix Palace where the Empress lived. It looked more magnificent, dignified, and majestic.

When Shui Ruolan entered the main hall, she saw Shao Wanru sitting in the hostess' seat. Shui Ruolan hurriedly stepped forward to salute Shao Wanru, and the latter smiled, indicating Yujie to help Shui Ruolan up. Compared with the other servant girls, Yujie was the most familiar one to Shui Ruolan.

Seeing Yujie, Shui Ruolan, who had been a little uneasy, relaxed a lot.

When Shui Ruolan took her seat, Shao Wanru asked with a smile, "How is Madam Dowager?"

Shui Ruolan looked at Shao Wanru worriedly and said, "Thank you for your concern, Your Majesty. Madam Dowager is very well. She often misses you, nagging that you should pay more attention to your health right now."

Up to now, Shao Wanru's pregnant appearance had been distinctly visible, but she was in good spirits, which made Shui Ruolan at ease.

"I'm fine. I am worried about Madam Dowager, instead. I still remember since I was young that Madam Dowager was not in good health. I wanted to invite her to come to the Palace this time, but she said that it was inconvenient for her to walk now," Shao Wanru said softly.

In Shao Wanru's mind, the Old Madam of the Marquis Xing's Mansion would never be her grandmother, but only Old Madam Qin was. Whether in her last life or this one, Old Madam Qin gave Shao Wanru love and care as her own granddaughter.

Old Madam Qin was in good health now, but it was inconvenient for her to walk due to her old age. Shao Wanru often went to visit Old Madam Qin before, but now it was inconvenient to see her because of her pregnancy.

"Your Majesty, knowing you are very concerned about her, Madam Dowager is very touched." Shui Ruolan stood up and knelt down again. "On behalf of Madam Dowager and myself, I'd like to express our gratitude, Your Majesty."

As Shui Ruolan said, her eyes turned red.

Shao Wanru took a glance at Yujie, who was standing aside. Yujie hurried forward to help Shui Ruolan up and said, "Madam Shui, please take your seat first. What can't you say while sitting in your seat?"

"Without Her Majesty this time... My whole family would have..." Shui Ruolan nibbled her lip and lowered her head again. She kowtowed three times respectfully to Shao Wanru before standing up with the help of Yujie. She continued, "Your Majesty, I have been entrusted by my whole family to come to thank you ... including the general."

"Madam, please have a seat." Shao Wanru knew what Shui Ruolan meant, and she indicated Yujie to help Shui Ruolan sit down again.

"I grew up in the Qin's Mansion since young. Although General Qin had some resentment toward me, Madam Dowager and you had always been very kind to me and never treated me badly. Even though Qin Yuru was the 'biological daughter' of General Qin back then, Madam Dowager had always treated me as her own granddaughter."

Shao Wanru sighed.

This was her two lifetimes of gratitude. In fact, Shao Wanru was grateful to them more than she could say. However, she was afraid that Shui Ruolan would panic if she said too much, so Shao Wanru just simply mentioned it.

“Your Majesty, I’m afraid I don’t deserve it.” Shui Ruolan wiped her tears and said, “We are lucky to have you this time. Without your advice, I’m afraid that the whole General’s Mansion would have been...”

Speaking of this, Shui Lanruo was indeed scared. If Qin Huaiyong had entered the Palace and participated in the rebellion, her whole family would not have had a peaceful life right now. It was said that many people rushed into the Palace back then, causing chaos. They were led by Commandery Prince Cheng, Prince Yue, and Commandery Prince Qing. Everyone wanted to get a share of the benefits.

Many of them had the same rank as Qin Huaiyong or higher rank than him. They all ended up with destroyed families. And, Qin Huaiyong almost entered the Palace with them. That was why Shui Ruolan remained shaken when mentioning this point.

Fortunately, Shao Wanru sent Yujie to Qin’s Mansion and passed a message to Madam Dowager. Then Madam Dowager and Shui Ruolan persuaded Qin Huaiyong together, so Qin Huaiyong didn’t go to the Palace. Instead, he took advantage that the Palace was in chaos and that most people were not in mansions, Qin Huaiyong went to each mansion and took some people away. After the incident, he handed them over to the Emperor.

