

Medical Princess 341

Chapter 341 Is It Deterrence or Conciliation?

"Our Miss has learned some medical skills when she was in Jiangzhou!" Yujie answered for Qin Wanru.

"Then... After the Second Miss arrived in the capital, has she cured an old lady?" Nanny Yu could not help but take two steps forward to see Qin Wanru more clearly.

"Once I cured one in an alley. Is she your master?" Qin Wanru smiled and admitted.

The smile on Qin Yuru's face froze. "When did Qin Wanru rescue the Madam Dowager of Duke Xing's Mansion? Why didn't I know?" Hearing that, Qin Huaiyong frowned, which others did not notice.

"It's really you. The Qin's Mansion turns out to be Ningyuan Army General's. No wonder I couldn't find it. Thanks to the Second Miss, our Madam Dowager could be all right. If it hadn't been for the Second Miss, our Madam Dowager would have..."

Nanny Yu was moved and saluted Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru hurriedly stood up to avoid and reached out to slightly help Nanny Yu, saying, "Nanny Yu, you're welcome!"

"I have to thank you. Thank you very much, Second Miss. I'll come to express our thanks again the other day!" Nanny Yu said with gratefulness.

"Nanny Yu, how do you know the second sister? Do you recognize the wrong person?" Qin Yuru asked with an unhappy look as she tore the handkerchief fiercely.

"On that day, Madam Dowager went out with me. Unexpectedly, she suddenly became ill. I wanted to take her back as soon as possible, so we took a short cut. Our carriage happened to meet the Second Miss's, and no one could go out. The situation was very urgent. So the Second Miss came to treat our Madam Dowager, who then woke up!"

Nanny Yu sat down again and said gratefully.

She was really grateful to Qin Wanru. If it had not been for Qin Wanru that day, Madam Dowager would have died even if she could went back to the mansion. Later, the doctor, who had been treating Madam Dowager for a long time, said that Madam Dowager had almost died. If Madam Dowager had died, Nanny Yu, who had been attending upon Madam Dowager, could hardly absolve herself from the blame even though she was Madam Dowager's henchman.

From this point of view, Qin Wanru had saved not only Madam Dowager, but also her.

Qin Yuru did not believe Qin Wanru. She snorted coldly and said, "Is the medical skill of the second sister so good? It's just a good luck, isn't it?"

"The Second Miss's medical skill is very good. When she acupunctured Madam Dowager, I was there. She is very skilled. At first sight, I knew that she had spent a lot of time and energy in learning. Young as the Second Miss, her medical skill is so good. She's really wonderful!" Nanny Yu repeatedly praised Qin Wanru. The more she saw her, the more she thought her was pleasant.

"Nanny Yu, it's all over, so don't talk about it. Didn't you say you want to talk to my second sister? Now she's here, please say what you want to say!" Qin Yuru was impatient when she saw that Nanny Yu was still praising Qin Wanru. She picked up the teacup at hand, took a sip, put it down heavily, and urged Nanny Yu.

Nanny Yu did want to say something. This time, she was sent by Madam Dowager. There had been some uncertain things. But when she saw the pastry, they became certain. Since it was the descendant of heir, it could not be bullied, so Nanny Yu came here to intimidate Qin Wanru.

However, Qin Wanru had saved Madam Dowager, so she could not say the words she had prepared.

Nanny Yu coughed to clear her throat, and hesitated.

"Nanny Yu, you'd better hurry up. Madam Dowager is still waiting for you to report!" Qin Yuru was getting more and more unhappy, and her face darkened.

Nanny Yu coughed again, knowing that she had to say. The smile on her face faded and she said with a serious look, "Second Miss, our Madam Dowager likes the First Miss very much. She heard that because of the pair of blood jade bracelets she sent to the First Miss, the First Miss had a dispute with you when she went out of Duke Xing's Mansion. She's afraid that there will be more disputes between you two, so she asked me to bring you another pair of blood jade bracelets!"

This sounded polite. It seemed that even if something like that had happened, Madam Dowager would still give Qin Wanru a gift.

But after thinking deeply, one would find that the words were very vicious. It meant that yesterday's event was caused by Qin Wanru's jealousy of Qin Yuru. She envied Qin Yuru's blood jade bracelets given by Madam Dowager, so she deliberately made a scene to embarrass Qin Yuru and broke a pair of blood jade bracelets Qin Yuru was wearing at that time.

The reason was all Qin Wanru's fault!

Yujie was so angry in her mind that her face turned white. She stared at Nanny Yu with hatred. "I should have stopped Miss from saving that Madam Dowager at the beginning. Unexpectedly, she maliciously put all the faults on our Miss."

Nanny Yu finished and clapped her hands. Then a maid, who had been following her, came with a delicate box in her hand. Nanny Yu took the delicate box and opened it. She handed it to Qin Wanru with a smile and said, "Second Miss Qin, please accept it!"

If Qin Wanru really accepted this pair of jade bracelets, it would prove that what Nanny Yu said before was right. It meant that the quarrel between the two sisters in the street yesterday was designed by Qin Wanru and Qin Wanru deliberately made Qin Yuru angry and broke her bracelets, because Qin Wanru was envious of Qin Yuru's gift from Madam Dowager!

If Qin Wanru did not accept it, it meant that she had no respect for Madam Dowager of Duke Xing's Mansion, who was not only the elder but also the dignified. So how could Qin Wanru refuse it!

Up to now, Qin Wanru had to accept it even if she did not want to. In addition, she had to admit that she was narrow-minded and had framed her sister.

Qin Wanru had to admit that the Madam Dowager of Duke Xing's Mansion was cruel and heartless.

"I dare not accept the gift from Madam Dowager. If Madam Dowager wants to help us, she could give First Sister the bracelets!" Qin Wanru said in a neither humble nor arrogant way.

"It's so bold of you! Qin Wanru, how dare you refuse the reward of the Madam Dowager of Duke Xing's Mansion. Don't you know that we can't refuse the gift from the elder?" Seeing Qin Wanru really dared to refuse, Qin Yuru immediately darkened her face and snapped.

"What do you want to say, sister?" Seeing this kind of Qin Yuru, Qin Wanru came up with an idea in her mind. She sneered and said, "Sister, do you mean that you want me to be responsible for the whole matter? Do you mean that it's all my fault? I was jealous of you and framed you, so you lost control of yourself in the street and beat and scolded me, right?"

She did not believe that Nanny Yu would still force her to bear all responsibility and her father would still stand by after she spoke out the hidden meaning.

"Qin Wanru, what are you talking about!" Qin Yuru frowned, stood up, and snapped at her.

"Can't you understand what I said?" Qin Wanru asked back. Then she turned to Nanny Yu and said, "Nanny Yu, even though Madam Dowager likes First Sister, she can't let people think so, can she? I heard that Madam Dowager is kind. I think she didn't take this into consideration. Please take back the bracelets!"

If Nanny Yu did not take back the bracelets, it meant that Madam Dowager really had bad intentions.

Even though Madam Dowager was noble, she still could not interfere in the affairs of the womenfolk's place of Qin's Mansion. In fact, Qin's Mansion and Duke Xing's Mansion had nothing to do with each other.

And what made Nanny Yu blush was that Qin Wanru had saved Madam Dowager before. It was clear that Madam Dowager was returning Qin Wanru's kindness with enmity.

Even though Nanny Yu had prepared some other words to deal with Qin Wanru, being looked at by Qin Wanru, she felt speechless at this time. So she smiled and took back her hands. "Since Second Miss Qin doesn't like them, and even misunderstood the good intentions of Madam Dowager, I'll take them back. Next time, Madam Dowager will ask others to send you honoraria!"

"I dare not accept the honoraria from Madam Dowager. I studied medicine to save lives. If I see someone ill and don't save him or her, it's my great fault. I can't deserve Madam Dowager's honoraria!" Qin Wanru's face became more and more peaceful, as if the other side was not the noble Madam Dowager of Duke Xing's Mansion, but just an ordinary old woman on the road.

"Qin Wanru, you dare not to accept the gift of Madam Dowager. You are so impolite!" When Qin Yuru saw Nanny Yu's appearance and found that she was feckless, she became anxious at once.

"Sister, you want to force me to bear the responsibility?" Qin Wanru narrowed her eyes slightly and asked Qin Yuru.

"What? It's your fault. How dare you not admit it. It's clear that you deliberately smashed my blood jade bracelets. But you actually said I smashed them. Qin Wanru, God is watching your every move!" Thinking of yesterday, Qin Yuru screamed in anger.

How could she not be anxious when she found that Nanny Yu was useless.

"Yuru, shut up!" Qin Huaiyong was unpleasant. Seeing that Qin Yuru was going to scream again, he suddenly shouted.

"I..." Qin Yuru bit her teeth and glared at Qin Wanru. She felt that she could not suppress her anger and said, "Father, Qin Wanru framed me yesterday!"

"Father, if you don't believe it, you can go to the street and ask any passerby!" Qin Wanru replied calmly.

Whether by their manners or their tones and eyes, all the people in the room felt that Qin Wanru was more credible. Looking at Qin Yuru's resentful and ferocious face, one would only think that she was obviously jealous and hateful. It was clear that which one would intentionally make a scene because of jealousy.

Nanny Yu stepped back and handed the delicate box to the maid. The maid stepped back. She also stepped back and frowned. Now she did not know how to solve this problem.

If the Second Miss in front of her had not saved her Madam Dowager's life, she thought that she could intimidate her with the influence of Duke Xing's Mansion. After all, in her view, Qin Wanru was just an unmarried young lady who came from a small place. It was not difficult to deal with this matter if she overawed her and promised her some benefits at the same time.

But this young lady had saved her Madam Dowager's life. Even though Nanny Yu was capable, she still felt guilt and could say nothing.

Glancing at the delicate pastry on the table, Nanny Yu sighed. In this situation, she did not know what she could do. The First Miss Qin seemed to be the biological granddaughter of Madam Dowager and the biological daughter of the deceased heir. She was still doubtful before when she came here, but now she was very sure after seeing the pastry.

She had not seen this kind of pastry for more than ten years. It was made by the mold that Infanta Qinghua brought when she got married. Later, the mold was taken away by Infanta Qinghua. Unexpectedly, she saw it again many years later. Nanny Yu had confirmed Qin Yuru's identity.

However, what made her sigh was that this miss seemed to have been spoiled by Madam Di. Unexpectedly, she was not noble-spirited and was easy to get angry. How could she do?

She wondered whether she should help Qin Yuru, or whether she should force herself to help her once...

Chapter 342 Grandma, I Rejected Them

"Nanny Yu, where did Old Madam go that day? Her poor health seemingly makes it unsuitable for her to go on an excessively tiring trip." Qin Wanru looked towards Nanny Yu with her bright eyes and smiled suddenly.

With her heart suddenly pounding, Nanny Yu immediately recalled that Old Madam went out to do something that day indeed and made quite a scene after returning. Later, in order to find Qin Wanru, Old Madam called Madam of Duke Xing over and asked her to send someone to seek Qin Wanru. Numerous people in their mansion knew that a Miss Qin saved their Old Madam.

At that time, in order to find Qin Wanru, Nanny Yu clearly described Qin Wanru's characteristics. At a young age, she looked sedate with an exquisite face and medical skills. When she grew up, she must be an exceedingly gorgeous lady. She was surnamed Qin and little-known in the capital.

Nanny Yu was really grateful at that time and described her very detailedly.

Now thinking of it, Nanny Yu almost confirmed that Qin Wanru was the one that had saved Old Madam. In this case, if Old Madam insisted intimidating Qin Wanru, Old Madam would be considered ungrateful. Nanny Yu didn't dare to make Old Madam bear this reputation.

"Thank you for your concern, Second Miss. I express gratitude for my master. Second Miss, now I should return to handle something. I'll come over next time to express gratitude again."

Encountering Qin Wanru greatly exceeded her expectation. Nanny Yu thought it necessary to go back and discuss it with Old Madam. At this moment, she couldn't act rashly, so she stood up instantly and said with a greasy smile.

If Old Madam bore the reputation of ingratitude, it would affect the reputation of the entire Duke Xing's Mansion and she would take a great responsibility for it.

"Nanny Yu, didn't you say that Old Madam asked you to pass on a message to my second sister?" Seeing that Nanny Yu was about to leave, Qin Yuru got anxious.

"I've passed on the message just now. Since the truth turns out to be different from what Old Madam thought, you should communicate more with each other. Only if you two get on well with each other, others will consider that the Qin's Mansion has good manners and tends to be prosperous. So I hope that both of you could take a step back!"

Nanny Yu said with a smile. She seemed to mediate between them and indicate that they shouldn't fight with each other for the sake of the reputation of the Qin's Mansion. However, she didn't say anything about Duke Xing's Mansion and seemingly stayed out of the affair. Qin Yuru was so angry that she opened her eyes wide. The old servant didn't say that a moment ago.

