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Chapter 131 Check, Great News!

Qin Wanru nodded and followed Shui Ruolan with a smile. They walked together on the small path in the courtyard, followed closely by two girl servants.

“Wanru, thank you!” After taking two steps, Shui Ruolan said softly.

“Mother, you are being too polite. I am still young, and need to rely on mother. I don’t want to see anything happen to you. I will definitely protect you!” Qin Wanru’s long eyelashes shivered twice, leaving the irregular shadow on her white face. She slightly lifted her small pink lips. She was such a pretty and pitiful child.

Why was Madam Di reluctant to let go of such a pretty and delicate girl!

Thinking of her life experience, Shui Ruolan could not help but sigh lightly. She wanted to tell her something, but she didn’t know much about it. If she made a wrong guess, she didn’t know if she would mislead the child. After all, she was just a little child.

Moving her mouth, she decided not to say anything for the time being! She would treat her as her biological daughter.

“Just tell me if there is any problem in future. We can get along very well in the past, and now we can get along better,” Shui Ruolan softly told her.

“I will definitely tell you if there is any problem!” Qin Wanru said with a smile. At the thought that the current atmosphere was proper, she said with a bit of innocence, “Mother, it will be great that if I have a little brother. Today I saw a kid on the road. The kid was very cute and interesting!”

On hearing her words, Shui Ruolan fell silent for a while, slightly blushed, but became increasingly gentle. “As a kid, how can you talk about something like that?”

“Mother, why can’t I say that? The kid is particularly cute and seems to come from an aristocratic family in capital city, followed by a few servants. He is such a little kid who looks cute and energetic with a nice voice!” Qin Wanru continued saying with a smile. Both her eyebrows and eyes were curved, which showed that she really thought so.

She then reached out to pull Shui Ruolan’s sleeves. “Mother, if I have a younger brother, will father stop being biased and have more consideration for younger brother?”

Qin Wanru said with some grievances, which greatly accorded with her character as a little girl.

“You are so childish!” Shui Ruolan gently touched Qin Wanru’s chignon, and her face became increasingly red. “You talk nonsense again. Others will ridicule you on hearing that.”

“Will they? But I heard that there is going to be a baby in our mansion. Aren’t they talking about you? Have you deliberately hidden it from me?”

Qin Wanru reached out to shake Shui Ruolan’s sleeves with childish ignorance and effeminacy on her face, but Shui Ruolan’s face changed...

“When did you hear that?”

“They are not talking about you? Maybe I got it wrong. That day... Nanny Yu said that when she passed by the rockery and heard two girl servants saying... something like having a baby... I don’t know exactly... Nanny Yu didn’t hear it clearly and make it clear when she came back. So I thought they were talking about you...”

Qin Wanru blinked and looked a bit ignorant.

“Who did you hear it from?” With her face darkening, Shui Ruolan continued asking.

“Nanny Yu said... She just took a glance at the time and didn’t see clearly who it was, but I heard that it seems to be someone from mother’s yard,” Qin Wanru said, seemingly not knowing many details. Thinking about it carefully, it was true. She just heard some words by the road and didn’t hear it clearly. It was naturally inconvenient to go over and find out who was talking.

Shui Ruolan’s face darkened, and her hands were slightly trembling. This was an incomprehensible gossip for others, but it was like a bolt from the blue for her. She had felt sick these days and her menstruation had delayed for several days. She thought her physical discomfort was caused by being tired upon arrival in the capital with various affairs in the mansion.

She didn’t care much about it and just asked a doctor to make a diagnosis. The doctor said that she was just too tired, told her to have more rest and worry less, and made up some regular prescriptions for health preservation for her.

She asked the doctor to come yesterday, and had taken the medicine once, but faintly felt more and more uncomfortable. Old Grandma summoned her in a hurry, so she directly went there to talk with Old Grandma without taking the medicine. She originally intended to take the medicine after returning and then sleep for a while.

Qin Wanru’s words suddenly ignited the starlight in her heart and reminded her of another possibility. She was shaking slightly all over at the moment.

She reached out to hold Qin Wanru’s hand, ignoring that she was just a kid. “Wanru, take my pulse!”

“Okay!” Qin Wanru originally wanted to seek such an opportunity to take Shui Ruolan’s pulse.

She just remembered one thing. In the last life, Madam Di made Shui Ruolan deliver prematurely and die with her baby. But before she died, she once told Qin Wanru that she had a miscarriage before, so she got pregnant again after losing the vital energy for many years.

That incident was inextricably related to Madam Di. However, without the evidence of Madam Di’s doings, the incident ended up with nothing definite!

Qin Wanru did not know the specific time, but Shui Ruolan said that it was during the period when they just arrived in the capital.

She had originally speculated whether it was now, and thought that she must remind Shui Ruolan, so she said that on purpose. But seeing Shui Ruolan’s face change greatly, she was basically sure of that.

After looking around, she pulled Shui Ruolan into a pavilion. She pulled her to sit on the fence instead of sitting on the stone bench. The fence was wooden, so it was not as cool as the stone bench.

She put her hand on Shui Ruolan's wrist and quietly took her pulse with her eyes slightly closed. Shui Ruolan looked at Qin Wanru nervously. Even Qionghua, her girl servant, looked nervous, putting her hands at her back without moving, for fear of disturbing Qin Wanru.

After a long while, Qin Wanru put down her hand. Shui Ruolan was about to ask questions, but Qin Wanru shook her hand, took her pulse from the other hand and closed her eyes again.

After putting her hand down this time, she looked slightly dignified with her long eyelashes fluttering on her eyes.

"How? How... am I?" Shui Ruolan looked at Qin Wanru with a pale face, for fear that she would say something bad.

"Mother, rest assured. There is nothing serious, and you are pregnant indeed," Qin Wanru said with certainty. She was not quite sure by taking her pulse from one hand, but was very sure now after taking her pulse from both hands.

"Really? Madam, it's really great!" Qionghua jumped up happily and excitedly.

Shui Ruolan did not say a word, but the tears hidden in the corners of her eyes indicated that she couldn't even speak with great excitement now. A child, Qin's mansion really needed a child, no matter for Shui Ruolan or Qin Huaiyong.

Even Qin Wanru also thought that Shui Ruolan could really consolidate her position in Qin's mansion only with a child. Otherwise, things like this would happen from time to time.

Qin Wanru even faintly thought that Qin Huaiyong was not so reliable!

In such a situation, if Shui Ruolan couldn't count on Qin Huaiyong, she could only count on her child!

"I, I took the doctor's medicine yesterday. He said that I was too tired recently. Does, does it matter?" Suddenly thinking of this, Shui Ruolan said in a trembling voice. She tried to hold Qin Wanru's hand, and even her hands became cold.

If she really hurt her child because of taking the improper medicine, Shui Ruolan would really consider herself a sinner through the ages!

"Mother, where does the doctor come from?" Qin Wanru asked.

Shui Ruolan looked back at Qionghua, and Qionghua stepped forward hurriedly and said, "I got out of our mansion and found the doctor at the clinic opposite to the intersection. I heard that he has good medical skills!"

"When did you go there?" Qin Wanru asked again.

"It's yesterday. Madam said that she didn't feel well and felt a little sleepy. So I suggested that we should ask a doctor to come here and make a diagnosis for Madam. Many people say that people are

unaccustomed to a different climate upon arrival in a new place. I thought so was Madam. Besides, after moving into the mansion, Madam has been busy dealing with the affairs of the mansion...”

Qionghua picked up the edges of her clothes with her face turning pale in horror, and explained in a hurry.

That was to say, it was an unexpected situation. Besides, Madam Di had been engaged in dealing with Shui Ruolan at the banquet recently. Even if she perceived something unusual, she would not act immediately. Thinking of this, Qin Wanru relaxed, stood up and said, “Mother, take me to have a look at medicine offered by the doctor!”

“Okay, okay, come with me!” Shui Ruolan got up in a hurry and almost fell. Qin Wanru and Qionghua hurriedly reached out to support her. Thus, they went to Shui Ruolan’s yard one after another.

After they arrived in Shui Ruolan’s yard and took their seats respectively, Qionghua hurriedly took the medicine offered by the doctor yesterday. Qin Wanru opened a pack, looked at it, picked up some medicine and put them under her nose to sniff them. After that, a faint smile appeared on her face.

She put her hands down and wiped her hands with a handkerchief.

“Mother, rest assured. It is just a general medicine for building up health, not harmful medicine. But you should not take many of these medicines. Every medicine has its side effect. Mother should take care of yourself at this time!”

On hearing Qin Wanru’s words, Shui Ruolan finally felt relieved and her face slowly returned to normal. She took the warm water offered by Qionghua and eased her breath after taking a sip of it.

“Mother, you are not in good health. You had better rest more during this period.” Qin Wanru suggested.

“But, but there are so many things in the mansion...” Shui Ruolan put down the cup, frowned and said. Upon arrival in the capital, she had many things to buy and many affairs to deal with. She could not rest at all at present. The reason why she could go to Huaguang Temple with Qin Wanru was that upon arrival in the capital, there were some formalities Old Grandma had not handed over to her and Old Grandma deliberately let her have half a day off.

If she really left the affairs of the backyard, could it be possible that Madam Di would take charge of them?

If Madam Di managed to take charge of the affairs of the backyard again, she would arrange servants everywhere as her scouts like she did in Jiangzhou. It would be difficult for Shui Ruolan to take over again afterwards.

Moreover, the more servants Madam Di arranged, the more unsafe Shui Ruolan’s baby would be.

“Mother, leave half of the affairs of the mansion to others!” Qin Wanru slowly squinted her watery eyes.

Chapter 132 Who Would Care?

“Madam Di?” asked Shui Ruolan confusingly, feeling uneasy.

She also wanted to ask somebody to take charge of the housekeeping. However, just like what Qin Wanru concerned, she dared not ask Madam Di for help. She still remembered that Madam Di plotted against her that day in the General's Mansion and even sent drunk Qin Huaiyong to her bedroom. She knew that if Madam Di took charge of the business in this mansion, she would go further and far worse. She dared not do that.

"Absolutely no!" answered Qin Wanru directly, shaking her head slightly. Madam Di was definitely not a good candidate.

Shui Ruolan raised another possibility, "Then how about Aunt Xu or Aunt Dong?" Qin Huaiyong only had two concubines who were servant girls before. When Madam Di married Qin Huaiyong, she promoted them according to the family rules in the mansion. After that, they were both well behaved.

"Mother... We can try Aunt Xu first. Compared with Aunt Dong, Aunt Xu is more familiar with the housekeeping so father prefers her. I can also give a hand to you sometimes but not too much. Madam Di can't complain because it is reasonable for me to help you," Qin Wanru said.

There were only these people in the mansion so it was the only plan for now.

Actually, Qin Wanru wanted to get involved in the housekeeping directly. However, she knew that it was unreasonable because her elder sister Qin Yuru did not get involved in it that was to say, she, who ranked behind Qin Yuru, had no right to take charge of the business.

And if Qin Yuru involved in the housekeeping, Madam Di would definitely take charge of everything strongly because she was Qin Yuru's natural mother and then she would claim that it was reasonable to do that.

To avoid this situation, Qin Wanru could only give a hand to Shui Ruolan from time to time and could only help Shui Ruolan deal with her own business because she could be said to be Qin Wanru's mother now.

Hearing what Qin Wanru said, Shui Ruolan gradually calmed down. Then Qin Wanru gave her a prescription and let Qionghua buy some medicines to cook. She also told them that if somebody asked, they should say Shui Ruolan was just not acclimatized and with Qin Wanru's help, it was unnecessary to see other doctors outside the mansion.

Although Madam Di did not plot against her this time, it didn't mean that she would not do that anymore.

Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan both knew very clear that once Madam Di found out that Shui Ruolan was pregnant, she would do anything to kill the unborn baby.

Madam Di could not stand that she had no son!

After telling Shui Ruolan what to do, Qin Wanru stood up and was ready to leave because she saw Shui Ruolan getting tired.

When she just stood up, she heard a shrill cry approaching. "Madam Shui! Madam Shui! Please come and help my lady!" It seemed that a servant girl was running in tears but she did not come in the room because Shui Ruolan's servant girls stopped her.