Those people were arranged in each mansion by Chu Qing. They would take action in each mansion once Chu Qing succeeded in rebellion in the Palace.

The leftover evils of the previous dynasty had pretended to be gardeners and worked in the gardens of various mansions or got a connection with the servants in the gardens by all means.

Some were arranged in Qin’s Mansion. That was why Qin Huaiyong could find out those people from other mansions. The new gardener working at Qin’s Mansion got caught. It was Shao Wanru who provided the clue.

Based on this clue, Qin Huaiyong easily caught the leftover evils of the previous dynasty lurking in various mansions, so as to cut off Chu Qing’s escape route. In the end, Chu Qing tried to take advantage of those people to flee, but he also got caught easily.

Qin Huaiyong made a great contribution because of this.

On this point, Shui Ruolan was very grateful to Shao Wanru, and she was still in fear afterward. If Shao Wanru had not sent someone to explain to them, Madam Dowager and Shui Ruolan would not have persuaded Qin Huaiyong together, and with his radical character, Qin Huaiyong would have been used by others in case of carelessness.

Then Shui Ruolan took out a memorial and handed it to Shao Wanru. "Your Majesty, this is what the general asked me to present."

"Is it a letter from Qin Huaiyong to me?" Shao Wanru blinked her eyes and nodded. Qiu'er stepped forward to take the letter and handed it to Shao Wanru. Shao Wanru took it, opened the envelope, and started to read it.

The so-called letter, exactly speaking, was a memorial because Shao Wanru was the Empress now.

This was a letter from Qin Huaiyong. At the beginning of the letter, Qin Huaiyong expressed his gratitude to Shao Wanru. Following that, he explained some past events.

Shao Wanru pursed her lips while reading the letter. As expected, Qin Huaiyong thought that when he was in danger, Shao Wanru's father didn't save him, and he was implicated by her father to get into danger instead. That was why he was indifferent to Shao Wanru when she was a child. Shao Jing's intervention caused Qin Huaiyong to have such suspicion. Hence, he didn't care about Shao Wanru.

Compared with Shao Wanru, his biological daughter was more important to him. Even though Qin Huaiyong found out that Qin Yuru had plotted against Shao Wanru, he didn't take it seriously.

After Qin Huaiyong came to the capital, he got a connection with Commandery Prince Cheng by chance and heard about the paintings. Qin Huaiyong remembered that there seemed to be a few pieces of paintings among the relics left to Shao Wanru by the former heir of Duke Xing, so he specially checked Shao Wanru's room but found nothing.

Chapter 1313 The Hard-Earned Peace

Everything in the past had a cause, but this cause was concealed in many mists, so it appeared unreal.

After reading the letter in her hand, Shao Wanru put it down with a trace of a smile across the corners of her eyes. She had been relieved of some things. Once she hoped that Qin Huaiyong would treat her like Qin Yuru.

This was what she hoped for most in her last life. After all, at that time, she had always thought that she was Qin Huaiyong's biological daughter, and she had no idea that her identity had been seized by Qin Yuru. Right now, Shao Wanru didn't want to mention it again. After the rebirth, she found out the truth and could not be reluctant to get close to Qin Huaiyong anymore.

The memories of her last life were fading away, and they become blurred in her eyes.

Putting down the memorial in her hand, Shao Wanru smiled with an elegant and calm look in her eyes. "Madam, please pass my gratitude to Ningyuan Army General for taking care of me back then."

Anyway, Qin Huaiyong raised her, and he was just partial to Qin Yuru. Later, when he knew that Qin Yuru was not his biological daughter, he probably could not regret it more.

But now, none of this mattered.

She was no longer eager for the fatherly love from Qin Huaiyong. Even without a father, she had many people who loved her, and she was no longer the helpless Qin Yuru who lacked love in her last life.

Shui Ruolan knew what Shao Wanru meant. It was good enough that Shao Wanru and Qin Huaiyong could maintain the status of a monarch and a minister. As for other things, it was better not to talk about them anymore. Shui Ruolan breathed a sigh of relief inwardly. This was the best result.

"Thank you, Your Majesty." Shui Ruolan knew that Shao Wanru was generous and kind and treated her and Madam Dowager very well, but Qin Huaiyong was exceptional. Who could let go of what had happened back then when thinking about it carefully?

