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Chapter 141 Why Was She Still a Child?

Qin Yuru came over with Countess Yong and met several Young Mesdames' besties and their brothers on the way, so there were more people coming with her.

Meanwhile, Qin Wanru looked around carefully while walking. In addition to female guests, she saw several handsome chldes. The banquet hadn't formally begun, and there were many people talking in twos and threes.

With her long eyelashes fluttered, seeing the scene in front of her, she immediately understood that both female and male guests had been invited to this banquet. Nevertheless, the male guests were all teenagers and young chldes. She was wondering who received the male guests in Rui'an Great Elder Princess' Mansion.

She heard that Rui'an Great Elder Princess was the only master in her mansion. There were no men outside taking care of the male guests.

"Young Lady of Qin's Mansion, I heard that your sister also comes. Is it true?" someone asked Qin Yuru. Qin Yuru had known several Young Mesdames when she was in the capital. Now they gathered here, and everyone became curious.

"Of course it is true. It doesn't work... to leave her in Jiangzhou. After all... we must settle in the capital!" Qin Yuru said vaguely and looked awkward. She seemed to want to explain for Qin Wanru, but did not know where to start.

"It's so kind of you to speak for her, since she has done something like that." Someone sneered.

"Exactly. She comes to the capital, because she can't stay in Jiangzhou any longer. Could it be possible that she can marry into any family in the capital? She really thinks that the noble chldes from the aristocratic families in the capital will marry her!"

Someone else said scornfully with her face full of disdain.

Qin Wanru stopped moving forward with her watery eyes blinking twice. Shui Ruolan also heard these words. As her face darkened, she lifted her leg in an attempt to go there, but was held by Qin Wanru.

Seeing both of them stop, the old maid of Rui'an Great Elder Princess also stopped, stood aside and waited for them. The supervisor had repeatedly told her that Great Elder Princess liked the Second Miss of Qin's Mansion very much and she shouldn't look down upon her because of her young age and humble background.

She had certainly heard what they were talking. Curiously glancing at the Young Mesdames and the young chldes beside talking ardently, she decided to stand quietly.

"Any childe from the aristocratic families of the capital will marry her? Wanting to marry this person now and marry someone else then, she considers it a game?" It was a young childe who was talking. He raised his eyebrows and said scornfully. After that, he pushed Di Yan beside him. "Highness Di, do you agree with me?"

Di Yan blinked, but didn't say anything and just smiled.

"Hey, Di Yan, when did you become so reserved? Even if she is related to you, you can't take side with such a woman! In the capital, this kind of woman should be drowned in a pig cage."

Others thought that Di Yan didn't say anything offensive because of the relationship between his family and the Qin family, so someone else ridiculed him.

"Stop teasing my cousin. He doesn't know anything, and I don't know either. It's just, just some bad rumors. My mother told me not to talk about it! My second sister is actually nice." Qin Yuru explained for Qin Wanru with a gentle face, as if she was sincerely helping Qin Wanru.

As she said, she looked a bit anxious and looked around.

"What's wrong? You're afraid that your sister will hear our words?" A Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion pulled her sleeves and said with dissatisfaction, "What are you afraid of? Even if your grandma is very fond of your sister, so what? You are the eldest daughter of the legal wife. What's more, your sister is such a shameless b*tch!"

"No... my second sister is not such a person!" Qin Yuru seemed to be touched on the raw and said reluctantly.

However, her explanation caused a general outbreak of laughter. Everyone greatly despised her second sister. Although it was just a simple rumor, they could tell that the Second Miss was a b*tch.

"Big Sister is talking about me?" On hearing this, Qin Wanru loosened Shui Ruolan's hand, stepped forward to Qin Yuru's back, and said with a faint smile.

Some people had seen her come over, guessing which family such a delicate girl came from and thinking why they had never seen such a beautiful Young Madam. Now seeing her standing behind Qin Yuru and say such a word, everyone, who had participated in the gossip, was stunned immediately.

Everyone fixed their eyes on the girl in front of them in shock.

Their first impression of her was that she was young, very young. She seemed to be less than ten years old and completely different from the coquettish b*tch they imagined.

What was more, she was as beautiful as a coloured glaze doll and livelier than that. A pair of black eyes seemed to be soaked in clear water. She slightly blinked, and people almost could see their figures in her eyes. Her cherry lips were small and crimson with the glamour different from other girls.

As her long eyelashes fluttered, people found her increasingly delicate.

But even so, everyone was still very clear that it was just a child who stood in front of them.

She was up to Qin Yuru's shoulder. Her small face looked a little childish. She swayed her earrings, looking dignified and elegant. But it still made everyone clearly aware that she was just a child who had not grown up.

A child?

Actually she was just a child. Was, was she really the dissolute Second Miss who was said to have captured her sister's marriage and then gone back on her words?

Why hadn't they been told that Second Miss of Qin's Mansion was actually a child? She was naive.

"Big sister, what were you saying about me?" Qin Wanru looked at Qin Yuru with a smile. She tilted her head slightly, which made her look a little innocent and made those who had spoken ill of her feel a little embarrassed. How could such a little child do something like that?

"I... was talking with other Young Mesdames about you!" Qin Yuru was shocked by Qin Wanru's sudden appearance, but she also knew that she would meet Qin Wanru here, so she instantly calmed herself down and said.

"Am... I famous? I've just arrived in the capital!" Qin Wanru fluttered her long eyelashes and said after a hesitation. Under her long eyelashes, it was the snowy white skin.

As she said this, several Young Mesdames around her immediately looked towards Qin Yuru. Everyone was smart. They were so unfriendly to Qin Wanru, mostly because some rumors about Qin Wanru had been quietly passed to them and then spread again by them.

Some of the rumors about Qin Wanru were accidentally disclosed by Qin Yuru, and some of them were learned by some curious Young Mesdames from inquiring of the girl servants and old maids of Qin Yuru.

If Qin Wanru was a grown-up girl now, they would believe that these words were true. After all, these words were not be told by Qin Yuru, but deliberately "inquired" from Qin Yuru.

But the problem was that Qin Wanru was still only a child, a child who looked innocent and ignorant. Could such a child really understand the affection between a man and a woman? Moreover, she was only a child. Why did they learn from Qin Yuru's servants that she was so intolerable? It was really unbelievable.

Thinking about it carefully, everyone actually understood the tricks, but didn't think of them at first. Some people began to look at Qin Yuru scornfully.

Seeing everyone's look, Qin Yuru was so angry that she almost tore apart her handkerchief and failed to maintain the gentle smile on her face. She realized that she should have thought of a way to stop Qin Wanru from coming here. Qin Wanru was about to grow up into a maiden at this age. If she let Qin Wanru show up after Qin Wanru grew up a little, others would believe that the words secretly spread by her were true.

"Big sister, I've just arrived in the capital and don't know anyone. Why were you talking about me? They seem to know me?" Qin Wanru blinked her pretty eyes and smiled at Qin Yuru, as if she didn't know that she had successfully caused many Young Mesdames' doubts about Qin Yuru.

Noticing the scorn in Qin Wanru's eyes, Qin Yuru became angrier and angrier. Her hands rubbing the handkerchief became stiff, but she had to show a hint of a hypocritical smile. She said with a forced smile, "We happened to talk about second sister just arriving in the capital. Many Young Mesdames were curious about what the Young Mesdames who grew up in Jiangzhou look like!"

"Is big sister talking about sister Rongzhi?" Qin Wanru continued asking with puzzlement, as if she did not see Qin Yuru's gloomy and angry eyes.

"Who is sister Rongzhi?" Someone couldn't help but ask curiously.

"She is Big Sister's bestie Miss Qi, who is originally the daughter of the magistrate of Jiangzhou. She came to the capital with us and now lives in our mansion." Qin Wanru smiled and explained. Although she was good-looking, the Young Mesdames present almost looked older than her, so they were not hostile to her.

After all, she looked too young. A maiden who hadn't grown up just looked like a child! She couldn't excite the jealousy among girls. In particular, her little face with a bright smile was quite likable.

Not only the Young Mesdames, but even the children from aristocratic families considered that the previous words were nonsense.

"Is Young Lady Qi the sister of First Young Master of the Qi Family mentioned by Miss Qin?" a Young Madam said after thinking.

"That is to say, she's related to the marriage?"

"Second Miss of Qin's Mansion, do you know First Young Master of the Qi Family?" A Young Madam couldn't stand it anymore, approached and asked in a low voice.

"Yeah, there are not only brother Tianyu, but also brother Baiyu and sister Rongzhi. My sister and I grew up with them, and..." Speaking of this, Qin Wanru seemed to have thought of something. She hurriedly stopped and intimately reached out to hold Qin Yuru's hand. "Big sister, let's go!"

It seemed that there was no grudge between her and Qin Yuru and she sincerely treated Qin Yuru as her sister. But it made the words deliberately spread by Qin Yuru increasingly doubtful.

Qin Yuru blushed in anger, subconsciously swung her arm and shook off Qin Wanru's hand.

Everyone was stunned and then understood. Qin Yuru had always pretended to dearly love her terrible sister in front of others, but now it seemed that what she said was not true and she did that deliberately. This Young Lady of Qin's Mansion from Jiangzhou did not look as kind as she acted.

This vague rumor about Jiangzhou should not be true, or it was related to this Young Lady of Qin's Mansion. Someone responsive had considered inquiring about this matter when the daughter of Magistrate Qi showed up some day...

"Ah! Step aside quickly!" There suddenly came a horrified voice, and Qin Wanru's little figure was pushed hard by someone and she fell heavily on the guardrail beside her...

Chapter 142 Rip Down the Veil of Tenderness

It happened so suddenly that everyone failed to respond timely. Qin Wanru unconsciously wanted to drag something. Feeling her wrist wrapped around a piece of clothes, she dragged it hard. Someone reached out to pull her, and she staggered and finally stood firm.

“Di Fenglan, what do you mean by doing that?” It was a bright girl who stood beside Qin Wanru and reached out to pull her. She was dressed in red clothes, which made her face seem gorgeous.

Although red was a bit tawdry, it made her look brisk. At this moment, she held Qin Wanru’s hand, while unfriendly looking at a girl beside Qin Yuru. The girl wore a colorful peacock blue dress with gold brocade. She looked extremely eye-catching with a bit of pride and disdain in her eyes.

Glancing at Qin Wanru and the girl in red clothes, she pulled up her sleeves, patted it gently, and then raised her eyes arrogantly and said in a sharp voice, “Yan Xulan, I accidentally fell down. Does it have anything to do with you? What makes you so angry? What’s the matter? Do you find me unpleasing to the eye?”

It was she who crashed into Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru glanced at the fence behind her, and there was a trace of rage across her eyes. Between the two fences, there was a gap. If Yan Xulan hadn’t pulled her, she would directly fall out.

“Di Fenglan, it is not your Duke Yong’s Mansion. Don’t think that no one can do anything to you!” Yan Xulan said coldly.

“Yan Xulan, what do you want to do? You don’t need to say that even if you find me unpleasing to the eye. Qin Wanru did not say anything, but you argue with me for defending her. What do you mean?”

Di Fenglan said, arrogantly glancing at Qin Wanru, with disdain on her face.

Yan Xulan blushed in anger. However, she did not see it clearly and didn’t know Qin Wanru. Qin Wanru hadn’t said anything, so she was in no position to express her opinion. She turned around to say to Qin Wanru, “Miss Qin, tell us if she deliberately pushed you. Don’t be afraid. All of us can testify for you!”