It sounded so familiar. Qin Wanru quickly understood what happened and sat down again with a sweet smile. She thought, "Does Qin Yuru and Qi Rongzhi have a fight again?"

She knew the fight was led by what she said before.

"See what happened," said Shui Ruolan calmly. Since she took charge of the housekeeping, she had been more powerful than before.

Qionghua nodded and ran outside. Then she came back and said, "Madam, according to Mei Xue, Lady Qin's servant girl, Lady Qin and Lady Qi have a fight again. Lady Qi punched Lady Qin and even screwed everything in Lady Qin's room up. Everything is in a mess. You'd better go there and see what happened."

"Okay, let's go!" said Shui Ruolan. Rubbing her forehead, she knew that she had to go there because of her position in the mansion.

Qin Wanru stood up and said, "Mother, I will go with you. Be careful!" She worried about Shui Ruolan.

Shui Ruolan saw worry in Qin Wanru's eyes and nodded in agreement.

They walked outside the room together and saw Mei Xue in the yard pitifully, with hair disheveled and scratches in her face.

Two strong maidservants stopped Mei Xue but she pushed them away and rushed up to Shui Ruolan. "Madam Shui! Madam Shui! Please help my Lady Qin!" cried Mei Xue.

Qin Wanru took a step and stopped in front of Shui Ruolan, staring at Mei Xue coldly.

Mei Xue suddenly felt flustered and stopped immediately. She dared not come closer.

"Show the way!" said Qin Wanru lightly.

When seeing Qin Wanru's cold eyes, Mei Xue dared not continue. She wiped her tears off, turned around, and led the way for them. She glanced at Qin Wanru uneasily, thinking that when this Second Lady Qin, who was always bullied by Young Lady, had been so powerful!

When glancing at Qin Wanru, she caught a sight of Yujie and Yujie gave her a dirty look. Then she quickly turned her head.

Not only Second Lady became so powerful, but also her servant girl!

Everyone arrived at the Qin Yuru's Yalan Pavilion, in which everything was in a mess. It seemed that people there had monitored the situation by pressing Qi Rongzhi on the desk. Madam Di sat there with a livid face and Qin Yuru covered her face, staring at Qi Rongzhi severely.

Qin Wanru thought, "So are they waiting for Shui Ruolan?" She looked at Madam Di. Her heart jolted suddenly when finding out that Madam Di's eyes just landed on Shui Ruolan's flat belly. She thought, "Does Madam Di know something? Will she take this opportunity to plot against Shui Ruolan?"

"It seemed that I have to play it by ear in case Madam Di would plot in secret!"

In the room, chairs and desks were knocked over, broken china scattered everywhere, and there were other things else. People even had no place to stand!

Shui Ruolan did not come into the room but asked some servants to clean up first. Then she came into the room with Qin Wanru and sat down.

“Sister, as a housekeeper, you are so inefficient. If you came later, I am afraid that Yuru would have been punched by Young Lady Qi!”

Madam Di said scornfully. When she saw Shui Ruolan, bulging her triangular eyes.

She had prepared such a perfect trap but everything just went wrong when the Princess of Duke Yangqu came. She was so angry that she could not calm down. Originally, she could take charge of the mansion if her plan to plot against Shui Ruolan succeeded. However, she didn’t expect that she had to stop the plan at the very last minute.

Feeling aggrieved and irritated, she could not talk to Shui Ruolan calmly.

Glancing at the two servants who caught Qi Rongzhi tightly, Shui Ruolan didn’t care about her manner but asked softly, “You came here very early. So what happened?”

“Madam Shui! Is this your way of hospitality? When I came here, my parents entrusted me to you and said if two families were in a good relationship, all problems could be dealt with. But now? You just caught me! Don’t you know I am the Young Lady Qi of Magistrate Mansion?”

Qi Rongzhi struggled to get free but failed because her hands were caught. She suddenly got very angry, shouted at Shui Ruolan and glared at her.

“Release her!” said Shui Ruolan.

Both two old maidservants glanced at Madam Di and dared not let her go.

Shui Ruolan turned and looked at Madam Di. “Sister, Lady Qi is our guest and the general has told us about her before. Moreover, Magistrate Qi asked us to take good care of her. I am afraid that it would be not proper to treat her like this!” said Shui Ruolan very politely and smartly.

But Madam Di did not ignore her true meaning.

Not only Qi Rongzhi was in the capital city, but also her brothers, especially Qi Tianyu. If he told others what happened in Jiangzhou, Qin Yuru’s reputation would as bad as that when they were in Jiangzhou.

“Release her!” Gritting her teeth, Madam Di waved her hand and said.

Both two old maidservants released Qi Rongzhi and left. She moved her arms and relaxed.

Shui Ruolan set eyes on the furious Qi Rongzhi. “Lady Qi, now could you tell us why you fought with Yuru? Although your father told the general to take good care of you, we would not stand your willful behaviors if you do not respect our family rules,” said Shui Ruolan with her face clouding.

That meant that if Qi Rongzhi still behaved like this, she would be sent back to Magistrate Qi’s Mansion. There were mansions which belonged to the Qi in the capital city.

Qi Rongzhi didn't expect that Shui Ruolan would be so powerful. When she heard these words, she felt embarrassed and angry, and said, "Shui Ruolan, you..."

Qin Wanru snorted, went ahead and slapped Qi Rongzhi in the face.

"Qi Rongzhi! You are in Qin's Mansion now, not your Qi's Mansion in Jiangzhou! If you still behave badly, please leave here. We don't welcome people like you!"

Qin Wanru said very coldly and sternly. She took out her handkerchief to wipe her hand.

Nobody expected that Qin Wanru would slap Qi Rongzhi in the face without saying anything before. Then came a weird silence in the room. Everyone looked at Qin Wanru with a shock.

With eyes wide open, Qi Rongzhi covered her face and glared at Qin Wanru. She could not wait to stand up and punch Qin Wanru. However, this slap also made her realize that she could behave willfully in front of Madam Di and Qin Yuru but definitely not Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru.

Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru were not afraid of her. It was Madam Di and Qin Yuru who resulted in what happened in Jiangzhou, which would damage their reputation. And this had nothing to do with Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru. Moreover, they might expect Qi Rongzhi to take this opportunity to tell others about it.

"If the thing goes worse, it would benefit them!" Qi Rongzhi suddenly understood. She stared at Qin Wanru in anger, gnashing her teeth. "Fine!" she thought.

Realizing that, Madam Di banged on the table and asked, "Wanru, why did you do that?"

"What? Madam, I just wanted to avenge for sister. You know Lady Qi just punched her. It is fair enough to punch Lady Qi. Don't you think so?" said Qin Wanru, pretending to be puzzled. She turned and looked at Qin Yuru who was still covering her face, indicating that she was slapped by Qi Rongzhi.

Qi Rongzhi was very strong and Qin Yuru felt some guilty. Therefore, there was a high possibility that Qin Yuru was punched by Qi Rongzhi during the fight.

Although Qin Yuru didn't like Qin Wanru, she felt happy when seeing Qin Wanru slap Qi Rongzhi in the face. Then she put down her hand and a clear red handprint appeared in her face!

Here was the fact. Then Qin Wanru took a step back and sat down. "Qi Rongzhi, tell us why you fought with my sister this time," said Qin Wanru coldly.

Qi Rongzhi looked around and found out that she had no supporter in Qin's Mansion. Feeling lonely and wronged, she burst out crying, stood up, covered her face and ran outside very quickly...

Chapter 133 "Who Is My Natural Mother?"

Seeing her master running outside, Qi Rongzhi's servant girl who was also caught before got rid of the two servants and followed her master quickly.

Then came another silence all of sudden.

Qin Wanru's eyes flashed with a gleam of mercilessness. Without Qi Rongzhi, Madam Di could not play her cards. Even so, Qin Wanru would not take lightly.

“Wanru, look what you’ve done! You beat off Qi Rongzhi. If your father asks about it, you will have to explain to him!” said Madam Di angrily. She immediately blamed Qin Wanru for what happened today.

“Madam, the cause is that sister had a fight with Lady Qi. As you said, I should have helped Lady Qi but not my sister,” answered Qin Wanru innocently, with her beautiful eyes blinking.

“Then you should not slap her!” shouted Qin Yuru, helping her mother. She now realized the bad result. Being afraid, she tried to blame Qin Wanru for everything just like what her mother did.

Seeing Madam Di and her daughter claiming that it was Qin Wanru who beat off Qi Rongzhi, Shui Ruolan became angry. She coughed lightly and said scornfully, “You are wrong, Yuru. Wanru slapped her for you. How would you blame her for what she did and without gratitude! Did Wanru let you two fight?”

“Aunt Shui, what do you mean?” asked Qin Yuru. She snorted and stared at Shui Ruolan. She had always looked down upon Shui Ruolan and pretended to be polite with her in the past. Now as finding out that Shui Ruolan dare scold her, she could not bear it any more.

Qin Wanru smiled coldly and said, “What? ‘Aunt Shui’?” She set her cold eyes on Qin Yuru and continued, “You mean my mother is still a concubine who has no place in this mansion? You still do not admit my mother’s position, do you?”

“Qin Wanru! How dare you!” shouted Madam Di, banging on the table again. She said angrily, “You know nothing! Shui Ruolan, you have to teach her how to be polite! If she still behaves in this way, nobody would marry her because she not only hit others and she is very impolite! Everyone would think that people in the General’s Mansion are all with no courtesy!”

“With no courtesy? Then just let them know. Everyone knows it is a right and legal marriage between father and mother. And father got married in order to find a good person to take good care of me. But why do you still call my mother ‘Aunt Shui’? Do you still not admit my mother’s position? Or do you think that father is not good enough for my mother?”

Qin Wanru had long wanted to give Qin Yuru a lecture because Qin Yuru always called her mother Aunt Shui, which would make other people gossip about Shui Ruolan and misunderstand that she was only a concubine even though Shui Ruolan had married Qin Huaiyong. Qin Wanru wanted to take this opportunity to knock Qin Yuru out.

The reason why Qin Huaiyong married Shui Ruolan was very complicated. If they continued to pursue, many things would be brought to light again, especially what happened in Jiangzhou—the almost successful marriage between Qin Yuru and Qi Tianyu. Qin Yuru did not have any good word to say during these events.

Qin Wanru’s words were so swift and fierce that she seemed to be very powerful in the room though she looked small. Hearing her words, Madam Di felt super bad and quickly calmed down. She was so flustered and impatient that she lost her head before because her plan failed.

“Yuru, correct yourself!” said Madam Di slowly, trying to suppress her evil mind. She shot Qin Yuru a warning glance.

“Mother!” shouted Qin Yuru. She was not stupid and she quickly knew Madam Di’s meaning. Madam Di gave her a step to avoid embarrassment and she stepped down. She raised her head, bowed deeply to Shui Ruolan, and said in tear, “Madam Shui, please accept my apology...”

Before she finished, she started choking with sobs. She had been so embarrassed today. Her hair and her clothes were in a mess because of the fight with Qi Rongzhi. Now she seemed to be wronged by them. Then she suddenly stepped back and fainted away.

Mei Xue who stood behind her caught her immediately and screamed, “My lady! My lady! Please wake up! You only took a bow and it doesn’t matter...”

Yujie slapped her in the face heavily before she finished her words. Then Yujie wiped her hand carefully just like Qin Wanru, seeming that her hands also got dirty.

“How, how dare you! You are only a mean girl!” shouted Madam Di. She could not stand anymore and stood up immediately in anger. She said to her two old servants, “Take her away! Punish her ten slaps!”

When the two strong old servants rushed up to Yujie, she pushed them away vigorously. They fell down and even knocked some chairs over.

“Madam Di, I remember that father has allowed me to punish my servants. Please don’t meddle in my business!” said Qin Wanru sternly.

Madam Di had plotted against Qin Wanru again and again. When Qin Huaiyong knew that, he was so angry and he did say so. However, when Qin Wanru said this in front of many servants, Madam Di was in a weak position.

She froze, eyes blazing.

“Qin Wanru! How dare you! How dare you speak to mother in such a way! Don’t you remember who brought you up? Don’t you know who you should be grateful to?” Qin Yuru shouted angrily, with her hand pointing at Qin Wanru. She did not pretend to faint away and stood up by holding Mei Xue’s hand when she saw her mother at a disadvantage.