General Qin asked her to hand the memorial to Shao Wanru, which meant that he intended to explain the matter. Now that the matter had been explained clearly, and for the rest, Shui Ruolan didn't dare to request, nor could she afford to request.

The Qin family had already benefited a lot because Shao Wanru became the Empress. If she requested more, the pressure on Shui Ruolan would be too big.

After chatting with Shao Wanru for a little more while, Shui Ruolan stood up and bowed to leave when she heard that Rui'an Great Elder Princess came to visit the Empress.

Shao Wanru didn't ask her to stay. She knew that Shui Ruolan was not good at social communication and had a weak character.

When Shui Ruolan walked to the gate of the Palace, she met Rui'an Great Elder Princess. Shui Ruolan hurried forward to salute.

"Madam Shui, don't stand on ceremony," Rui'an Great Elder Princess said mildly. She looked at Shui Ruolan with a smile. "Madam Shui, please come to the Palace more often to accompany the Empress in the future when you are free."

Rui'an Great Elder Princess had to take care of her daughter. Sometimes, she was too busy to make time to visit Shao Wanru.

"I will, Your Highness," Shui Ruolan said softly. She was unwilling to associate with other Madams from the aristocratic families in the capital city. However, Shao Wanru was not anyone else. In Shui Ruolan's heart, Shao Wanru was like a daughter, so she certainly did not find it hard.

"How is Old Madam Qin?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked again. She had always been grateful to Old Madam Qin. Since she knew that Old Madam Qin had been protecting Shao Wanru and even went against Madam Di, Rui'an Great Elder Princess had sent gifts to Ningyuan Army General's Mansion now and then to express her gratitude.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess even visited Ningyuan Army General's Mansion in person several times, so she was somewhat familiar with Shui Ruolan.

"Madam Dowager is in good health. Thank you for your concern, Your Highness," Shui Ruolan said softly.

"I'll visit Madam Dowager when I'm free next time," Rui'an Great Elder Princess said with a smile.

After thanking Rui'an Great Elder Princess, Shui Ruolan walked outside behind a Nanny. When she just took a few steps, Rui'an Great Elder Princess called her to stop. This time, Rui'an Great Elder Princess especially asked someone to prepare a palace sedan chair to send Shui Ruolan out of the Palace.

Shui Ruolan had wanted to reject, but Rui'an Great Elder Princess specially sent her maid over to escort Shui Ruolan to get on the palace sedan chair. In an instant, Shui Ruolan realized that it was inappropriate to reject. After thanking Rui'an Great Elder Princess, she got on the palace sedan chair parked on the side, and the maid from Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion escorted Shui Ruolan out of the Palace.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess came to the Palace mainly about Infanta Qinghua. After saluting the Empress, she sat on the side.

"Your Majesty, Qinghua seems to have recognized Hao'er."

Rui'an Great Elder Princess said excitedly.

Telling Infanta Qinghua that Shao Yuanhao was her son was something Rui'an Great Elder Princess said almost every day. But every time Infanta Qinghua woke up after a sleep, she would forget about it. She just occasionally called "Zhuozhuo" several times, and she also remembered that "Zhuozhuo" was a girl. When she saw a girl in someone's arms, she would pay special attention to her. However, she had no impression of Shao Yuanhao at all.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess had no choice but to repeatedly tell Infanta Qinghua that she had not only one daughter but also a son and that Shao Yuanhao was her son, the son of her and Shao Jiang.

However, it didn't work well.

"Has my mother remembered Brother Hao?" Shao Wanru sat up straight. She was out of the blue at the news, and she looked very surprised.

"Yes. She gets a little better. Sometimes, she can remember him. Mingqiu Nun and Doctor Qi both have good medical skills." Rui'an Great Elder Princess nodded repeatedly.

"She is not Mingqiu Nun any longer," Shao Wanru said with a smile.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess also smiled, "Right. Now she is not Mingqiu Nun, but Madam Qi."

Mingqiu Nun and Qi Jue had experienced so many things, and now they were officially married and lived together. It could be said that all sufferings had their reward. Qi Jue refused to be bound by the Palace, so he lived in Rui'an Great Elder Princess' Mansion. On the other hand, it was convenient for him to treat Infanta Qinghua.