Qin Wanru calmly glanced at Nanny Yu without saying anything. When first meeting Nanny Yu in Duke Xing's Mansion, she had realized that Old Madam would never show ingratitude no matter Old Madam accepted her kindness or not.

Since Old Madam had such a serious accident, as an old maid, she would certainly have described Qin Wanru's characteristics in an extremely detailed way. Actually it was not difficult for Qin Wanru to prove that she was the one Old Madam met that day. The coachman of the Qin's Mansion had seen Old Madam's coachman and guards. Besides, Qin Wanru could even tell what Old Madam and Nanny Yu dressed that day!

When Qin Yuru was complacent, Qin Wanru originally intended not to be seen by Nanny Yu. So that day she stood behind Madam Dowager in order to dodge Nanny Yu's eyes!

Afterwards, it depended on how Old Madam of Duke Xing handled it. Of course, the most important thing was to lure Madam of Duke Xing into it...

"How dare you..." Seeing Nanny Yu say nothing substantive, Qin Yuru was angry with her face turning pale, and yelled at Nanny Yu in a sharp voice.

"Yuru, sit down. Nanny Yu is right. The harmonious relationship between sisters is the way to prosperity. You should get on better with your second sister from now on." Qin Huaiyong interrupted her and said with a cold face.

"Father, I..." Qin Yuru still wanted to explain. Unfortunately, seeing all these, Qin Huaiyong no longer wanted to listen to her explanation, waved his hand and said, "Go back now. Copy Woman Precepts and Daughter's warns, and learn more about etiquette from Nanny Huang!"

"Nanny Yu!" Qin Yuru had come over full of expectations so she naturally was unwilling to be sent back with nothing changing. She turned to Nanny Yu and said loudly. At this time, she really panicked. Why was it different from what her mother said? As she thought, she glanced over the pastry plate aside. Her mother said that as long as the person from Duke Xing's Mansion saw these pastries, the person would definitely take her side and Qin Wanru would be doomed!

"First Miss, you should spend more time learning etiquette. I'm leaving now!"

Nanny Yu was baffled. The current situation had gone beyond her imagination. She bowed to Qin Huaiyong and turned to leave in a hurry with several maids and old maids. She should report it to Old Madam and leave it to Old Madam for settlement. Old Madam's granddaughter should be the First Miss. Nevertheless, Duke Xing's Mansion couldn't force the Second Miss, who had saved Old Madam, to do anything.

Nanny Yu had intended to force the Second Miss to take all the blame. As an unmarried Miss from a small place, Qin Wanru would probably be timid. On one hand, Nanny Yu intended to force her to take the blame. On the other hand, Nanny Yu could promise her certain benefits and promise to seek a good match for her.

With both soft and tough tactics, Nanny Yu didn't believe that the second lady wouldn't yield.

However, she did not expect that the Second Miss Qin had saved Old Madam...

Nanny Yu left in a hurry, and Qin Yuru left in tears. After that, Qin Huaiyong and Qin Wanru were left in the study. Qin Huaiyong frowned and looked very tired. He reached out to touch his forehead, deeply sighed and looked at Qin Wanru. He seemingly wanted to say something, but swallowed back the words on the tip of his tongue.

Qin Wanru bowed her head, with her long eyelashes fluttering and her gaze falling on the hem of her dress. The study was so quiet that even Yujie, who was standing behind Qin Wanru, felt uneasy. She stole a glance at Qin Huaiyong who was sitting in the chair and leant cautiously to Qin Wanru, feeling that the atmosphere in the study was too dignified.

"Wanru, do you know Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion?" After a long while, Qin Huaiyong asked gently.

Qin Wanru looked up and said, "I don't know her. At that time I just thought that she was an ordinary old lady. I didn't expect that she's Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion!"

"It's such a coincidence!" Qin Huaiyong said, "Since you've saved her, Duke Xing's Mansion would probably not make you take the blame. I've worried about you... Now I finally rest assured. But your Big Sister... In the past, I haven't cared about domestic affairs. I didn't expect her to be such a person!"

Qin Huaiyong looked very tired and said, "If I've known it, I wouldn't have ignored your education. I thought that Madam Di would manage domestic affairs well and educate both of you well. Now Madam Di has been locked up. Your grandma and I don't intend to release her. But regarding your Big Sister... I just hope that both of you can get on well with each other!"

"Father, Nanny Huang is a good etiquette instructor, and Big Sister will be fine!" Qin Wanru said neatly.

"Okay, you can go back now!" Qin Huaiyong said with a smile, but it looked bitter. With such an incident, how could he smile sincerely as a father?

Qin Wanru stood up and made her farewells, but was stopped by Qin Huaiyong after taking only a few steps. He pointed at the pastries on the table and said, "Wanru, I heard that you like these pastries. You can ask the kitchen to make more when you feel like eating some."

"Thank you, father!"

Qin Huaiyong shook his head, smiled bitterly and said in a gloomy voice, "Wanru, don't blame me for ignoring both of you too much!"

"Father, as a man, you are in charge of external affairs. You shouldn't be blamed for it!" Qin Wanru said softly.

Qin Huaiyong looked slightly bitter and waved his hand to motion for her to leave.

After walking out of Qin Huaiyong's study, Qin Wanru slowed down her pace and looked back at the entrance of the courtyard, where the study was located, with slight gloom in her eyes.

He said that he had ignored both of them, rather than her...

"Miss, have you left something behind?" Yujie also looked back, but found nothing.

Qin Wanru shook her head, slightly frowned and walked forward. After taking a few steps, she suddenly changed the direction and took a path which didn't lead to Zhifang Pavilion.

"Miss, where are you going?" Yujie asked in surprise.

On hearing her question, Qin Wanru turned back to the original direction with a calm face and told Yujie, "Ask the old maid, who just began to work in the kitchen, to make some pastries for me. Just tell her that I like her pastries and ask her what other special pastries she can make."

"Miss, have you found anything wrong?" Yujie said cautiously.

Qin Wanru shook her head. Up to now, she hadn't found anything wrong, but got an intuition that there was a secret behind the old maid. Even her father had mentioned her pastries, seemingly feeling guilty for ignoring Qin Wanru before.

“Just ask her to make some pastries. Let me have a look!”

Qin Wanru was sure in her heart that there should be a secret behind the pastries. Based on Nanny Yu’s words and deeds, she could tell that Nanny Yu obviously intended to force her to take the blame.

After thinking, she changed direction again and took the path to Madam Dowager’s Xinning Pavilion.

Hearing of Qin Wanru’s arrival, Madam Dowager hurriedly sent someone to invite her in. As soon as she entered the room, Madam Dowager asked with concern, “Zhuozhuo, why did your father call you over? Why was your Big Sister released again? What did the person from Duke Xing’s Mansion say?”

Madam Dowager had heard about what happened in the outer court. However, since Qin Huaiyong called Qin Wanru over, she couldn’t say anything about it. She had intended to call Qin Wanru over after Qin Wanru returned.

Seeing Madam Dowager’s concerned face, Qin Wanru felt warm in her heart. She came over, reached out to hold Madam Dowager’s hand and said softly, “Grandma, rest assured. It’s okay now!”

“What happened?” Madam Dowager dragged Qin Wanru to sit beside her and asked again with concern.

“Nanny Yu, the old maid serving Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion, came over to give me a pair of blood jade bracelets and ask me not to fight with Big Sister. She also said that sisters should get on well with each other!” Qin Wanru vaguely told Madam Dowager about Nanny Yu’s intention.

Although Qin Wanru said that vaguely, Madam Dowager understood the meaning. She instantly got angry with her face turning white. “What does this Old Madam mean? How can she do that? Although she likes Yuru, she can’t do that. She intended to shift the blame onto you. Go, I’ll take you there to reject the bracelets!”

Madam Dowager stood up and said angrily. She immediately had no opinion of Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion.

“Grandma, I rejected them. It’s all right now!” Qin Wanru smiled and pulled Madam Dowager back to her seat.

“After you rejected them, did Nanny Yu say anything else?” Madam Dowager asked. Since Nanny Yu came here and said something like that, it meant that Duke Xing’s Mansion intended to support Qin Yuru with their power.

“Grandma, It’s really okay now. I’ll tell you more details later. Now I want to ask you about the pastries!” Qin Wanru shook Madam Dowager’s hand and said in a sweet voice, with her gaze falling on a plate of pastries on the table. There were two pastries left, and Madam Dowager had eaten one of them...

Chapter 343 An Incident Caused by a Set of Molds

“Grandma, why are the pastries so exquisite? I heard that Nanny Yu has deliberately asked about the pastries in father’s study!”

Qin Wanru asked with a smile, popped out her head, picked up a piece of pastry and looked at it carefully. “I didn’t take a closer look at it when eating it!”

"Nanny Yu asked about the pastries?" Madam Dowager said with her expression changing slightly.

Qin Wanru nodded and said with a little surprise in her eyes, "Grandma, is there anything special about the pastries?"

Madam Dowager took the pastry from her, looked at it and frowned. She suddenly turned to Nanny Duan and asked, "The set of pastry molds belonging to Zhuozhuo. Go and have a look!"

"Which one?" Nanny Duan didn't understand at first. Hearing Madam Dowager mention Qin Wanru, she instantly opened her eyes wide and said, "Madam Dowager, you mean the set belonging to the Second Miss?"

"Yes, that's the set. We have no other mold more exquisite than the set!" Madam Dowager nodded and said.

"Okay, I'll go and have a look right away!" Nanny Duan seemed to think of something, glanced at Qin Wanru, and hurriedly turned to leave.

"Grandma, what do you mean by saying that? Which set belongs to me?" Qin Wanru raised her bright face, reached out to swing Madam Dowager's sleeve and asked with puzzlement.

Madam Dowager looked very hesitant, looked at Qin Wanru's face, was about to speak but said nothing. After a long while, she sighed. "Zhuozhuo, the set of molds have belonged to you since your childhood... They have always been in our mansion before. When you were a kid, you liked them very much. So I kept them for you, and then put them away. Why does the kitchen suddenly serve the pastries made with this set of molds?"

"I liked them. They belong to me?" Qin Wanru looked confused!

"Yes, they belong to you!" Madam Dowager said with certainty this time, reaching out to touch Qin Wanru's hair with slight bitterness in her eyes.

With her long eyelashes fluttering, Qin Wanru hid a trace of deepness at the bottom of her eyes. As she expected, the set of molds were not originally in the hands of Madam Di. Even if she secretly took them away, she didn't dare to let Madam Dowager find it. Otherwise, she would definitely have presented them long ago to increase Qin Yuru's leverage!

This time, Madam Di had to do that in desperation. She probably thought that Madam Dowager had forgotten it.

In the last life, Qin Wanru had not seen this set of molds, but had heard of such exquisite pastries. It was said that Qin Yuru was particularly fond of them and would definitely serve them every time there were visitors.

Qin Wanru originally thought that the pastries were excellent, but had never thought Qin Yuru did that because this set of pastry molds were unusual. At that time, even if Qin Yuru wasn't officially identified, everyone might secretly consider her the biological daughter of Qin Wanru's mother!

Yesterday Qin Yuru was grounded again, so Madam Di had to increase Qin Yuru's leverage. Qin Wanru exactly needed to know how many cards and leverage Madam Di had...

Nanny Duan came back very quickly in a hurry and looked very anxious with her face turning slightly white. As soon as she entered the room, she said, "Madam Dowager, the set of molds are gone!"

"Go and check where the kitchen got this set of molds," Madam Dowager said with her face darkening.

"Madam Dowager, I've sent someone to inquire about it, and I just asked the supervisor old maid in charge of bringing your belongings to the capital. She said that they were gone before we moved to the capital. At that time, our mansion was about to move to the capital. When she sorted things out, they were still there. But they were gone later. At the thought that it was just a set of molds, the supervisor old maid didn't report it to you and just recorded a loss!"

In Jiangzhou, before they moved to the capital, Madam Dowager had her belongings checked. Because there were numerous items, it took several days to check them at that time. Some needed kinds of stuff were sent to the capital, and some unwanted kinds of stuff were sent back to the hometown of the Qin family.

That set of molds were also recorded in the account book. Nevertheless, it was just a set of molds anyway. Although they were exquisite, they were not something valuable. Finding that they were gone, the supervisor didn't care much about it, but just crossed them out on the account book and reported a loss.

When Nanny Duan left, she had thought that they might be gone, so she deliberately asked someone to call the supervisor old maid over.

"They were gone before we moved to the capital?" Madam Dowager said in rage and shock, "How dared Madam Di secretly take them away!"

It was almost unnecessary to check again. Madam Dowager had been sure that the set of molds were taken by Madam Di. It meant that Madam Di had intended to take Qin Wanru's stuff or had plotted against Qin Wanru since long ago.