“So do I have to sacrifice my life and reputation for you only because I grew up here?” asked Qin Wanru scornfully, tilting her head and glancing at Qin Yuru.

Her words were harsh. Obviously, she was provoking her. An ironic smile appeared in her face.

“Qin Wanru, you b*stard! How, how dare you say so!” Qin Yuru screamed in extreme anger, seeming that she had lost her head. Jiangzhou was her Achilles’ heel. Now Qin Wanru kept reminding her of that, which made her unable to bear any more.

“B*stard? So is Qin Huaiyong not my natural father? Or is my birth a secret?” asked Qin Wanru. She had been waiting for this so long. She kept provoking them in order to let them say that Qin Huaiyong was not her father. Although the Old Grandma and Shui Ruolan did not want to tell her, she would not force them to say.

Everything was different when being with Madam Di and her daughter because, for Qin Wanru, they were the opposite party.

"I..." Qin Yuru could not answer her because she didn't expect Qin Wanru would use this. Thinking about her mother's warning, she looked a little flustered and raised her head to look at Madam Di subconsciously.

"Madam Di, elder sister, do you mean that Qin Huaiyong is not my natural father? Is my birth a skeleton in the closet? Please let me know. If Qin Huaiyong is not my father, then who are my parents? Why did Qin Huaiyong adopt me? Why did he keep secret from me?"

Qin Wanru slowly dropped the words one by one, in a tight and tenacious way.

Shui Ruolan bit her lips, seeming that she tried to say something but she didn't in the end. She only heard very little about Qin Wanru's family background from the Old Grandma. Thus she didn't know it very clear. Otherwise, Qin Wanru's natural father once helped Shui Ruolan's cousin but Old Grandma didn't tell her the truth and told her not to ask Qin Huaiyong.

So it would be better to keep this secret from Wanru. People in Qin's mansion would treat her well and the Old Grandma would also treat her as her natural granddaughter. It would be better for her than telling her that her parents had passed away, which would make her heartbroken.

When seeing things getting worse, Madam Di quickly explained, half smiling. "Wanru, of course no! You are Qin Huaiyong's natural daughter! The reason that your elder sister said so just now is only because she could not bear that Yujie slapped Mei Xue in her face. When we go back, I will give her a lecture."

Anyway, no matter according to Qin Huaiyong or her, Madam Di would definitely not let Qin Wanru know that she was not Qin Huaiyong's natural daughter.

Qin Wanru continued to ask coldly, "Then, Madam, do you know who is my natural mother?" She had decided to force Madam Di and Qin Yuru to tell her the truth. Thus, she would not let them go easily.

Smile froze on Madam Di's face. She didn't expect that Qin Wanru was so insistent.

"Madam, who is my natural mother? Do you know why I have never seen her before?" cried Qin Wanru with red eyes. She became totally furious because she did not figure out who were her parents and she was even framed and murdered by someone in her previous life.

This time, she would not allow herself to be trampled upon.

"She, she died because of illness. She, she did not belong to our mansion and it was not good for Qin Huaiyong to marry her. And he didn't know your mother had been pregnant at that time. When he found you, your mother had been dying. So he brought you here and let me to bring you up. Finally he promoted you as a lady."

Madam Di explained hem and haw at the very beginning, and then she was on a roll.

Qin Wanru didn't believe Madam Di. If it were true, they would have hammered her with her background and kept telling her that she did not belong to Qin's Mansion in her previous life. However, she knew nothing but that Qin Huaiyong was not her natural father at that time.

"Madam, I don't believe it!" answered Qin Wanru with her fists clenching.

"If you don't believe me, then ask your father. It, it can't be said good. If you didn't keep asking, I would not tell you too much. Okay, Wanru, just go back and take a rest. Let's forget it. Your elder sister has been so embarrassed today and just let her calm down!"

Madam Di pretended to be feeling very tired and clutched her forehead with her hand, seeming that she didn't want to talk about it anymore.

"Sister, sorry... I just felt so wronged today that I, I spoke to you without thinking. Please accept my apology!"

Qin Yuru covered her face with a handkerchief, came toward Qin Wanru and bowed deeply to her in tears. She seemed so regretful.

She was punched by Qi Rongzhi and was provoked by Qin Wanru. It seemed to be reasonable that she lost her head and said something improper.

"Mother, let's go."

Chapter 134 Who Was Playing Dumb?

It was the best moment for them to leave.

Taking a deep breath, Qin Wanru finally calmed down. She lowered her eyes and it seemed that she didn't want to pursue any more and didn't want to hear Madam Di's lie. She said to Shui Ruolan and headed for the door.

Shui Ruolan seemed confounded a moment, then stood up quickly, and followed Qin Wanru.

"Ah..." Madam Di said with her face turning pale. She wanted to order her servants to stop Shui Ruolan but Nanny Zhou stopped her first and warned in low voice. "Madam, don't act rashly!"

Looking at the mob scene in the room, Nanny Zhou waved her hand and then other servants left one by one, only leaving Madam Di and Nanny Zhou in the room.

"But, but what a good chance..." said Madam Di. Setting her eyes on Shui Ruolan's receding figure, Madam Di tugged her handkerchief in her hand fiercely, gnashed her teeth, and said, "If this b*tch has a son, I would be looked down upon by everyone in the mansion."

For the first time, Qin Yuru, who sat beside her mother, heard such a thing. With her eyes wide open, she tried to calm down and said nothing. Sitting aside, she just listened to Nanny Zhou and Madam Di quietly.

"Madam, you don't know whether it is true. If a doctor comes, she would only claim that she is tired or she is just unaccustomed to the climate here. You know, they have never been to the capital city before. Madam, we can discuss it later. However, you have to explain what Second Lady did to the general. It is not the best moment now!"

Nanny Zhou said to Madam Di with the tongue in her cheek.

Somebody told Nanny Zhou that Shui Ruolan saw a doctor. When hearing this, Nanny Zhou quickly told Madam Di. As she knew it, Madam Di associated it with Shui Ruolan's pregnancy immediately and kept

walking around in the room anxiously. Nanny Zhou then told her that it was perhaps false and that they had to investigate. Once they were sure that Shui Ruolan was pregnant could they plot against her.

Originally, they were ready to implement their plan after they got clear together. However, they didn't expect that Qin Yuru would have a fight with Qi Rongzhi. When Madam Di came here in a hurry, she was devastated after seeing the mess. But when Nanny Zhou reminded her that it would be a good chance to check, she understood immediately.

Shui Ruolan, who now was in charge of the backyard, definitely would come here to deal with this matter when things got worse like this. Then no matter whether Shui Ruolan was pregnant or not, once they irritated Qi Rongzhi, led her to push Shui Ruolan "incautiously" and then Shui Ruolan would miscarry if she was pregnant.

If she did miscarry, she could not blame them. She only could send Qi Rongzhi back. Actually, Madam Di didn't like Qi Rongzhi but she had to tolerate her because of Qin Yuru.

Madam Di didn't expect that Qin Wanru would beat Qi Rongzhi off. Without Qi Rongzhi, who could "complete Madam Di's plan" and could take the responsibility, things would become complicated. However, Madam Di didn't give up and tried to find another chance under the cover of the mess. She didn't expect that things got worse and worse when Qin Yuru lost her head and shouted at Qin Wanru without thinking, making Qin Wanru get this opportunity to ask about her parents.

However, in the end, there was no chance for Madam Di to complete her plan when Qin Wanru left sadly and Shui Ruolan followed her. What she could do was only to see them off.

She was to find out whether Shui Ruolan was pregnant at the very beginning. Now she suddenly realized something.

Gritting her teeth, she said with a hint of malice flashed in her eyes. "Does the little b*tch do this deliberately in order to protect Shui Ruolan?"

"It, it cannot be. Second Lady is still small. Even though she suddenly becomes mature, she would not know too much. Maybe it was a coincidence, wasn't it?"

Nanny Zhou could not believe Qin Wanru would do that deliberately.

"Then would it be so coincidental? Nanny Zhou, have you ever felt how strange the little b*tch has been during these events? She escaped every time safe and sound but Yuru and I have always got embarrassed!" said Madam Di. Thinking about those events, Madam Di looked ferocious.

"I think it must have something to do with Madam Shui!" said Nanny Zhou. She still thought that an eleven-year-old girl could not be so calculating but Madam Shui might be because she was an adult. Nanny Zhou hesitated and tried to remind Madam Di. "Madam, would Madam Shui play dumb before?"

When hearing Nanny Zhou's words, Madam Di turned to be suspicious of Shui Ruolan immediately. Two black figures appeared in her eyes. She said, "It must be Shui Ruolan. When this b*tch has not married the general, she has played me all the time. If she gives a birth this time..."

Madam Di gradually became scared and she did not want this result.

"I would not allow her to give a birth!" she said coldly, gnashing her teeth.

"If you want her to miscarry, well... actually I have an idea!" Nanny Zhou said in low voice.

"What?" asked Madam Di.

Nanny Zhou hesitated and asked, "Madam... Do you want to give a birth?"

"What do you mean?" asked Madam Di. With her face turning red, she looked at her daughter and said, "Yuru, go to the inner room. I need to have a talk with Nanny Zhou."

It was quite inappropriate to discuss this in front of her daughter.

"Yes, mother!" answered Qin Yuru. She stood up and headed for the inner room obediently. However, when she got to the door of the inner room, she stopped. She closed the door slightly and stood behind the door. Holding her breath, she listened carefully.

"Madam, if you don't want to give a birth, you could make the general..." Nanny Zhou lowered her voice and continued, "I once knew an old female doctor who knew how to do this. It is said that her husband was an imperial physician in the royal palace but he was kicked out because of his mistakes."

"No!" Madam Di understood and shook her head with her voice trembling. If Qin Huaiyong found out, her happy life would end. She dared not do that!

"Then we could only turn to Shui Ruolan!" said Nanny Zhou.

"How?" asked Madam Di. She thought it was a good idea to plot against Shui Ruolan and she also wanted to do that before. She continued, "Then we should consult a doctor, right?"

"No, Madam. If we find a doctor, then they would know it is Madam who makes this plan when she loses her unborn baby!" said Nanny Zhou. She shook her head and said, "There are not many our people here. If we were in Jiangzhou, we could make it. But we could not do it here!"

"Do those servants whom my sister-in-law sent me arrive?" asked Madam Di immediately when hearing Nanny Zhou's answer.

Nanny Zhou told Madam Di her idea, "They will come here soon. At that time, we have more people than now. So no matter whether Madam Shui is pregnant, now we could take for that she is pregnant!"

Then they both lowered their voice. Madam Di kept nodding her head when hearing Nanny Zhou's idea. Qin Yuru who put her ear on the door heard clearly...

Shui Ruolan accompanied Qin Wanru and went back to her room. She was worried about Qin Wanru.

They went into the room. When they just sat down, Shui Ruolan asked her worriedly, "Wanru, are you okay?"

"I am fine!" answered Qin Wanru. She shook her head and said, "Mother, I just found out that Madam Di has doubted you. You have to be more careful!"

Shui Ruolan covered her belly with her hands subconsciously. Her face turning pale, she asked, "Does she know?"

"It seems that she still doesn't know. She only doubts you. It is not a secret in the mansion that you invited a doctor to check. If she does want to find the answer, she could make it!"

"But she could not doubt me only because of this!" said Shui Ruolan hesitantly.

Qin Wanru bit her lips with her eyes looking cold, and said, "Mother, you know Madam Di's temper. She would rather kill all just for one!"

"Madam Di has been so malicious. She would plot against him or her swiftly only if she doubts somebody. If I guess correctly, she would definitely use Qi Rongzhi to plot against Shui Ruolan just now."

As Shui Ruolan's face turned pale, she asked Qin Wanru spontaneously because Qin Wanru looked sober. "Then, then what should I do?"

Although Shui Ruolan preferred a quiet place and seldom walked out of the backyard in Qin's Mansion, she had known Madam Di's temper. She suddenly understood as hearing what Qin Wanru said.

"Mother, Madam Di definitely would do something soon. If you need to go out, you must ask more servant girls and old maidservants to go with you. Remember, never let anybody to rush up to you. As for father, you have to explain what happened in Yalan Pavilion to him in case Madam Di would plot against you and then pretend not to know it before everything is clear!"