Mingqiu Nun and Qi Jue broke up because of various misunderstandings back then. Now they got back together, which was what Shao Wanru hoped to see.

"It's great that my mother is getting better," Shao Wanru said.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked depressed again. "But, as per Doctor Qi and Madam Qi, even if she gets better, she can only restore part of her memories at most. She can't get fully recovered."

Hearing that, Shao Wanru fell silent for a while. She pondered and then comforted Rui'an Great Elder Princess, "Grandma, sometimes it's not a good thing to have a clear mind. Maybe it's because God can't bear to see my mother in such pain. My father has gone. If my mother wakes up, how painful it will be for her..."

Shao Wanru felt too sad to finish her words.

No matter how painful it would be, as her family, they should hope that Infanta Qinghua would have no illness. How could Shao Wanru say such words? She just wanted to comfort Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess let out a long sigh and looked at Shao Wanru kindly. "I understand... It's okay. Anyway, it's a good thing. After all, it's a blessing in misfortune that your mother is still alive."

In the last life, Rui'an Great Elder Princess became a nun, and Hao'er met an accident. It was easy to guess what happened to her mother in the end.

Shao Jing was the cause of all of this. Once thinking of this, Shao Wanru couldn't calm down.

For the title of nobility, Shao Jing even plotted against his elder brother's family, not even letting go of the youngest child. He deserved to end up like that.

"How is Old Madam of your original mansion?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess wiped her tears and asked.

"Nanny Yu is in charge to take care of her. They moved to a remote place to live," Shao Wanru said calmly. When she mentioned Old Madam of Marquis Xing's Mansion, there was no trace of emotion in her voice.

Old Madam of Marquis Xing's Mansion was her biological grandmother. However, she actually watched her eldest son's family be destroyed by her second son but did nothing. It was understandable if she didn't know it in the beginning, but what about later? It was impossible for her not to notice her second son's unusual behavior, but she was still partial to Shao Jing and protected him. She even helped the second branch frame Shao Wanru and her younger brother again and again.

Shao Wanru knew that Old Madam did that to protect Marquis Xing's Mansion. For the sake of the peace of the Marquis Xing's Mansion, she could sacrifice her son's life and even others' lives. How ruthless she was!

Now she had a stroke and was settled down in a corner of the Marquis Xing's Mansion. It was also for the sake of being Shao Wanru's grandmother, but

that was it. No one would care about Old Madam, and Nanny Yu was alone to serve her.

“She deserves it!” Rui’an Great Elder Princess said with hatred. She had always been discontented with Old Madam. She even wished to tear her apart several times.

With that, she looked at Shao Wanru’s belly and said, “As per Doctor Qi, this is your first baby, so you should be more careful in everything you do. Don’t make any mistakes. The Grand Empress Dowager is in poor health, so she can’t keep reminding you. As for Noble Consort Dowager Lan, she has never given birth to a baby, so she naturally doesn’t know about pregnancy.”

“Don’t worry, Grandmother. I will be careful. Imperial Grandmother has assigned a few experienced Nannies to take care of me here. Noble Consort Dowager Lan also treats me quite well, and she comes over to keep me company from time to time. It is very clear in the Palace. There are no outsiders in the Palace, so it is very peaceful,” Shao Wanru said with a smile.

Shao Wanru sniggered inwardly, “Noble Consort Dowager Lan has never given birth? In fact, she is the one who gave birth to the current Emperor.”

Chu Liuchen was not willing to publicly recognize his parents, Noble Consort Dowager Lan and the Retired Emperor, so he did not recognize them. He thought it was okay as long as he knew it in his mind. So far, Chu Liuchen was not as angry at Noble Consort Dowager Lan as before. Sometimes, when Noble Consort Dowager Lan was at present, he would stay and say a few words to her instead of pulling a long face and turning around to leave like before.

Noble Consort Dowager Lan was already very satisfied. She came to see Shao Wanru now and then. She said that she would leave the capital with the Retired Emperor to travel around outside after Shao Wanru gave birth to the child. When she was young, she had no choice for various reasons. Now she could finally live a quiet life. The only thing she was worried about was the child in Shao Wanru’s belly.