When they were in Jiangzhou, Madam Di was in charge of the backyard of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion with not a few henchmen. Only Madam Di was likely to send someone to take this set of molds in such turmoil in great secrecy. What was more, neither no one else knew the meaning of this set of molds, nor that this set of molds were included in Qin Wanru's luggage at that time and related to Qin Wanru's family background.

"Go, I'll ask Madam Di personally!" Madam Dowager stood up angrily.

"Madam Dowager!"

"Grandma!" Nanny Duan and Qin Wanru stopped her on each side.

"Grandma, don't get angry now. You are in poor health and can't get angry. We can handle it after checking it out. Even if Madam Di took them, we can get them back slowly!" Qin Wanru advised softly.

She would certainly not allow her grandma to go to meet Madam Di. Madam Di was crazy at this time and dared to do anything. If grandma went to meet Madam Di and Madam Di brought the sachet with Qingqu Grass inside again, it would do harm to grandma's health which she had struggled to build up.

In the past, perhaps Madam Di didn't dare to do this blatantly, but now Madam Di must be daring. She was now locked up in the yard and desperately struggled to get out. Madam Dowager was a big mountain overwhelming her, so she should be desperate to make Madam Dowager collapse.

"Madam Dowager, the Second Miss is right. Don't be angry now. We should think over it. Even if you go to ask Madam Di now, I don't think you can get the answer. The molds were gone, and no one saw them taken by someone working for Madam Di. At this moment, even if we go to ask those working in the kitchen, they might only say that this set of molds just showed up there and no one knows who brought them. There are many servants working in the kitchen, and nothing is missing. No one can explain why this set of molds showed up there!"

Nanny Duan was indeed Madam Dowager's henchman, knowing a great deal about domestic affairs of the Qin's Mansion. She talked Madam Dowager out of it with only a few words and helped her sit down again.

A little maid came in and said a word to Nanny Duan in a low voice. Nanny Duan nodded, waved to motion for her to leave, and then said to Madam Dowager, "Madam Dowager, the supervisor of the kitchen said that no one knows who brought the set of molds and when they showed up in the kitchen. They were placed at the corner of the kitchen. The old maid, who has recently come here to cook, intended to make pastries. So she went through various molds and found the set of molds from below!"

Qin Wanru blinked her watery eyes, not surprised by this result. Of course, Madam Di would not directly confront Madam Dowager. She made it seemingly have nothing to do with her by doing that.

The old maid, who had come here recently, found the pastry molds recently and made exquisite and excellent pastries with the molds. Qin Yuru had just been locked up yesterday, and Duke Xing's Mansion hurriedly sent someone to come over. At the sight of such exquisite pastries, the person from Duke Xing's Mansion would inevitably take another glimpse at them.

If she didn't guess wrong, this set of molds should originally belong to Duke Xing's Mansion, and Nanny Yu was obviously familiar with them.

This set of stratagems was almost all linked with one another. Madam Di plotted so precisely that she even guessed that when the rumor of Qin Yuru beating and cursing Qin Wanru on the street came out, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion would inevitably be anxious and send someone to force Qin Wanru to take the blame. She had used all sorts of intrigues and wiles.

Of course, the old maid in the kitchen should have done more than that.

It was an old maid who had been deployed since long ago!

"Madam Di... Does she know what she's doing?" Madam Dowager said angrily in hatred with her face turning pale.

"Madam Dowager, don't be angry. What should we do now? Would you like to take this set of molds back and put it away again?" Nanny Duan walked behind Madam Dowager, patted her gently on her back and said.

"Take them back, wash them clean and place them in Zhuozhuo's yard." Madam Dowager beat the corner of the table and said angrily.

"Grandma, since they have been placed in the kitchen, just leave them there." Qin Wanru smiled and stopped her. "The pastries are very exquisite indeed."

"Leave them in the kitchen?" Madam Dowager looked at her little granddaughter with puzzlement.

"Yes, leave them there. The pastries are very fragrant and delicious, and the molds are so exquisite. They make each other look even better. When there are visitors, we can serve the pastries which are decent." Qin Wanru continued saying with a smile, "Moreover, if you put away the molds at once, Madam Di will know that you've noticed it!"

On hearing her words, Madam Dowager fell silent, nodded and said after thinking, "Okay, just leave them there. Nanny Duan, ask someone to keep an eye on this set of molds and see who uses them!"

"Madam Dowager, rest assured. Those whom I just sent someone to ask are trustworthy and won't tell others about it. I'll ask them to keep an eye in secret!" As Madam Dowager's henchman, Nanny Duan immediately understood what Madam Dowager meant and nodded repeatedly. Glancing over Qin Wanru's childish face, she had to admire Qin Wanru.

The Second Miss really was different from the average young Miss. She was more intelligent!

Able to keep calm at such a young age, she really was an unusual child. If Madam Dowager didn't guess wrong, the Second Miss should be the child of the Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua, daughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess. Madam Dowager drew the conclusion based on the news that Madam Shui sent someone to inquire.

This was what baffled Madam Dowager. If it was true, she must identify the Second Miss as the granddaughter of Duke Xing's Mansion and told what had happened at that time. The reason why Madam Dowager had kept the secret for so many years was that she was worried that the Second Miss had no other relatives. She would rather keep the secret and raise the Second Miss as her biological granddaughter.

Now that the Second Miss had her own relatives, Madam Dowager should certainly tell the truth. However, the problem was that it was related to the First Miss. The First Miss had got involved in it and made Duke Xing's Mansion mistakenly consider her the daughter of Infanta Qinghua. If Madam Dowager told the truth, it would ruin the First Miss's reputation. Although the First Miss had done something wrong, she was Madam Dowager's granddaughter anyway.

Madam Dowager was in a dilemma now. Because of the First Miss's involving in it, Nanny Duan didn't know how this matter would end either. She involuntarily sighed secretly!

A maid came in breathlessly and almost fell in panic when entering the room. She began to report upon arrival at the entrance of the main room, "Madam Dowager, the Empress Dowager sent someone here!"

Her words panicked everyone in the room. Madam Dowager stood up suddenly...

Chapter 344 Someone Secretly Passed on the Message

Nanny Duan turned and walked to the door, lifted the curtain, and saw a maid with sweat all over her face outside the curtain.

"What did you say?"

"The Empress Dowager sent someone to announce that she summons the Second Miss to go to the palace!" The maid finished her words after taking a breath.

"Why and when?" Madam Dowager asked anxiously.

"I don't know why, but it's urgent. Now the carriage from the palace has been prepared in the doorway, and they ask the Second Miss to go to the palace immediately!" the maid hurriedly said.

It was such an emergency that Madam Dowager was shocked. The Empress Dowager wasn't in charge of domestic affairs of the palace, and the Empress was usually the one summoning people when there was something to deal with. This time the Empress Dowager actually summoned Qin Wanru in person.

"Grandma, it's okay. I should be summoned for what happened at the entrance of the palace before. It's related to Prince Chen. I heard that Prince Chen is the most beloved grandson of the Empress Dowager!" Seeing Madam Dowager shocked with her face changing, Qin Wanru hurriedly consoled her.

"Prince Chen's condition has worsened?" Madam Dowager was not comforted, but increasingly panicked as she thought about it. Prince Chen was in poor health. No one thought that he would live long. It was said that he was fine before. However, if his condition really worsened, the Empress Dowager would inevitably vent her anger on Qin Wanru.

"I don't think so. If his condition has really worsened, the Empress Dowager won't summon me peacefully at this time!" Qin Wanru said with a smile, a gentle expression and no panic.

Seeing Qin Wanru's expression, Madam Dowager was slightly relieved. She sat down again and told Qin Wanru with concern, "You can go now. Be careful. Remember not to make any indiscreet remarks or look around at will. You can't afford to offend any master in the palace!"

"Grandma, rest assured. I will be careful!" Qin Wanru nodded and promised. She then bowed to Madam Dowager respectfully and headed for the outer court with Yujie.

At this moment, Qin Huaiyong also got the news. He hurried over and encountered Qin Wanru on his way. Qin Huaiyong exhorted Qin Wanru to be careful with concern. After Qin Wanru left, Qin Huaiyong went directly to Madam Dowager's Xinning Pavilion instead of returning to the outer courtyard.

The carriage had stopped at the gate of the mansion. Although it was not big, it was different from the carriages outside the palace and looked more exquisite. Qin Wanru got in the carriage with Yujie, and the carriage went all the way to the palace gate.

Upon her arrival at the palace gate, the eunuch sent to pick her up showed the pass to the guards at the palace gate. The guards checked it carefully and then let the carriage pass the palace gate.

After the carriage entered the palace, Qin Wanru got in a palace palanquin. Two eunuchs carried it all the way to Palace of Benevolent Peace of the Empress Dowager.

It was different from the last time she entered the palace. She was the only one along the way, and the two eunuchs went in a hurry. It took much less time than before.

Upon her arrival at Palace of Benevolent Peace, Qin Wanru looked at the other two palace palanquins parked in front of the palace in astonishment with slight deepness in her watery eyes. It seemed that she was not the only one summoned today. She recovered from slight anxiety.

Chu Liuchen should be fine.

A palace maid with a delicate face was waiting in front of the palace. Seeing Qin Wanru come over, she stepped forward, bowed to her and asked her, "Are you the Second Miss Qin?"

"Exactly!"

"Old Madam has been waiting for a long time. Please come in with me!" the palace maid said with a smile.

Qin Wanru nodded, and then stepped on the stairs behind her.

At the gate of the palace, the palace maid asked her to wait for a while and got in to report. She then came out and led Qin Wanru to go inside.

Qin Wanru bowed her head and walked in obediently. As soon as she entered the hall, she heard the laughter inside and looked steadily forward at once.

There were not a few people that were about four or five in the hall. On hearing the sounds at the door, they all looked at Qin Wanru.

"This is the Second Miss of the Qin's Mansion. She's pretty indeed. Your Highness, you brought such a pretty girl here, and she out-competes all of us!" It was a new imperial concubine beloved by the emperor. At the age of fifteen or sixteen, she looked gorgeous. At this moment, she covered her face with a fan and said with a sweet smile.

"Exactly. She's so gorgeous. Her Highness likes another pretty girl and doesn't like us anymore!" Another imperial concubine said with a smile. They all stayed in the Empress Dowager's palace after paying respects to her. They had been quite familiar with the Empress Dowager and enjoyed due respect in front of her. So they boldly teased her.

"Nonsense. I just heard something interesting and specifically called her over to ask about it. What makes you think that I don't like you anymore!" the Empress Dowager said with a gentle smile, while looking Qin Wanru up and down with a trace of sharpness and criticism in her eyes and frowning.

It was really shameful that two sisters of the Qin's Mansion had a fight on the street for a pair of blood jade bracelets. At first, she was quite dissatisfied with Qin Wanru. At this time, she was increasingly displeased with Qin Wanru. Fighting on the street for a pair of bracelets, Qin Wanru was so petty.

If Chen'er favored other ladies and rewarded other ladies in the future, would she also mess with Chen'er and mess up Prince Chen's Mansion? In poor health, Chen'er couldn't bear this kind of trouble maker.

Sensing the sharp eyes from above, Qin Wanru became increasingly cautious. After entering the hall, she looked steadily at the Empress Dowager sitting on the high seat, knelt down, respectfully bowed and said, "I pay my respects to Your Highness!"

"Look up!" The Empress Dowager's voice came from above.

Qin Wanru raised her head with her long eyelashes fluttering above her eyes, and looked calm and natural.

Seeing her unhurried look, the Empress Dowager showed a faint smile on her face. The Empress Dowager hoped to choose the best concubine for Chu Liuchen. Even if the girl had no powerful family background and was unqualified to be the princess, she couldn't be that kind of girl who always made a fuss and wasn't decent enough.

"Your Highness, the Second Miss of the Qin's Mansion turns out to be so pretty. I didn't see her face clearly. Now I take a closer look and find that she's extremely gorgeous!" An imperial concubine said with a smile, "Compared with this Second Miss Qin, we could be considered middle-aged!"

It was an imperial concubine who was about twenty years old.

Her words made the Empress Dowager laugh. "If you are middle-aged, I should be considered weighed down with age!"

"Your Highness, you are incomparable to us. Your Highness looks much younger than me. People may consider me a little bit older than Your Highness if they don't know our age!" The imperial concubine had a glib tongue. She flattered the Empress Dowager with a smile.

"It's true. Your Highness is much younger than us. One looks young in a good mood, unlike us who look like withering!" Another imperial concubine teased.

"Your Highness, I wouldn't be able to recognize Your Highness when my first meeting Your Highness if no one told me!" The new imperial concubine also joined them teasing.

Her words made the Empress Dowager laugh and curse, "You are so bold to make fun of me."

"Your Highness, we don't dare to do that!"

"Yes, Your Highness. Only the heaven could prove our filial respect to you. How dare we make fun of Your Highness!" ...