Her words made everyone fix their eyes on Qin Wanru.

Countess Yong arrogantly withdrew her gaze from Shui Ruolan and stared at Qin Wanru. She was just a half-grown child and came from a small place in the countryside. Countess Yong did not say anything, but stared at her with scornful eyes which were exactly the same as Di Fenglan’s.

She did not believe that Qin Wanru dared to say anything at this moment. Even if Di Fenglan bullied her, so what?

Qin Yuru did not talk either with a glimmer of smugness across her eyes. Nevertheless, she pretended to be at a loss, standing there in a daze with no idea how to deal with it.

Everyone stared at her in different ways. Some of them sympathized with her, some took pleasure in her misfortune, and some just watched the scene for fun. Di Fenglan and Yan Xulan could talk in this way in Rui’an Great Elder Princess’s Mansion, but it didn’t mean that others could also do that.

Zhaoyi Di and Zhaoyi Yan in the palace could be considered the emperor’s favorite concubines. With their identities, Rui’an Great Elder Princess would definitely think highly of them. That was the reason why they dared to argue here.

But, what powerful connections did Qin Wanru have?

Almost everyone could imagine that she would inevitably meekly accept it or pretend to be generous and thinking nothing of it.

"She deliberately pushed me!" Qin Wanru looked up and fixed her sharp eyes on Di Fenglan. Countess Yong's face slightly changed, but Qin Wanru looked up at Di Fenglan and said without being servile or bumptious. After that, she looked towards the gap. With a slope paved with pebbles, if she fell from this position, she wouldn't just have a slight injury.

"Miss Di, you are Big Sister's cousin as well as Madam Di's niece. It's the first time we meet, right? I don't remember I've done anything that offended you. Could it be possible that we had a quarrel in our childhood, so you've held grudges against me since then?"

With her head slightly tilted and childish delicacy and puzzlement on her face, Qin Wanru looked up and down Di Fenglan.

She started her words sharply, but only showed a child's grumble in the conclusion. The confusion in her watery eyes fully showed Qin Wanru's current mood, as if she really thought that Di Fenglan was so narrow-minded that she had held grudges against Qin Wanru because of something happened in their childhood and she didn't remember.

If Di Fenglan really did that because of something happened in their childhood, how narrow-minded should she be?

However, if she didn't do that because of this, she must have done that because of the relationship between her and Qin Yuru. Now everyone understood what had happened.

Everyone fell silent, and then laughed aloud. Yan Xulan, who was beside Qin Wanru, curled up with laughter. The answer didn't sound very sharp, but everyone understood the meaning behind it. Everyone looked at Qin Yuru and Di Fenglan with contempt in their eyes.

Di Fenglan felt very embarrassed. With her face darkening, she yelled at Qin Wanru, "You are talking nonsense!"

"Miss Di, can tell me why you are so hostile to me?" Qin Wanru said with full composure and no humbleness on her face.

Di Fenglan was speechless and could not say a word.

"That's enough, Fenglan. If you don't go there, Great Elder Princess will be anxious." Countess Yong glanced at Qin Wanru coldly and helped her daughter out of the predicament.

"Yes, mother!" Although Di Fenglan was very reluctant, she knew that she should not argue with Qin Wanru at this moment. She secretly clenched her teeth and went forward behind Countess Yong.

"As a little girl, you have quite a sharp tone." When Countess Yong passed by Qin Wanru, she stopped for a while, squinted her and said coldly.

"Thank you for your compliment. I'm not as good as your daughter!" Qin Wanru leaned to one side to bow and then said slowly. She directly talked back to Countess Yong with one word.

Her voice was neither too loud nor too low, happening to be heard by not only Countess Yong but also others around her.

Although no one said anything, the meaning behind her words was hostile. Countess Yong had been known as an aggressive Madam among aristocratic families. Qin Wanru's sharp retort made her feel embarrassed.

She suddenly stopped, looked away from Qin Wanru to Shui Ruolan and snorted, "An aggressive daughter is educated by an aggressive mother!"

She felt like bullying a child if she argued with Qin Wanru, so she directly messed with Shui Ruolan.

Her words caused a commotion among the surrounding people. Everyone looked towards Shui Ruolan and looked up and down her with many bad conjectures in their minds. Countess Yong's word really aroused their suspicion that this woman might have some improper behaviors.

Shui Ruolan had actually wanted to come over and speak for Qin Wanru, but was stopped by Qin Wanru. At this time, on hearing Countess Yong's words, she looked up at Countess Yong. She slightly and politely bowed, and then looked up at Countess Yong and said without dodging her eyes, "Have I done anything that makes you dissatisfied with me?"

"Madam, does my mother have anything to do with you? Do you know my mother? Or do you know that my mother condescended to marry my father in order to take care of me? Could it be possible that you think that my mother didn't teach me well because I didn't stoop to compromise like my mother?"

Qin Wanru also looked up at Countess Yong with her face full of confusion, as if she did not understand what Countess Yong meant.

She looked like a child, but pretended to be an adult. She stared at Countess Yong in this way, making it more like Countess Yong was making trouble out of nothing.

Seeing her extremely inharmonious look, everyone was immediately amused and looked at Countess Yong with less respect in their eyes!

Countess Yong was so embarrassed. She looked away from Shui Ruolan to Qin Wanru, snorted and was about to say something. With her status, even if she oppressed Qin Wanru once, others wouldn't say anything about it.

Among the crowd, there were some smart people feeling sorry for Qin Wanru. After all, she was a child who was not very sensible. After aggravating Countess Yong, she would certainly come to no good end, and so was her mother!

Suddenly an old maid forced her way into the crowd. Seeing Qin Wanru here, she gasped, came over and made a salute. "Second Miss, why did suddenly you disappear? I failed to find you after looking for you for a long while. Come with me. Great Elder Princess is waiting for you!"

After finishing her words, she raised her hand to lead Qin Wanru to leave.

"Thanks, nanny!" With a smile and sparkle in her eyes, Qin Wanru walked to Shui Ruolan and said softly, "Mother, let's hurry up and go there!"

She had long known that it was impossible for the old maid who led the way to ignore her affairs, so she said something so sharp to Countess Yong.

On her way here, she had seen clearly that she was the only one with someone leading the way. She could tell that Rui'an Great Elder Princess really valued her.

The incident happened suddenly, and the old maid could not come here in time to save her. However, it had been a while since it happened, and she would be too stupid if she still failed to respond timely.

And now was the proper time.

She wanted to let others know that Countess Yong didn't get along well with Shui Ruolan, and secretly indicated that Shui Ruolan married into Qin's Mansion because of her, not because of the relationship with Qin Huaiyong. There was nothing in this world that would not be disclosed. If there were any bit of rumors about Shui Ruolan spread, both Madam Di and Duke Yong's Mansion behind her would make a big fuss about it. It was better to drop a hint in advance.

She did not want Qin's Mansion and Duke Yong's Mansion to be too close.

She could simply rip down the veil of tenderness of Duke Yong's Mansion through what had happened between her and Di Fenglan, and thus to make others know that Qin Yuru and Madam Di and even Duke Yong's Mansion behind Madam Di were hostile to her mother. In this way, she could avoid Countess Yong's tricks when she had to attend the banquet of Marquises' Mansion of Fengyang in future.

Something like this would definitely happen again. Di Fenglan refused to suffer any loss and could make trouble out of nothing. Could she really swallow her grievance today? Qin Wanru would wait and see what she would do in future!

Hearing Qin Wanru say that, Shui Ruolan nodded and turned to leave with Qin Wanru.

Shui Ruolan looked delicate but not frivolous, staring at others in a decorous and decent way. Even though some people had some doubts about her because of Countess Yong's words, their doubts completely vanished when they saw her dignified manners.

In terms of Qin Wanru, she still reserved her childishness with no scheming.

Originally no one knew about Qin's Mansion. Seeing Qin Yuru and Countess Yong, many people had already found out that it was Ningyuan Army General's Mansion in Jiangzhou as well as the family into which Madam Di married. Some Mesdames, who knew what had happened at that time, involuntarily looked towards Qin Yuru with a faint smile.

They vaguely knew what had happened at that time, but did not know whether it was true or not. As Madam Di married and moved to a faraway place, it was gradually forgotten by most people.

What happened today reminded many people of it.

However, there were other people who focused on Rui'an Great Elder Princess and wondered why Rui'an Great Elder Princess specially summoned Qin Wanru. After looking at each other, they moved forward silently.

It seemed that this little girl was not that simple...

Chapter 143 The Little Eunuch Bumping into People

"Mother!" Di Fenglan whined, stamping her foot.

Counting on the power of being Zhaoyi Di's favorite niece, Di Fenglan had always been arrogant. She'd certainly never been taunted by a little girl.

"Let's go!" Countess Yong looked at Qin Wanru's small figure and frowned. She'd come off a little too aggressive just now, which let the little girl take the upper hand.

At the thought of Madam Di's request, she sighed inwardly. What had happened just now showed her family's hostility towards Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru in front of everyone.

The little girl was crafty. It was no wonder that Madam Di had always been in a disadvantageous position.

Countess Yong had always been shrewd. Although Qin Wanru had embarrassed her, she calmed down after resting for a while. After walking a few steps with the crowd, she even chatted with some Mesdames beside her and told some jokes. At the moment, she was talking and laughing with no hint of anger at Qin Wanru.

Di Fenglan fiddled with her handkerchief and walked behind Qin Yuru with a scowl. Nevertheless, she knew this was not the place for irresponsible remarks. Even if Zhaoyi Di was favored, it was Great Elder Princess Rui'an's Mansion. This was not a place where she could do whatever she wanted to. But she was unbearably indignant.

She turned around and was about to talk to Qin Yuru. Suddenly, a little eunuch rushed out.

"Get out of the way! Get out of the way!" he shouted.

The attendees split down the middle. Di Fenglan was quick to respond, turning and hurrying away.

However, perhaps because of his miscalculation or other reasons, the little eunuch bumped into her hand, staggered and subconsciously grabbed the arm of Qin Yuru who was beside her. Both girls fell to the ground.

"Sorry, sorry!" Seeing them on the ground, the little eunuch gave the hurried apology and kept running.

Countess Yong was wanted to ask someone to get the little eunuch back, but an old maid beside her pulled her sleeves and stopped her.

A little eunuch was no one important, but the master who sent him was most likely someone from the palace.

It was normal that for guests from the palace to come to the banquet of Great Elder Princess Rui'an. Every time, some of the several young nobles came over. Sometimes even all of them showed up.

Duke Yong's Mansion couldn't afford to blame any one of them.

The girl servants and old maids hurried to help them up. Di Fenglan was fine, because she fell on Qin Yuru. Qin Yuru was dragged to the ground, caught beneath Di Fenglan, injuring her wrist. She turned it over and found two bloodstains on her sleeve.

She couldn't help but groan in pain, and her tears fell down.

"Yuru, how are you? Are you alright?" Countess Yong asked with concern.

She stepped forward, reaching out to hold Qin Yuru's hand. She carefully cleaned the gravel off her white and delicate hand with a handkerchief.

"Aunt, it hurts!" Qin Yuru cried.

