

Medical Princess

Chapter 31 You Are Not My Biological Mother!

The Old Grandma stood outside the crowd with Nanny Duan, looking at the crowd around her while frowning, then slowly walked over and asked. "What happened?"

"Old Grandma, everyone in your house is bullying me!" Qi Rongzhi immediately cried when she saw Madam coming over. She was not afraid of Mrs. Qin, but she was afraid of the Madam.

"Falling into the pond? Come on, why don't you take Miss Qi to change clothes, why are you still crying here?" The Old Grandma had never liked Qi Rongzhi and looked indifferent when seeing her crying.

Under such situation, she should change her clothes first then talk about it.

Nanny Duan then asked someone to hold Qi Rongzhi to change clothes. She also felt cold and knew that it would be bad for her if she continued to do so, this she got up quietly and was taken away with tears falling down from her face.

"You all come here!" The Old Grandma looked at Mrs. Qin coldly and walked towards the pavilion after finishing her words.

Mrs. Qin then hurriedly followed.

Qin Yuru and Qin Wanyan also followed to the pavilion. Nanny Duan then asked other irrelevant people to stay away.

"What exactly happened?" The Old Grandma sat on the stool made of stone and said while looking indifferently at Mrs. Qin.

"Mother, I don't know about it. People said it was because of Wanru since Miss Qi was already in the water when we were here." Mrs. Qin said with confusion, but trying to lead it to Qin Wanru.

"What does it have to do with Zhuozhuo, I heard that she was the last one to be there, and Yuru was slapped by Miss Qi and couldn't even speak for herself, what's going on?" The Madam stared at Mrs. Qin and said.

"I... I really don't know, I came late..." Mrs. Qin was a little panicked. She didn't expect that the Old Grandma had already knew about it before she was there. So it was somewhat far-fetched to blame it on Qin Wanru again this time.

Mrs. Qin secretly bite her teeth because she was going to deal with Qin Wanru with Qi Rongzhi. It was out of her expectation that Qi Rongzhi would attack her and Yuru like a crazy dog.

"Grandma, I don't know why Miss Qi hit me, obviously she was looking for my sister." Qin Yuru helped Mrs. Qin since she saw Mrs. Qin was speechless after being interrogated.

"You don't know? Is this backyard not managed by you? It has been a while since the thing happened, you still don't know about it, do you usually manage things like this?" The Old Grandma ignored Qin Yuru's crying and still asked Mrs. Qin while staring at her.

"Mother, I..." Mrs. Qin was asked to be panicked, she then rolled her eyes and shirked, "Thought I was there late, I still know about what basically happened. I just didn't check into it. So I dare not to talk about it casually since I don't know if it was right or wrong!"

"Why did Miss Qi come here?" The Old Grandma ignored her words and asked with her eyes squinted.

"She... she said she was here to have fun with Wanru." Mrs. Qin suddenly said since she just admitted that she basically knew what had happened.

"She could find Wanru in her yard, why was she there?" Old Grandma kept asking.

"She heard that Wanru was there in the garden, so she followed." Mrs. Qin sorted out her sentence and said carefully.

Qin Wanru squinted to hide the coldness in her eyes, and stood quietly aside to listen to Mrs. Qin's answer. Like herself, Old Grandma had never liked Qi Rongzhi.

"She was an outsider and just came with a servant, how did she know that Zhuozhuo was in the garden and the exact position?" The Old Grandma said with a terrible expression on her face.

The question made Mrs. Qin speechless since it was of course the intention of her and Qin Yuru that Qi Rongzhi came here to look for Qin Wanru. But she dared not to say that in front of the Old Grandma.

"I heard that Miss Qi was with my big sister, I don't know why she would suddenly come to find me to the garden. On the way there, a nanny of mother's even showed her the

way.” Qin Wanru raised her head and showed her clear and cold eyes, while pointing at the nanny hiding behind Mrs. Qin.

The faces of Mrs. Qin and Qin Yuru had changed after hearing this. The nanny was just recognized by Qi Rongzhi, so they dared not to deny.

“Sister, Miss Qi wanted to have some time with you after she talked to me just for a while. I thought that you were good together, so I told her you were there.” Qin Yuru pretended to be wronged more and said as if she couldn’t wait to tell the truth.

Old Grandma was so calm and she knew that she was panicked.