Hearing the laughter from above, Qin Wanru touched her knees with dull pain caused by kneeling. She knew that the Empress Dowager was showing her severity and didn't ask her to get up on purpose.

Blinking her watery eyes, she remembered the Empress Dowager seemed to be not so hostile to her when they met last time. Was it because of what had happened yesterday? At the thought of this, she knew what was going on.

After a long while, the Empress Dowager seemed to have just seen Qin Wanru, withdrew her smile and said lightly, "Get up and sit aside!"

The palace maid leading the way came over and helped her up, and then helped her to the stool aside.

"In front of Your Highness, I shouldn't have a seat!" Despite her trembling knees, Qin Wanru still stood in an orderly manner in front of the stool and did not sit down.

"You don't have to be overcourteous. Sit down now!" the Empress Dowager said without carrying any attitudes and expressions.

The palace maid held her hand and let her sit down. This time, Qin Wanru didn't decline and sat down naturally.

“What happened on the street yesterday? I heard that you quarreled with your elder sister on the street? How could you do this as a Miss from an aristocratic family?” After Qin Wanru sat down, the Empress Dowager said with her face darkening.

Hearing the reprimand of the Empress Dowager, others in the hall even breathed lightly at the moment.

Qin Wanru had prepared herself, and respectfully said at once, “Report to Your Highness, I didn’t quarrel with my elder sister yesterday.”

“It couldn’t be a rumor. Now the whole capital is gossiping about your disgraceful affair. Could it be possible that everyone mistook it?” the Empress Dowager said unkindly.

“My elder sister and I were originally in a carriage. However, at the thought that my grandma felt uncomfortable, I intended to get out of the carriage and get in the carriage in front to accompany my grandma. My elder sister helped me out and dropped the bracelets. My elder sister was very angry, but did not beat and curse me on the street. She just picked them up anxiously, and I helped her to do that. She accidentally pushed me. With numerous people on the street, some people didn’t see it clearly, so they mistook that my elder sister beat and cursed me!”

Qin Wanru said calmly.

Young Madams from aristocratic families had their own etiquette. Even if what had happened yesterday was true, as a younger sister, she couldn’t speak ill of her younger sister in front of others. Moreover, the sisters of the Qin’s Mansion were considered as a whole in front of outsiders. If Qin Yuru’s reputation was damaged, it would also do harm to Qin Wanru’s reputation, not to mention that someone had deliberately misrepresented the news.

The purpose was to make Qin Wanru punished by the Empress Dowager.

They quarreled and fought with each other on the street because of a pair of jade bracelets? This sentence could have the same meaning as what Nanny Yu said before. It meant that the incident was started by Qin Wanru. Otherwise, why were they said to quarrel with each other for a pair of jade bracelets? The only pair of jade bracelets was the pair Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion gave Qin Yuru.

Qin Yuru got the jade bracelets, so she certainly would not quarrel with Qin Wanru because of the jade bracelets. In this case, the truth must be that Qin Wanru was jealous of Qin Yuru, so she quarreled with Qin Yuru and made such a scene.

The person who passed on the message was extremely malicious, because she knew that Qin Wanru could not bluntly say that the incident was caused by Qin Yuru in the presence of the Empress Dowager.

However, Qin Wanru didn’t know who deliberately passed on this plausible message. She looked towards the chairs beside her. There were two Young Madams sitting there. Based on their dress, she could tell that they weren’t the imperial concubines in the palace, but were carried here with the palace palanquins she had seen outside. But both of them lowered their heads. She did not recognize who they were for a moment. There was slight deepness in her eyes.

Chapter 345 Let the Three of them Run the Errand

"Is it really just a misunderstanding?" the Empress Dowager said doubtfully. She wasn't convinced by Qin Wanru's words. However, Qin Wanru looked so calm that the Empress Dowager thought that if she lied, she could not be so calm.

"Report to Your Highness, it's indeed a misunderstanding. After we returned home, my father and grandma also asked us about it!" Qin Wanru replied calmly, with a gentle and indifferent look.

"Where's your eldest sister?" The Empress Dowager still considered it unbelievable, but this explanation sounded much better than what she had heard. If it was just a misunderstanding, it was not bad!

"She is in our mansion now." Qin Wanru answered naturally.

Seeing Qin Wanru answer in an extremely gentle way, the Empress Dowager showed another smile on her face. She leaned back and waved her hands. Knowing that the Empress Dowager had something to talk to the several Young Madams in front of them, several imperial concubines sensibly stood up and made their farewells at once.

The Empress Dowager nodded and squinted, watching them leave.

Outside the Palace of Benevolent Peace, the imperial concubines got in their palace palanquins successively. Only the newly favored one glanced at the major palace maid next to her and lowered her voice to ask in a corner aside, "Where is the emperor?"

"He's still in the imperial study. The eunuchs serving the emperor have told you not to inquire about the emperor's whereabouts at your will, otherwise you will annoy the emperor!" the palace maid whispered to warn her master.

"What are you afraid of? The emperor has promised to meet me and stay in my palace recently!" The newly favored imperial concubine was surnamed Li and entitled as Ronghua which wasn't a high rank. Nevertheless, because she had just entered the palace and found favor with the emperor, she talked with no scruples.

"Uh... They insist that you shouldn't inquire. The emperor will come to our palace if he wants to!" the palace maid still said in a low voice.

She didn't dare to talk about something. Compared to Ronghua Li, who had just entered the palace, the palace maid had worked in the palace for some time.

"Humph, I don't believe that the emperor will do anything to me. Continue keeping an eye on him. Watch where he has gone and whether he has gone to another vamp's place. He has promised me." Ronghua Li looked up and said proudly.

She had been the emperor's favorite in the palace during this period, so she was not so afraid of him.

"Yes, master!" the palace maid said helplessly.

"Sister Li, what are you talking about? Why don't you leave? You want to stay here with the Empress Dowager?" An imperial concubine, who had got in the palace palanquin, asked with a smile.

"No, I'll leave now! I don't have the good fortune to stay with the Empress Dowager!" Ronghua Li secretly curled her lip, but didn't show her emotions on her face.

Everyone in the palace had various masks and treated different people in different ways. Although she disdained this imperial concubine who had been out of favor with the emperor for long and had to come to flatter the Empress Dowager, she wouldn't show her emotions on her face.

The imperial concubine blinked, let down the curtain, sneered in a low voice and seemingly said to herself, "She is just another reckless fool who really thinks that the emperor loves her sincerely. The one the emperor loves sincerely has always stayed in the palace, and no one can steal the emperor from her!"

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In the Palace of Benevolent Peace, the Empress Dowager didn't know that at the gate of her palace, the imperial concubines no longer looked as kind as they were in front of her.

With her gaze falling on the three faces in front of her, she nodded secretly and thought that all of them looked good.

In terms of the face, Qin Wanru naturally had the most delicate face.

Nevertheless, she was a little younger and too thin. Compared with her, the Empress Dowager was more satisfied with the other two girls.

"The three of you rarely enter the palace. Stay for lunch later!" the Empress Dowager said kindly and puckered in a smile.

"Yes, Your Highness!" the three said respectfully together.

"Your Highness, you are tired. Would you like to take a break?" Nanny Wei stepped forward and whispered.

"I'm not tired. I should go and see Chen'er!" The Empress Dowager supported her head with her hands. Although she said that she was not tired, she looked really tired. Those several imperial concubines should come here to pay their respects early in the morning. It had been a long while since the early morning.

"Your Highness, you should have a rest now. Prince Chen is fine. I just need to deliver some medicinal herbs to his palace. Let me run the errand!"

"You are so old that you must walk slowly. I'll ask the three of them to run the errand!" Old Madam reached out to point at the three Young Madams sitting in front of her.

With her long eyelashes fluttering, Qin Wanru's watery eyes looked increasingly clear, making her face look like a hibiscus flower. At the sight of her face, the Empress Dowager nodded repeatedly.

Her current appearance had been rare around the world. After she grew up in the future, no one knew how gorgeous she would be. Thinking of this, the Empress Dowager thought that it would be nice to keep this girl for her grandson.

"It's all up to Your Highness!" Since the Empress Dowager said so, the three of them certainly would not refuse. They stood up respectfully together and said.

The Empress Dowager got up and walked inside to rest, while Nanny Wei asked someone to lead them to a side hall. Qin Wanru finally saw the people around her clearly on her way.

However, it was such a coincidence. She was wondering who had spoken ill of her in front of the Empress Dowager. It turned out to be Shao Jie'er, the daughter of non-lineal descent of the current Duke Xing.

In the last life, she only saw this Second Miss Shao from a distance. When Shao Yanru led her to walk around in the palace, Qin Wanru glanced at them from a distance. At that time, she felt that they looked like a Miss and her maid rather than sisters. This non-lineal younger sister was extremely respectful to her lineal elder sister, and seemed to flatter her lineal elder sister in her attitude.

It seemed that Madam of Duke Xing was really anxious, even more anxious than Madam Di who intended to make her daughter adopted by Duke Xing's Mansion as soon as possible.

Both Madam of Duke Xing and Madam Di were reluctant to see her identified as the granddaughter of Duke Xing and would inevitably prevent her from being identified as the granddaughter of Duke Xing. In this case, she decided to watch their actions now.

After what happened today, Madam of Duke Xing should be more anxious, right?

Good, she would be worried if they weren't anxious!

The three Young Madams followed the palace maid sent by Nanny Wei with their respective maid, and went to the place where Chu Liuchen lived.

At first it was quiet. However, after walking for a while, the other two Young Madams became restless. Shao Jie'er and the other Young Madam should know each other. The two whispered to each other and looked back at Qin Wanru from time to time with a few traces of scorn on their faces, seemingly gossiping about Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru ignored them and walked behind the palace maid without looking sideways.

As the two talked, seeing Qin Wanru ignore them, their voices even became louder.

"At such a young age, she dared to grab the bracelets on the street. She's so petty!" Shao Jie'er curled her lip scornfully and sneered.

Although she didn't directly mention Qin Wanru, the meaning in her words referred to Qin Wanru.

"Exactly. She looks pretty good at pretending!" Another delicate Young Madam gently pressed the corners of her mouth with a handkerchief and looked disgusted.

It was almost a slap in the face. Seeing the palace maid, who was leading the way, seemingly not intend to intervene in it, Qin Wanru suddenly turned to look at both of them with gloomy eyes. "Who are you talking about? Could it be that you think that the Empress Dowager is wrong?"

The Empress Dowager had accepted her explanation and did not pursue it any further.

Not expecting that Qin Wanru dared to talk back with such sharp words, the two were struck dumb for a moment.

The Young Madam Qin Wanru didn't know responded quickly. After thinking for a while, she reacted immediately and talked back, "Why are you angry? We were not talking about you!"

With the Empress Dowager involved in it, they certainly dared not say that the Empress Dowager was wrong.

"Yeah, we were not talking about you. What do you feel guilty for!" Shao Jie'er also came to her senses at this moment. She raised her eyes and squinted at her from high above, looking arrogant and noble.

Qin Wanru was almost amused by her pretending to be a lineal daughter. She was imitating Shao Yanru. As an insignificant non-lineal daughter, she acted like a lineal eldest daughter.

"No matter who you were talking about, do you think that you can talk about someone else even though you weren't talking about me? Is this what you have learned from the instructions and etiquette for unmarried girls?" Qin Wanru asked unhurriedly.

Her words made the two angry and ashamed with blushing faces. If they were not in the palace, they would have quarreled with Qin Wanru.

Stealing a glance at the palace maid who seemed to hear nothing, the two didn't dare to act arbitrarily, and only gave a severe glance at Qin Wanru. The two secretly gnashed their teeth and glanced at each other. They didn't dare to quarrel openly, but could treat Qin Wanru coldly.

On the rest of their way, the two stopped talking about Qin Wanru, but began to talk about the relationship between sisters. They also mentioned that the younger sister of a certain family beat the elder sister and then ended up in a tragedy with her reputation ruined.

Since they weren't talking about her openly, Qin Wanru ignored them, glanced at the palace maid in front who looked calm with no expression, and followed her slowly, as if she didn't hear their sharp voices in the conversation with innuendo.

Chu Liuchen's palace was in front, and two guards were guarding at the gate. Seeing several people come over, they immediately stepped forward and stopped them.

The palace maid leading the way bowed sideways and said, "The Empress Dowager asked me to bring the three Young Madams over to send the medicinal herbs to Prince Chen!"

Another guard stepped forward and went over the medicinal herbs in the hands of the three maids. Finding nothing wrong, he stepped aside and waved.

A group of people were allowed to get in.

As they just entered the room, before clearly seeing the scene inside the palace, they saw a white shadow flash by and rush towards them.

Shao Jie'er and the other Young Madam walked in front of Qin Wanru. As soon as the guards let them pass, the two of them strode in after giving Qin Wanru a hard look. The white shadow first pounced on the Young Madam. The Young Madam subconsciously touched it, only to feel that it was furry and see a pair of blue eyes. She screamed in fear and pushed it away.