Besides the two wounds on her wrist, she her palm also stung. Her hand had been seriously burned before. Although upon arrival in the capital, she had used the ointment granted by the palace, her hand was still recovering. The scar was not obvious now but could still be if one looked closely.

The new skin was especially tender, so the pain in her palm was sharp.

"Yuru, maybe you can return to Duke Yong's Mansion and see the doctor. The doctor in our mansion is excellent!" Countess Yong said with concern.

"Okay!" Qin Yuru was reluctant, looking at her dirty and torn sleeves, she had to nod with tears.

She lowered her head and wiped the tears, while bearing a grudge against Di Fenglan. She finally managed to enter Great Elder Princess Rui'an' Mansion, but her plan was repeatedly embarrassed by Di Fenglan before she got to meet other noble Mesdames.

However, Qin Yuru did not dare to say that in front of Countess Yong and could only wipe the tears with a frustration. She looked very pitiful.

"Mother, maybe I..." Di Yan said with distress.

Before he could finish talking, Countess Yong gave him a hard look. Knowing that he'd annoyed his mother again, he quickly bowed his head. Marriage between him and Qin Yuru had not been settled because Countess Yong was not very satisfied with Qin Yuru. She wanted to choose a better daughter-in-law.

He sincerely wanted to marry Qin Yuru. Nevertheless, he was clever enough to know that he would inevitably cause draw his mother's scorn if he insisted on protecting Qin Yuru right now. He could only helplessly stand aside and steal glances at Qin Yuru.

Countess Yong sent an old maid and a girl servant to escort Qin Yuru back to their mansion.

By the time she got on the carriage, the pain in Qin Yuru's hand had lessened. She gloomily told the coachman to go directly to the Qin's Mansion instead of going to Duke Yong's Mansion.

She had something to discuss with Madam Di. Qin Yuru had seen the way her aunt glared at her cousin. She ask her mother to urge her grandma to settle the marriage between her and her cousin as soon as possible.

"Master, I just bumped into two people at once! I knocked over the young madam of Duke Yong's Mansion and the hypocritical sister of Second Miss," Xiao Xuanzi said cheerfully, acting out the story with energetic gestures so his master would be able to picture is clearly.

"Not bad!" the bored voice was a little indolent.

Chu Liuchen lounged on an over-sized wheelchair. Hair highly braided into a long plait, he wore a purple and gold crown, a purple gown, and a jet black jadeite belt, which made him look handsome and gentle. He fluttered his long eyelashes and raised his thin and pale lips, smiling faintly.

Although it was a small smile, Xiao Xuanzi knew his master was happy.

"Master, you didn't see it. The Young Lady of Qin's Mansion cried as she was helped up and looked particularly pathetic. The son of the Di family wanted to protect her, but was forced to stand by helplessly."

Xiao Xuanzi hadn't left after he'd bumped into the girls. Instead, he hid behind a big tree and watched. He came back now to amuse his master.

But they hadn't considered if they had the status to bully Second Miss Qin.

"Third brother, what's making you laugh so happily?!" Chu Liuxin walked in, his face smudged with dirt. He looked like a dog coming out from a foxhole rather than a prince attending a banquet.

Honestly, he was a little scared of the sickly and beautiful Chu Liuchen. He used to not dare approach him, but seeing his third brother smile with delight in a distance, he thought that his third brother must have gotten good news. Hoping it had put him in a good mood, he steeled himself to come over and greet his third brother.

Chu Liuchen closed his eyes, feebly leaning himself on the bar of his wheelchair and waving a hand. His handsome face drained of color like a fading flower.

Xiao Xuanzi smiled at Chu Liuxin with regret.

"Your Highness, our master feels uncomfortable and can't play with you. Please accept my apologies!"

"Is third brother alright?" Chu Liuxin unconsciously lowered his voice.

Xiao Xuanzi nodded his head gently, indicating that his master was alright, and then pushed Chu Liuchen away.

Watching Chu Liuchen leave, Chu Liuxin crouched down unhappily, face darkening as he idly plucked a weed.

"Young Master, let's go and change your clothes quickly. If Great Elder Princess Rui'an finds out that you secretly crept into a hole, she will definitely go to the palace to complain about you." Knowing that he was in a bad mood, Xiao Liuzi, the little eunuch following him, also crouched down to advise him.

"Why does third brother keep ignoring me? We used to be so close, but he just ignores me now!"

It had been different when they were children. Prince Xin was young, and he wanted to be close again, but Chu Liuchen was so cold towards him. The loss was painful.

"Young Master, Prince Chen has always been a little aloof. Besides, his poor health doesn't allow him to play with you. Perhaps because he can't play with you, he doesn't feel like seeing you play happily!"

Xiao Liuzi words calmed his master.

It was an important reminder to Chu Liuxin. He brushed the dust off his clothes and stood up. He had allowed himself to look unrestrained and immature as he watched Chu Liuchen leave, but he was not completely ignorant of how things were.

How could he remain innocent, growing up in the palace? There were many children who died in there before they were even old enough to be ranked by their age.

“Come, let’s see if Big Brother and Second Brother have come!” said Chu Liuxin. He turned to walk out. He was the first to arrive, so after walking around and finding nothing to do, he crawled through a hole in the backyard.

Xiao Liuzi was so anxious that he panicked. As a young noble, he crawled through the dirt. If that was found out by the palace, Xiao Liuzi would definitely be severely punished. However, this boy had never cared about that.

It was true that the young master was calm while the eunuch was anxious!

Now, hearing that his master intended to stop getting into trouble and act go see the sights with his brothers like a proper young gentleman, Xiao Liuzi breathed a sigh of relief..

“Young Master, please come with me. I’ve seen the eunuch of Prince Yue.”

“Let’s go to see Big Brother! Come!” Chu Liuxin became cheerful again. He turned around happily and went outside with Xiao Liuzi. It wasn’t that he was particularly close with Chu Liuyue. He just preferred him to the bossy and headstrong second prince, Chu Liuzhou.

The second prince, Prince Zhou, was Chu Liuxin’s least favorite person.

Relying on his mother, the empress, backing him, and considering that he would inherit the throne someday, Prince Zhou often gave his brothers a cold shoulder. It could be said that except for Chu Liuchen, no one could hold Prince Zhou back.

As the emperor’s youngest living son who, Chu Liuxin knew his temperament. He just needed to pretend to be close to his second brother Prince Zhou.

He happy to go find Chu Liuyue, but did not know that there was a problem in this mansion, and it was related to him...

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Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan followed the old maid through several corridors and came to a yard. The old maid went inside to report, and left Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan waiting on the porch.

After a while, the old maid asked them inside with a smile.

Qin Wanru walked inside behind Shui Ruolan, totally focused on the present.

There were quite a few girl servants and old maids standing in two orderly rows, but they were silent. She could tell that there were strict rules in Great Elder Princess Rui’an’s Mansion.

With so many people in the house, she could only hear them breathing.

After entering the house, Shui Ruolan first made a salute to Great Elder Princess Rui'an, who was sitting on the couch in front of them. Qin Wanru immediately stepped forward to make a salute.

"Sit down!" Great Elder Princess Rui'an looked at Qin Wanru with a smile and reached out to wave at her. Qin Wanru stepped forward and was about to make a salute again, but Great Elder Princess Rui'an reached out to stop her.

"Just sit here!" Great Elder Princess Rui'an pulled Qin Wanru to the front. Nanny Gao hurriedly brought a stool here. Qin Wanru sat down on the stool in front of Great Elder Princess Rui'an, surprisingly close to her.

"What happened? Did you quarrel with the young madam of Duke Yong's Mansion?" Great Elder Princess Rui'an asked with a smile.

With her small face blushing, she blinked and nodded honestly without defending herself.

"The Young Lady in your mansion doesn't like you?" Great Elder Princess Rui'an reached out to touch Qin Wanru's hair. She thought that the child looked rather pleasing to the eye, and her sweet and honest look delighted her.

"Big Sister and I do not have the same mother. I am not related to Duke Yong's family at all!" Qin Wanru lowered her head and looked a little depressed.

"Who is your mother?" Great Elder Princess Rui'an tilted her head to glance at Shui Ruolan and didn't see any similarities.

"I don't know who my mother is!" Qin Wanru lowered her head, and Great Elder Princess Rui'an could only see the top of her head.

"Why don't you know?" Great Elder Princess Rui'an asked in amazement. It was normal for a man to record his illegitimate child as his legal wife's child in order to give his child a decent identity.

"I really don't know. It seems... no one has mentioned my mother!" Qin Wanru said, shaking her head bitterly.

"Madam Qin, why can't this child's mother be mentioned?" Great Elder Princess Rui'an asked Shui Ruolan, puzzled.

"Great Elder Princess, I don't know either... I was not in Qin's Mansion at that time," Shui Ruolan said in shame.

"There must be someone talking about this Madam in your mansion?" Great Elder Princess Rui'an became increasingly suspicious and thought there must be a secret behind it. It was impossible that no one had talked about the child's mother, unless someone deliberately commanded them not to.

"I have always thought that my mother was Madam Di, but Madam Di falsely framed me for my sisters' actions again and again. I couldn't help wonder why, and found out that Madam Di was not my mother. That's why I decided to shift the blame onto me," said Qin Wanru bluntly. She spoke softly with the sorrow of a young girl.

"This child... is loved by no one!" Great Elder Princess Rui'an sighed, looking wilted. Great Elder Princess Rui'an, who still quite young, seemed to age.

"Princess, such a child is sensible. You can tell right away that Second Miss Qin is more sensible and good-natured than most Young Mesdames of aristocratic families," Nanny Gao said meaningfully. Qin Wanru blinked her eyes, seemed to have noticed something, but failed to grasp what it was.

"I hope that Hao'er is the same as you!" Great Elder Princess Rui'an sighed again and reached out to touch Qin Wanru's hair, "This child is well-behaved, but unfortunately she doesn't have a mother to take care of her!"

"Great Elder Princess, I have a mother now, and she is very nice to me. She married my father because of me. Otherwise, she would have dedicated her life to Buddhism."

Qin Wanru looked up at Shui Ruolan with a smile.

Seeing the bright smile on her small face and thinking of her life experience, she found the child increasingly pitiable.

Great Elder Princess Rui'an found the child increasingly pleasing to the eye, and even felt the same about Shui Ruolan. She had invited Shui Ruolan as an afterthought. How, hearing why Shui Ruolan had married into the Qin's mansion, she subtly nodded to Shui Ruolan in approval.

Shui Ruolan was quiet. During her many years in the back yard of the Qin mansion, she had rarely interacted with others and had not been good with words, so she sat aside quietly with a gentle smile on her delicate face. Everyone considered her a good nature.

"Just come and find me if you need any help in future!" Great Elder Princess Rui'ansaid, smiling at Shui Ruolan.

Although Qin Wanru didn't talk much, Great Elder Princess Rui'an had understood the meaning behind her words. She knew that there must be a secret behind Shui Ruolan's marriage into the Qin family. Thinking that Shui Ruolan did that in order to take care of Qin Wanru, she involuntarily had more sympathy for Shui Ruolan.

"Thank you, Great Elder Princess!" Shui Ruolan stood up in excitement and bowed deeply to Great Elder Princess. Although she was not good at interacting with people, she knew that Great Elder Princess intended to help her.

With no powerful background, she could only count on Old Grandma. Now if Great Elder Princess Rui'an was willing to take her side, she had far more power behind her. She also saw how incredibly kind the great elder princess was.