To avoid that event like this would happen again, Qin Wanru thought that it would be better to tell Qin Huaiyong. At first, in case Madam Di would find out that Shui Ruolan was pregnant, she didn't want Shui Ruolan to tell him until her pregnancy was in a stable condition after three months. However, Madam Di had doubted her now so they had to race against the time and tell Qin Huaiyong before Madam Di.

"Okay, I would ask more people to go with me. Then I would let your grandmother and father know!" said Shui Ruolan. As Qin Wanru thought, Shui Ruolan also wanted to wait until her situation became stable before. Now she thought that Qin Wanru's idea was reliable.

"As for mother, you must check her belongings again and again, and especially keep her away from those things with smells. You must let person we trust to tidy up mother's clothes. By the way, it would be better to build a small kitchen for packing foods because there are too many people in the main kitchen and you never know whether they would make a mistake."

Qin Wanru warned those things very carefully again and again.

Hearing Qin Wanru's words, Shui Ruolan's back was in a cold sweat and she gradually felt uneasy. She thought that it would be fine to tell Qin Huaiyong but now, thinking carefully, she realized that her cousin lived in the outer court, indicating that he might not know the way to the inner court and at that time he could not protect her baby when something happened.

She put her hands over her belly and looked severely. She was meek before but now she had to be strong in consideration of her unborn baby because Madam Di would try everything to make her miscarry. She now became determined because she must protect her baby no matter what happened to her.

"I would ask cousin to build a small kitchen for me and also Madam Di!"

In Qin's Mansion, there was only a small private kitchen in Old Grandma's room. Both Madam Di and Shui Ruolan had no small kitchen. If Shui Ruolan built a kitchen only for herself, it was inappropriate firstly, and secondly, more importantly, Madam Di would take this opportunity to plot against Shui Ruolan. Thus, the best way to deal with this was to build a small private kitchen for two madams.

"Mother, about this, Madam Di would make a fuss soon. Be careful!" Qin Wanru warned her again and continued to say, "Not only the kitchen, but also others! You must watch out and be careful of Yulan Pavilion!"

"Okay!" said Shui Ruolan. She nodded her head with a solemn look.

While they were still talking, Qing Yue suddenly ran inside and said, "Madam! Second Lady! General is here!"

Since they arrived in the capital city, Qin Huaiyong had never come to Qin Wanru's Zhifang Pavilion. They were totally stunned.

Chapter 135 Who Is Flustered?

"Show father in!" said Qin Wanru. After being confounded a moment, she reacted quickly and stood up. Nobody caught sight of the hint of gloom in her eyes. "How he could come here so quickly? It seems that it is true!"

Her last uncertainty disappeared and transformed into a chill that crept into her heart, which made her feel cold and bitterly disappointed...

Qing Yue turned and ran outside quickly.

Shui Ruolan wanted to stand up but Qin Wanru reached out and sat her down. She said, "You'd better sit down, mother!"

During their talk, the little servant girl opened the door curtain and then Qin Huaiyong strode into the room. Seeing Shui Ruolan sitting here, he was stunned and then walked toward her.

Shui Ruolan stood up and bowed sideways to him. Qin Huaiyong reached out to stop her.

"Why are you here?" asked Qin Huaiyong.

"Because Young Lady Qi just had a fight with Yuru again," said Shui Ruolan. She sat down and sighed.

"I will handle it. You said you felt uncomfortable yesterday, didn't you? You'd better go back and have a rest. I will let Wanru tell me," said Qin Huaiyong with concern.

Shui Ruolan looked at Qin Wanru. Qin Wanru nodded in agreement without saying anything. Shui Ruolan then said, "Well I am very tired today so I shall take a rest now!"

Shui Ruolan stood up. Qionghua, who just stood beside her, caught her quickly. Shui Ruolan was so nervous just now that she didn't feel tired or dizzy at all. Now that she was finally able to relax, tiredness overwhelmed her.

"See you mother!" said Qin Wanru. She bowed sideways to Shui Ruolan. Then Shui Ruolan helped her up lightly and watched her, seemingly about to say something. However, keeping silent, she just reached out, patted Qin Wanru on the shoulder lightly, and left with Qionghua.

Qin Huaiyong sat down in the seat of honor, pointed at a chair beside and said, "Wanru, have a seat and tell me what happened!"

"Yes, father!" answered Qin Wanru in a low voice. She sat up straight, squeezed her handkerchief, and lowered her head.

After Yujie brought Qin Huaiyong a cup of tea, she then stood erect behind Qin Wanru, which made her appear docile.

Qin Huaiyong frowned and asked very directly, "Wanru, do you know why they had a fight?"

"I don't know much about it. I only saw that everything was in great chaos. Mother wanted to ask, but Young Lady Qi just ran outside, and sister just..." Qin Wanru paused. Although she lowered her head, her pale face could still be seen.

"Yuru becomes more and more headstrong now! Lady Qi lives here and Yuru should be tolerant. But she just led to this! Wanru, you've worked hard!" said Qin Huaiyong angrily.

"It is okay but I... I just have a question..." said Qin Wanru. It seemed that because of Qin Huaiyong's soft attitude, Qin Wanru was emboldened, so she raised her head and looked at Qin Huaiyong.

Qin Huaiyong replied madly, "Just let me know. I will answer you. Compared with your headstrong sister, you are much thoughtful. Don't worry. I will punish her by having her copy the Daughter's Rules and Woman Precepts later! She is a lady, but she not only fought with others but even cursed her sister so rudely!"

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He banged on the table very heavily, making the cups jerk up and spill water. He seemed so crazy.

Qin Wanru shot a glance at Yujie. Then Yujie came forward with a cleaning cloth, wiped the table, took the cup away, and asked other servants to make new tea.

"Father, am I... am I not your natural daughter?" asked Qin Wanru. She clenched her handkerchief and lowered her head again, seeming to be really sad.

"What? No! I just told you that your sister has become headstrong. She not only always fights with Lady Qi but also she takes it out on you, her natural sister!" shouted Qin Huaiyong with his face turning livid.

The pulsing blue veins on his forehead branching out showed that he had really gotten mad.

Seeing this, Qin Wanru almost believed him.

Raising her eyes, Qin Wanru asked with uncertainty, "Father, why would sister say so?" It seemed that she was able to listen to Qin Huaiyong.

"She has always made troubles recently, which makes me angry. So I scolded her and praised you especially. She might be jealous of you because she thinks that I prefer you over her," explained Qin

Huaiyong with a livid face. He kept thinking that he had spoiled his eldest daughter. How dare she speak so carelessly!

“Madam Di must have told Qin Yuru something and made her say so. It is Madam Di again. She was a young lady from a noble family with a good manner before. Now it seems that she is not a good wife!”

“Will big sister tell others that I am not your natural daughter?” said Qin Wanru, seeming like she had believed Qin Huaiyong. She raised her head and looked at him purely and respectfully. Her eyes were as clear as transparent water drops.

Qin Huaiyong calmed down and promised her. “Don’t worry about that! I will give her a lecture!”

“But, if... if she broadcasts this at the banquet... then what should I do?” asked Qin Wanru hesitantly. She kept clenching the handkerchief in her hand, showing that she really felt anxious about it.

The banquet was the one that would be held in the Marquises’ Mansion of Fengyang. Madam Di had decided not to attend, but Qin Huaiyong thought it was inappropriate. He wanted to have Shui Ruolan take his two daughters to attend the banquet. But now, seeing Qin Wanru’s anxious look, he thought that it would be better not to allow Qin Yuru to go there in case she would cause some other troubles.

“But if Qin Yuru doesn’t attend, then nobody in the inner court could talk to people from Duke Yong’s Mansion. Without Madam Di and Qin Yuru, it would be very difficult to ask Countess Yongkang to take Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru to attend the banquet. In addition, it is inappropriate because Madam Di comes from Duke Yong’s Mansion.”

“Don’t worry, Wanru. I will give her a lecture later. I will ask her not to say too much at the banquet. It is the first time for you to attend a banquet so we have to make others think that our ladies have a good relationship,” said Qin Huaiyong softly.

Qin Wanru blinked her eyes and quickly realized that they were talking about two different banquets. Then she decided to take this chance to tell Qin Huaiyong about Rui’an Great Elder Princess.

“Father, you are talking about the banquet of the Marquises’ Mansion of Fengyang, aren’t you?” asked Qin Wanru confusedly. She blinked her eyes deliberately and said, “I’ve heard grandma saying that it would be better for everyone not to attend!”

“How could we not attend? Countess Yong is your big sister’s close relative. Nobody can eat his words. If Madam Di doesn’t go, then have your mother take you and your sister to attend. Just have your sister tell your aunt!” Qin Huaiyong thought that Qin Wanru was afraid of Qin Yuru saying something, so he said softly, “Your sister will not do that anymore.”

Qin Wanru bit her lips and said softly, “Father, when I went to Huaguang Temple, I met Rui’an Great Elder Princess. She told me that she likes me and she would send a banquet invitation card to me!”

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“Rui’an Great Elder Princess?” asked Qin Huaiyong. He was stunned, then became very happy and asked again, “Is it really Rui’an Great Elder Princess?”

"Yes. Mother also saw her. She said she would invite us to the banquet," said Qin Wanru, smiling. A hint of happiness appeared on her pretty face. She said, "That day, Great Elder Princess said she felt destined to meet us when she saw mother and me!"

"Only you two?" asked Qin Huaiyong with his face turning black. The smile on his face disappeared gradually.

"Yes, father! Should we go there?" asked Qin Wanru hesitantly. She seemed to be hesitant, which conformed to what an 11-year-old girl would do.

It was her first time in the capital city. Thus, she surely didn't know what to do because she was not familiar with others and this city.

"But only your mother and you..." Qin Huaiyong glanced at Qin Wanru. The last uncertainty vanished. He frowned and tried his best to think about the feasibility of this thing.

If Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan could get Great Elder Princess's appreciation, it would surely be a good thing. But if Shui Ruolan attended while Madam Di didn't, would Duke Yong's Mansion complain about it?

"Father, do you want us to refuse?" asked Qin Wanru very confusedly. "Then I will tell Nanny Yu not to receive Great Elder Princess's invitation card!"

"You don't need to do that. Receive it. The princess appreciates you, so you must attend the banquet!" said Qin Huaiyong, reaching out. Nobody dared to refuse receiving Great Elder Princess's invitation card.

"Then why are you so hesitant? You don't want mother and me to attend, do you?" asked Qin Wanru. She felt confused and blinked her eyes.

"Not exactly. How about taking your big sister to attend?" asked Qin Huaiyong tentatively.

"I am afraid that the princess would be angry if we bring one more person!" answered Qin Wanru uneasily. Her eyes were wavering, seeming to not know if she was right.

She would not bring Qin Yuru, or at least she would not allow Shui Ruolan to bring her. She also would not let Qin Yuru attend the banquet with the invitation. She knew Qin Huaiyong would not agree but after she highlighted the importance of Great Elder Princess, Qin Huaiyong had to consider her words carefully.

Then Qin Yuru's words today gave her the chance!

A chance to make Madam Di compromise!

In addition, when Shui Ruolan told Qin Huaiyong that she was pregnant, her place would be more important in Qin Huaiyong's heart.

"Then you two go!" said Qin Huaiyong. He thought about it for a while and found that there was no better way. He also knew it was not such a difficult thing.

He feared that Madam Di would cause troubles at first. But during the fight, Madam Di had spoken to others carelessly, leading to Yuru's nonsense, which almost brought the truth to light. Considering this, Madam Di would not dare make troubles now.

"I surely appreciate it, father!" said Qin Wanru. Finding out that Qin Huaiyong had no doubts, she stood up and bowed sideways to him very happily, seeming to not care about the unpleasantness. Qin Huaiyong finally relaxed and thought that he made the right choice.

Nanny Yu's voice suddenly came outside the door curtain. "Second Lady! Second Lady! An invitation card from Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion just arrived!"

Chapter 136 It Was Not So Simple to Cover up a Lie!

Qin Huaiyong felt very surprised and said, "Come in!" He was dubious at first and didn't expect that the invitation card would be sent to them because he feared that the Rui'an Great Elder Princess just promised absentmindedly.