This time it bumped into Shao Jie'er. Shao Jie'er uttered a startling scream, stepped back and fell to the ground heavily.

No one knew if she tripped over the other Young Madam, and the Young Madam staggered and fell down as well.

The two screamed together in panic.

The white shadow jumped from Shao Jie'er towards Qin Wanru...

Chapter 346 It Was Nice to Be a Subordinate

In a flash, Qin Wanru only felt that the white shadow in front of her seemed to be a little familiar. Seeing the white shadow come over, she hurriedly reached out to hold it. Hearing a soft "meow", she pulled herself together and had a look. As she expected, it was the white cat Chu Liuchen usually held in his arms. At this moment, it was nestled in Qin Wanru's arms, looking meek and gently purring twice.

The two Young Madams on the ground were dumbfounded. With no idea what they should do at the moment, they flushed with shame.

Seeing their masters make a show of themselves, the two maids hurriedly handed the medicinal herbs to Yujie, came over and helped them up. When they just got up and didn't say anything, they saw several eunuchs rushed out of the door of Moon Cave in front.

They were led by Xiao Xuanzi. Seeing the two Young Madams still suffering from the shock, he shouted immediately, "Come to drive them out. They frightened His Highness' favorite cat, and dared to throw it out. Neither of you can pay for the loss if the cat is injured!"

"His Highness... His Highness' favorite cat?" The two were dumbfounded, and no one expected that this cat was taken so seriously.

"What are you waiting for? Are you expecting His Highness to come over in person!" Xiao Xuanzi said in a sharp voice with an angry face.

The two guards came over immediately, and were about to draw their swords with a stern look. At the sight of this, Shao Jie'er and the other Young Madam dared not say anything, had no time to care about etiquette, and turned to rush out in tears.

If they didn't leave now, no one knew what Prince Chen would do. They had heard that Prince Chen looked gentle but was actually cruel. They didn't want to get killed because of a cat.

Thinking of some rumors of Prince Chen, the two of them shivered all over with pale faces, and almost fell down.

Seeing the situation, the palace maid leading the way had to chase them.

The two Young Madams were the candidates the Empress Dowager picked for Prince Chen's concubine. Now they committed a breach of etiquette. It went without saying that the two Young Madams would be excluded from the candidates by the Empress Dowager.

Seeing them run away with dreary cries and screams, Xiao Xuanzi waved his hand. Several eunuchs left, and the two guards retreated to the gate of the palace.

"Second Miss, please come with me. My master is waiting for your medicinal herbs!" Xiao Xuanzi bowed unctuously and said with a smile, completely different from the overbearing look before.

Qin Wanru nodded with the white cat in her arms and walked in behind Xiao Xuanzi.

Along the way, she found that this palace was actually very large and not much smaller than the Palace of Benevolent Peace of the Empress Dowager. It should be much larger than most palaces, right?

"This is the palace where my master has lived since he was a child. Later, my master grew older and asked to move out. Both the Empress Dowager and the emperor did not agree at first. They originally intended to let my master live in the palace, which is more convenient to nurse his body. However, my master thought it troublesome to live in the palace and insisted moving out. The Empress Dowager and the emperor couldn't do anything about it and had to agree."

Xiao Xuanzi explained with a smile.

"How old was your master at that time?" Qin Wanru asked casually.

"My master was only eight years old at that time," Xiao Xuanzi said with a grin, and then sighed again.

"My master was in poor health and particularly susceptible to illness then. I was extremely worried about him. Four imperial physicians on duty had always lived in our mansion, for fear that my master would have an accident... At that time, my master... was thin and weak... thinner than anyone else..."

The smile on Xiao Xuanzi's face had long since faded away. His eyes became red as he recalled those days.

Chu Liuchen was a child without parents. Even if the emperor treated him well, the emperor would not be attentive enough. A sick and weak child sat in a wheelchair alone and drank bitter decoctions of medicinal ingredients every day. At the thought of this, Qin Wanru inexplicably took more pity on him. At that time Chu Liuchen should be almost as old as Hao'er.

Hao'er was now seven years old and Chu Liuchen was eight years old at that time and might be even thinner and weaker than Hao'er!

But even so, he would rather move out of the palace and live alone with no so-called relatives taking care of him...

Qin Wanru fell silent for a while, no longer asked about other things and just gently touched the cat in her arms.

Chu Liuchen was at the cloister behind the inner hall. This place had a great advantage. People could be exposed to the sun without being blown by the wind. There was a layer of fine gauze outside the cloister to block the wind as well as several heaters in the hall. Qin Wanru immediately felt warm as if in spring as soon as she came in.

With his black hair hanging loose casually, Chu Liuchen was dressed in a snow-colored robe without a belt around his waist. He looked very leisurely, and even gave a sense of easy grace with big sleeves

fluttering. With a writing brush in his hand, he was painting. Hearing himself called at the door, he did not turn his head.

Xiao Xuanzi called him, "Master!"

Chu Liuchen ignored him and continued drawing.

Xiao Xuanzi was about to call him again, but Qin Wanru waved her hand to motion for him to shut up. She stepped forward and stood behind Chu Liuchen. After seeing everything in the picture clearly, she stared at the painting in front of her in astonishment.

Wasn't this what happened at the gate of the palace?

She looked up out of the cloister, and found that there was a corner at the cloister which enabled people to look out of the palace gate at the diagonally opposite side. Despite the distance, it should be the scene he had seen a moment ago.

Although he drew the painting with only a few strokes, it could be seen that she was appeasing the cat in her arms with her head down, while one of the two young madams was kicking and screaming and the other was crying on the ground. They were in an extremely embarrassing position and looked vivid.

"What do you think of it? Is it quite lifelike?" Chu Liuchen asked suddenly without raising his head, but didn't stop painting.

"Your Highness' painting is quite unconventional!" Watching him drawing skillfully, Qin Wanru said helplessly.

With such experienced and proficient techniques, he was just portraying girls' antics. It really made her speechless. As a child of an aristocratic family, shouldn't he pretend that he didn't see it!

A general child of an aristocratic family was requested to do that, not to mention Chu Liuchen who was Prince Chen.

"Of course it's unconventional. After finishing painting, I'll show it to my grandma later!" Chu Liuchen raised his pretty lips and smiled with ease.

"The Empress Dowager probably will not like it!" Qin Wanru paused and had to remind him.

She certainly understood the intention of the Empress Dowager. She had prepared a few more girls. If Chu Liuchen presented this painting to the Empress Dowager, he would probably be reprimanded by the Empress Dowager.

It seemed to Qin Wanru that no matter how many girls the Empress Dowager had prepared, it had nothing to do with her. It was originally a matter of expediency. Because of this, she wouldn't care about the gain and loss in status.

Chu Liuchen put down the writing brush in his hand, shook his robes unrestrainedly, and squinted at Qin Wanru. With his smile suddenly becoming gentle, he sat down in a chair beside. "Anyway I like it!"

Xiao Xuanzi came over and asked Qin Wanru to sit down on the other side. Another eunuch came up and served tea, and then left quietly.

"Your Highness, the Empress Dowager will blame me!" Qin Wanru said helplessly.

"So what? You are supposed to block the misfortune for me, aren't you?" Chu Liuchen raised his eyebrows with a gentle smile, looking extremely innocent and deceptive.

Qin Wanru was speechless, and even had the urge to roll her eyes.

"Thank Your Highness for bringing the person to me!" She suddenly felt it was better to change the subject.

"Not at all. If you really feel grateful to me, just think of a way to enter Prince Chen's Mansion to accompany me, lest my grandma sends girls to serve me every two or three days!"

Chu Liuchen said indolently.

It meant that what happened today was not the first time, and certainly not the last time. She happened to be sent here among other girls.

Qin Wanru bit her lips and felt that the deep gratitude in her heart faded a little bit at the moment. At the thought that she would probably live a difficult life if she really entered Prince Chen's Mansion, she felt inexplicably gloomy. Fortunately, this emotion just flashed by. If she considered herself a subordinate of Chu Liuchen with a task, it was not so difficult to accept!

"Your Highness, how do you know about this Shao Huai?" Qin Wanru was still puzzled about this. She had missed it at first. How did Chu Liuchen know about it?

"I've recognized your Fenghua Glazed Cup," Chu Liuchen said, leant back, reached out to touch his chin, glanced at Qin Wanru with his pretty eyes and said meaningfully, "Qin Wanru, you owe me another great favor!"

It was a great favor indeed. It could be said that he sent the most suitable witness to Qin Wanru when she needed it most.

Qin Wanru stood up and bowed helplessly. "Thank Your Highness for doing me the favor. I won't hesitate to do anything you command me even at the cost of being smashed to pieces!"

"It's not necessary to do that. I need a person who can make my grandma less annoying. You can come to see me in future when you have time. I will live in the palace for nursing my body in the following days," Chu Liuchen said leisurely.

"How can I... enter the palace?" Qin Wanru looked surprised. A general aristocratic family wouldn't just allow someone to enter, not to mention the imperial palace.

"Here is a plate. You can take it. If you enter the palace, go to visit my grandma and then come to my place. In this way, my grandma will not say anything about it!" Chu Liuchen reached out to take a plate from the desk and handed it to Qin Wanru.

"Uh... that's not a good idea, right?" Qin Wanru didn't dare to accept it.

"What are you afraid of? I have sent out a few plates like this!" Chu Liuchen said recklessly. With his gaze falling on Qin Wanru, he suddenly moved forward and almost bumped into Qin Wanru's face. On

his handsome face, there was a pair of eyes containing ripples of spring, which made Qin Wanru step back in fear.

“What are you afraid of? Could it be that you are afraid of falling in love with me and being reluctant to leave me in the future?”

“...” Qin Wanru bit her red lips. “Your Highness, you must be joking. How dare I!”

She didn’t even think about it. She was only the shield of Chu Liuchen, and she knew it clearly. In this life, it was what she should pay Chu Liuchen back. It was paying a debt of gratitude as well as a transaction. Qin Wanru did not intend to include the slightest personal emotions in it.

What was more, she couldn’t afford to fall in love with this wicked Prince. He was not as innocent and gentle as he looked. The image of a teenager as pretty as a figure coming out of a landscape painting must be superficial. He was a cruel and merciless person who would inherit the throne and trample upon all other heirs.

Qin Wanru considered it nice to be a capable subordinate. Even if she didn’t get married in the future, she could live a good life with Chu Liuchen as her backing!

“Well, deliver a painting for me!” Chu Liuchen looked at Qin Wanru with a faint smile, suddenly retracted his head and held back his elegant expression, looking extremely wicked with a trace of gloomy rage in his eyes. As his temperament changed, he immediately looked like a completely different person...

Chapter 347 Sending and Exchanging Paintings

“What painting?” Qin Wanru froze and was stunned to ask.

“Not only send a painting, but also exchange one for me!” Chu Liuchen’s voice became more drawling and lazy, but there was a scary dignified manner hidden in it.

Qin Wanru blinked her watery eyes, and wondered. “Whom does Prince want to exchange with?”

“Chu Liuyue!” Chu Liuchen casually said. As Chu Liuchen’s slender fingers lightly clicked on the table, Xiao Xuanzi immediately understood and went into the room. He took out a scroll of painting and put it in front of Chu Liuchen.

Chu Liuchen pushed the painting to Qin Wanru with his hand, and looked at her with a faint smile on his face. “How about this?”

“What does Prince want to exchange for with Prince Yue?” Qin Wanru asked helplessly, knowing that she could not refuse.

“Obviously exchange for his most precious one,” Chu Liuchen said with a deeper smile, but this smile seemed not to be a real joy from the perspective of Qin Wanru, since his handsome eyes were too dark to see the bottom. Visit website:

“I just need to say this?” Qin Wanru asked with her own eyebrows raised.

"Yes. Just say this. He will definitely understand!" Chu Liuchen did not intend to explain to her at all, and he just slightly squinted. His long eyelashes cast the ragged shadow over the lower eyelids of his beautiful eyes, which made his complexion paler.

It revealed a weak illness.

"Where can I find Prince Yue?" Qin Wanru said helplessly. She knew that she could not refuse this and she was unable to do this. A good subordinate should be like this!

"He will come soon after you go out! He is also hurt badly, so he has been living in the palace recently too! My cousins are all sick and weak people. Do not annoy him!" Chu Liuchen smiled cheerfully.

Qin Wanru was not in a pleasant mood at all, and she even thought what she should do if Chu Liuyue was furious after a while, biting her lip helplessly.

"I think Chu Liuyue will be very angry after a while!" Chu Liuchen seemed to see the uneasiness in her heart, and smiled. "Qin Wanru, do you know that Chu Liuyue is a ruthless person?"