"Princess, it's about time that you go outside. Maybe you can go out and talk with several of the old Mesdames who seldom come out?" Nanny Gao suggested with a smile. The sky was clear and Great Elder Princess Rui'an seemed in good spirits.

"Has the child from Duke Xing's Mansion come?" Great Elder Princess Rui'an nodded and was about to get up, but paused as she did, looking concerned.

Nanny Gao knew about the knot in her mistress' mind, so she instantly avoided the topic, which displeased Great Elder Princess Rui'an even more.

"Your highness, your favorite young master Hao has also come," she replied.

"Really? Where is he?" Great Elder Princess Rui'an became so excited that she reached to pat the bar of the chair. "Hurry up, bring him over. Let me have a look!"

"I'm afraid... he's still outside and can't come over at the moment!" Nanny Gao said vaguely.

"Humph, it's the old woman again. She won't admit it, but she holds him so tight now. If it weren't for..." Speaking of this, Great Elder Princess Rui'an blushed in anger. "Let's go. I'm going to meet Hao'er and see how he has been doing recently and whether he is being bullied!"

She stood up to walk outside.

"It's still early. You can walk around in the garden. I will send someone to find you later!"

After taking two angry steps forward, Great Elder Princess Rui'an suddenly remembered Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan and looked back to tell them.

"Yes, Great Elder Princess!" Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan stood up together and watched the great elder princess leave.

After Great Elder Princess Rui'an left, Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan casually admired the scenery in the garden. There were a lot of Mesdames and Young Mesdames along the way.

Shui Ruolan walked until she was tired, and Qin Wanru found a pavilion for her to sit down and rest. Qin Wanru didn't feel tired. She had climbed over the wall in Qin's Mansion many times, so she was energetic and continued going forward with great interest.

Yujie was not tired either. She was more energetic than ordinary people and wanted to see more of the princess' magnificent mansion and garden. Qin Wanru and Yujie went walked further and further together, not noticing as the crowd around them began to disappear.

After passing through the door of a natural stone arch and turning a corner at some exquisite rock work, Qin Wanru looked up at the several laurel trees planted along the wall. She could smell the strong fragrance of the trees. The little yellow flowers fell on the grass and dusted the shrubs and scattered stones.

It was just a small corner of the courtyard, but it still was a unique piece of art.

"Hey, who are you? Pull me out!"

Qin Wanru was losing herself in the scenery when she heard a child's voice. She couldn't tell if it was a boy or a girl, but she knew that it was a child. She involuntarily looked down in surprise and looked for the child around. She hadn't seen any children when she came in.

"Look, I'm here! Are you blind? I'm here. Can you see me?" The voice was raised in frustration. Qin Wanru walked silently in the direction of the voice and was astonished to find a delicate boy lying in the bushes. He was about six or seven years old with adorable, wide eyes.

However, he scowled as he saw Qin Wanru approach.

"Come and pull me up. I want to crawl inside!" the little boy said, patting the grass beside him.

Qin Wanru took a closer look. The boy was not lying in the grass, but stuck trying to crawl through a hole in the wall. Looking at the high wall and the boy stuck in it, Qin Wanru could not help but laugh.

"Hey, how dare you laugh at me! I'll tell my grandma and ask her to beat you to death!" The boy blushed and pretended to be fierce by clenching his teeth in anger and glaring at Qin Wanru. He beat the grass hard like a lively little beast making threatening gestures with no strength.

"Why are you so rude?" Qin Wanru crouched down and said with a smile.

"None of your business! Who are you? What makes you think that you can tell me that?" With his face suddenly darkening, the boy glared at Qin Wanru angrily like an aggressive cock.

"Hey, why are you talking like that? Our Young Madam talked to you politely. Why are you so rude? Which family does this ill-bred boy come from?"

Yujie also came over. Seeing that it was a cute child, she also teased him.

"Are... you seeking death?" the boy said coldly, grabbed a stone in his hand and threw at Qin Wanru's head without thinking, still cursing, "It has nothing to do with you whether I'm ill-bred or not! Even if I'm ill-bred, I'm still much better than you! You dare to bully me, and I'll tell my grandmas and ask them to beat you to death!"

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What he said was both arrogant and domineering. Even if the child had a beautiful face, he had a disgusting personality.

The stone flew past Qin Wanru's ear. Qin Wanru did not expect that such a beautiful child to suddenly hit someone so impulsively. She did not resist, but only felt a strong wind blowing in her ear. She reached out to touch it and felt a numb pain on her earlobe. The stone must have hit her earlobe.

Yujie came over to see and screamed, "Miss, your ear is bleeding!"

Her tender white earlobe became red, and there was a small wound from where the blood dripped slowly.

Qin Wanru held the handkerchief to her earlobe, but still smiled.

"Why are you so fierce?"

The boy was arrogant before, but he didn't mean to be hit someone. He stared, trying to cover his guilt.

"It is none of your business!" he said, swallowing hard.

"Fine. I will leave you alone. You're just stuck here!" Qin Wanru stood up and looked around. "Nobody will come here. The banquet at the Princess's Mansion is about to begin. And this area is very remote. Maybe it will be still like this in the evening. This place is not clean. Who knows what will come out in the evening?"

Qin Wanru finished speaking and gave a sympathetic look at the kid, who had his eyes wide open in panic but still tried to hide his fear.

"Yujie, let's go quickly in case something unclean comes out to eat people. It's said that this kind of thing specialize in eating kids," Qin Wanru said with false concern.

"Miss, that worries me too. Will... will this be?" Yujie opened her mouth, pointed at the boy on the ground. His whole body was trembling.

Even though he always tried to hide his emotion, he still nervously closed his eyes and stubbornly refused to ask for help. He bit his lips until they were white. Seeing that Qin Wanru and Yujie were really ready to leave, he shouted loudly, "If you don't pull me out, I will kill you after I get out!"

"Ah, that's great. We will see you tomorrow, but I don't know if you will still be here!" Yujie turned her head, looking him up and down for a while. She winked proudly at him, then ignored him and went forward.

The two of them, one after another, kept and disappeared behind the door of the small cavern.

The wind shifted the leaves across a hole in the stone, making an eerie noise.

When he hadn't noticed it, the boy had been calm, but now he was terrified. He started to cry.

"Sister, sister, come quickly to save Hao'er. Hao'er will not be so fierce. Come save Hao'er!"

He tried hard to struggle forward, but his little body was stuck there and could not get out.

The more he thought, the more scared he became. His whimper turned into crying, and his face grew white. He stared at where Qin Wanru had disappeared, and tried hard to reach out.

"Sister, come save me! Sister, come to save me!"

He looked very pathetic, no longer arrogant.

Qin Wanru suddenly appeared at the gate of the cave and blinked her large black eyes.

"Are you still cursing or not?" she asked.

"No! no, sister help me!"

The cruelty on the boy's face had already disappeared. All that remained was surprise that she had come back. He shook his head and looked like an abandoned child.

Even Yujie, who disliked him before, couldn't help but side with him.

"Miss," she began.

Qin Wanru came over, and she squatted beside the boy. Her big bright eyes were full of a gentleness.

"Will you really not swear and hit people casually?"

"I will not swear and hit people!" The boy nodded again and again.

Qin Wanru carefully wiped the dust off the boy's face with her handkerchief.

“Will you be well behaved?”

“Yes, sister, Hao’er will behave!” The boy nodded his head, and his big watery eyes seemed to be able to speak. He kept nodding.

When she wiped him clean, she revealed a face as beautiful as carved jade.

Seeing him become smartt and sensible, Qin Wanru looked at the place where he was stuck. In fact, the hole was not small, but there was a brick wedged in the front. The child had been careless and managed to wedge himself in.

After figuring this out, Qin Wanru had Yujie pry out the stone, then carefully help the child down.

After the boy was out, Qin Wanru took him to the corridor to sit down and cleaned up the dust and mud on his hands with her handkerchief.

“Who did you come here with?” It was impossible for such a young child to come out and play alone. Judging by his clothes and his threats, was not a child from an ordinary family. Moreover, if he’d been invited to the banquet today, those who came with him were not ordinary people.

“The nurse was here just now... I wanted to climb into the hole... She said she would get me something to eat... and then she was gone!” he answered through sobs, his little pink face was crumpled into a ball.

Qin Wanru frowned. The nurse was careless to leave such a young kid alone and go to get food.

As a matter of fact, it was really weird.

She did not know the boy’s background, so she couldn’t risk asking more about his family. Instead she decided to change the topic.

“Why did you think of climbing in the hole?”

“I... I saw that Prince Xin climb in. He... he climbed out and came back... which seemed interesting...” he replied, still sobbing.

Qin Wanru was still holding the boy’s hand and cleaned up his fingers for him one by one.

“Prince Xin climbed in? Is that the hole?” Qin Wanru’s face became strange.

“He did. I saw him... but... but it was not this hole. The nurse said that it was a hole that led outside. This hole is in the mansion, which is safer...” The boy replied, stretching out his hand and gently pushing Qin Wanru. He blushed and was bashful. “Sister, does your ear still hurt? It’s Hao’er’s fault.”

He liked this sister, a gentle girl who could play with him and help him clean up with such care. In the past, that was all done by the servants in the mansion. But even they sometimes just cleaned him up carelessly, and said that he’d just get dirty later.

“Sister is fine. It doesn’t hurt. Don’t worry, Hao’er! Sister wants to know how you got somewhere so remote.” Qin Wanru felt it funny and touched the boy’s downy hair, feeling tender He was actually a kind child. She didn’t know why he pretended to be so arrogant. In fact, he was softhearted.

If he really wanted to hit her, he would have thrown at her body. The target was more obvious, but he'd thrown up and to the side.

"It was the nurse who told me that there were few people here and that it would be fun. We just happened to see the sneaky Prince Xin, so we followed him over. Then he left, leaving me with the nurse!" the boy answered articulately.

"Where are the adults of your family? Why do they feel fine to let a nurse take you away? Where are those around you?" Qin Wanru always felt that there was something wrong about it. If the nurse really had evil designs, it was very easy for an accident to occur.

"Hao'er doesn't have parents!" The boy's head drooped down. He pursed his lips and his eyes turned red again. He tried hard not to cry, showing his best tough smile, but the smile looked sadder than if he'd been crying.

Qin Wanru sighed inwardly, and held the child in her arms, patting him gently on the back. The boy suddenly choked up again, stretched out his small fat hands like an octopus holding Qin Wanru, and buried his head in her arms.

He had no parents. No wonder that even a wet nurse didn't have good intentions. She knew how it felt to be parentless, and patted him on the back in sympathy.

She was not the only fatherless and motherless child in the world.

This child, whose family background was unknown, had the same fate as her...

Everyone at Great Elder Princess Rui'an's mansion was panicking because her grandson was missing. It was said that the matter had something to do with Prince Xin, so Prince Xin was immediately led to the backyard. After her personal questioning, Great Elder Princess Rui'an herself followed Chu Liuxin to the cave in the corner of the back wall, but there was still no one there.

Great Elder Princess Rui'an was so worried that she almost fainted. Chu Liuxin had to work to climb to the cave to look for him by himself. It was no big deal to climb in private, but there was a big crowd. He would be punished after getting back to the imperial palace. This was unexpectedly troublesome.

The grandson of Great Elder Princess Rui'an was really annoying. How did the boy have learned this from him?