It was her grandson or granddaughter, so how could she not care?

As for diet, she also reminded Shao Wanru to be careful repeatedly. Although no newcomers were competing with Shao Wanru for favor in the Palace now, they should be more careful. The people arranged by Commandery Prince Cheng, Prince Yue, and Chu Qing previously might not have been cleaned up during the past few days. Besides, there were spies from various palaces in the past, so they needed to keep cautious.

To attract the attention of Shao Wanru, Noble Consort Dowager Lan specially mentioned that she had accidentally been poisoned and caused Chu Liuchen to get poisoned in her belly. When she mentioned this matter every time, Noble Consort Dowager Lan's eyes would turn red, and she kept saying that it was all her fault. Otherwise, Chu Liuchen would not have suffered for so many years.

Later, after finding out some things, she gave up on herself completely. She thought that all was to punish her and the Retired Emperor. Now everything was finally okay. Even though Chu Liuchen didn't recognize her openly, she was already very satisfied.

Life in the Palace was quite comfortable, which Shao Wanru had never had before. Her belly slowly became bigger. It was almost the day of delivery. Chu Liuchen was more concerned about it than Shao Wanru, especially could not sleep well. Usually, when he sensed some movement, he would immediately get up, open his eyes, and ask, "Are you going to deliver the baby?"

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"Not yet. My leg just cramped up." Shao Wanru reached out to touch her calf, but her belly was too big to reach it.

The Emperor reached out his strong hand and massaged her calf. The young and handsome Emperor breathed a sigh of relief. "Thankfully, you are not going to deliver the baby!"

As soon as he said this, Chu Liuchen realized he had said something wrong. He hurriedly explained, "I didn't mean that. It's good that you are not delivering the baby now."

After saying that, he realized that something was wrong again and laughed.

Shao Wanru laughed so hard that she couldn't speak. Since when did Chu Liuchen, who was as scheming and gloomy as a demon king, could not even speak clearly?

"You're still laughing. Did I say anything wrong?" Chu Liuchen glared at her. However, with an elegant smile on his face, he didn't look domineering at all.

Shao Wanru continued laughing happily. After a while, she suddenly covered her belly with her hands.

"What's wrong?" Seeing Shao Wanru's situation, Chu Liuchen immediately sat up and asked anxiously.

"I... My stomach hurts... It seems that I'm going to deliver the baby." Shao Wanru raised her delicate face in pain and looked at Chu Liuchen with a pale face.

Chu Liuchen was stunned for a moment and then hurriedly got off the bed. He just put on a coat and ran to the door of Chenhua Palace to call for help. Fortunately, everyone had been ready in advance. They were assigned to wait outside at different hours. Hearing that the Empress was about to give birth, they orderly performed their duties and brought the Empress to the delivery room.

Chu Liuchen stood at the door of the delivery room. His face was paler than that of ordinary people, and now he looked even paler. Even though he stood there majestically and looked like he was in charge, he looked stiff, no matter what.

Noble Consort Dowager Lan was the first to arrive. When she saw her son, who was standing stiffly at the door, she came over in particular and said softly, "Come with me and take a seat on the side. Don't block the way. Once they get busy inside, you might delay their work if you are here."

Chu Liuchen blinked his eyes but did not say a word. Then he obediently followed Noble Consort Dowager Lan to the side hall to rest, but he still fixed his eyes on the door of the side hall.

It was visible with naked eyes that Chu Liuchen couldn't sit still. Xiao Xuanzi served him tea. Seeing the Emperor like this, Xiao Xuanzi comforted, "Don't worry, Your Majesty. Her Majesty is lucky, and she will be fine. Please relax."

"She was in great pain just now," Chu Liuchen muttered to himself. The usual laziness on his face had disappeared, and he was sitting upright in the seat. Before, even if he sat on the throne, he liked to lean over and sit lazily. Since when had he ever sat upright?

"Your Majesty, it's painful to give birth to a baby, but it will be fine in a while. Her Majesty will be fine after delivering the little master," Xiao Xuanzi continued to comfort Chu Liuchen.

Chu Liuchen gave Xiao Xuanzi a cold glance and said unhappily, "You said it so easily. Did you ever give birth to a baby?"