Qin Wanru was astonished with her forehead sweating heavily and her fingers unconsciously cramp once. In her last life, she had died under the order of Chu Liuyue. When she had been cut in two at the waist, she had not died yet. The whole world had seemed to become red with blood, and she had almost seen her twisted figure.

The sharp bloody pain seemed to be around her and she used her greatest perseverance to restrain herself from screaming. The cat in her hand suddenly made an extremely painful noise and stretched out its sharp claws as if it would grab Qin Wanru's hand.

Chu Liuchen's face clouded over, and he reached out to pat heavily on the cat's claw, with a pair of hostile eyes looking directly into the cat's eyes. The white cat gave a soft and flattering meow with its claws dropping gently, and then moved its chubby body pitifully and meowed twice when looking at Chu Liuchen.

It seemed to have suffered wrong and to be pathetic.

Aroused by the cat in her arms, which was twisting its body, the bloody color in Qin Wanru's eyes slowly faded. She reached out to touch the cat's head and her tender hands were no longer stiff.

"Prince, do I need to say anything else to Prince Yue?" After taking a deep breath, her eyes were peaceful when she raised her head, as if the person in a panic had not been her. She was still the Second Miss of Qin's Mansion instead of the soul in blood that had been treated unjustly and cried under the imperial palace.

Since she had returned through rebirth, everything should be repaid with blood.

"You have no need to say anything. Just say that he must give me his favorite and most precious painting!" Chu Liuchen reached out again to push the painting to the front of Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru nodded. This time, she took the painting without hesitation, and stood up. "Prince, please stay here and wait for my news. I'll come back soon!"

Since Chu Liuyue was waiting for her outside, it would not be a big deal to go out and meet him!

"Come back as soon as possible! Do not stay too long. You have no need to talk to him!" Chu Liuchen nodded with satisfaction and then glanced at Qin Wanru, saying with some meaning inside, "Do not get too close with him. He is not a good person, obviously with a black heart."

After a helpless salutation, Qin Wanru turned to go outside.

Xiao Xuanzi still led the way, and took her to the gate of the palace. Qin Wanru nodded to Xiao Xuanzi, and then turned away with a scroll of painting in her hands.

When they had come here before, Yujie had once remembered the road. Now walking according to the memory, they just rounded a bend and saw a tall figure in a navy blue robe standing under the tree ahead with hands clasped behind back. Two little eunuchs waited and stood not far from him.

Oh, he guessed right!

Qin Wanru stopped to look at Chu Liuyue's back. There were neither waves in her clear beautiful eyes at all nor the same excitement when she had seen Chu Liuyue for the first time. At that time, she could not even control herself and poured water on Chu Liuyue. But when thinking this now, she felt that it seemed to happen in another life.

Chu Liuyue turned to look at Qin Wanru and looked up and down several times. With a hint of doubt in his eyes, he wondered whether Chu Liuchen really thought highly of her.

Why all the news he had got were that Chu Liuchen treated Second Miss Qin differently from others, such as what had happened at the gate of the palace, and today?

It was not a secret in the palace that Imperial Grandmother wanted to choose a good marriage for Chu Liuchen. However, selecting such a marriage was beyond everyone's imagination. In Chu Liuyue's opinion, none of these three could meet the criteria that Imperial Grandmother set to choose a wife for Chu Liuchen.

It seemed to be the criteria for choosing a concubine or a concubine in a non-lineal descent.

Recently, Imperial Grandmother had invited several Misses into the palace at intervals, and euphemistically described it as sending medicine to Chu Liuchen. However, when they arrived at Chu Liuchen's palace, only one of them could stay there but she could not stay long. Just like Qin Wanru in front of him, she was also kicked out within short time.

In terms of this short time, Chu Liuchen seemed not to be particularly fond of her.

Then how about the matter at the gate of the palace? Could it be true that it had been directed and performed all by Chu Liuchen himself? He deliberately created a disturbance like this, and was not he afraid that he himself would be involved? Regarding this statement, Chu Liuyue also felt untrustworthy, because Chu Liuchen indeed had difficulties protecting himself, let alone saving people. Even taking a walk might cause him to get sick again.

If neither of these was possible, then it must be planned by someone else. It was really because Chu Liuchen had known Qin Wanru that stood out to save her. Chu Liuyue's eyes fell on Qin Wanru's exquisite face, as if he was thinking of something.

Different from Chu Liuchen, Chu Liuyue had had palace maids brought up particularly in early time and already had some concubines without formal status in his palace. After having a legal wife, he would directly promote their status in his palace if some concubines found favor in his eyes.

Because he had a good looking, and was the Prince most likely to inherit the throne in the future, he could receive sweet and shy eyes wherever he went. Even many Misses deliberately appeared on his way in order to meet with him. He had seen all kinds of beautiful girls, but this was his first time to see such calm and indifferent eyes like Qin Wanru.

Those watery eyes were beautiful and could almost reflect himself. Even if they were so beautiful, they only showed a touch of coldness. Yes, coldness. Even though the two of them were not far away, they seemed to be separated by thousands of mountains and rivers, or layers of mist.

No flattering. No shyness. That small pink face was naturally flushed, but it was not a blush that appeared when a girl first saw the man she loved. The beautiful eyes were almost calm like a lake without waves. Such a girl had been so young that even Chu Liuyue could have almost ignored her gender in their first meet.

She was just a child!

But now he had to admit that this was a beautiful Miss who was extremely weak but also extremely cold, and had no wishful thinking about him with a cold and distant look.

This feeling was very strange, and even made him involuntarily want to see clearly. Was this her means of trying to play cat and mouse with him? There were lots of Misses from aristocratic families with sophisticated means in the capital city. They performed to be distinguished, but they were actually just fishing for men. Was this girl in front of me similar to them?

This should not be true. She was too young to understand this!

Chu Liuyue shook his head secretly, because she looked a bit childish. Even though she had a natural charm, it was suppressed behind her coldness. He saw her stopping politely with no intention to approach and turning aside to salute. "Pay my respect to Prince Yue!" said Qin Wanru.

"Do you come from the palace of my Third brother?" Chu Liuyue came over with hands clasped behind back and asked.

"Yes!" Qin Wanru stepped back indifferently to keep the distance from him.

"How is my Third brother? Can he get up?" Chu Liuyue's face was a little cold in his gorgeous brocade, which was the same expression as before.

"Prince Chen can stand up and he is painting. Seeing that I come over, he particularly asks me to bring a scroll of painting to Prince and says that Prince can exchange with your favorite and the most precious painting!"

Qin Wanru presented the scroll with the ribbon tied and said respectfully.

"What?" Chu Liuyue missed a beat in his heart, and his intuition showed that this was not good. How could Chu Liuchen know that he was waiting here? Could it be true that Qin Wanru was indeed a bait for him?

"This is what Prince Chen asks me to give Prince Yue!" Qin Wanru handed the painting forward again.

Chu Liuyue heard it clearly this time, and took over the painting with a bad look. He pulled the wrapped ribbon and opened the painting. When he saw painting clearly, his eyebrows were raised angrily and he sneered, "It is her that he feels satisfied with, but it is a pity that I have no picture to match this one. You tell my Third brother not to test me again. I have no relationship with First Miss Shao. If he himself likes her, go to visit her family and propose!"

After saying this, he threw the painting coldly, swung his robes, and turned to stride away.

The painting was scattered on the ground and Qin Wanru's eyes looked at the portrait on the painting. From her angle, she could not see the whole figure, and could only see half of a beautiful girl's face, which was very familiar!

After looking around on that face, Qin Wanru stepped forward and squatted to unfold the painting. After seeing the figure on the painting clearly, her dark eyes grew cold and ruthless.

Shao Yanru. It was her!

Chapter 348 Gave a Cat for Her to Keep

In the painting was Shao Yanru. At first glance, Qin Wanru had already confirmed her identity.

Even if she became ashes, Qin Wanru could also recognize her!

Were there great differences in their social status since she was as high as cloud in the sky while Qin Wanru like mud on the earth? There was a ruthless frost in her eyes, because she had been framed by Shao Yanru in her last life. She slowly reached out to pick up the painting, on which Shao Yanru, in a light green dress, was standing at the door of a Moon Cave and raising her head up to see the plum blossom on the branches. The whole figure was so elegant and beautiful, as if she would float with the wind!

No wonder in the capital city someone said in private that Shao Yanru was the first beauty in the capital city!

They all said that she was beautiful and knowledgeable, and was thoroughly accomplished in lyre-playing, chess, calligraphy and painting. With aristocratic family background, she not only behaved politely and decently, but also had sense of propriety, thus she could be the model of girls in the capital city.

Perfect. Yes, she perfectly fooled everyone. Had it not been her personal experience in the last life, Qin Wanru would also have thought that she was a person like this.

She glanced over that beautiful face and her watery eyes fell on the corner of the painting. Of course, she would not believe that Chu Liuchen was really pleased with Shao Yanru and she could be sure that even though Shao Yanru could deceive the world, she could definitely not be able to fool Chu Liuchen.

Then what was his purpose to send this painting? Did he want to annoy Chu Liuyue?

Were there any dubious relationship between Chu Liuyue and Shao Yanru? Then why Shao Yanru had not married Chu Liuyue in the last life, and had become a concubine of the current emperor in the

palace? As for her status, it was reasonable for her to become the legal wife of Chu Liuyue. There should be some turns and twists, and this had made Shao Yanru and Chu Liuyue seemingly not be together.

But in fact, Qin Wanru could still remember clearly the scene before her death that there must be something between the two of them.

At the corner of the painting, there was a flamboyant signature. Upon seeing this signature, Qin Wanru looked as if she had been hit by a lightning stroke. She took a close look at the scroll and she suddenly cried her eyes out after seeing it clearly.

The signature of "Lay Buddhist in Weiyu Pavilion" was powerfully written with firm strokes and permeated on the back of the paper. There was something suddenly appearing in her calm eyes, which had almost had no waves before.

Biting her lip, she tried to suppress the excitement in her heart. How could she not get excited? There was a lay Buddhist of Weiyu Pavilion in her memory, but she never knew who this person was. However, when she had entered the palace as an artist, he had given some directions on her painting. Could this be him?

She did not know whether it was because he was omitted in her broken memory or she had never met him.

Her thin fingers trembled slightly.

"Miss, what's the matter with you?" Yujie also squatted and could not help to ask in a wondering tone, looking at Qin Wanru's excited face.

"Let's go!" Qin Wanru stood up and turned around to go back. She wanted to ask Chu Liuchen who this Lay Buddhist of Weiyu Pavilion was. Who was this mysterious man that had treated her kindly in the last life?

When Qin Wanru returned to Chu Liuchen's palace, the two guards at the gate of the palace calmly gave the way to the door, and did not question her as before.

Qin Wanru hurriedly entered the hall in the middle and turned around the inner hall to the back corridor. She saw Chu Liuchen leaning lazily on the couch and holding a book in his hand. Noticing that Qin Wanru had come in, he raised his shining eyes to look at Qin Wanru, and his look became gentle as before.

"Failed to exchange?" Chu Liuchen put down his book with interest, looked at the painting scroll held tightly in Qin Wanru's hand and asked.

"Prince, who is lay Buddhist of Weiyu Pavilion?" Qin Wanru panted heavily since she had walked anxiously.

"Just an ordinary artist. What? Do you also want him to paint one for you?" Chu Liuchen casually said.

"Where is he?" Qin Wanru asked eagerly.

"He has left. He is not someone that belongs to me. I just ran into him!" Chu Liuchen became more relaxed and leaned on the cushion. There was some indolence in his laziness! He seemingly was similar to his cat.

Had left? Sure enough, he was so mysterious that she could not meet.

Gently biting her lips and suppressing her complicated thought in her heart, Qin Wanru passed the painting in her hand. "Prince, Prince Yue is unwilling to exchange this! He also said that you have no need to test him. If you like her, you can go to propose by yourself!"

"Propose?" Chu Liuchen laughed, as if he had heard something very funny.

"Prince, don't you want to?" Qin Wanru asked.

"Do you want me to marry this First Miss Shao?" Chu Liuchen squinted and stopped smiling.

If this question was asked by someone else, Qin Wanru would still wonder whether he had any thoughts about her. But if Chu Liuchen asked this, Qin Wanru had no doubt at all, because Chu Liuchen should have known her grudges against Duke Xing's Mansion. Being hostile to Madam of Duke Xing meant that she was also hostile to this First Miss Shao who had a good reputation.

In this case, Qin Wanru definitely did not want Chu Liuchen to marry Shao Yanru.

"No!" There was no hesitation or shyness to say this. Qin Wanru sat still on a chair aside, and looked at Chu Liuchen quietly in her watery eyes. "Prince, you should know that I do not like Shao Yanru!"

"I know, but what about that? Shao Yanru has an extraordinary status, the eldest daughter in lineal descent of Duke Xing..." Chu Liuchen reached out his finger to knock on the table and said with some meaning.