Next time, he would find a chance to rough him up. Last time, he'd been so charmed that he'd gave him his favorite newly made football.

Not only did Chu Liuxin lose his temper, the whole mansion was in chaos. Qin Wanru was holding the child, who had dozed off. Qin Wanru was not sleepy, but the boy kept crying and fell asleep in her arms. Qin Wanru's wasn't strong enough to hold the fat boy, but he held onto her tightly. She was afraid to wake him up, so she had to sit down and ended up falling asleep!

Yujie wanted to reach out and hold the child, but Qin Wanru refused. Instead, she wandered off bored.

Not far away from them, a servant girl appeared. She seemed very surprised to see Qin Wanru there. When she saw Qin Wanru holding a child in her arms, she hid quickly.

After a long time, the servant girl reappeared, looked around furtively, and dropped a note on the ground, which read: "Qin Wanru... kid..."

The piece of torn paper blew with the wind...

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The remote corner was really isolated. After a long time, when the child's wet nurse didn't show up. Qin Wanru was sure the wet nurse deliberately ran away.

Since it was getting late, she patted the child's back.

"Time to get up!" she whispered.

The boy seemed to be sleeping very comfortably, so he twisted his body, turned his head aside, and continued to cling to Qin Wanru in his sleep. He was incredibly cute

Qin Wanru smiled and reached out to pinch his small nose and continued to call him. This time, the boy couldn't sleep, so he opened his sleepy eyes, looking at Qin Wanru somewhat confused. He did not know where he was for a moment. His big eyes blinked, then he revealed a clever smile, which was completely unlike the little bully from before.

"Let's go to have a meal!" Qin Wanru's hand fell from his nose and gently pinched his tender, fat, white face.

"Sister!" The boy muttered and wiped his tears with the back of his hand. He was well behaved.

Yujie also felt that she liked him very much, and took the initiative to ask, "Young Master, do you want me to hold you?"

The boy looked at Qin Wanru and looked at Yujie again. He hesitated and shook his head. "No... I want to go with sister!"

He jumped up and took Qin Wanru's hand to go outside.

They went out together, not knowing the way very well. Qin Wanru did not know where she was going after walking several laps. She did not know where the banquet was, so she could only go forward.

Yujie saw a servant girl passing by the door of the cave on the left, and rushed over to ask her for directions.

After pointing to a direction, the servant girl left in a hurry. She seemed to be worried and was ready to turn around to leave, but she stopped in surprise when she saw the boy who was holding Qin Wanru's hand.

"Master Hao?" The servant girl looked at the boy whose little hand was held, and then looked up at Qin Wanru again. She said tentatively, "Miss Qin?"

"Do you know us?" Qin Wanru stood still in astonishment.

The servant girl looked at Qin Wanru cautiously and answered in a low voice, "I know Master Hao!"

"Then how do you know that the one with Master Hao is me?" Qin Wanru looked at the boy from the side and found that he was looking up at her blankly. He realized that the boy did not know the servant girl.

"Well, the whole mansion knows about it..." The servant girl muttered, squatting in front of the boy. She reached out and said, "Master Hao, we've all been looking for you. You'd better go back to see the princess with me."

"Move away. I will go back with sister." The boy pushed the servant girl's hand away and looked at her with vigilance, appearing like a bully again.

"Why does the whole mansion know?" Qin Wanru felt that there was something wrong. It was an accident for her to meet the kid. How could the whole mansion know about it?

The servant girl stood up and looked at Qin Wanru, then at the boy again. She was about to speak, but in the end, said nothing.

"If sister asked you, just answer. Otherwise, I'll tell my grandma that you deliberately bullied me and hit me!" The boy straightened his back and stared imperiously.

He looked very fierce!

But with his small size, tender skin, beautiful face, and fat hands and feet, it didn't look like much of a threat.

However, it was obvious that the opposite servant girl believed him. After hearing what he said, her face turned white with fear. She hastily shook her hands placatingly.

"Master Hao, I'll immediately tell her. You cannot say that I bullied you!"

"Tell me, what is going on?"

Qin Wanru smiled and pinched the boy's hand. The "fierce look" on the boy's face instantly retreated, and he was like a good child again.

The servant girl bowed her head.

"Everyone said that you, Miss Qin, took away Master Hao," she whispered. "It was said that someone saw you deliberately take him away."

"I took him away? Why?"

"They said Master Hao offended Miss Qin, and then, although you didn't know who he was, you were so angry that you wanted to take him away to sell him!"

The servant girl looked at Qin Wanru and found the story unbelievable. The young lady in front of her was not much older than Master Hao. How could she be so vicious? Just because Master Hao, who was bad-tempered, had threatened her, she would deceive Master Hao to take him away?

"Tell me in detail," Qin Wanru said, realization dawning on her face.

Seeing that Qin Wanru was not angry with her and asked gently, the servant girl's heart settled down. She told her everything she knew.

The child in front was Master Hao. He was with his family to attend the banquet of Great Elder Princess Rui'an. Originally, he was with everyone. Later, the child disappeared without anyone knowing why. Everyone was so anxious that even Great Elder Princess Rui'an heard about it.

Great Elder Princess Rui'an asked everyone to look for Master Hao.

It was strange that they could not find him, but they found a piece of shredded paper. Nobody cared much about shredded paper, but then a servant girl who worked with Master Hao said she'd seen him folding it for fun.

Therefore, the paper was handed in.

The piece of paper had been torn, but "Qin Wanru... kid..." was vaguely written.

For a time, people did not know who Qin Wanru was. They went to ask several ladies named Qin, but nobody was her. Then they heard from people of Duke Yong's Mansion that the Young Lady of the Ningyuan Army General in Jiangzhou, who had just entered the capital, was called Qin Yuru, so the lady named Qin Wanru should be her sister.

Later, things became more mysterious. It was said that many people saw Miss Qin passing by, and she seemed to have a child around her...

In the end, it was concluded that Second Miss Qin met Master Hao, who was a little bossy, while walking. Due to his arrogance, he might have offended Second Miss Qin when he spoke. So the Second Miss named Qin Wanru had evil intentions and tried to deceive Master Hao and sell him.

This matter was seen by a servant girl who could write. She was scared of facing Qin Wanru alone, so she picked up a piece of paper dropped by Master Hao and wrote some words down as fast as she could.

By the time she looked up, the figure she was keeping an eye on was gone!

After listening to this story, Yujie was stunned. She looked at Qin Wanru, and then at Master Hao. She didn't know what to say for a moment!

It was all so fantastical.

"Miss... this... this is too ridiculous!" Yujie was dumbfounded.

However, Qin Wanru's face fell. Some people would believe such a ridiculous reason, as they apparently did now!

"Are you a servant girl at this mansion?" A flash of lightning shot through Qin Wanru's mind, as she realized the most important detail. Her face changed dramatically, and anger flashed in her eyes.

Not many people would believe that absurd a story. But if Hao'er had actually been hurt, the absurd remarks would suddenly seem credible! As long as they didn't come back, Qin Wanru would be the culprit.

The key was still the safety of Hao'er. With that in mind, Qin Wanru knew what she had to do next.

"Yes, I am!" the servant replied.

"Can you find more people at once? As fast as possible!" Qin Wanru told her.

"I came here with a few sisters just now. They were over there!"

"Tell them to come over together!" Qin Wanru said.

Sensing the unusual atmosphere, the servant girl nodded her head and didn't dare waste time. She ran and came back with five or six girls.

"Don't make any noise, and come with me!" Qin Wanru said.

The group of servant girls nodded and followed behind Qin Wanru.

It did not take long to get back to the place where Hao'er climbed in the hole before..

As she approached, she could hear two people talking nervously.

"Why is he not here? He should be here!" said a young woman.

"Then you should look for him quickly!" The other woman's voice was somewhat hoarse; she must have been elderly. "Or, you look for him here, and I'll go look around. When you find him, go straight to the hole in the backyard. No one should be there!"

"Alright!" said the young woman.

Qin Wanru stood outside the door of the cave and gave a sign to the servant girls. They understood and followed Yujie out.

The two of them were looking around in front of the tree where Hao'er had gotten stuck. Hearing a sound behind them, they both turned around. They were held by the servant girls, who rushed them before they could collect themselves. Some pulled their arms, and some hugged their waists. It was easy for several servants to deal with each woman.

They were a young woman in her twenties, and a stout old woman in her fifties or sixties. The older woman let the large broom in her hand fall, face twisted with rage.

She thrashed desperately, trying to break the grip of the servants.

"Where did you bitches come from? Do you want to die!?"

The other young woman did not struggle much. She trembled violently, unable to speak.

Qin Wanru walked out from behind the cave doors slowly, gazing at the women with impassive eyes. She smiled, but it was cold and humorless.

"Which mansion are you from? It is impolite to make so much noise in the mansion of Great Elder Princess Rui'an!"

Shocked by her sudden appearance, the old woman twisted several times, but eventually restrained her ferocity.

“Lady, I am the servant of the mansion! I was sweeping the floor just now, and these servant girls rushed over without speaking. It frightened me. Please ask them to let me go, Miss.”

“Are you really the servant of the mansion?” Qin Wanru raised her eyebrow.

“Yes, I am!” the stout old woman said confidently.

“What are you looking for? You seemed very anxious. Tell me, and I will help you,” Qin Wanru said leisurely, while sitting on the corridor floor, pretending to be listening!

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“Young Madam, I don’t know which family you are from, but this is the residence of Great Elder Princess Rui’an. Not just anyone can seize me!” the stout old woman cried out.

Seeing that Qin Wanru had no intention of releasing yet, she began to struggle again. However, Yujie, who was holding her, was strong and twisted her arms fiercely behind her.

“You are from the mansion of Great Elder Princess Rui’an?” Qin Wanru looked the old woman up and down and her eyes fell on her tight clothes.

The old woman servant robes were several sizes too small for her. She loosened the toggle-and-loop button around her neck, revealing a white coat inside. It was not a way any decent woman would want herself to be seen.

When Qin Wanru entered the gate before, she had seen the professional behavior of the servants in Great Elder Princess Rui’an’s mansion. Two rows of servants had stood beside the door, and, even with so many people, they did not make a sound. Great Elder Princess Rui’an was clearly very disciplined in her family management.

The old woman was not only wearing a poorly fitted outfit, her whole look was sloppy. Today, when Great Elder Princess Rui’an invited guests to dinner, an old woman like this would have embarrassed Great Elder Princess Rui’an House.

The old woman couldn’t move, and she struggled against her captors again. As her face turned red due to struggling, she shouted, “Yes, I am. If you don’t believe me, you can ask Great Elder Princess Rui’an!”

It was ridiculous for her to ask Great Elder Princess Rui’an on purpose about this most inferior old woman. How ignorant Qin Wanru would be to do that.

Or, the old woman was sure that Qin Wanru would not trouble Great Elder Princess Rui’an over such a triviality.

Until now, she thought that Qin Wanru was just a Young Madam who passed by and was being officious. If she was fierce, the Young Madam would not dare to meddle with her.

Moreover, it seemed that the lady was too young to meddle in the affairs of others.

Even though she was seized, the old woman did not panic much, but struggled vigorously, cursing the several servant girls around her.

"Are you also from Great Elder Princess Rui'an's Mansion?" Qin Wanru ignored the old woman, who cursed while jumping on her feet. She turned her face to the young woman, whose face had turned white and whose whole body was weak.