“Old Grandma, when Miss Qi asked me, I just saw the Second Miss on the way, so I showed her the direction. I didn’t plan to do something evil, it’s just a coincidence!” The nanny suddenly explained after she was hinted by Mrs. Qin.

“When did you see that I had good time with Miss Qi? Do you mean the last time when she slapped me because of a flower or she pushed me to the floor just because of a box of powder? Did you mean ‘good’ by saying that Miss Qi had fights with me?” Qin Wanru said calmly.

What she said was so straightforward and made Qin Yuru speechless, who just looked at Mrs. Qin with panic.

Qi Rongzhi was like a natural enemy to Qin Wanru. They could never have a peaceful time together, of course Qin Yuru had always been stirring up troubles.

“Wanru, though Miss Qi is terrible, she’s still a guest, how could you talk about her like this!” Mrs. Qin scolded her with a serious expression.

“So mother you mean that I should take the initiative to get to be beat every time Miss Qi found trouble for me, and I had to compliment her for what she did so she could come next time to hit me again?” Qin Wanru’s eyes looked extremely cold, “Mother, I really can’t believe that you are my biological mother. You actually let an outsider hit me again and again and asked me to laugh about it. Am I really your daughter?”

What she said made Mrs. Qin speechless, not to mention that Old Grandma was still sitting here. The so-called biological mother, was just something lied to Qin Wanru.

Old Grandma snorted, but did not speak.

“Sister, how could you talk to your mother like this, she had to compromise for the sake of the whole family, do you really think that she was willing to do so!” Qin Yuru hurriedly helped Mrs. Qin to argue after seeing she was speechless.

"Since we are both your daughters, why didn't you ask my big sister to be beat to please Magistrate Qi?"

Mrs. Qin blushed after hearing it.

If she was really the biological mother of Qin Wanru, then she was just being partial. But if she wasn't, then it was so evil to torture the daughter of someone else.

Qin Wanru kept leading the conversation to this topic, because she wanted Mrs. Qin to clearly tell everyone that she was not Qin Wanru's biological mother.

If she was not, then everything Mrs. Qin would do in the future would be unfair to Qin Wanru.

"It... it was because of your father that I asked you to make compromise with Miss Qi!" Mrs. Qin suddenly explained.

"Mother, I don't know why I have to make compromise with Miss Qi, since my father and Magistrate Qi are on the same level. They are not the superior and subordinate so he doesn't have to do that. Even if my big sister had broken the marriage contract with First Young Master of the Qi Family, Magistrate Qi did not say anything. Not to mention the quarrels between me and Miss Qi, how could that affect father."

Qin Wanru coldly denied Mrs. Qin's lie.

Her voice was very cold, revealing some chill, neat and straight to the center, which was totally different to how cute and weak she appeared to be right now.

Mrs. Qin and Qin Yuru could not respond to what Qin Wanru just said.

There was nothing Magistrate Qi could not bear if he had no problem with Qin Yuru withdrawing the marriage engagement, which meant that people in General's Mansion didn't have to compromise with people from Magistrate Qi, not to mention to ask his own daughter to get beat to please the Young Madam of the Magistrate Qi.

"You...what do you mean, are you accusing mother right now? How could you be so reckless!" Qin Yuru lifted her head suddenly and looked at Qin Wanru angrily.

Qin Wanru still stared at Mrs. Qin, as if she didn't see Qin Yuru's angry face and ignored what she just said.

Everyone was quiet right now.

They were waiting for Old Grandma's decision.

"Mrs. Qin, how do you explain?" Old Grandma lifted her head after a long while and looked at Qin Wanru while sighed as if she knew about something.

Qin Wanru was relieved when she heard Old Grandma sighed, which meant that she agreed.

"Mother, I... I have nothing to explain, it was all because of General..." Mrs. Qin was really nervous about it after she heard what Old Grandma said.

"Though Wanru was not your biological daughter, but what did you say about it then, you said that you would treat her as your own daughter. But look at you now, what have you done?" Old Grandma said slowly while looking at Mrs. Qin's face with blame.

"Mother, I..." Mrs. Qin was panicked when the truth was revealed in front of Qin Wanru. She used to treat herself as Qin Wanru's biological mother and she lied about that she would not hurt her.

Though the lie was revealed, it not only meant that she could not talk about it from now on, but meant that what she said was all fake to coax Qin Wanru.