Her status was enough for several princes to fight for. Such a powerful back-up was very beneficial to the princes who wanted to fight for the throne.

"Prince, you need the background of Duke Xing's Mansion?" Qin Wanru asked calmly.

She said in a calm and strict way.

"Need!" Chu Liuchen smiled, and his eyes were very beautiful. It could be seen that he was in a good mood.

"If Prince needs, I will send the background of Duke Xing's Mansion!" Qin Wanru said decidedly. She held her hands tightly to maintain her calm on surface.

There was no hesitation in this statement, and no hesitation existed. She would not let Shao Yanru marry Chu Liuchen, otherwise not only her but also people she wanted to protect would die miserably.

Chu Liuchen looked at her and smiled meaningfully suddenly. He reached out his hands and waved to her. Qin Wanru stood up and walked slowly to the front of Chu Liuchen's bed.

The white cat was lying lazily in front of the couch, and when it heard the voice of someone coming, it opened its blue eyes slightly, looked at Qin Wanru, bent its body and jumped into Qin Wanru's arms

consciously. Then it bent its tail and continued to fall asleep, being very free as if it was sleeping on the couch of Chu Liuchen.

"How about raising it for a few days for me?" Chu Liuchen smiled and looked at Qin Wanru and the cat with great satisfaction.

"I don't know how to raise it!" Qin Wanru raised her hands. The cat was fat and heavy. When it jumped to her, it made her hands weak and she even threw it. But even she did like this, the cat was still lazily asleep and didn't feel that it had just almost been thrown.

"Be sure to raise it well for me, and if you don't..." Chu Liuchen narrowed his eyes to threaten her.

"Prince, I can't plant well that Tang Qianyan you gave me too!" Qin Wanru sighed helplessly. She tried her best but she couldn't do it well. She didn't know what happened to this prince because he let her raise everything he liked.

"You will raise the cat well!" Chu Liuchen said with some meanings.

"Why?" Qin Wanru was puzzled.

"It likes you!" Chu Liuchen glanced at the white cat and said meaningfully.

"It likes you." He used such a sentence to stop the words of Qin Wanru. When Qin Wanru stood outside the palace of Empress Dowager, she sighed deeply, holding this fat white cat. She really didn't know why this cat seemed to rely on her. When she left, it even didn't raise its head to look at its original master.

"Second Miss Qin, Empress Dowager asked you to come in!" A palace maid hurriedly came out and saluted to Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru nodded and walked slowly into the palace. When she walked into the main hall, she saluted to Empress Dowager respectfully. "The courtier kowtow and bow to Empress Dowager!"

"This is the cat of Chen'er?" Empress Dowager looked at the fat cat with amazement.

"My Empress Dowager, yes it is. Prince Chen asked me to raise the cat for him!" Qin Wanru actually wanted to put the cat down, but the cat still slept there, and its eyes didn't open a slit.

"Let me see!" Empress Dowager waved her hands to Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru stood up and walked in front of Empress Dowager. Empress Dowager reached out to hold the cat from Qin Wanru's arms.

"Meow." The fat cat awoke and glanced at Empress Dowager lazily, and showed no affection. It leaned over and arched into Qin Wanru's arms. It seemed that it didn't want to be close to Empress Dowager.

Empress Dowager smiled when she saw the cat, which was like a person. She waved her hands to let Qin Wanru sit down beside her and pointed her finger at this cat, "I don't know where the temper of this cat comes from. It used to be close to Chen'er. And now it is close to you. So that would be fate!"

The thing because of which Empress Dowager was the most dissatisfied with Qin Wanru before was that said by Shao Jie'er when she entered the palace today. But Empress Dowager now figured it out that this was the fault of that First Miss in Qin's Mansion, so she had scolded Shao Jie'er a few words for this

just now. Shao Jie'er was so scared that she kneeled down and begged for mercy, saying that she just heard it from someone else.

Empress Dowager asked someone to send her back directly. As for the other person, she asked her to stay for a while and knew that she would not be the person that her grandson liked. So she sent her back.

"Answer to Empress Dowager, I also don't know how to raise a cat," Qin Wanru said helplessly. She had no idea about it now.

"It's okay. This fat cat is very easy to be raised. But it has a bad temper and when it is angry, it will hurt people. You should be careful!" Empress Dowager said and smiled softly.

"I am not able to raise it well!" Qin Wanru was hesitant.

"It's okay. If you cannot raise it well, just return it back to Chen'er. Does Chen'er give a plate to you?" Empress Dowager said and smiled slightly.

"There is a plate!" Qin Wanru took out a plate from her arms and presented it respectfully.

Empress Dowager glanced at it and knew it was that plate. She nodded secretly, and looked kindly.

"Hold it first, and when you are free, come and visit me. If you have any questions when you raise the cat, you can ask Chen'er!"

"Yes, Empress Dowager!" Qin Wanru said and bowed her head respectfully.

"I have nothing to do in the palace. If you are willing to accompany me, I will be very happy!" Empress Dowager became even milder.

Chapter 349 The Greatest Publicity

"Prince, you really want to go to Duke Xing's Mansion to propose marriage?" Xiao Xuanzi asked anxiously. He followed Chu Liuchen and saw his owner ordered a few ornaments randomly.

"I don't go!" Chu Liuchen said. He put his hands on his back and walked a few steps.

"Then why do you find this kind of women's ornaments?" Xiao Xuanzi asked puzzledly. This was a private storehouse in the palace of his master and the things in it were given by the nobles in the palace. Each one in it was of amazing value.

However, his master never cared about them and even didn't like to take them out of the mansion. Some of them were thrown directly into the private storehouse in the palace. And he didn't come to see them in daily life.

"She kept that fat cat for me, so I have to pay for her labor!" Chu Liuchen casually picked up a box and looked at it, in which there was a pair of blood jade bracelets. "This pair is good. Keep it!"

When he heard that this was for Qin Wanru, Xiao Xuanzi immediately had energy and took out some boutique things in the corner. These were all specially put aside by Xiao Xuanzi. He originally wanted to leave them to his female master. Before Chu Liuchen said that it was for Qin Wanru, Xiao Xuanzi didn't plan to take them out.

After Chu Liuchen picked a few more, he walked out of the private storehouse. Xiao Xuanzi locked the door of the private storehouse quickly and took out some of the picked accessories and followed Chu Liuchen to go out.

"Is master going to send someone to reward Second Miss? I am free and can go!" Xiao Xuanzi asked for help actively.

"I have something for you to do!" Chu Liuchen said slightly.

"What's the matter, Prince?" Xiao Xuanzi froze and asked quickly.

"Of course there is something that I need to do. You take something randomly to Duke Xing's Mansion and ask for me when the First Miss in their mansion will come back."

Chu Liuchen said with some deep meanings.

"Master, you don't plan to marry the Miss from Duke Xing's Mansion, but you send things to her. Do you want her to be a concubine?" Xiao Xuanzi didn't understand him.

"I don't want her to come into my mansion!" Chu Liuchen said slightly and his handsome lips tickled, feeling very interesting.

The more Chu Liuyue wanted to hide, the more he wanted to make it public.

"Yes, then I will go to the Duke Xing's Mansion. So who will send these things to Second Miss?" Xiao Xuanzi felt that he actually wanted to go to Ningyuan Army General's Mansion more.

"I have nobody but you?" Chu Liuchen raised up his eyebrows.

"No... I am just afraid that master couldn't find a suitable person!" Xiao Xuanzi said with a smile.

"Have Imperial Grandmother let her go?" Chu Liuchen suddenly stood still and looked in the direction of Empress Dowager's Palace of Benevolent Peace.

"It is said that the Second Miss has gone. Empress Dowager also specially gives Second Miss Qin many gifts and asks some palace maids to send her out of the door. Many people in the palace said that Second Miss Qin had won the affection of Empress Dowager and was very lucky." Xiao Xuanzi reported what he had heard to Chu Liuchen.

There was a smile on Chu Liuchen's handsome face, and he coughed in a low voice. He seemed to be very satisfied. The affection and attention from Imperial Grandmother were more suitable than his own attention on her.

"Master, please take a break first. You need to take medicine for a while!" Xiao Xuanzi stepped forward quickly and reached out his hands to help him.

"Medicine?" Chu Liuchen stood still and calmed himself and asked.

"Yes, it's a new medicine. Master, Doctor Qi said that if you go to see the doctor regularly, you would be better. But if you... are still like this..." Xiao Xuanzi wanted to persuade him but he was afraid of saying something wrong. He couldn't organize his way of saying this at once so he was so anxious that he sweated heavily.

Others didn't know his master but he knew. His master was sick in heart and the most serious sickness of him was also the sickness in his heart. Doctor Qi had said that if his master did not have the idea of living, even the god could not save him. The person who could save his master was his master himself.

This was also one of the main reasons why Xiao Xuanzi particularly liked Qin Wanru.

He felt that when his master stayed with Second Miss Qin, he was like a living person. All his joys and sorrows were free to be expressed instead of being conveyed according to different situations and distinct people and being as sorrowful as his heart had died.

Even the medicine was casually taken if he wanted to take it. And when he didn't want to take it, he would refuse to do so!

"A new medicine?" Chu Liuchen raised up his eyes.

"Yes, it's new. Doctor Qi said that if you always agreed to take it, you would be okay. Although you have been sick from childhood, you have always been practicing martial arts, which is great for your recovery!" he said quickly. Xiao Xuanzi was afraid that Chu Liuchen would not listen to him, so he hurriedly promised when his master was in a good mood.

"Come and get the medicine!" Chu Liuchen said lightly.

"Ah..." Xiao Xuanzi was stunned because he thought that he had to persuade for a long time. And he didn't know whether his master would agree or not.

The result was so simple that Xiao Xuanzi suddenly didn't believe that he could be so lucky.

"Since I have decided to let the little girl follow me. I wouldn't let her be a widow!" Chu Liuchen said casually. His words sounded not very true and he even felt funny when he said it. He even thought that whether it was possible or not.

Considering the idea of his Imperial Grandmother to him, if something happened to him, it would be possible for her to force this little girl to be a widow. Although they didn't have a relationship now, if he couldn't get up from bed and was about to pass away, Imperial Grandmother would definitely ask Qin's Mansion to agree with this marriage. It was also very unreasonable for his Imperial Grandmother to be arbitrary.

Therefore, it was reasonable to use this reason to explain and he thought that he had believed it!

"Yes, yes, this is the reason. Even if you don't think for yourself, you have to think for Second Miss Qin!" Xiao Xuanzi was so happy that he almost cried.

"I am not willing to die like this. Those people are all right!" Chu Liuchen smiled and his handsome eyes looked at the sky. There was darkness in his cold and cruel eyes. That place was not the Palace of Benevolent Peace lived by Empress Dowager. His glance made Xiao Xuanzi frightened. The location seemed to be the place where the emperor lived?

"When you went to Duke Xing's Mansion and asked about Shao Yanru, if anyone asked me why I suddenly asked about her, you said that I thought she was pretty when I saw her portrait at my eldest brother's place."

Chu Liuchen held back the smile in his eyes and waved his hands very elegantly.

Chu Liuyue thought what he did was secretive, so he wanted everyone to see it. What the royal most disliked was that two men competed for one woman, especially the brothers of the royal family. He wanted to see how Chu Liuyue joined hands with Duke Xing's Mansion. And he would not be afraid of their cooperation, for the support of Duke Xing's Mansion was not Chu Liuyue.

Besides, there was also Chu Liuzhou.

The bigger the thing was, the better it would be.

Prince Chen sent a servant to present gifts to Duke Xing's Mansion and asked that First Miss Shao who always had a good reputation especially. Many aristocratic families got the news and they wondered if Prince Chen wanted to marry this First Miss Shao at that time. If this was true, everyone thought it was a pity for this First Miss Shao.

Such a beautiful and talented Miss was only loved by Prince Chen. What a pity it was!

Not to mention the identity of Prince Chen was very embarrassing, the body of him was so weak that he couldn't live for many years. Who wanted to marry him! Even if someone married him, she would not be good in the future. If she did not have any child, she would be a lonely widow no matter how rich she was. Or if she had a child, that would also not be a good thing.

No matter who inherited the throne in the future, his son would be a taboo because basically, Chu Liuchen was the orthodox royal prince and no one knew when some of the old officials of the former emperor would come out and wanted to maintain the throne of him. That would be a great battle then. So the best way was to kill all his sons when they were young.

The reason why Chu Liuchen could live to now was not because the emperor now was not beware of him, but because he thought that Chu Liuchen could not live for a long time, so he did not want to calculate a person who was determined to die. It was better for him to make some gestures of affection for people to see. That was the reason why the emperor favoured this Prince Chen so much.

This pampering to him even surpassed that to his other three sons!

Everyone thought that it was understandable. But this kind of affection was only because of Chu Liuchen himself. If he had a child in the future, everyone thought that would be a tragedy. If the beautiful First Miss Shao had to marry into Prince Chen's Mansion, that would be the tragedy of tragedy. She was such a beauty like a flower.