In fact, when she came out just now, Hao'er already told Qin Wanru the identity of this woman. As Qin Wanru had guessed, she was the wet nurse who had left Hao'er alone.

666 "No... I am not!" the wet nurse said in a coward way, and her face was so white that she almost fainted.

"Tell me which family are you from?" Qin Wanru looked at the wet nurse calmly, with the corners of her lips raising up slightly. A palpitating mockery flashed through her eyes. "The victim's wet nurse?"

What she said at once shocked the wet nurse, who was too panicked to stand. If it weren't for the two servant girls holding her, she would have almost fallen to the ground.

From the time she saw Qin Wanru, the wet nurse felt bad. Although Qin Wanru looked young and was a weak Young Madam, she had brought so many people with her. As soon as they came out, they rushed over to her and the old woman without any hesitation.

This kind of behavior could not be done by a Young Madam from an aristocratic family.

The wet nurse's eyes fell on Qin Wanru's face involuntarily, trying to see which family the lady was from, and then thinking about what she should say.

Qin Wanru was very delicate. Her beautiful, small face looked gentle but charming, and she still looked childlike. The long eyelashes flashed twice, and there were two uneven shadows on her small pink face. However, this beautiful scene made the wet nurse feel a sly danger.

"Miss... Miss..." the wet nurse stammered.

"Tell me! Tell me everything, and you can probably live!" Qin Wanru sneered.

"Don't talk nonsense..." The old woman on the side found it bad and jumped up to say.

"Cover her mouth!" Qin Wanru said coldly.

Yujie responded and pulled off a dirty pad hanging from the old woman's lap and covered her mouth.

The old woman whined, but could no longer speak.

"What do you want to do? Do you want to sell the young master? How much does he cost? Is he more valuable than your own family? Or, your own family can be sold at a better price!"

Qin Wanru spoke slowly. She looked gentle, and the glow in the sky seemed to fall into her eyes. But there was a glimmer of gloom shuttling in them, as if her anger was circulating inside.

"I didn't... Miss, it's not me. It had nothing to do with me. I just accompanied Master Hao out to play, and then went away because I had something to do. It was this old woman who came here... She said she would take him away... She also said that someone was waiting at the backyard wall to get Master Hao out of the mansion."

The wet nurse burst into tears, crying and pleading.

"I really don't know anything. She... she said that she would just take Master Hao outside to play for a while. Really, I don't know. I really don't know!"

Qin Wanru was silent for a while and then said coldly, "Take her away!" It seemed that the trap was not made by one person and that she was pressed into doing it by someone more than just accidentally.

Originally, there was only herself in this plan.

And these people intended to harm Hao'er. They were so vicious to deal with a motherless child.

She inexplicably thought of her own past life. There was more and more anger in her eyes. When she sat in the corridor, one could almost feel the cold shadow around her.

So a child who lacked a mother's love should be schemed against? Even though it could be seen that Hao'er was not from an average family, he was still plotted like this!

"Sister, what's wrong with you?" Hao'er came out from behind the Moon Cave where he hid before. He came up, pulled Qin Wanru's hand, and gently shook it. He turned around and his thin eyebrows were twisted. Looking at Qin Wanru, he spoke in an uneasy way.

A child's heart is the most sensitive. Even if Qin Wanru did not say anything, he also sensed the anger in her heart.

"Come, go out with sister, Hao'er!" Taking a deep breath, Qin Wanru suppressed her anger, holding his little hand to gently pinch it, and then slowly showed a faint smile.

"Hao'er will leave with sister!" Hao'er raised his head and laughed, showing his shallow dimples, which was very cute.

Qin Wanru took Hao'er out with a large group of people, and soon arrived at the road of Great Elder Princess Rui'an's Mansion. It was conspicuous for such a large group of people to bring a child, who was the Master Hao that everyone was looking for. Besides, there were two women tied up behind them. It was obvious that someone had already reported to Great Elder Princess Rui'an.

What Qin Wanru did not expect was that she did not meet the people of Great Elder Princess Rui'an, but first met Di Fenglan, the Young Lady of Duke Yong's Mansion.

"Hey, aren't you Second Miss Qin? Why did you become like this again since we met not long before? Did you really take the kid away?" Di Fenglan stood under a tree with several young ladies. They seemed to be talking about something. When she heard the sound on the road, she turned around and saw Qin Wanru coming with someone.

Di Fenglan was a little stunned, and then she pouted her lips and came up to speak to her.

Qin Wanru looked up at her, as if she were examining her, then slowly smiled. "Miss Di, what a coincidence that I should meet you again when I show up! It's really destiny!"

"It is not destiny. You are good at blowing your own trumpet !" When Countess Yong was not around, Di Fenglan was very flamboyant. She raised her face and glared at Qin Wanru as if her nose and eyes were not hers.

Di Fenglan snorted, "You are brave enough to seize people in Great Elder Princess Rui'an's Mansion. What do you want to do? Is this the child everyone is looking for? He's just a kid, and you are really angry with him and will sell him. How vicious you are!"

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She was the Young Madam who grew up in an aristocratic family in the capital city, who surely looked down upon Qin Wanru. Qin Yuru said that Qin Wanru was a b*tch who came from nowhere, and that she thought of herself as a Young Madam of an aristocratic family.

"Hey, who are you!" Hearing Di Fenglan scold Qin Wanru like this, Hao'er was not happy, and he raised his head to glare at Di Fenglan fiercely. He taught her a lesson like a little adult. "Which family are you from? You know nothing about the rules. Didn't your family teach you that? You are ignorant of boudoir lessons!"

Di Fenglan didn't expect that she would be scolded by a child. She looked at the child with his angry face, who was pretending to be an adult. Di Fenglan was instantly annoyed. She seemed to see Qin Wanru's figure on the child's face.

"Which family are you from? You are so rude. Why didn't your parents teach you?" Di Fenglan had never been scolded like this before.

Even if she really did something impolite, people would not blame her too much for Di Zhaoyi's sake. Even Yan Xufeng, who was at odds with her, was never so straightforward.

"Which family are you from? Did your parents teach you to respect the old and love the young? Look at what you are now. Which family would want you? Even if you will be poor in the future, no one will want you!" Hao'er shouted with his little waist twisted. He hated being told that he had not been taught by his parents.

This was the taboo after he was sensible.

"You... you..." Di Fenglan's face turned red and white for a while. If there were no one here, she would almost hit him. The more he said, the more annoyed she got.

"What? I am talking about you! You are a bad person because you look so ugly!" Hao'er didn't show mercy to her but said this while rolling his eyes at her.

Although he was young, what he said was very annoying and heart-breaking. Di Fenglan had been praised as one of the beauties in the capital city. It was unexpected that one day he would say she was ugly. She could not bear it anymore.

"Today I will teach you, an uncultivated child, a lesson for your parents!" Di Fenglan said and stepped forward. She was ready to slap Hao'er, but her hand was quickly grasped by Yujie!

"My child doesn't need you to teach!"

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"Your child should be taught!" Di Fenglan said angrily and she was in pain because her hand was being squeezed by Yujie. She did not notice that the several ladies around her had stepped back and looked respectful.

"The child in my mansion should be sent to Duke Yong's Mansion to learn from Miss Di!" A snort came from behind.

Di Fenglan was stunned for a moment and heard it clearly this time. She looked at Qin Wanru, who was pursing her lips tightly. She hurriedly turned her head and saw Rui'an Great Elder Princess, who was surrounded by a large group of Madams and Young Ladies.

Immediately, she was scared and drew back her hand.

She stuttered, "Rui'an...Great... Great Elder Princess!"

When Hao'er saw Rui'an Great Elder Princess, he released the hand of Qin Wanru, and rushed up to Rui'an Great Elder Princess. "Grandma!"

When she saw that her grandson was fine, Rui'an Great Elder Princess's tight face relaxed and she reached out to hug Hao'er.

"Grandma, they wanted to sell me!" When Hao'er plunged into the arms of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, he immediately turned his head, reached out, pointed to the two people who were tied up, and complained.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess took Hao'er in her arms, looked up at the two tied up women, and then her eyes fell on Qin Wanru's face. She smiled slightly. Although others had said that before, she did not believe it at all.

"Young Lady of Duke Yong's Mansion?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess's eyes finally fell on Di Fenglan.

"Great Elder Princess, she is my daughter!" Countess Yong had to brace herself to step forward.

"You raised a good daughter who knows the rules. She even wanted to teach Hao'er for me!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess nodded slightly and smiled coldly.

What she said was very harsh, and Di Fenglan could not stand it. She almost fell due to her staggering, but she responded quickly. She knelt down under the impetus of her falling, and bowed her head, saying with tears, "Great Elder Princess, I didn't know Master Hao is your grandson just now. I... How offensive I am!"

No matter how arrogant Di Fenglan was, she did not dare to be arrogant in front of Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Hmph!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess snorted and ignored her. Her eyes fell again on the bound old woman, whose ill-fitting dress belonged to the princess's mansion.

"Go to check where the old woman is from."

"Yes, I will check it out immediately!" Granny Gao nodded and reached out to ask several servant girls to call the supervisors of various departments. There were so many people in the mansion that Granny Gao herself could not recognize them all.

Hao'er held the neck of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, and said affectionately, "Grandma, it was sister who saved me. They talked nonsense, and it was sister who caught these two bad guys!"

"Grandma knows. Sister is good and the others are bad!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess touched the head of her grandson and her heart was soft.

But then a glimmer of anger flashed in her eyes. "Bring the servant girl who found the note!"

The blame on Qin Wanru was due to a note that was picked up by a servant girl. Since she found the note, she was with Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Princess, you can ask someone to check if there was anyone in the place where Prince Xin climbed out from. Just now, the wet nurse said that she was asked to bring Hao'er there!" Qin Wanru said before she stepped forward and saluted Rui'an Great Elder Princess respectfully.

"It was checked before, and there was no one!" Countess Yong, who was ignored before, smiled apologetically to Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"That was before, which is different from now!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said coldly and waved to a supervisor to go with several old women to the mansion wall where Prince Xin climbed out before.

Chu Liuxin also followed Rui'an Great Elder Princess and blushed with shame after hearing what Qin Wanru had said. He stared at Qin Wan unfriendly. What happened just now already embarrassed him, and now he felt that he had lost face once more when it was mentioned again.

Chu Liuxin felt that Qin Wanru was detestable. Originally, he wanted to make friends with her, but now they could not be friends.

The servant girl was brought to kneel down in front of Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Tell me, where was the paper from?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked coldly.

"Well... I picked it up. Princess, I know nothing. I just picked up a piece of paper..." the servant girl answered worriedly.

"How could you recognize what it says?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess had asked before, but at that time she did not think so thoroughly. Now she understood something.

"There... there was a servant girl who came to help me. She knew the words. As soon as I knew it was related to Master Hao, I came to report you, Princess!" the girl answered with a pale face, and she regretted it. She should not have strived for merit and should have said that the other servant girl was also present at that time.

"Can you still recognize the servant girl?" Granny Gao helped Rui'an Great Elder Princess to ask questions. She looked at Qin Wanru and secretly felt it had something to do with her.

"I was busy reporting to Princess at that time and really did not pay attention to who she was. I only remember that she was not from our mansion." The servant girl cried, in a hurry and confused.

Since she could not recognize her, it seemed that the question about Qin Wanru should be over.