Qin Wanru kept smiling and she felt quite relieved because she told Qin Huaiyong about this before receiving the invitation card. If Rui'an Great Elder Princess forgot about it, then things would get complicated.

Fortunately, Rui'an Great Elder Princess kept her word and sent the invitation card just like what she did in Qin Wanru's previous life.

This time it was not sent to Madam Di and Qin Yuru did not take it halfway.

"Yes, general!" answered Nanny Yu. She walked in deferentially and gave it to Qin Huaiyong with her both hands.

Qin Huaiyong took it and looked at the gold stamping texts in the card carefully. He recognized that it did belong to Rui'an Great Elder Princess. He felt extremely happy.

As smile in his face disappeared, he then calmed down, put the card on the table, and said, "It says the banquet will be on the day after tomorrow. You will go with your mother if Rui'an Great Elder Princess wants. However, you must listen to your mother there. You must pay attention to your words and your behavior according to your mother's words. Don't let others think that people from our Qin's Mansion have a bad manner!"

Qin Huaiyong said.

"Yes, father!" Qin Wanru answered and nodded her head docilely.

"About your clothes. Let your mother buy some new and good clothes tomorrow. There will be many high-ranking people at the banquet. If you are poorly dressed, you will be looked down upon."

Qin Huaiyong continued to say. It was also a good thing for him. Those who wanted to wait and see would definitely think that people from Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion valued him. Thus he would be appointed to a post soon. Thinking about that, he looked very happy.

After saying that, he decided not to stay in Qin Wanru's room and thought that he'd better tell Shui Ruolan. Qin Wanru was a child who did not know many things so it would be better to tell Shui Ruolan.

Qin Huaiyong left very happily and strode to Shui Ruolan's Liufeng Pavilion with his servants.

Seeing Qin Huaiyong off, her sweet smile vanished and then she looked calm. She took the invitation card which Qin Huaiyong put on the table and looked at it carefully.

In her last life, she saw this after the event. She didn't know it at all until Qin Yuru showed off in front of her. Now it seemed that her life had been totally different when she received this card.

Therefore, she would avoid the tragedy in her last life and have a good ending this time.

"Second Lady, why would general so care about this?" Nanny Yu had worked in this mansion for a very long time so she could tell that Qin Huaiyong was happy.

"He is happy about it. He has a tough life in the capital city because Duke Yong's Mansion put him in an awkward situation deliberately!" answered Qin Wanru. Her eyes were calm. Then she looked over the card again.

Madam Di had to let Shui Ruolan come here and let her take charge of the business in the mansion. Not only Madam Di was unwilling but also Duke Yong's Mansion.

It was sure that she would do something to hang up and bewilder Qin Huaiyong.

"Madam Di treats you so bad! However, because of Duke Yong's Mansion, the general does not divorce her!" said Nanny Yu angrily.

"Father would not divorce Madam Di!" said Qin Wanru. She shook her head and knew it was impossible.

She could tell that Qin Huaiyong was very tolerable from her last life to this. However, from now on Madam Di and people from Duke Yong's Mansion could not decide what would happen next.

At least, she felt doubtful about only one thing. If it was true, Qin Huaiyong would definitely divorce Madam Di no matter what would happen. As for her, this was her only Achilles's heel.

But before that, it was impossible for Qin Huaiyong to divorce her.

"Then you must be more careful!" said Nanny Yu worriedly with a heavy heart. It seemed that she was ready to say something else but she didn't at last.

"Nanny Yu?" asked Qin Wanru, smiling. She knew Nanny Yu had something in mind.

Nanny Yu looked around and found there was no unwanted person in the room. "Not a big deal. I just heard from my son and didn't know whether things about that people changed. I am afraid that something just happened!" said Nanny Yu in a low voice.

"Don't worry about it! Nothing would happen and the man was asked to leave!" answered Qin Wanru. She smiled and knew Nanny Yu was worried that something would happen to Wang Feng.

"You then leave with Qing Yue. And I also need to ask Wang Feng to help me deal with something," said Qin Wanru. A weak figure just jumped into her mind.

According to the timeline, the man had not been pushed into the river and got sick yet. She wanted to ask Wang Feng to inquire about it but he was so busy before so she could only leave it aside.

"Okay, I got it!" answered Nanny Yu happily, smiling. Knowing that nothing happened to Wang Feng, she felt quite relieved.

Then Qin Wanru told Qing Yue how to do and let her meet Wang Feng with Nanny Yu. Qin Wanru also let Yujie ask Second Steward to come here. The Second Steward was the one who was sent to the capital city by Qin's Mansion earlier. He was in charge of the decoration and furniture in Qin's mansion.

"I am still under strength. Qin Huaiyong is the best choice to protect Shui Ruolan. As soon as Madam Di knows that Shui Ruolan is pregnant, she must get mad. At that time Qin Huaiyong would know how to protect Shui Ruolan in a better way if I tell him what to do in due course."

When Nanny Yu and Qing Yue just left, all people in the mansion knew that Madam Shui was pregnant. Qin Huaiyong and Old Grandma felt greatly happy and every servant in this mansion got a monthly pay rise. The whole Qin's Mansion was immersed in a happy atmosphere.

Qin Huaiyong was old now. He had only two daughters. Not only Madam Di, but also the other two concubines did not give birth. Shui Ruolan just married him and was pregnant quickly. It was a great thing for him. Then servants in Shui Ruolan's court got another two-month pay rise.

The whole Qin's mansion was immersed in a festival atmosphere, except Madam Di's Yulan Pavilion.

Madam Di was so mad that she broke all porcelains in her room into pieces. Her plan was not used yet and now Shui Ruolan was pregnant. How could she not get mad?!

"Madam, Madam, calm down. We still have other plans! We do have!" said Nanny Zhou. Fearing that Madam Di would rush up to Shui Ruolan, Nanny Zhou quickly reached out and stopped her.

Madam Di's face was so pale and she looked very ferocious. She bit her lip tightly, whitening her lips.

"Nanny Zhou, I definitely would not let this b*tch do what she wants!"

"Madam, I understand. I do understand. However, you could not act rashly. Otherwise, if Madam Shui encounters an accident, the general would consider you as the first suspect. Therefore, what you should do now is to congratulate her," said Nanny Zhou. She took Madam Di to the chair, sat her down, and served a cup of tea to her. She continued to say, "Madam, take a good rest. You have to act just like what others do!"

"I am not reconciled at all!" shouted Madam Di. Gnashing her teeth and clenching her fists, she sat in the room in which broken porcelains were everywhere and looked malicious.

"Madam, you could not act like this. Remember, they would only feel happy for a while. You just implied that Young Lady could take them to the banquet, didn't you? So if something just happen at the banquet, you would have nothing to do with it! Just tolerate it! Then you will get rid of being suspected!"

Nanny Zhou advised her in earnest again.

Her words finally pacified Madam Di's mind. The plan they made before was to be implemented in Marquises' Mansion of Fengyang, but not Duke Yong's Mansion. And she would not attend that day. So if she told her sister-in-law, nobody would doubt her when things happened.

"Fine!" said Madam Di gloomily. She could be tolerable during these days. She said, "Then you choose some valuable pieces of jewelry and give them to her as my gift. But not too valuable! "

"Yes. You have to act like this. I will do it soon," answered Nanny Zhou. When she found out that Madam Di calmed down, she smiled.

"Do you find out the cart driver?" asked Madam Di. She suddenly remembered that she just asked Nanny Zhou to look for him.

"Well, I think it has something to do with Nanny Yu's son. And I also saw her son staying in a yard and he didn't go out. But I don't know whether he was just passing by or he had something to do with this. I always want to find a chance to get into that yard."

Nanny Zhou answered. She had checked completely in the mansion but found nothing. She thought Wang Feng, Nanny Yu's son was the most possible person to do that. He came to the capital city with Nanny Yu. But she seldom saw him in the mansion and didn't know what he was doing outside.

She asked somebody to follow him and saw him walking into a yard and he didn't walk out.

The man who Nanny Zhou sent didn't know whether there was only one entrance in this yard, or Wang Feng might just pass by, walking in and then walking out from another entrance. So the man didn't rush into the yard and wait for Nanny Zhou's order.

Nanny Zhou was also unclear about that so she dare not act rashly. She let him watch Wang Feng and then she would find a good chance.

"Let my mother find some reasons and ask them to rush into it!" commanded Madam Di.

"Bravo!" said Nanny Zhou. She kept nodding her head, clapped her hand and agreed. Thus, Madam Di would have nothing to do with it even if they made a mistake.

"Ask them to bring some new porcelains!" said Madam Di, glancing at those broken pieces.

"Madam, what should I say?" asked Nanny Zhou hesitantly. Everyone was congratulating Shui Ruolan's pregnancy, hoping there would be a new young master in the mansion. But if they knew that Madam Di broke everything in her room, it would be totally different with her pretended kindness.

So she had to be kind and nice, even much happier and much more concerned than Shui Ruolan!

"Just say that when I heard that good news, I wanted to visit her and I was so excited that I knocked the antique shelf over and broke all things into pieces!" answered Madam Di coldly.

It was only a weak excuse. Nanny Zhou hesitated but finally nodded in agreement. It was not a big deal so any reason could cover it up. Nobody would take it seriously and keep talking about it!

Nanny Zhou had worked for a very long time for Madam Di and she knew her master very well. She also was the most cunning one. But this time, she made a mistake!

When she was sending Madam Di's gift to Madam Shui, something just happened...

Chapter 137 The Second Steward Got Angry

When Qin Wanru arrived at Shui Ruolan's Liufeng Pavilion, Qin Huaiyong was still there. When seeing Qin Wanru come and congratulate her mother, he, with a big smile waved his hand and let Qin Wanru come in.

When Qin Wanru walked in, she congratulated Qin Huaiyong and Shui Ruolan first and then sat in a chair beside.

"Wanru, you buy some new clothes tomorrow yourself. Your mother needs to have a rest!" said Qin Huaiyong. He looked very radiant and happy.

"Cousin, it is okay. I can go with Wanru to buy some clothes and jewelry. She is only a child and she doesn't know about that!" answered Shui Ruolan softly with a gentle smile.

"You always worry about her! She has grown up!" said Qin Huaiyong. His always determined face softened. When he saw Shui Ruolan's abdomen, tenderness filled his eyes.

His tender look was totally different from his usual look. He seemed to be so excited!

"Cousin, I am really okay," said Shui Ruolan with a smile, using her handkerchief to cover her mouth.

"Madam Shui, Madam Di let Nanny Zhou give her present to you!" said Qionghua happily. Shui Ruolan's pregnancy made the whole Liufeng Pavilion immersed in a good atmosphere.

Shui Ruolan turned and looked at Qin Huaiyong, hesitated and said nothing.

"Let her in!" said Qin Huaiyong, smiling. Turning and looking at Shui Ruolan, he reached his hands to touch her hand on the table, lowered his voice and said, "If she wants to be friendly with you, then you don't need to care about the things happened in the past. If without her, you and I..."

Shui Ruolan blushed and lowered her head, looking tender and docile.

Thinking that his wives were in a good relationship, Qin Huaiyong seemed to be much happier. He just worried that Madam Di would make some troubles before but now he thought that Madam Di was a lady from a noble family, and it seemed that she had learned Woman Precepts and Daughter's warns well.

Sitting beside Shui Ruolan, Qin Wanru shot a glance at her. She looked at her blushed face and also discovered her anger in her eyes which she tried to cover up by lowering her head.

She knew that Shui Ruolan was angry!

At that time, she just wanted to stay in the backyard, served the Old Grandma and lived a tranquil life, without any other ideas. However, Qin Huaiyong's words seemingly implied that she had been trying to seduce him at that time and it was because of Madam Di that she could marry him.

For Shui Ruolan, his words was a humiliation!

Qin Wanru frowned lightly and glanced at Qin Huaiyong. "It is quite inappropriate for father to say so! But from his words, it seems that Madam Di has a very important place in his heart!"

A servant girl led Nanny Zhou to come in. When seeing Qin Huaiyong, she gradually thought that it was a good move for Madam Di because the general might favor her again.