Xiao Xuanzi's expression changed to bitter immediately. He looked at Chu Liuchen pitifully. His master's words hurt him badly. He could never give birth to a child even if he wanted to.

“Qi Jue said that giving birth to a baby is very risky and that many women...” Chu Liuchen said to himself. Speaking of this, he suddenly stood up and had an urgent feeling. Just now, when Shao Wanru was about to give birth all of a sudden, he didn’t have time to think too much. Now he remembered what Qi Jue had once told him, and he pursed his lips tightly.

After pondering for a while, Chu Liuchen strode outside.

“Your Majesty, Your Majesty! Please wait here. You can’t go into the delivery room!” Xiao Xuanzi understood what Emperor was going to do at a glance. He hurriedly chased after the Emperor outside the side hall.

Chu Liuchen just ignored Xiao Xuanzi and strode to the delivery room. At the door of the delivery room, he was stopped by Noble Consort Dowager Lan.

“Where are you going?”

“I’ll go in to see the Empress,” Chu Liuchen said with a serious face. If it were before, Noble Consort Dowager Lan would give in without hesitation. But now, she did not give in, and not even half a step. “Your Majesty, if you go in now, you can do nothing but just disturb the Empress. Just now, the Empress asked someone to guard the door of the delivery room to prevent you from going in.”

Noble Consort Dowager Lan pointed to Yujie, who was at the door of the delivery room, and said, “This is what the Empress meant.”

Chu Liuchen take a cold look at Yujie, who was guarding the door. Yujie shivered under his gaze. She preferred staying inside to guarding here under too much pressure of the Emperor’s cold gaze. Fortunately, it was Yujie who came to the capital with Shao Wanru from Jiangzhou. If it were anyone else, he or she would definitely become limp under such a cold glance by the Emperor.

“I just walk around here!” Chu Liuchen said with a straight face.

“Okay, just do it,” Noble Consort Dowager Lan had to agree. She turned around and sat on the chair next to her, and meanwhile, she asked Chu Liuchen to sit and rest for a while.

Just then, Shao Wanru let out a few painful groans from the delivery room. Shao Wanru looked weak, but she was actually a strong-willed person. At this moment, she couldn’t help crying out in pain. How painful it must be!

Chu Liuchen’s mind went blank. He suddenly stood up. Before Noble Consort Dowager Lan could react, he had already walked up to Yujie. Yujie was about

to stop him, but Xiao Xuanzi grabbed her sleeve and pulled her to the side with force.

Both of them were the most capable people around their masters. At this moment, it depended on who acted faster.

Yujie didn't expect that Xiao Xuanzi would take action, but Xiao Xuanzi had been well prepared. The moment he saw the Emperor come out of the side hall, Xiao Xuanzi already had an idea in his mind. He knew that the Emperor must go in and have a look.

Seeing the Emperor had rushed up, Xiao Xuanzi naturally had to help his master.

Yujie was pulled aside, and others did not have the guts to stop Chu Liuchen at all. Chu Liuchen pushed the door open and rushed in.

Shao Wanru just experienced a burst of pain and opened her eyes. Suddenly, she felt the warmth in her hand. She looked up and met Chu Liuchen's anxious eyes. There were beads of sweat on his fair forehead, and his eyes were so dark and deep as if they were two tens of thousands of years of cold ponds.

"Zhuzhuo, Don't be afraid. I'm here!" Chu Liuchen held Shao Wanru's hand tightly in his wet palm. No matter how composed he performed in front of others, it was all a facade. He had never been calm in his heart.

"You ... go out..." With her eyes turning red, Shao Wanru nibbled her lip. She hardly controlled herself and said with sobs while reaching out to push him.

"I won't leave. I'll stay here with you. I won't go anywhere!" Chu Liuchen insisted.

"You... go, go! If you don't go... I... I won't deliver the baby!" Shao Wanru became anxious and tried hard to push Chu Liuchen. However, Chu Liuchen just stood there, motionless.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess had come in just now, and she also came over to persuade the Emperor. "Your Majesty, the Empress can't be concentrated to use her strength if you are here, and it will be a waste of her energy. Please wait outside, where you can hear everything, and she won't be distracted."