Many people secretly sighed for Shao Yanru but of course many Misses felt happy secretly. Wherever Shao Yanru went to, she was the center of so many Misses, so many Misses were angry and jealous of her. When they heard that Shao Yanru would be in trouble, nobody would be unhappy. Each one of them was very proud and pleasant.

Then when another piece of news came out, everyone looked highly at this First Miss Shao.

It was said that this Prince Chen, who seldom appeared before people, went to Duke Xing's Mansion to ask about her because he saw the picture of this First Miss Shao in the mansion of Prince Yue. That was

to say, there was a kind of ambiguous relationship between Prince Yue and First Miss Shao. Many people thought that this First Miss Shao was quite amazing when they thought like this.

This was because she found the potential of Prince Yue so she had relationships with Prince Yue. Everyone suddenly felt clear when they thought like this.

So what did that Prince Chen mean was that he wanted to compete with this Prince Yue for First Miss Shao?

It seemed to be right that everyone thought in this way. But they didn't know whether there was a relationship between this First Miss Shao and Prince Chen in the early time?

When people guessed with such psychology, they suddenly heard that the Second Miss of Ningyuan Army General had the eyes of Empress Dowager and allowed her to enter the palace from time to time to accompany her. What was more, it was said that the white cat of Prince Chen which was especially loved by him was taken out of the palace with Second Miss Qin.

Prince Chen also prepared a gift for this because he entrusted that cat in Qin's Mansion, so that would be a reward to Second Miss Qin.

For a while, Qin Wanru's publicity was unparalleled. Many people in the capital city were asking who she was. Later, when they heard that she was the younger sister who had been scolded by her elder sister on the street, they shook their heads to this elder sister because she not only lost her reputation, but also wouldn't be loved by the nobles in the palace. In the future... would she have future?

When these gossips spread to Duke Xing's Mansion, Madam of Duke Xing's face turned blue, and after sitting for a while in her room, she led people directly to Old Madam's yard.

Chapter 350 Many Foster Daughters in Duke Xing's Mansion

"Old Madam, what can we do? The Second Miss of Qin's Mansion is unwilling to take this. How poor ... First Miss is! I am afraid that... She is the only daughter of elder brother in law!" Upon entering Old Madam's room, Madam of Duke Xing had red eyes and choked voice. When she took out a piece of handkerchief to cover her mouth, she almost cried.

Old Madam's eyes were also red and she said with her hands trembling, "What, what can we do? The Second Miss of Qin's Mansion has once saved my life!"

Knowing that this Second Miss of Qin's Mansion had saved her life, Old Madam suddenly did not know how to deal with it. She had been discussing with Nanny Yu and now she only felt sad after hearing what Madam of Duke Xing had said. Though she did not like her elder daughter-in-law, her elder son likes her. Especially when this son had passed away, Old Madam only felt sad and grieved!

"Old Madam, just now Prince Chen let someone to send gifts to Ru'er. Does he... take a fancy to Ru'er? When she entered the palace today, it was obvious that he was more interested in the Second Miss of Qin's Mansion. Did this Second Miss of Qin's Mansion say anything to him? What suffering it is! Is this Second Miss of Qin's Mansion not compatible with some people in our mansion?"

Madam of Duke Xing sat next to Old Madam, and she was more aggrieved.

“What? Ru’er?” Old Madam suddenly woke up and immediately glared at her and asked. This granddaughter was the apple of Old Madam’s eyes. No one in their mansion was optimistic about Prince Chen.

This would be a marriage for their mansion to climb up the ladder of power in the future. How could it be casually destroyed by others!

“Yes, when Jie’er entered the palace before, it was said that Empress Dowager asked her to give medicine to Prince Chen, together with Second Miss Qin and Miss of Marquises’ Mansion of Fengyang. But upon arriving the Prince Chen’s mansion, she was driven away by Prince Chen. Only Second Miss Qin stayed there. After that, Jie’er was also rebuked by Empress Dowager, but somehow, after Second Miss Qin left Prince Chen’s mansion, Prince Chen came to our mansion!”

Madam of Duke Xing anxiously wiped tears at the corner of her eyes.

Among several Princes’ mansions, Prince Chen’s Mansion was the last choice for Duke Xing’s Mansion. Even though it had been ordered by Empress Dowager, they had only sent a daughter of non-lineal descent. As for the eldest daughter of lineal descent, they had early made an excuse to avoid. The aim was to first let Prince Chen choose a concubine and get settled.

Empress Dowager had revealed this intention at an early time that she would like to choose concubines for Prince Chen first. The reason for her action had already been known to all that Prince Chen’s condition was critical and Empress Dowager wanted him to produce offspring. No one dared to jump forward at this time. Only when the matter of selecting concubines for Prince Chen was settled would they come back to participate in selections for other princes’ principal concubines.

Duke Xing’s Mansion had decided in this way at that time. It had happened to have an opportunity, thus First Miss Shao Yanru had gone to Yuhui Nunnery to learn painting so as to make an excuse to leave.

“She... could it be that she hates us because of that pair of bracelets? But I really do not know that she has saved me.” Old Madam said angrily.

Compared to Qin Yuru, an adopted granddaughter, her closest granddaughter Shao Yanru was obviously more important. Even though Qin Wanru had saved her life, Old Madam also felt that she could not let this matter pass.

“Old Madam, what can we do now? Did the Second Miss of Qin’s Mansion say something to Prince Chen? She deliberately made Prince Chen create such a big matter, so that Empress Dowager would feel that Prince Chen likes Ru’er. What can we do? Empress Dowager has always been partial to Prince Chen. If, if...”

Madam of Duke Xing was really anxious. She picked up the teacup at hand and took a few sips and then she calmed down slightly.

“Old Madam, we cannot wait any longer! Let me adopt First Miss Qin and let her enter our mansion. Second Miss Qin also has saved your life, so she can come together to grow up in our mansion. This can be seen as our gratitude to her for saving your life! ”

“Adopt her as daughter. Then what about Rui’an Great Elder Princess?” Old Madam hesitated, but it was not because of Qin Wanru’s identity as her savior.

"It does not matter whether Rui'an Great Elder Princess will admit this. Anyway, we do not say that she is the daughter of elder brother in law. Too many things at that time were involved. If all the things are involved, Old Madam may be attacked by others' words. Just let all these things pass. It was also because of elder brother in law's blessings that we can find First Miss Qin. We just treat her as the daughter of lineal descent in our mansion and anything else is not important!"

Madam of Duke Xing softly said.

These words were entirely said to satisfy Old Madam.

Speaking of the matter at that year, Old Madam disliked it very much. It was a knot in Old Madam's heart. She felt that it was Infanta Qinghua who had caused her son's death. She did not want to mention Infanta Qinghua at all. Had it not been for Infanta Qinghua's identity, she would have not let her return to the mansion and give birth to Hao'er.

The matter at that year was the last thing that Old Madam would like to talk about. Madam of Duke Xing also seized this point of Old Madam's mind, because she had been raised by Old Madam in Duke Xing's Mansion since she was a child. She knew Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion very well and she knew that Old Madam would definitely agree with such words.

As she had expected, Old Madam decided just after thinking for a moment. "Okay, then you adopt her as a daughter, and treat her kindly in daily life. Everyone in our mansion will treat her as Miss of lineal descent and a generous dowry will be prepared for her when she will marry to Duke Yong's Mansion later!"

Old Madam arranged like this. It seemed that she really liked Qin Yuru, her granddaughter, and she considered everything for her. But if Qin Yuru was really her granddaughter, it would be wrong to not recognize her ancestor. A granddaughter of blood relation became a foster one. The gap was not a little bit!

"Okay, then just as what Old Madam said, we can ask the Second Miss of Qin's Mansion to follow her sister to live in our mansion. On the one hand, it could reflect that First Miss Qin is a kind person who attaches great importance to the relation between her sister and her. On the other hand, we can talk to Second Miss Qin so that she doesn't have to be hostile to our mansion."

The goal of Madam of Duke Xing had been achieved. She emotionlessly put everything onto Old Madam. She nodded and agreed as if all the things just now were proposed by Old Madam and she agreed with them because she listened to the meaning of Old Madam.

Nanny Yu, who was standing aside, glanced at her secretly, and lowered her head emotionlessly.

"It's okay. Just let the Second Miss of Qin's Mansion come along. Since she saved me, I would not treat her badly. I will add a heavy dowry to her at that time," Old Madam said and took it for granted, raising her eyes proudly as if Qin Wanru saved her before only for her dowry.

"Old Madam, then I'll go to arrange it. This thing should be discussed with Madam Di, who is the adoptive mother of First Miss Qin. But it is said that she got ill and couldn't get up from bed..." Madam of Duke Xing frowned, feeling it hard to deal with. "If we wait for her illness to get better, we don't know how long we need to wait. The longer we wait, the worse it would be!"

"Send the doctor in our mansion out to see the illness of this Madam Di. If she gets better slightly, we would discuss this thing with her. We need to finish all these things before fifteen of the first month of lunar year. As for gifts after that, you also don't forget to send one to Second Miss in their mansion so that people will know that our Duke Xing's Mansion is not ungrateful!"

Old Madam gave a favorable glance at Madam of Duke Xing and said.

It was impossible to finish all these things before the Spring Festival. Tomorrow was Chinese New Year's Eve. Next if there was something which was needed to be discussed, they would need to wait for the day after fifteen of the first month of lunar year.

"Yes, Old Madam. I'll arrange it now and try to finish arranging this as early as possible!" Madam of Duke Xing got the meaning of Old Madam and stood up. She turned around and went out.

Old Madam's voice came from behind. "Do the Buddha statues you sent last time arrive here?"

Madam of Duke Xing stopped and said with a smile, "Old Madam, don't worry. It will arrive here soon. The small Buddha Hall is also properly arranged. When the Buddha statue enters our mansion, Old Madam could pay homage to the Buddha directly in the small Buddha Hall and do not need to go out. You are not a young people and it is better for you to stay in the mansion."

The words were very convincing, and Old Madam was very satisfied. She turned the beads in her hands and closed her eyes with a somber face. "You can go now. I will read a scripture for a while to pray for your elder brother in law."

"Then I won't bother you!" Madam of Duke Xing stepped out of the door. When she was out of the door, a flash of viciousness appeared in her eyes. She grunted coldly and turned around and left...

The gifts from Chu Liuchen placed all over the table. Looking at the pair of blood jade bracelets in so many presents, Qin Wanru reluctantly opened it and wore one on her hand.

It was a bit big, and not really suitable for her.

Recently, she seemed to have a relationship with the blood jade bracelets. It seemed that everyone was sending her blood jade bracelets. Needless to say, Chu Liuchen must have known the things about the blood jade bracelets.

"Xiao Xuanzi, did Prince say anything?" Qin Wanru asked.

"Our master said that this blood jade bracelet was very beautiful and Miss could wear it frequently," Xiao Xuanzi said with a smile in a good mood. He just came here after sending gifts to Duke Xing's Mansion. But he didn't stay for a long time in Duke Xing's Mansion. After putting down the gifts, he asked a few more things about First Miss Shao, and even mentioned Prince Yue, and then he went away.

Moreover, he asked the question at the door in front of the crowd of servants and the people who were watching outside. After seeing Duke Xing, he put down the gifts and hurriedly left away.

"What if I fall it down?" Qin Wanru moved her wrist. Her jade-like wrist wore a blood-colored bracelet, which was actually very beautiful. There were three beautiful golden plum blossoms on the outside of the bracelet. It was really very special and beautiful with gems as stamens and gold as petals.

“Our master said that it’s okay. If you fall it down, our master will send other things to you. There are many things like this in our master’s private storeroom,” Xiao Xuanzi said ostentatiously as if he was talking about the most ordinary ornaments.

“Please express my gratitude to your Prince. But you don’t have to send these things later. They are so showy!” Qin Wanru turned the bracelet and said euphemistically.

“Second Miss, don’t worry. The way to send gifts to Duke Xing’s Mansion was more high-sounding, and the way to send gifts to you was the most ordinary!” Xiao Xuanzi smiled very proudly. His standing at the door and saying publicly to give gifts was the showiest.

“What’s the matter? Is there anything more high-sounding? Xiao Xuanzi, you talk about it.” Yujie heard what he meant and immediately became interested in this. She walked two steps forward and asked.

Xiao Xuanzi said proudly about the things just now. This time Qin Wanru even smiled. Her pink lips hooked and her eyes were thoughtful. There was a kind of gloomy in her eyes. The action of Chu Liuchen helped her. Madam of Duke Xing must be very anxious?

The fire itself had actually been burned. Chu Liuchen added another fire at this time. But they needed to see how much the fire had burned...

“Miss, an old maid in the kitchen said that she was looking for you!”