Mrs. Qin didn't expect that Old Grandma would tell the truth in front of so many people in such a straightforward way without any mercy, thus she was in full panic and chaos.

"Mother, you really are not my biological mother, but just the biological mother of my sister!" Qin Wanru said it word by word. She was not surprised, and looked at Mrs. Qin calmly.

As if it was in her expectation.

Why was it expected, because she had guessed it early, or already knew it based on their usual behaviors.

No surprise, no heartache, as if she was talking about things of somebody else, so she just revealed slight sadness around her eyes, which reminded people that she was just a child, who had not received any love from her biological mother but tortured and sabotaged by Mrs. Qin.

"Come here, Zhuozhuo, you still got Old Grandma!" The Old Grandma waved towards her while feeling sad.

Qin Wanru bit her lips and walked over. Old Grandma reached out to hold her and patted on her back, and she comforted her. "Zhuozhuo, thought you are not loved by your biological mother, you still are the biological granddaughter of your grandma!"

After the Old Grandma finished, Qin Wanru suddenly cried...

Chapter 32 Old Grandma Suddenly Fell Ill

In the previous life, Mrs. Qin had always portrayed herself as Qin Wanru's biological mother, therefore she was deemed to have done everything for her out of good intention. To Qin Wanru, Mrs. Qin was perhaps just showing favoritism, but would never harbor any evil intention towards her.

Mrs. Qin's repeated attempts to set Qin Wanru up secretly was explained away precisely by this reason.

It was later on that she eventually found out that she was not Mrs. Qin's own daughter. Mrs. Qin was only using her as part of her scheme to achieve her goal.

After Qin Wanru was reborn into this life, the first thing she wanted to do was to remove the mask of hypocrisy from Mrs. Qin to expose her, so she could put a stop to her shameless claim that she was Qin Wanru's birth mother.

"Are you truly unwilling to treat Wanru as your own daughter, my dear daughter-in-law?" pressed Old Grandma, giving Mrs. Qin a severe look, as she embraced Qin Wanru's slim body with a pained expression. Old Grandma was utterly disappointed with Mrs. Qin at this moment.

"It's not that, Mother, I yearned to treat Wanru as my own daughter, but I really have no control over Miss Qi... Although we do indeed have some conflicts in the past, it was all matters regarding the children. I didn't think they were a big deal. Little did I expect that Wanru would think otherwise. Mother, I... I really did not expect things to turn out this way!"

Mrs. Qin took out her handkerchief to start wiping away her tears pitifully as she tried to explain herself.

Qin Wanru, who was in Old Grandma's arms, stopped crying when she heard the words that it was matters regarding the children and a look of hatred flashed across her eyes. In the previous life, she was misunderstood for this same reason and was time and again attacked by Qin Rongzhi's vicious accusations.

"You may excuse yourself from meddling with this child's matters from now on. I will be in charge now!" Old Grandma said coldly.

"... But you're getting old, Mother, you shouldn't be burdening yourself with the children's matters. If other people realized that you are still burdened with the matters of the children, how could I be at ease? How am I going to face up to people?"

There was no way Mrs. Qin would let Qin Wanru escape her control. She anxiously tried to stop the Old Grandma from taking over Wanru from her.

"You couldn't care less about other people's children, is this what you think you can brag about?" unmoved, Old Grandma questioned her back.

This made Mrs. Qin blush with embarrassment. She had not shown her much motherly concern in the past in front of others.

"Go back and settle the issue regarding Miss Qi. Do what you need. Although we are not totally free from blame, there was no need for us to lower ourselves in front of the daughter of the magistrate and put the life of your daughter at risk," Old Grandma said, putting down her feet. She then stood up, grabbed Qin Wanru's hand and led her out of the room.

Qin Wanru quickly held on to Old Grandma and tangled their arms together.

"Mother, I..." Mrs. Qin blurted out in panic and stretched out her to hold Old Grandma. Nanny Duan took two steps towards Old Grandma to hold on to her instead, at the same time, blocking and pushing her away. Mrs. Qin's arm dropped awkwardly back to her side and touched the little fragrant pouch she was carrying. A sense of familiarity came to her as she had always brought this fragrant pouch with her annually at this time of the year.

Qin Wanru casually glanced at the pouch but was not especially taken in by it.