She stepped forward deferentially, bowed to Qin Huaiyong and Shui Ruolan respectively, handed over the jewelry box to them and said, "Madam Shui, when our Madam Di heard about your good news, she immediately became excited and wanted to see you. However, she didn't expect that she would knock the antique shelf at corner and break the porcelains into pieces when she walked so fast. She also got hurt and it was not convenient for her to see you!"

Shui Ruolan didn't believe her words but she had to pretend to be concerned about her. She raised her head and asked, "Does my sister get hurt?"

She would rather believe that Madam Di broke things into pieces madly when she knew Shui Ruolan was pregnant.

"She is okay, not a big deal. She only felt so sorry that she could not come to see you. So she kept asking me to send her present to you. This is the best among her belongings. She hopes you will like it!" answered Nanny Zhou craftily.

A big smile appeared in her face, seeming that she also felt happy for her.

Qin Huaiyong was quite satisfied with this and decided to forgive Madam Di's mistakes.

Qin Huaiyong said directly, "Ask the steward to bring some new porcelains to your Madam's room. How careless she is!"

"Yes, I get it; I would ask him to do that later," answered Nanny Zhou. After hearing Qin Huaiyong's words, she kept bowing to him.

"I have seen the shelf before. It is huge with many antique porcelains, seeming very expensive and noble. When such a huge shelf fell down, it must be very dangerous! Except mother, did other servant girls get hurt?"

Qin Wanru asked concernedly.

Smile suddenly froze on Nanny Zhou's face but she calmed down and explained quickly, "They didn't get hurt... Luckily, those girls were not there. So except Madam Di, no one got hurt!"

It was definitely impossible that no one got hurt when such a huge shelf fell down. She could not say that someone also got hurt so she could only say Madam Di got hurt vaguely.

"Does, does Madam Di need a doctor?" Qin Wanru asked and said to Qin Huaiyong, "Father, Madam Di got hurt and she did need a doctor. Otherwise, it would be too bad if something happens!"

The antique shelf in Madam Di's room was very huge. There were always servants serving Madam Di. It was impossible that only Madam Di got hurt while the huge shelf fell down!

Her words reminded Qin Huaiyong. His eyes became gloomy and he stared at Nanny Zhou doubtfully, making her heart jump fast. She feared that he would find out the truth!

"Then let her see a doctor!" said Qin Huaiyong in a low voice.

“Well... General, you don’t have to do that. Not a big deal! Madam just has some bruises and she has applied medicine to her bruises. I hear that the medicine with secret cuisine, which the Old Grandma of Duke Yong’s Mansion gave Young Lady comes from the royal palace!”

As hearing that they would ask Madam Di to see a doctor, Nanny Zhou was nervous with her hands shaking quickly.

There was no bruise! If a doctor came and checked, then their lie would be exposed!

Although Nanny Zhou told them that Madam Di was okay, Qin Wanru looked anxious and she seemed worried about Madam Di. She stood up. “No! How could she not see a doctor when getting hurt? Nanny Zhou, how careless you are! Let’s go and visit Madam Di!” said Qin Wanru.

“I...” Suddenly, Nanny Zhou felt what Madam Di said was right that the Second Lady became more and more intelligent. Otherwise how she could know much about this!

“General! The Second Steward asks for meeting! It is about things happening in Madam Di’s Yulan Pavilion!” Not until they made a decision, Qin Huaiyong’s servant who guarded the entrance had come in hurriedly and said.

His words silenced the room suddenly.

Looking here and there, Nanny Zhou suddenly had a bad feeling and stepped back spontaneously.

A servant girl’s low voice came out, “Watch out! Nanny Zhou!” Nanny Zhou turned around and got angry. She couldn’t wait to slap the person with a big smile in her face!

When did Yujie stand behind her? Now it was impossible for her to step to the back with nobody noticing her.

“Let him in!” Qin Huaiyong frowned and answered.

There was no outsider here so he didn’t have to avoid them. Shui Ruolan was in charge of the inner court and she would meet him in the future. As for Qin Wanru, he thought that she was too small to worry about.

“Yes!” answered the servant. Then he took a man in his fifties and sixties in. The man was the Second Steward in the mansion. He looked angry, and it was obvious that he had something to tell Qin Huaiyong.

After the Second Steward bowed to him, Qin Huaiyong asked, “What happened?”

“General, Madam Di broke all porcelains in the room into pieces! She told me that she broke them carelessly. But how could she break every porcelain into pieces? Although there were many porcelains on the shelf, some of them were not there! How did she break them?”

Second Steward said angrily. The reason why he got so mad was that Madam Di made him extremely angry there and now he had to complain about it in front of Qin Huaiyong.

Qin Huaiyong frowned because he didn’t understand the steward’s meaning at once. He asked, “What does ‘breaking all porcelains’ mean?”

The steward answered angrily, "General, when I designed Madam Di's Yulan Pavilion, I was afraid that it was not good enough so I tried my best to decorate it. But I didn't expect that all the porcelains were broken into pieces. And I don't know why Madam asked me to bring some new and good porcelains to her after she broke all things. When I brought her new porcelains, she wasn't satisfied and broke them into pieces again! There was no so delicate porcelain left now!"

His mustache even stood up because of his anger.

"Madam Di herself did this?" asked Qin Huaiyong with his face turning livid.

"No, general. Madam didn't break them into pieces deliberately. He must have said something wrong and made Madam mad. Then things happened. Just let me go back and ask Madam Di. I would give you an answer!" When seeing Qin Huaiyong's livid face, Nanny Zhou had to explain with a smiling face. She groaned inwardly.

She didn't expect that Madam Di would lead to troubles again and let Qin Huaiyong know. Then her efforts just had gone.

Qin Wanru set her eyes on Nanny Zhou in silence. She looked at Nanny Zhou with her deep eyes.

Qin Wanru once let someone warn and promote Second Steward on behalf of Shui Ruolan, which could not be said that she helped her too much. Now Shui Ruolan was in charge of the inner court and she was pregnant now. Thus the General would favor her. In addition, it was reasonable for Qin Wanru, her daughter to help her manage her business!

More importantly, Madam Di's pavilion was the most beautiful one in the mansion and it was much better than Shui Ruolan's. When Qin Wanru asked Second Steward to design a pavilion much more beautiful than Madam Di's, he was stunned immediately.

He had decided to please Madam Di when he just arrived here.

The last straw was that some porcelains in Madam Di's room belonged to Old Grandma at first, which she wanted to decorate her room with them. But the Second Steward took them to please Madam Di.

If these porcelains disappeared without any reason, Second Steward would not take this responsibility so he told Qin Huaiyong about this.

"General, those porcelains are the best in our mansion, in which some belong to the Old Grandma. Now I have no decoration of the same value to decorate Madam Di's room so she got angry. She even slandered me that I stole some. I dare say nothing and just check her room. I told you the truth!"

He said angrily.

He had been working in Qin's Mansion for a long time. He also knew Qin Huaiyong well. He knew when it was the best time to say proper words.

"Some even belong to Old Grandma?" Thinking about that, Qin Huaiyong snorted. His mood became colder and colder, seeming that a storm was at the corner. He said, "Madam Di broke them herself?"

"I have checked them. Yes, she broke them. If she was careless, she would not have broken all porcelains in the room," Second Steward answered certainly.

“Let’s go and see!”

Chapter 138 Meeting an Old Friend at an Embroidery Shop.

Madam Di didn’t expect that Qin Huaiyong would get angry about her behavior that she broke all porcelains in her room.

Looking at those scattered pieces on the ground which there was no moved trace on and the antique shelf which still stood there in perfect condition, Qin Huaiyong knew everything. His eyes flashing, Qin Huaiyong turned around and went off in a huff without saying anything.

She knocked the antique shelf over accidentally? She must do it because she was jealous of Madam Shui who was pregnant.

“General! General!” shouted Madam Di, being totally flustered. She suddenly stood up and rushed up to Qin Huaiyong.

Qin Huaiyong stopped, turned around, glared at Madam Di with his fierce eyes, and said, “I don’t care whether you are happy or not. If something bad happens to Ruolan’s unborn baby, you will be held solely responsible.”

“No... General... “Madam Di held the door frame and dare not walk in. She cried, “General, how, how could you say so? I do feel uncomfortable but I would never plot against Sister Shui. If I had been in good health when bringing Yuru into the world, I would have more children than now.”

When giving birth to Qin Yuru, Madam Di experienced a difficult labor. As for Madam Di, it was quite difficult for her to bring Qin Yuru into the world and she also suffered from an incompletely cured illness from that time, which made her almost impossible to have a baby again. Qin Huaiyong knew that.

“Madam, Madam. Don’t be sad. General doesn’t mean that. He doesn’t suspect you. Please don’t cry!” Nanny Zhou came and held Madam Di up. She stole a glance at Qin Huaiyong and continued to say, “You didn’t live a good life at that time in General’s Mansion and there was no good way to cure your illness. Otherwise, this thing would not happen! General is kind and grateful. He didn’t scold you in these years!”

So she meant that it was because of Qin Huaiyong that Madam Di could not have a baby any more.

Saying nothing, Qin Huaiyong stared coldly at crying Madam Di for a while. He stood there a few minutes and finally left.

Madam Di felt hopeful when seeing Qin Huaiyong standing there before. But now when she saw him left, she collapsed in tears and cried, “Nanny, Nanny, how could he be so merciless! It is because of him that I have to suffer from the illness. He said he didn’t care about that before! But why, why does he treat me like this!”

“Madam, don’t be sad. He just forgot your romance but he does care about you, or he would not come here to see you so fast!” said Nanny Zhou. She held Madam Di tightly and tipped Meiya, the servant girl the wink.

Meiya knew what she meant and helped Nanny Zhou support Madam Di to walk in the inner room.

When they put Madam Di on her bed, Nanny Zhou lowered her voice and said, "Madam, don't cry, please. It is so strange that why nobody cleaned your room after I left and why you had a quarrel with Second Steward. Don't you know the Second Steward is general's man?"

Nanny Zhou doubted that somebody tried to stir up trouble because everything went well when she left. But now, things happened at this time.

"I just want some good porcelains! Those brought here are so bad that nobody would want! If people see those bad porcelains, I would lose face!" cried Madam Di, wiping her tears.

"Do you summon Second Steward?" asked Nanny Zhou, feeling speechless.

"Only he could bring me good porcelains!"

"My dear Madam, how could you act rashly like this? If something happens to Madam Shui, the general would suspect you!" said Nanny Zhou.

"No! We could not let the evil baby live!" said Madam Di, gnashing her teeth.

"Madam, you must be more careful this time and you have to be friendly with Madam Shui. Now she is pregnant so if you hurt her, the general would not let you go easily," Nanny Zhou reached out her finger, pointed outwards and said in a low voice, "Let's wait for the banquet!"

"Fine, we would wait for the banquet!" said Madam Di. She goggled her eyes ferociously and thought that even though she would not attend the banquet, she could give Shui Ruolan a big "surprise" with her sister-in-law's help!

She would have nothing to do with what would happen in the Marquises' Mansion of Fengyang.

"Madam, do we need their people?" asked Nanny Zhou. She thought that it would be better to prepare a plan B so she decided to remind Madam Di. She pointed in a direction.

Those people were coming to the capital city. With Nanny Zhou's help, Madam Di had contacted them before. They hit it off at once.

"Yes, we do. They just had exams and now they came to the capital city. They are living to be used! Shui Ruolan wants to be a madam in Qin's Mansion safely and steadily? She needs to check herself first!" said Madam Di. She sneered and continued to say, "I don't care about the money but we could not act rashly before Shui Ruolan could come back from the banquet of Marquises' Mansion of Fengyang safe and sound!"

Understanding Madam Di's meaning, Nanny Zhou said, "Okay, I got it. I would ask somebody to do that tomorrow!"

Qin Wanru went shopping with Shui Ruolan in the capital city early in the morning.

When she went Huaguang Temple with Shui Ruolan last time, they had no time to stop. It was a nice day so they both were in high spirits. They let the cart stop at the street corner and they walked in the crowd with their servants and looked around.

They were walking on a main road in the capital city so it was very crowded. Qin Wanru not only brought Yujie but also Nanny Dong. Nanny Dong had interests in a shop and Qin Wanru also wanted to look around so she brought Nanny Dong here.