Qin Wanru, who was standing on one side, looked up slightly, and her eyes fell on Di Fenglan, who was still kneeling on the ground. Di Fenglan knelt there with her head down. Before Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked her to get up, she was kneeling there as if she were really repenting.

But just after the servant girl of Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion spoke, her shoulders were obviously loosened and a cold light flashed through her eyes.

"Great Elder Princess, can I ask something?" Qin Wanru asked.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess nodded. At present, although she did not ask about her grandson, she could see that Qin Wanru saved her grandson. So, she liked Qin Wanru more and more.

To return the favor, the interrogation of the servant girl in public was to testify to Qin Wanru's innocence.

"See if there are any servants girls you saw here?" Qin Wanru stretched out and said to the servant girl. The area she pointed at included the servant girls and old women brought by the Madams and Young Ladies who were present.

She could see that Di Fenglan's shoulders tightened again.

Up to now, Qin Wanru had already figured out the cause of the matter. Somehow, Di Fenglan knew something would happen to the kid, and she deliberately added her name. If the kid was really missing, and she went to a remote place, her crime would be beyond dispute without a witness.

How could a weak girl like her afford such a crime!

She was really a mad dog, and wanted to bite her because of the previous conflict!

"I... I don't recognize her!" The servant girl shyly turned her eyes around. Since there were so many servant girls and old women, she really could not recognize her.

"Could you please tell me who else knows my name here, Great Elder Princess?" Looking at Di Fenglan's relaxed shoulders, Qin Wanru looked at her coldly, with an undisguised disgust in her eyes. She thought that she could not do anything to her. In fact, it was just because others did not think of something!

"I arrived in the capital city recently and it was also my first time to attend a banquet. I had no contact with the people in the capital city. How could someone know my name, and write down my name to blame me and kill me?" Qin Wanru said coldly.

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With this remark, she immediately reminded everyone present.

Not everyone could know Qin Wanru's name. People looked at each other, and those with a quick response at once looked at the people from Duke Yong's Mansion.

"According to Duke Yong's Mansion before, the Young Lady is called Qin Yuru, and this lady should be Qin Wanru. After all, they are sisters."

"By the way, Duke Yong's Mansion has a kinship with Qin's Mansion. Even if others don't know her name, they certainly know about it!"

"It's true. That is to say, this note has something to do with Duke Yong's Mansion!"

"Miss Di has quarreled with this lady before, and she did it again. Is she..." Some were guessing, some were asking, and some looked at Di Fenglan with surprise.

There was no need for Rui'an Great Elder Princess to ask again. All the questions were immediately pushed to Duke Yong's Mansion because of what everybody said.

Countess Yong was stunned, and her face immediately became terrible. She said urgently, "It has nothing to do with our mansion. And it was not us who said that."

It was not them who had said that before. It was just a servant girl they brought.

But how could a servant dare to talk nonsense without her master's suggestion! Everyone looked suspiciously at Countess Yong.

"Princess, I'm finished!" The goal was achieved. Qin Wanru smiled coldly and no longer asked anything. Then, she stepped back to Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

Her story was just an interlude. The main play was about kidnapping the grandson of Great Elder Princess. Someone just framed her with it.

She was also totally suspicious of Di Fenglan's involvement. She could not really testify that it was Di Fenglan, but now this was enough!

"Countess Yong, I am sorry. You should go back first. I won't keep you because I have something else to do!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said coldly, and did not look at them after that. She just brushed her sleeves to leave!

She was directly driving out a guest in public. For a time, Countess Yong's face turned blue and white. She was embarrassed and angry.

She was a noble Madam in the capital city. Not only her own family but also her husband's family was excellent. She was always the distinguished guest at a banquet. How could she expect to be driven away on the spot?

If it were someone else, she would have left with a sneer. But the point was that she was Rui'an Great Elder Princess, the aunt of the emperor.

"Mother!" Seeing Rui'an Great Elder Princess leave, Di Fenglan stood up with her servant girl's hand, and her eyes fell on Qin Wanru indignantly.

Bearing the eyes of mockery and ridicule, Countess Yong ground her teeth and said, turning to her daughter, "Let's go!"

"Mother, I..." Di Fenglan was not reconciled. She still wanted to trouble Qin Wanru, but Countess Yong glared at her fiercely. She had to turn around and leave with Countess Yong.

It was unknown who laughed behind her, and then more and more mockery came from behind. Countess Yong felt that her whole face was burning, she had never suffered such indignation before.

Seeing Countess Yong leave, Qin Wanru slowly turned her head and was about to wander around the garden again. It seemed that the banquet would not begin for a while.

"Second Miss Qin, please don't go!"

Chapter 149 A Noble and Pitiful Life

"Miss Yan!"

Qin Wanru looked back and saw Yan Xulan smiling and walking to her.

"Can we walk together?" Yan Xulan asked. She smiled and pointed to a gravel road.

"Alright!" Qin Wanru nodded. After everything, she still just walked away casually.

Great Elder Princess Rui'an was going to deal with her grandson's affairs now. The rest of the uninvolved people left in twos and threes. Many people strolled around and shared gossip, most of which was about the disgrace of Duke Yong's mansion.

It was shameful to be dismissed by Great Elder Princess Rui'an. Tonight's events greatly weakened the reputation of Duke Yong's Mansion.

"Second Miss Qin, do you know much about the child you were with?"

Yan Xulan found Qin Wanru pleasant looking, so stayed to talk to her.

"Not much. Who is he?" Qin Wanru was also quite curious.

In her last life, she got no news and knew very little. She only vaguely heard news Qin Yuru and Madam Di let slip. She did not quite understand the things Hao'er had said.

It was obvious that he was the grandson of Great Elder Princess Rui'an. Why did he have no parents? And why would he be targeted like this?

"He is the son of Infanta Qinghua, the daughter of Great Elder Princess Rui'an, and he is the only legitimate son of the former Duke Xing." Yan Xulan sighed. "He is a pitiable child!"

"Why is he a pitiable child?" Qin Wanru frowned with her beautiful arched eyebrows and felt that there was something to it. His family determined that the child was extremely noble, so how could he make people lament?

The name Duke Xing stirred something in Qin Wanru's memory. The so-called former Duke Xing, in fact, was not the present Duke Xing. He seemed to be the brother of the present Duke Xing.

"The former Duke Xing married Infanta Qinghua, but his mother did not like her. He asked to leave the capital city and go to the border with Infanta Qinghua. They lived there for many years, and they seemed so far away. It was even inconvenient to send letters there. Outsiders were not clear about

where they lived. When the turmoil broke out, people here in the capital city were sent to look for them, but only Infanta Qinghua came back in the end!

"This child is the posthumous son of Infanta Qinghua. When she gave birth, she bled heavily. So she died young because they failed to save her!"

Yan Xulan sighed. "Originally, he was God's favored one, but has now become an orphan without parents. It is said that the current Madam treats him well, but because of her bad relationship with Infanta Qinghua, she doesn't care much about him. Meanwhile, Great Elder Princess Rui'an loves him very much."

"...Zhuzhuo... Zhuzhuo... Hao'er" A picture flashed in Qin Wanru's mind. It was a blurred picture, in which a woman was holding her hand and seemed to be talking to her. However, she couldn't hear or see clearly. Her heart felt struck by something heavy. There was a kind of unspeakable convulsion in her heart, which made her almost fall down in a short time.

The sharp pain surged from her heart through her body!

"Miss... Miss, what's wrong with you?" Yujie's voice was a little far away.

Qin Wanru looked at Yujie blankly, as if she was somewhere far off. Yujie panicked and stretched out her hand to hold her.

Yan Xulan did not know what had happened, but also helped Yujie to support Qin Wanru.

It took a bit for Qin Wanru to collect herself. She could hear and see what was in front of her. Yujie and Yan Xulan held her, and there were no strange scenes or unknown voices shouting at her.

"Second Miss Qin, what happened to you?"

"I... I'm fine!" After a long while,

Everything receded like the tide, as if the pain just now was just an illusion.

She took a deep breath. Her little pink face was pale without a trace of blood. She was clearly in poor condition.

Yan Xulan looked anxiously.

"Second Miss Qin, are you really fine?" she asked. Just now, Qin Wanru's had looked healthy and full of energy, but now he lips were white.

"I'm really okay. I just feel somewhat dizzy!" Qin Wanru stretched out her hand to press her forehead, looking powerlessly at the sun over her head.

"Then let's sit off to the side!" Yan Xulan helped her over to a stone bench under a tree.

"Thank you, Miss Yan!" Qin Wanru sat down weakly with a slight smile on her face. She reached out to touch her forehead again. Maybe she had overtaxed her mind and slipped into a hallucination for a bit.

"You're welcome! I found you congenial, unlike Di Fenglan. We don't get along with each other. Every time we meet, we quarrel!" Yan Xulan smiled brightly.

Her straightforward character left a good impression on Qin Wanru. She looked up with a smile.

"Miss Yan, is there something less formal I can call you?"

"Of course! You can call me Xulan, and I can call you Wanru. Is that alright?" Yan Xulan had long wanted ask this herself, hadn't found the right time. "And 'Miss' sounds so stiff!"

"I'll call you Big Sister Yan!" Qin Wanru smiled.

"I'll call you Sister Wanru, or Wanru!" Yan Xulan smiled, satisfied with the address. Her eyes were crunched with laughter.

"Sister Yan, will the son of Duke Yong marry my Big Sister? I've heard he might," Qin Wanru said. She liked Yan Xulan's straightforward personality.

"Really?" Yan Xulan widened her eyes and said in surprise, "I thought he would marry someone from the Ning mansion. I've heard about the marriage of cousins between the two families!"

"Ning's Mansion?" Qin Wanru asked. She was curious. In her last life, Di Yan did not seem to have planned to marry Qin Yuru at first, but then it seemed that something happened which made Qin Yuru marry Di Yan. However, Miss Ning still married him!

"Yes, it's a distant relative of Countess Yong's mother. They are cousins and she is good-looking. I heard that she grew up with Master Di, so why not marry him? When I saw Ning Caixian before, she also said they would get married!" Yan Xulan, sounding puzzled.

Miss Ning Caixian was a niece of Countess Yong. Although they were not closely related, Ning Caixian was very talkative, which made Countess Yong like her. Di Yan and her had been friends since childhood. It was said that there was already an agreement between them.

When it was time, the engagement would be settled. Many people knew it!

"Why haven't they gotten engaged already?" Qin Wanru still felt it strange.

"Before, Ning Caixian had to observe a period of mourning for her grandfather. Her grandfather and Countess Yong's mother were siblings!" Yan Xulan answered.

Qin Wanru was silent for a while.

"What is Miss Ning's family like?" she asked. There had to be a reason for how the marriage had gone in her previous life.

"The Ning family is fine, but it's not a noble family. The Marquises' mansion of Fengyang and Duke Yong's mansion always take care of them. Her father is a minor official," Yan Xulan said, and then pouted. "If there is something wrong, she's the type to kick up a fuss. But Duke Yong's son seems to enjoy it!"

Yan Xulan added laughed maliciously. "Duke Yong's son is always like that. He would probably fall for whoever is good-looking!"

Qin Wanru laughed too. For those who were familiar with Di Yan, it was really true. He liked beauties, and he was most sympathetic to women.

Seeing Qin Wanru smile knowingly, Yan Xulan could tell they felt the same way, and felt braver with her questions.