"I would like you to stop meddling with matters concerning Wanru in the future. Return me all her belongings so I can keep them with me. Also, I will in charge of her marriage, so you don't interfere with it in the future!" Old Grandma stopped in her tracks, gave Mrs. Qin a cold look which showed her utter disappointment in her daughter-in-law.

Old Grandma ignored Mrs. Qin and Qin Yuru thereafter and led Qin Wanru out of the room.

"Grandma..." Qin Yuru stomped her feet, then decided to run after her grandmother when her mother stopped her. In the end, the mother-daughter pair stood there watching Old Grandma and her granddaughter leave.

"Why did you stop me, Mother, and not allow me to follow them?" asked Qin Yuru.

"Let's go have a look at Qin Rongzhi now," Mrs. Qin said calmly, now that she had regained her composure.

"I'm not going! Qi Rongzhi thinks she is some important lady!" Qin Yuru said coldly as she cupped her face with her hands. She could still feel her cheeks burning from pain.

"Go, why not go? I would think Qi Rongzhi's character of provoking people to anger would work for us!" said Mrs. Qin with an insidious look on her face, as she looked on the grandmother-granddaughter pair. "If she is going to take my control over Qin Wanru

away from me, I'll blow this entire matter up. You and Qi Rongzhi had many conversations in the past and you should know how to talk to her right?"

"Do you mean to push the blame on Qin Wanru again, so Qi Rongzhi can deal with her?" Qin Yuru dazed for a moment before she came to this realization. Now she was happy with the plan.

She was rather experienced in provoking discord all along.

"Go over to Qi Rongzhi, while I get the physician to come and have a look at her. It's a serious matter for a girl to fall into the water! As the mistress of this house, we have to show the appropriate amount of concern. Even your grandmother was at a loss of what to do," said Mrs. Qin with a sinister laugh as she put her hands on her hips. The old lady thought she could protect the little girl, but she did not realize that she did not have the energy to do so.

"Do you mean Old Grandma had no way of protecting that girl?" Qin Wanru queried with widened eyes.

"You go to Miss Qi and do what you can by talking to her. I will have the girl to visit her later!" said Mrs. Qin, still with a sinister look in her eyes. She could ride on the fact that Qin Wanru was a filial granddaughter always.

"I get it now, Mother. I'll go to Qi Rongzhi straight away!" said Qin Wanru maliciously, now that she got the idea.

Qin Yuru turned to leave with her maid, headed for the room Qi Rongzhi was changing her attire. She had clearly heard Nanny Duan instructing the other maid regarding where they should send Qi Rongzhi's change of clothing.

Once Mrs. Qin saw that Qin Yuru had left, she whispered a few words into Meiya, the chief maid's ears and Meiya nodded and left quickly afterwards.

When Qin Yuru arrived at the yard where Qi Rongzhi was, she enquired about her condition with the maids before entering the room with a smile on her face.

Qi Rongzhi was drinking ginger tea while seated on the chair when Qin Yuru entered the room. She had changed into a clean set of clothes and when she saw Qin Yuru, she rolled her eyes and did not bother about her.

"Are you feeling better, Little Sister Qin? Is there any discomfort? How are my mother and I going to explain to your family about what happened? I... I'm clueless as to how to explain to your elder brother too! If I have known that my second sister was harboring this bad intention, I wouldn't have told you where she was!"

Qin Yuru tried to get intimate with Qi Rongzhi by sitting on the edge of the chair as she spoke affectionately to her.

“Are you saying that Qin Wanru was behind all this?” said Qi Rongzhi angrily, when she understood what Qin Yuru was trying to say, and slowly put the bowl of ginger tea down.

“It certainly was her. She realized that my mother was not her birth mother and decided to create chaos. It was mainly because she wasn’t happy with my mother. We’re really sorry to have implicated you, Miss Qi!” said Qin Wanru, sighing. She took over the bowl of ginger tea from Miss Qi and put it down on the table, looking grim.

Qin Yuru’s intention was to make Qi Rongzhi believe that she was implicated when Qin Wanru was trying to target her mother.

This made Qi Rongzhi even angrier.

“Older Sister Yuru, wouldn’t this sound as if you are all so useless that you can’t even deal with Qin Wanru?” mocked Qi Rongzhi.