They walked and looked around. They kept talking and laughing on the way so they didn't feel how time flew.

Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru didn't wear their curtain hats because Qin Wanru was still a child and Shui Ruolan had no habit of wearing a curtain hat or veil. There were many young ladies of aristocratic families in the street and seldom wore a veil. Thus they were not conspicuous!

When passing by a tea house, Shui Ruolan covered her belly, seeming that she was really tired when she had been walking for so long.

Looking at the house number, Qin Wanru said to Shui Ruolan, "Mother, you'd better take a rest in the tea house. I still want to walk around and to see those shops Nanny Dong chose for me!"

"Let me go with you!" answered Shui Ruolan worriedly.

Qin Wanru smiled and refused, "Mother, I am fine! And there is Nanny Dong. You should take a rest here."

Shui Ruolan still worried about her and said, "Then if something happens, you must send people to tell me." After her telling Qin Wanru what to do, she walked in the tea house with her servants finally.

Then Qin Wanru walked with Nanny Dong.

They saw a shop when they had not gone far. The shop was small and it was an embroidery shop. It seemed desolate and there were few customers in it. It looked quite different from the luxuriant shops they just passed by.

A thick layer of dust had accumulated on the board at the entrance, making the shop seem chaotic. It seemed that nobody had cleaned the room for a very long time. The first impression was not good.

Nanny Dong pointed at the shop and said, "Lady, that's it. I have learned before that the shopkeeper would leave the capital city and give up this shop, saying that his family needs him."

Qin Wanru looked around. There were some shops here, even a three-story restaurant. People passing by here were either rich men or aristocrats. They all wore gorgeous clothes and strode but nobody stopped and looked at this shop. How could the shopkeeper run the business so badly in such a prosperous street? Did the shopkeeper really give up his shop here?

Qin Wanru said and walked in the shop, "Let's go and see!"

Walking into it, she found that there were many goods here. Many brocades were put disorderly on a board, making them look cheap and not good. Only a few women were selecting the brocades. Compared with those much expensive brocades in other shops, these ladies disdained the brocades here.

Looking around, they shook their heads and left.

Watching those girls walking here, Nanny Dong lowered her voice and said near Qin Wanru's ear, "Lady, those are ordinary people. Even though these brocades are the best, these are ill-suited for them. Some people might buy some because they are cheap, but they would not buy too much."

Qin Wanru stopped glancing at those girls and nodded.

There were only three servers and they didn't look young and bright. They didn't know if it was because of the poor business that made them seem lazy.

Nanny Dong pointed upwards and said, "Second Lady, there are more upstairs."

Qin Wanru saw a small stair standing at an inconspicuous corner. She went toward it and walked on its wooden steps. It seemed gloomy because it was in the corner. When she walked to the second story, she could see the light. However, it was because the window was not big that the shop looked narrow and gloomy.

There were some accessories, including ordinary toggle-and-loop button and embroidery. However, everything looked not eye-catching because of the scarce light.

Some chairs near the windows seemed to let people sit down to select. A pile of embroidery seemed to be a dust heap. Their impression of the shop was not very good.

Nanny Dong said, "Second Lady, please wait for a while. Let me ask someone to come here." Qin Wanru had decided to meet the shopkeeper of this house today before coming here. Nanny Dong also told the supervisor here when she came here yesterday.

Qin Wanru nodded in agreement and said, "Okay." She picked up a piece of embroidery and looked at it in front of the window.

Actually it was beautiful. It was not only delicate but also good-quality. When the sun shone on the piece, it seemed to be painted gold and it was quite wonderful.

Suddenly, something just flashed in Qin Wanru's mind but she didn't remember it. She frowned, put this piece down and picked up another one.

"Lady! They are so pretty!" said Yujie. She also picked one up and looked at it just like what Qin Wanru did. She used to live in Jingxin Monastery and she always saw the gray monk clothes. When she saw such beautiful and delicate goods, she liked them very much and could not stop praising them.

"Lady, I think they are the most beautiful embroideries I have ever seen!"

"How many have you seen in the monastery?" asked Qin Wanru. She laughed and gave another piece to Yujie, "Which one is better?"

"Lady, you could not look down upon me! Although I have never worn them, I have seen them! There were many pilgrims in Jingxin Monastery and many ladies and madams wore gorgeously!" said Yujie, pouting her lips. She looked at the embroidery Qin Wanru just gave her, compared with the one she chose before and said, "Lady, it is much prettier!"

"Sir, it is her!" A voice suddenly came out near her ear. Qin Wanru raised her head and smiled. However, as soon as she saw the man standing in front of her, the embroidery in her hand slid down. She even could hear her heartbeat. Lub-dub... lub-dub...

Chapter 139 Did He Know Her?

Nanny Dong came with two men.

The man walking in front was an old man who seemed to be a steward and the other man walking behind was a young gentleman wearing white with a handsome face and a bamboo-like towering figure. The most striking thing about him was his smiling eyes, showing his innate elegance and kindness.

However, it somehow seemed that he could not be despised!

Different with Chu Liuchen's occasionally harmless elegance, this gentleman seemed to be more carefree and much more peaceful in mind.

It seemed that his smiling eyes could warm their hearts.

In Qin Wanru's last life, he had given her numerous great moments of warmth but it was also because of him that she became a widow and was evicted by Deputy Prime Minister's Chambers at the end.

If Qi Baiyu had not recommended her to be a royal painter to paint for the emperor's harems, she could have avoided her tragedy that she could go back to her maiden home, and would not be evicted by her husband's family and tramp the streets at the end.

But even so, Qin Wanru was grateful to him because he treated her well during his last few months. He taught her medical skills, taught her how to raise a domestic swallow, taught her how to untie the knot in her mind, and taught her how to smile...

However, all had gone since he died!

A trace of warm radiance came with his appearance and vanished with his death. Later, she was expelled from Deputy Prime Minister's Chambers tragically. As for why she was evicted, she could not remember it. Something seemed to cover up her memory of her last life, which made her could not recall all details. But she seemed to be scolded because of her color.

She put her hand over her head subconsciously. She had a dull headache, making her uncomfortable!

She quite appreciated him and wished she could have saved him before he suffered from an illness. This also was her origin intention to learn medical skills!

This man was her teacher and her friend in her last life and how could she not be excited to meet her again in her present life!

"Excuse me, are you the lady who wants to buy my shop?" asked Wen Xichi with a gentle smile, standing in front of Qin Wanru. Although a hint of surprise flashed in his eyes, he still asked with a smile very politely. He didn't look down upon Qin Wanru because of her age. He glanced at her pretty face calmly with a sense of alienation.

Trying her best to calm her mind, Qin Wanru stood up and bowed deeply to Wen Xichi deferentially. She raised her head and showed her sweet smile in her face. That was a very bright smile!

"Yes, I am!"

"Please have a seat!" said Wen Xichi. He looked at Qin Wanru curiously from head to foot and then reached out hand politely with a smile. She looked very young but calm. Although her face was pale, her pretty face with fresh rouged lips amazed him.

He could imagine how beautiful this girl would be when she grew up!

Moreover, she was so perfect that her tiny peak of brow revealed a kind of natural charm. Although she had such a beautiful face, she behaved politely and soberly. He could tell that she came from an aristocratic family with perfect breeding.

Her smile was so bright that there was no scheming trick, which made people like her. Wen Xichi, Deputy Prime Minister's youngest son who had seen many ladies from aristocratic families before, had never seen such a charming lady like Qin Wanru before.

Trying her best to calm her mind, Qin Wanru asked very slowly, "Sir, are you going to sell this shop?" She had never known Wen Xichi had such a shop in her last life.

However, when she came to Deputy Prime Minister's Chambers in the name of driving out bad luck, she knew nothing but Wen Xichi. Otherwise, she would not be evicted at the end.

When she got married, Wen Xichi had suffered from his illness and could not get up. He seldom woke up and even kept in a coma for several days and nights. He didn't suffer for a long time and finally he passed away soon at a very young age.

As for Qin Wanru, he was much like an elder brother. When he woke up, he took good care of Qin Wanru and he was very patient and nice when he taught her. He never got angry because she didn't understand.

He was born to be intelligent and smart. Qin Wanru could not be compared with him. Even so, he never called her stupid!

He once fell into water and that was the cause of his illness. The man that Qin Wanru asked Wang Feng to look for was him. She must try her best to let him pay attention to that couple. She must not let him lead a life same as his last life, in which he suffered from illness for so long and die so young even though he was intelligent.

She bit her lips with her tearful eyes, which made her beautiful eyes more charming.

Wen Xichi looked at Qin Wanru in surprise. He felt that the lady in front of him seemed to be emotional when meeting him and now she even wanted to cry. Although she bit her small rouged lips tightly and repressed her feelings, a hint of darkness flashed in her tearful and beautiful eyes.

"Have I met her before?"

Thinking for a while, then Wen Xichi denied it. It was impossible for him to meet her before. If he had met this perfect lady, he could not have not remembered her.

"No, it is one of my friends who wants to sell it. He is too busy to come here today so he asked me to negotiate the shop on price with you," Wen Xichi smiled gently and said, "I heard that you have talked about the price yesterday and what do you think?"

Nanny Dong did tell her the price yesterday so today Qin Wanru wanted to make a decision after visiting the shop.

Calming her mind, Qin Wanru asked slowly, "How would you deal with these brocades and embroideries in the shop?" She picked up a piece of embroidery near her shoes casually. She knew that Wen Xichi was very smart and she could not let him know anything!

"If you want, you could have them," answered Wen Xichi, smiling.

Qin Wanru smiled and asked, "Couldn't I have them and the shop at this price?" When she raised her head, all emotions in her eyes had gone.

"I am afraid not. These brocades and embroideries are the best. It is only because the shop is in a mess and there is no good way to attract customers that the shop has become unpopular. In addition, my friend does not care about the shop so he just makes these goods seem cheap!"

Wen Xichi answered leisurely.

Qin Wanru blinked her enchanting eyes and asked in curiosity, "He is going to return his home village, isn't he?"

"Yes, but he decided not to leave here later. About the embroidery shop, my friend doesn't like running this shop. Then now someone wants the shop so he would offer such a low price because he also wants to sell the shop. When he decides to handle this after a while, your servant came. Then he told her!"

Wen Xichi explained this thing in a few words and smiled.

So it was not only cheap but also coincidental. Looking at those embroideries on the ground, Qin Wanru felt pitiful. It might be because man didn't care about these goods that the shop was in bad management and could not survive. She liked these embroideries and brocades in front of her.

Then if she decided to run a shop, she would have to buy a batch of brocades and embroideries. So it would be the best way to buy those goods and the shop together.

"May... May I buy them on installment?" asked Qin Wanru. She had counted her money and knew that she didn't have enough money.

She could only afford the shop and there would be working capital left. But if she wanted to buy these goods, she would be kind of short of cash. But she didn't want to bother the Old Grandma and her mother.

"Qin's Mansion is also looking for a shop so Old Grandma and mother would not have too much money."

"No! The price is quite low. According to my friend, he wants to sell them for one time. He offers you such a low price and then at least he wants to avoid too many troubles."

Wen Xichi answered, smiling.

Qin Wanru bit her lips. Her fresh pink lips whitened because of her bite. Her charming eyes fell upon somewhere in the shop and it seemed that she was thinking about the accessibility of the plan.

Wen Xichi set his eyes on her face again. He dare not look at her out of embarrassment when Qin Wanru stared at him. Now she was thinking so he could see her clearly.

The lady in front of him was very beautiful. Although her refined features still seemed to be a little childish, her beauty was beyond words. She was like those fairy-like beautiful women in those ancient books but she was much more charming and lively than them.

Qin Wanru's childishness, transcendence and charm integrated together, which made people keep looking at her. She was a very beautiful girl.

In the name of pure appreciation, Wen Xichi took another glimpse at Qin Wanru and then he lowered his eyes in a very polite way. A swift smile crossed his face. He thought that if his best friends knew he would take another glimpse at a girl, he could not imagine how they would laugh at him in surprise.

His best friends all said that he could be a monk if he continued to live such a life.

When he raised his head again, Wen Xichi gave a gentle smile again and said, "If you do have not enough money, there is a bank outside across the street. You can raise a mortgage on this shop!"