Hearing what Rui'an Great Elder Princess said, Chu Liuchen thought for a moment. This time, he was very obedient. He took a handkerchief and wiped the cold sweat on Shao Wanru's forehead. "I'll be outside. Zhuzhuo, if you want me to come in, just call me."

“Okay, I got it,” Shao Wanru said. Just then, she felt another burst of pain, so she held Chu Liuchen’s hand tightly, and her nails almost dug into the flesh in Chu Liuchen’s palm.

Chu Liuchen let her pinch, motionless. After this burst of pain passed, he let go of Shao Wanru’s hand and walked out of the delivery room. He paused at the door and swayed.

Xiao Xuanzi hurried forward to help Chu Liuchen, sensing that his whole body was tensed. Xiao Xuanzi carefully helped him sit on the chair outside.

After a while, Chu Liuchen couldn’t sit still anymore. He stood up and went to the window of the delivery room to listen to the sounds. Every time Shao Wanru moaned from inside, his face would turn paler, just like the situation when he could not bear the pain caused by the poison in his body before.

Noble Consort Dowager Lan wanted to come over to persuade him, but she was afraid that he would be angry. When she was anxious, the Grand Empress Dowager came. Noble Consort Dowager Lan hurried to greet her.

Once the Grand Empress Dowager came in, she saw Chu Liuchen waiting by the window of the delivery room and stretching his neck to listen to the sounds inside, no longer as elegant and calm as usual. The Grand Empress Dowager couldn’t help smiling. She came over, tugged his sleeve, and noticed that the Emperor almost tensed up all over.

“Chen’er, have a seat for a while. You can’t be so tense. The Empress will give birth in a while. The baby is in the right position in her belly. Everything is fine. In a while, she will be fine, but you may faint because of anxiety.” The Grand Empress Dowager said with smiling eyes, looking serene.

Seeing the Grand Empress Dowager, Chu Liuchen seemed to have found the most reliable person. “Imperial Grandmother, is she really fine?”

“Sure, she’ll be fine. The Imperial Physicians have seen her. No worries!” the Grand Empress Dowager said. She reached out to pull one of his sleeves and dragged him to sit next to her.

Later, Shao Wanru gave birth to the baby smoothly. When the baby’s cry was heard from the delivery room, everyone breathed a sigh of relief. The Retired Emperor also came over. He looked at Chu Liuchen’s tensed bloodless face and patted his son’s hand with a smile. “It’s okay. It’ll be fine.”

“It’s a prince!” With a broad smile, Nanny Gao walked to the door with the child in her arms and showed it to the group of elders waiting outside.

Chu Liuchen took this opportunity to rush in.

It had been cleaned up inside. Shao Wanru watched Chu Liuchen come in wearily and asked in a low voice, "Is our baby cute?"

"He is cute, very cute. Thank you!" Chu Liuchen reached out to hold Shao Wanru's hand and said in a choked voice. Just now, when he was waiting outside, he was like sitting on pins and needles.

People often said that it all relied on him that she could become the Empress. However, they did not expect that she was the sunshine in his heart, the only light. Without her, he wouldn't have been who he was now.

In fact, he had always had such a feeling for her, and during the hard time he spent outside the delivery room just now, it had been getting clearer and clearer.

Without her, he couldn't be himself.

If lost her, he would rather lose the whole world.

"Have you seen our child?" Seeing his behavior, Shao Wanru smiled and asked softly. The child had just been carried out by the Nanny, and Chu Liuchen just came in. According to the time, Chu Liuchen might not have seen the child.

"No rush to see the child. I just want to see you first," Chu Liuchen said.

Chu Liuchen muttered inwardly, "Nothing is urgent. You are the only weakness that can make me most anxious. You are the only one who can give me a nice life. Without you, even if I own this world, I am willing to worship your afterlife on the path of rebirth. Even if this life is over, I will cultivate the way of the next life. I only hope that from now on, I'll spend my life with you every day, no matter in this life or next life."

Chu Liuchen reached out to embrace Shao Wanru gently and kissed her gently on the forehead. No one noticed the paranoia and madness in his eyes right now. All his wishes were real...

As long as he had her in his life, he would be happy. Without her... He would ... ruined everything...