“What can Mother do if Grandma kept trying to defend my second younger sister!” Qin Yuru said, sounding helpless and tearing up as she took out her handkerchief and started wiping away her tears. “Grandma had always doted on my second younger sister and she didn’t really like me. Even if I were to be engaged to your brother, she kept hinting that I’m not as good as my second younger sister. She kept saying she will seek for a better prospective family than your family for her. See, she was even showing favoritism with regards to our marriage!”

“Do you mean that Old Grandma was even interfering with your engagement with my brother?” Qi Rongzhi was fuming by now. Qi Tianyu was her brother, whom she idolized after all.

“How else did you think Qin Wanru would dare to create such havoc? Have you ever seen her behaving in this way?” Qin Yuru continued to provoke Miss Qi.

“I will not let this contemptible girl off!” Qi Rongzhi stood up abruptly as she was set on looking Qin Wanru up to settle scores, but Qin Yuru grabbed on to her arm to stop her.

“If you rush over to look for my second younger sister, you’ll end up the one at fault.”

“So what if I’m at fault? What can Qin Wanru do to me? She’s merely the daughter of a concubine, who does she think she is?” mocked Qi Rongzhi. Qin Yuru had misled her to think that the reason that Qin Wanru was not Mrs. Qin’s own daughter because she was the daughter of a concubine, but came under Mrs. Qin’s care.

Miss Qi was usually arrogant and had never really treated Qin Wanru seriously.

"She will definitely give you a visit because you fell into the water!" Qin Yuru hinted.

Qi Rongzhi immediately took the hint and came to a realization. "I'll make sure to give her a hard time when she comes later. I'm not going to let her off!" she said coldly.

As Qin Yuru bowed her head, a smile spread across her face. She knew Qi Rongzhi to be overbearing and ruthless, she was not one to suffer wrong. If she were shortchanged, she would retaliate with vengeance. Although Mother could no longer deal with Qin Wanru, that did not mean others could not.

Back in Old Grandma's yard, Old Grandma started coughing badly once she entered her room and Qin Wanru quickly went up to her to give her some pats on her back and with a concerned tone, she said, "Why are you coughing so badly, Grandma?"

Old Grandma had this coughing problem for a long time. She used to start coughing once autumn arrived when the wind became chilly. This brought to Qin Wanru's mind the day Old Grandma passed away in the previous life. Her face was jaundiced, drained the blood color, yet she was coughing so much blood that the corners of her lips were stained. Qin Wanru could hear her coughing even when she was far away from her room.

In the end, the sound of coughing only stopped when Old Grandma passed away. At that time, Qin Wanru almost fainted from weeping in front of Old Grandma's bed.

In this life, her grandmother's cough had always been troubling her mind. Although in the last few days, Old Grandma did not really cough much when she first woke up in the morning, she was coughing on and off at this moment.

Nanny Duan poured some warm water and brought it over to Qin Wanru who fed it to her Old Grandma's mouth.

After Old Grandma took a sip, her throat finally felt better and she coughed lightly for two more times and stopped, but her countenance did not look well.

"Did you catch a cold, Old Grandma? You usually did not start coughing this early in the year in the past," said Nanny Duan, confused.

Qin Wanru took a handkerchief to wipe off the sweat beads off Old Grandma's forehead and a worried look appeared on her face.

"I'm alright. I suppose it was because the past few days had been so hectic... and the weather is changing!" said Old Grandma, who held on to Qin Wanru's hand tightly and began coughing so hard that Qin Wanru felt painful from her tight grip.

Qin Wanru did not retract her hand but allowed Old Grandma to squeeze her hand during her coughs. She used the other hand to lift up the cup again to Old Grandma's lips for another sip of water.

After a long while, Old Grandma finally let go of her hand.

"Old Grandma, why don't you lie down a bit to rest!" Nanny Duan urged, looking worried.

Old Grandma nodded with the little strength she had. She had wanted to tell Qin Wanru many things, but at this moment she could muster the strength to do so. She was, in fact, feeling a little giddy and her throat was starting to feel sore. She could not speak for now.

Qin Wanru, together with Nanny Duan, helped Old Grandma onto the bed and put the blanket over her. Qin Wanru waited for Old Grandma to finally close her tired eyes before she got up to leave.

"Second Miss, Madam had instructed me to come to get Old Grandma," said a maid, who was rushing down the corridor towards her.