His words reminded Qin Wanru. Suddenly a brilliant idea jumped into her mind. Rolling her beautiful eyes, she gradually relaxed and did not bite her lips so tightly. She said, "Fine. That's the deal! First, I would pay for the shop. Second, I would raise a mortgage on the shop and use that money to buy these goods. However, it is a one-time payment so you have to give me a half-price discount! And your friend could also save a lot of troubles!"

Wen Xichi suddenly felt that he quite liked the lady in front of him and answered her directly, "Deal!"

He only thought that the lady was very beautiful but he didn't expect that she was also quite smart and decisive. She was good at discovering the weakness others revealed during the talk and hitting the nail on the head, which made people have to consider her suggestion.

If the lady had been a man, he would have made friends with this guy. However, it was a pity that the Qin Wanru was a woman!

Thinking for a while, Qin Wanru rolled her eyes and said, "Then in five days. I would bring my money to buy this shop in five days. At that time, I would have to ask you to give me a hand. Could you go bail for me? Then I could raise money faster."

She was not familiar with everything and everyone here in the capital city. Thus, it was not easy for her to raise a mortgage on the shop. Actually she didn't know those complex steps quite well but the thing would go well and fast if Wen Xichi went bail for her.

Wen Xichi frowned and was to turn her request down but when he looked at her dark eyes, he paused and frowned again. Actually he didn't want to help her but he just could not refuse her request when seeing her eyes.

Wen Xichi answered slowly, "If, if you find nobody to help you, I could ask my friend to go bail for you!" He had never liked meddling so it was the best way to let his friends help her.

"But if... if he doesn't?" asked Qin Wanru pitifully.

Wen Xichi thought and answered, "If so, I would do it!" His low voice showed his unwillingness!

Qin Wanru was very happy and stood up. She bowed sideways to Wen Xichi slightly and said, "Then I sure appreciate! May I know your name?" She raised her head with her pretty smiling eyes.

It was at that moment that her bright smile hit his originally calm mind directly!

Did he know her...

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Why did he find it difficult to refuse her? And he even felt that they were supposed to know each other?

Wen Xichi was soberly aware that this feeling was definitely not love at first sight. After all, she was too young, and his mind was settled as still water. Even the abbot of the temple said that with his mind, he could directly become a monk. However, why did he feel that he had met her before?

He silently nodded, with his darkening eyes under his eyebrows...

When Qin Wanru went back to find Shui Ruolan, Shui Ruolan had rested for a while. Seeing that it was time for lunch, they did not return home but went out of the tea house to find a restaurant for lunch.

There had been a waiter waiting at the door. Seeing them coming over, he was very sensible and eager to lead them upstairs.

They found a booth by the window, enjoying the scenery, which was very pleasant.

Having met Wen Xichi and forcing him to guarantee for her mortgage, Qin Wanru finally felt relieved. At least they knew each other now, and she could implicitly tell him to keep an eye on the two people later. She just needed to find an appropriate time to tell him that, he would not die young in this life.

With his talents, if it were not for his illness, he could definitely be a very outstanding official in the imperial court.

Straightening out her thinking, she looked much more relaxed. After eating a little, she stopped eating and leant against the window for watching the scene of bustle.

With the gauze hanging above the window, people couldn't see the inside from the outside, but could see the outside view from the inside. Although the view was blurred, it was still very attractive to the Young Mesdames of aristocratic families.

In the last life, Qin Wanru had almost never gone out. On the one hand, she could hear people gossip about her no matter where she went. On the other hand, she became so increasingly self-abased that she could hardly keep her head up in front of others. Every time she went out, Qin Yuru mocked and ridiculed her in various ways, and even the Young Mesdames, who had been friendly with her, deliberately made sarcastic remarks against her in front of everyone.

In this life, when she came to the street of the capital again, she could lean against the window and watch the scenery outside. She not only dared to come out, but also took the initiative to come out.

Shui Ruolan ate a little slowly. Seeing Qin Wanru leaning against the window, Shui Ruolan found her both funny and pitiful. Shui Ruolan put down her chopsticks, and her eyes turned red. Being amused by the scene of bustle, Qin Wanru was actually just a child at a young age!

“Mother, let’s go home if you’ve had enough!” On hearing the sound behind her, Qin Wanru turned her head and saw Shui Ruolan wiping her mouth, and then turned around on the chair and sat up straight.

If it weren’t for her cunning eyes, she really couldn’t believe that the little girl, who sat up straight in front of her, was the one, who had leaned against the window in an extremely unrestrained way.

“You can watch a little longer!” Shui Ruolan laughed.

“Mother, I am tired. Let’s go home!” Qin Wanru came over, reached out to hold Shui Ruolan’s hand and gently shook it.

“Well, I’ll take you out again next time if I have another chance!” Knowing that Qin Wanru was afraid to tire her, Shui Ruolan held Qin Wanru’s hand and promised her.

“Thank you, mother!” Qin Wanru nodded with a smile.

As they came out of the booth and were about to go down, she suddenly heard a teenager’s voice, “Second Miss of Qin’s Mansion?”

Qin Wanru turned around subconsciously and saw Chu Liuxin, who came out of the booth beside. She was stunned involuntarily, but after immediately leaning to one side to make a salute to him, she formally went downstairs with the girl servant’s support behind Shui Ruolan.

She didn’t stop at all.

“Oh... I...” Chu Liuxin reached out and blinked his eyes, looking innocent.

“Prince Xin, which family is this young madam from? She looks gorgeous!” A few teenagers who were almost at his age and came with him, also saw what had happened. Looking at Chu Liuxin and the back of Qin Wanru, they all became curious.

“She looks gorgeous, but so young!” someone said.

“She’s so young and looks less than ten years old, but she’s very polite. I’m wondering which family is she from.”

All teenagers were very curious. Some of them, who had not seen her, even deliberately stretched out their necks to look out. But at this moment, Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan had already gone far.

Chu Liuxin was a bit unhappy. He considered that at least in Jiangzhou, he was a familiar friend of Qin Wanru’s. How could she not greet him when they met? She was so impolite!

“Let’s go!” Chu Liuxin turned around in anger. He was in a bad mood and didn’t want to talk. He squinted at the teenagers who followed him, walked away and went downstairs.

He decided to scare this girl when meeting her next time and see if she dared to ignore him in front of so many people again.

Early the next morning, Yujie wakened Qin Wanru early. After having breakfast, Qin Wanru dressed up and took Yujie to Old Grandma's yard.

Old Grandma had finished her breakfast, and Shui Ruolan was accompanying her beside. Seeing Qin Wanru coming over, Old Grandma specially waved to Qin Wanru and repeatedly told her to take care of Shui Ruolan lest Shui Ruolan collided with others.

Besides, Old Grandma kept telling them about all kinds of matter, such as being more decent in the first banquet they attended and avoiding making mistakes so as not to be ridiculed... She was so afraid that something terrible would happen to them.

Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan promised Old Grandma, and then said goodbye to her and went out.

The carriage had already been prepared, and it was the best carriage in the mansion and specially prepared for Old Grandma. Now Old Grandma had specially allowed Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru to use it.

The cushions in the carriage were so soft that they felt particularly comfortable to sit on them. Qin Wanru helped Shui Ruolan to recline and then sat down.

Just as they were about to leave, Qin Wanru heard Yujie whisper, "Miss, I just saw the Meixue, Young Lady's maid. She seems to have looked towards us for a while!"

With a glimmer of sparkle across her eyes, Qin Wanru looked calm and smiled slightly to indicate that Yujie didn't need to say more about this.

As such a person, how could Qin Yuru be willing to see them go to a banquet...

"Young Lady, Young Lady, Second Miss and Madam Shui have set off for the banquet. I heard that it is the banquet of Rui'an Great Elder Princess!" Meixue rushed back after inquiring about where they were going, and hurriedly reported it to Qin Yuru as soon as she entered the house.

"The banquet held in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion?" Qin Yuru stood up in surprise.

"Yes, it is held by Rui'an Great Elder Princess. It's said that she has sent an invitation card to Second Miss and Madam Shui." Meixue gasped while covering her chest.

"How dare they go on their own?!" Qin Yuru only felt the rage inhibited in her chest. She was so angry that her face turned green. She reached out to press her desk and gnashed her teeth in anger. "Prepare the carriage for going to Duke Yong's Mansion!"

As the elder sister, she didn't attend the banquet, and Qin Wanru did. What would others think of her? No, she must attend the banquet too.

"Yes, I'll go to tell them to prepare." Meixue nodded and asked after hesitation, "Should I report it to Madam?"

“No!” Qin Yuru shook her head resolutely, turned to sit in front of the dressing table and told Meiyan, “Dress me up. I’ll show others who is the noblest and most beautiful Young Madam in Qin’s Mansion. She’s just a little girl who is unqualified to compare with me!”

She was the young lady of Qin’s Mansion at her best age. Qin Wanru, a little girl who was unfledged, wanted to trample over her without seeing whether she was qualified. She wanted to show Qin Wanru that even in the Rui’an Great Elder Princess’s Mansion, she was also the Young Lady with whom she was incomparable...

They needed to pass by several bustling streets on their way from Qin’s Mansion to Rui’an Great Elder Princess’s Mansion. Qin Wanru kept watching all of these with interest and didn’t feel bored. When Shui Ruolan reclined and closed her eyes, she watched the scenes outside with gusto through the gauze of the window.

When they arrived, she still wanted to see more!

Rui’an Great Elder Princess was the emperor’s aunt, so her mansion covered an extremely large area. It was even faintly comparable with Prince Chen’s Mansion which Qin Wanru saw that day. From the incessant stream of horses and carriages in front of the mansion, Qin Wanru could see that there were considerable female guests coming to Great Elder Princess’ mansion.

There were three gates in front of Rui’an Great Elder Princess’s Mansion, including the side gates on the left and right sides and the front gate in the middle. But everyone basically walked through the side gates, because there were just a few people who could make Rui’an Great Elder Princess open the front gate. They were all elder Mesdames of noble character and high prestige or imperial members.

The carriage of Qin’s Mansion entered the left gate with other carriages.

As soon as they entered the gate, an old maid forced her way to them with a smile through carriages. After looking at the carriage of Qin’s Mansion, she asked the cart driver, “Is it the carriage of Qin’s Mansion?”

“It’s the carriage of our Qin’s Mansion!” The cart driver put down the whip in his hand and said respectfully.

Even if she was just an ordinary old maid, she was from Rui’an Great Elder Princess’ Mansion. As a cart driver of Qin’s Mansion, he couldn’t afford to offend her.

“Please come with me, our Great Elder Princess has already told me to ask the carriage of Second Miss of Qin’s Mansion and Madam Shui to move from the side,” the old maid said with a smile, looking very gentle without taking advantage of Rui’an Great Elder Princess’ power to be arrogant. She seemed to be nice, which made the cart driver of Qin’s Mansion feel slightly relieved.

As an ordinary cart driver, he felt a little flustered when coming to this mansion of an imperial Princess.

“Go with this nanny!” Receiving Qin Wanru’s instruction, Yujie lifted the curtain and said. She then smiled at the old maid in the carriage, considering it a salute.

After several turnings, the old maid led the carriage of Qin’s Mansion to a parking lot. There were just a few carriages parked here, unlike the place which was full with no room to park.

After the carriage stopped completely, Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan got out of it.

The old maid was originally curious about what a Young Madam made Great Elder Princess bear her in mind and even specifically order that the carriage of Qin's Mansion should be parked in a better place. At the sight of Qin Wanru at this moment, she could not help but secretly admire that this Young Madam looked gorgeous with a sweet and cute smile.

She was a Young Madam who made people feel comfortable.

"Madam Shui, Second Miss of Qin's Mansion, please come with me!" The old maid smiled and led the way.

Qin Wanru supported Shui Ruolan and walked behind her. On their way, the scenery was excellent. The scene in front of them was really good enough to be part of an imperial residence. Everything was exquisite and pleasing to the eye.

As they walked there, there seemed to be more people who were going inside. Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan slowly integrated into the crowd, and walked inside with a group of female guests.

The old maid still stood outside, carefully leading the way. Coincidentally, at the intersection ahead, Qin Wanru saw a familiar face...