“Did your mansion really unite Duke Yong’s Mansion by marriage?”

Qin Wanru thought for a while and decided to tell her the truth

“That is what Madam Di and Big Sister thought, but Duke Yong’s Mansion has not decided yet!”.

“Ah, he is so promiscuous and should be more particular. You think too highly of him!” Yan Xulan said with disdain. With her eyes turning, she added “Your Big Sister doesn’t seem to be a good one either. Her servant spread all sorts of nasty gossip about you, saying that you seduced a man who’d come to marry her, and then refused to marry him. The whole Qin mansion was embarrassed because of you!”

Yan Xulan hadn’t heard the rumors before, but after seeing the scene on the road, she asked several ladies who were friends with Qin Yuru. Only then did she find out that the young lady of Qin’s mansion had been spoiling her sister’s reputation behind her back.

Before Qin Wanru even arrived in the capital city, her bad reputation had been spread, which was very unpleasant to hear.

Qin Wanru had already known well about the plan of Qin Yuru and Madam Di. Before she arrived in the capital city, they secretly transferred Qin Yuru’s scandal onto her. They thought that first impressions were the strongest.

In the future, even if there were some bad rumors coming from Jiangzhou, it would be unclear which ones were real. With such a long journey, how could the news be accurate?

Madam Di and her daughter were so calculating. Qin Wanru slightly raised her chin, and then they curved into a cold smile. Her twinkling eyes flashed as an idea came to her.

Even if she didn’t say it, she could start to set it in motion. Madam Di and her daughter racked their brains to plot against her. But now, she had something that could tear away their masks!

The two sat under the tree talking for some time. The more they talked, the more congenial they became. An hour passed before they knew it. The delayed banquet began, and servant girls came to invite them over.

They followed the servant girls together and saw a group of people rushing past halfway. Yan Xulan pointed at the woman in front.

“That’s the current Duchess Xing!”

Qin Wanru looked to the front of the group. When she saw the woman’s face, her eyes lit with cold anger.

She knew that woman!

Chapter 150 Rui’an Great Elder Princess’ Sadness in the Last Life

She was Madam of Duke Xing!

It seemed that Qin Wanru had nothing to do with this woman in her last life but this woman just seemed to be everywhere. Qin Wanru even thought that when she met this Madam of Duke Xing in her last life, her life had been doomed!

The vague feeling that her life was controlled and pushed step by step into the abyss made her helpless and desperate. However, she couldn't find out finally who was the ringleader.

She didn't expect that she would meet the Madam of Duke Xing again here, much earlier than in her last life.

In her last life, she had no chance to attend Great Elder Princess' banquet so she didn't meet Madam of Duke Xing.

Something incomprehensible in her last life suddenly became clear, telling her that this woman was very dangerous! This was the conclusion of her two lives.

Madam of Duke Xing didn't look well. However, she was not angry but worried. Her worried face even seemed to be a little rattled.

Madam of Duke Xing was very beautiful. Her worried look made her seem to be calm like a Madam of an aristocratic family and kind. Feeling that someone was looking at them, she raised her head and looked into Qin Wanru's eyes. Although she didn't recognize Qin Wanru, she knew Yan Xulan besides Qin Wanru.

Even though she looked very worried, she slightly smiled at them in a very polite way, then she removed her eyes and left hurriedly.

Yan Xulan stopped talking at once and bowed sideways while Madam of Duke Xing was looking at her.

She felt relaxed until Madam of Duke Xing left with her servants and said, "Do you think that Madam of Duke Xing is very powerful?"

"It seems so!" Qin Wanru said quietly.

"I heard that she manages the whole Mansion of Duke Xing and arranges everything in her mansion in perfect order. She is very capable. Young Lady of Duke Xing is also a gentle and graceful lady. I must introduce her to you when we meet her sometime. She is very nice and totally different from Di Fenglan!"

Yan Xulan said.

So it meant that Shao Yanru, the eldest daughter of Duke Xing had a very good reputation. Her lips curved in a cold smile. She looked forward to meeting Shao Yanru again very much!

When they arrived at the banquet, Qin Wanru then looked for Shui Ruolan before the banquet began. Seeing Qionghua shaking her hands far, Qin Wanru then left Yan Xulan and went to Shui Ruolan. When she went closer, she suddenly found that the table she would sit at was very close to the main table, even close at hand.

When she just sat down beside Shui Ruolan and before she talked to her, a boy who kept wriggling in his seat at the main table suddenly left his seat, rushed up to her and said, "Sister!"

After calling her affectionately, he jumped and hugged her suddenly!

Qin Wanru quickly reached out and held him with her body going backward. If Yujie had not caught her, they would have fallen down together.

A young woman ran anxiously and said, "Childe Hao, please wait for me! Be careful!" Qin Wanru turned and looked at her, finding out that the woman was not the nanny who tried to plot against Hao'er before.

Hao'er climbed onto the chair beside Qin Wanru, kept patting the woman's outstretched hand, and said, "I want to sit with this sister!"

"Then let him sit there!" said Rui'an Great Elder Princess at the main table. She laughed and thought that it was quite delightful to see these two pretty children sitting together.

Hearing Rui'an Great Elder Princess' words, the young woman dared not say anything else and just stood behind Hao'er.

Seeing Qin Wanru, Hao'er was quite happy and kept talking with her. The little boy was angry and irritated just now and then became wronged and sad now. Seeing this, Qin Wanru could not help laughing, thinking that why this little boy would be so emotional.

However, Qin Wanru learned from his words that Rui'an Great Elder Princess was irritated. It seemed that she scolded people from the Mansion of Duke Xing and asked them to leave Hao'er in the mansion strongly.

Thinking that Madam of Duke Xing just came back in a hurry, she supposed that Madam of Duke Xing was to report to Old Madam in the mansion because of this.

She left so hurriedly that she didn't care about the courtesy, seeming that she didn't want to leave Hao'er here at all. It also seemed that Mansion of Duke Xing did care about this boy and was unwilling to let him get wronged outside.

Thus, even if she left her courtesy behind, others would consider her as a kind madam.

A hint of suspect flashed in her eyes. She didn't believe that the Madam of Duke Xing would be so nice!

She reached out, patted Hao'er's hand, and asked, "Hao'er, could you tell me your name?"

Throwing his chest out, Shao Yuanhao answered proudly, "My name is Shao Yuanhao!"

Qin Wanru frowned because she had no memory about this boy. Logically, Qin Yuru then built relationships with the Mansion of Duke Xing, which made all servants proud of this. They also talked about the Mansion of Duke Xing from time to time. However, Qin Wanru couldn't remember that there was a boy in the Mansion of Duke Xing.

"Why would I know nothing about this noble boy, the grandchild of Rui'an Great Elder Princess?"

Thinking about what happened today, she was suddenly in a cold sweat. She thought, "Does this boy come to a bad end at last? Is that the reason that nobody in the Mansion of Duke Xing mentions it?"

Biting her lips and trying to calm down, she suddenly remembered that there was a big event happened in her last life, a very big event which caused a great flutter in the capital city—Rui'an Great Elder Princess decided to become a nun.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess was the Emperor's natural aunt and very noble. However, she made this decision all of a sudden. Some people even heard that not only the Emperor tried to persuade her but also the Empress Dowager. However, no matter who came and persuaded, Rui'an Great Elder Princess decided to do this persistently.

The Queen and Empress Dowager didn't agree her so they transformed the place behind the backyard of the Mansion of Rui'an Great Elder Princess into a Buddhist nunnery and made it open to the public. So Rui'an Great Elder Princess could be a nun in her own mansion.

In her last life, she couldn't figure out that why Rui'an Great Elder Princess would make such a decision suddenly and why she would take things too hard while she was in such a position and was very noble and rich.

If Shao Yuanhao, the only natural grandchild of Rui'an Great Elder Princess came to a bad end, given how Rui'an Great Elder Princess loved him, she definitely couldn't bear this.

In light of what happened today, there must be someone who tried to hurt Shao Yuanhao. Shao Yuanhao actually was the successor of the Mansion of Duke Xing, who was a little bit like Chu Liuchen.

In terms of his position, if Rui'an Great Elder Princess helped him become the Duke's successor, it would be much easier to succeed. Thus, his appearance now hindered Duke Xing and his Madam's work.

Qin Wanru almost clarified her thought instantly. If there was someone who didn't want to see this child, there was nobody except Duke Xing and his wife.

Qin Wanru almost got her idea into shape without hesitation because she had doubted the Mansion of Duke Xing in her last life. However, she also found that there was no direct evidence related to the Mansion of Duke Xing. Otherwise, Madam of Duke Xing would not come back in a hurry and worry but not in a panic!

Qin Wanru smiled and asked, "So are you living in the Mansion of Princess?"

"Yes! Here! I live with my granny!" answered Shao Yuanhao, blinking his big eyes and keeping eating fruits. His bulging mouth once opened and then closed, which made him very cute.

"Would your paternal granny be willing to leave you here?" asked Qin Wanru, using her handkerchief to wipe his mouth.

"Granny..." He rolled his eyes and hesitated, seeming that he was reluctant to leave her when mentioning his granny.

So it should be an important reason that Shao Yuanhao was raised in the Mansion of Duke Xing for these years.

Qin Wanru also rolled her eyes and asked gently, "Are you unwilling to live with Rui'an Great Elder Princess?"

“But I am also unwilling to leave my granny, my aunt, my elder sister and brother!” Hao’er lowered his head, seeming that he was sad. It seemed that all people in the Mansion of Duke Xing were good, very good people in his mind. Otherwise, a child would not obsess with them like this.

“How hypocritical this family is!”

Qin Wanru sneered in her heart. Although she couldn’t consider all people of the Mansion of Duke Xing as villains, some of them must be bad. It was really dangerous for Shao Yuanhao to stay in the Mansion of Duke Xing.

The reason why they didn’t implement the plan in the Mansion of Duke Xing but in front of Rui’an Great Elder Princess definitely was that they were afraid that the Elder Princess would blame it on the Mansion of Duke Xing while she would blame herself for this if this happened in her own mansion.

There must be a very special chance that Hao’er encountered something really bad in the Mansion of Princess in the last life, which made her so self-condemned and desperate that she decided to become a nun.

“How merciless they are!”

Qin Wanru said in surprise, “There are so many people in your mansion!”

Shao Yuanhao nodded his head proudly. He raised his head and smiled so brightly that others even could not see his eyes.

“But there would be your maternal granny alone. She is so pitiful!” said Qin Wanru, smiling. Glancing at Rui’an Great Elder Princess who sat at the main table, Qin Wanru suddenly became sad and worried.

“Your maternal granny only has you. If you leave her, how pitiful she would be!”

Shao Yuanhao twitched his mouth and his smile has all gone. Like Qin Wanru, he also shot a glance at Rui’an Great Elder Princess and then asked, “Only me?”

He always thought that his maternal granny wasn’t as good as his grandpa because he was raised in the Mansion of Duke Xing and seldom came to the Mansion of Princess. Sometimes his maternal granny even scolded him, which made him unhappy while his granny, aunt, elder brother and sister would never scold him.

But now he realized that his maternal granny was so pitiful because there was only herself in such a big mansion. Shao Yuanhao suddenly felt that he was bad and twisted his chubby hands.

“Granny just invited me to stay here but I just twisted my body and refused her. Is she sad now?”