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Chapter 361 A Concubine Would Be Sent to the Qin's Mansion?

"When will they do that?" Qin Wanru asked again.

"It is said that they will do it these days. They have talked it over. The lady is said to be a cousin of Madam Di, a distant relative of Duke Yong's Mansion. She was supposed to get married long ago, but her marriage was delayed because of something. She's quite a good-looking old lady."

The news was truly shocking, because no one expected that Madam Di would agree.

"Has father said anything about it?" Qin Wanru frowned slightly. There was definitely not such a lady in the last life.

In the last life, the backyard of the Qin's Mansion was under the control of Madam Di. She would not allow such a thing. In this life, many things had changed. Madam Di was doomed. Did Duke Yong's Mansion mean to send another lady from their family to the Qin's Mansion?

After Huangrui's failure in seducing Qin Huaiyong secretly, they intended to send a lady here openly!

"The general should have agreed, otherwise it would not be possible for the lady to marry into our mansion as a concubine," Qu Le replied.

"Let's go and see mother!" Qin Wanru stood up and said. If it was true, mother should have got the news as well. Mother should be the saddest person in this matter.

Qin Wanru was afraid that Shui Ruolan could not bear it and felt uncomfortable!

When she hurried to Shui Ruolan's Liufeng Pavilion, she saw Shui Ruolan leaned quietly against the couch. Seeing her come over, Shui Ruolan smiled and instructed Qionghua to lead her to a seat. She showed no discomfort and looked the same as usual, which made Qin Wanru hesitate and wonder if her mother had known anything.

After a servant served tea, Shui Ruolan pointed to the newly made tea and said, "Wanru, have a sip. The tea leaves were sent here by your father yesterday. It's said that they have just been picked this year. There are only several liang of them, not much. The tea leaves were picked really early this year. When we were in Jiangzhou, they weren't picked so early!"

Seeing Shui Ruolan look fine, Qin Wanru felt relieved and looked slightly relaxed. As she picked up the teacup, a breath of fresh fragrance came to her nose and immediately amazed her. She involuntarily praised, "The tea is really good and indeed the fresh tea of this year. It's really strange that we get fresh tea at this time!"

She took a sip and sniffed a strong fragrance. Qin Wanru nodded repeatedly and thought that it was really good.

"You can leave now!" Shui Ruolan smiled and waved her hands. The maids and old maids all left, leaving Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru in the room, as well as their henchmen Qionghua and Yujie.

“Mother, do you want to say something?” Seeing Shui Ruolan do that, Qin Wanru blinked her watery eyes and asked with a smile.

“Your father is going to have a concubine. She is Madam Di’s cousin, about to marry into our mansion to take care of Yuru.” With the smile on her face fading, Shui Ruolan directly said.

Unconsciously, she had considered Qin Wanru her backbone and always discussed with Qin Wanru when something happened.

“To take care of Big Sister?” Qin Wanru was surprised, and then gradually realized that it must be their intention. Otherwise, Duke Yong’s Mansion would probably not send a lady here at this time.

“They said that your Big Sister has been misguided by Madam Di. Although she’s being instructed by the etiquette instructor now, but the etiquette instructor isn’t her mother after all. Madam Di is going to recuperate in a villa outside the city. My current situation doesn’t allow me to take care of Yuru. Besides, your Big Sister won’t want me to take care of her. Duke Yong’s Mansion means to send a cousin of Madam Di here as a concubine with the major purpose of taking care of your Big Sister!”

Shui Ruolan said slowly, without judging Duke Yong’s Mansion.

Nevertheless, she had expressed the meaning properly. This concubine was a key to the compromise between the Qin’s Mansion and Duke Yong’s Mansion. Thus, Qin Huaiyong must have agreed to it, and had told Shui Ruolan about it early. So Shui Ruolan also knew it.

It was a foregone conclusion.

Qin Wanru sighed softly, reached out to hold Shui Ruolan’s hand, and said softly, “Mother, don’t be sad. Since she just comes here to take care of Big Sister, let her live in Madam Di’s place!”

“It doesn’t matter. Since she marries into our mansion as a concubine with the support of Duke Yong’s Mansion, I will only offer them a chance to criticize me if I treat her harshly. It’s better to arrange a place where she can live well. Regarding your father, he can go wherever he wants to go. I can’t force him!”

Shui Ruolan said in an increasingly low voice, with empty gaze. After finishing talking, she showed a bitter smile.

No background was Shui Ruolan’s biggest disadvantage. Although the lady was just a concubine, she seemed to be higher than Shui Ruolan in status, not to mention she was supported by Duke Yong’s Mansion. Since she married into the Qin’s Mansion under cover of taking care of Qin Yuru, she was naturally taken seriously.

The so-called concubine came with no good purpose, but neither Shui Ruolan nor Qin Wanru could think of a reason to reject her.

Status? There was a trace of gloom and sharpness across Qin Wanru’s eyes!

If others couldn’t offer Shui Ruolan a high status and support, she could offer her. She wouldn’t allow this concubine to marry into the Qin’s Mansion!

Didn’t Madam Di intend to make trouble? She would leave her aside!

“Forget it. We are not going to talk about this. I just want to tell in advance, lest you don’t know anything when the lady comes!” Shui Ruolan suddenly said with a gentle and elegant smile and held Qin Wanru’s hand, “Wanru, be careful especially of Duke Xing’s Mansion. I always feel that you are related to Duke Xing’s Mansion, and Madam of Duke Xing doesn’t really like you!”

Shui Ruolan did not understand some of the cause and effect behind it, but felt that Madam of Duke Xing had no good intention. It seemed that Madam of Duke Xing had talked in one way and acted in another long ago.

She seemed to have an ulterior motive anyway.

Shui Ruolan also learned about Nanny Sheng’s visit yesterday after Nanny Sheng left. After asking about it carefully, she found something shady behind it. Originally she had to tell Qin Huaiyong about it, but inexplicably felt that she had better keep it a secret for the moment. So when Qin Huaiyong told her about the request of Duke Yong’s Mansion yesterday, she didn’t say anything about it on purpose.

If Qin Huaiyong knew it later, she could say that she had forgotten it at the moment.

“Mother, rest assured. Madam of Duke Xing does not like me indeed.” Qin Wanru also confessed to Shui Ruolan and said bluntly, lest Shui Ruolan misunderstood when Madam of Duke Xing told her something later.

“Wanru, be careful. If you need anything from me, you must tell me!” Speaking of this, Shui Ruolan showed a bitter smile. “Although I’m not very capable, at least I will protect you from being bullied by others.”

“Mother, I know!” Sensing Shui Ruolan’s sincerity, Qin Wanru bit her lip softly and said.

After the serious conversation, they made small talk for a while. Seeing Shui Ruolan’s tired face, Qin Wanru stood up and asked to leave. Watching Qin Wanru leave, Shui Ruolan leaned back and closed her eyes with a tired face.

Qionghua came over to make the cushion softer for her, and said softly, “Madam, why didn’t you tell the Second Miss that you are sad!”

“Am I sad? Actually not very sad!” Shui Ruolan said softly and gloomily, “When I decided to marry cousin brother after thinking it over, actually I’ve thought about the current situation. Cousin brother... Cousin brother... No one can make him do anything...”

“Why did you agree to marry the general at that time!” Qionghua said anxiously.

“In that case, Madam Di had plotted against me. If I didn’t agree to marry the general, it would cause more trouble, and the result would be even worse. In the end, Madam Di would get what she wanted, and Mother and Wanru would be sad. So I considered it not bad to marry the general. In this case, at least I still have Madam Dowager, Wanru and him!” Shui Ruolan reached out to touch her belly, looking increasingly tender.

It didn’t matter that her husband was unreliable. She still had the unborn baby. With this baby, she could care about her husband as less as possible and ignore the fact that he was going to marry someone else.

Shui Ruolan was so peaceful, because she had thought it over. Since some things were not in her control, she could make the best of the current situation in her limited power...

After walking out of Shui Ruolan's courtyard, Qin Wanru kept frowning. After taking a few steps, she stood firm and looked back at Shui Ruolan's courtyard with an increasingly sullen face.

Mother appeared to be weird. It seemed that she should not look so bland. She had grown up with father since childhood. Although she had always been very orthodox in her behavior, their affections since childhood should make her incomparable to other ladies. However, Qin Wanru inexplicably felt that Shui Ruolan seemingly didn't care so much about Qin Huaiyong now.

Did Shui Ruolan know something?

"Miss, where are we going now?" Yujie looked at the road under her foot, and found that it didn't lead to the Zhifang Pavilion, so she asked.

"Go and see Big Sister!" Qin Wanru walked forward and said lightly.

If there was someone who knew this clearly, it must be Qin Yuru. Madam Di was leaving for a distant place. It probably meant no big deal to others. However, it meant a lot to Qin Yuru and Madam Di herself.

Qin Wanru did not believe that Madam Di would allow herself to be seized without offering any resistance and be obedient to Duke Yong's Mansion. Last night, Nanny Zhou and Madam Di went out together and did something. Now Qin Wanru seemingly also needed to take actions to deal with this concubine!

Madam Di should be unwilling to be replaced by a concubine, while Qin Wanru didn't want to see a concubine marry into their mansion. At this point, she had the same intention as Madam Di. She wanted to make what had happened between their mansions significant, and saw if Duke Yong's Mansion had the cheek to send the lady to the Qin's Mansion!

Qin Yuru's courtyard was very quiet now. Seeing Qin Wanru coming, the maids and old maids immediately bowed to her one by one without any contempt as before.

The curtain was lifted high at the door. Qin Yuru was sitting in the middle, and coldly watched Qin Wanru walk towards her. Without Qin Huaiyong around, Qin Yuru didn't want to pretend to be kind to her younger sister. Seeing Qin Wanru come in, she sneered and ignored her.

Qin Wanru didn't mind it either. She stepped forward, bowed sideways, and sat down naturally in a chair beside before Qin Yuru said anything, as if it was her room rather than Qin Yuru's.

Seeing Qin Wanru come uninvited and not treat herself as a guest, Qin Yuru was very angry. She tilted her head to look at Qin Wanru with her eyes filled with rage, but did not speak.

A maid served tea, and quietly left. It was so quiet in the room that they could even hear each other's breathing. Qin Yuru frowned in disgust and said with sarcasm, "Second sister, why do you come here? Could it be possible to see if you've made me miserable enough now?"

With her gaze falling on Qin Yuru's face, Qin Wanru showed a slight smile, seeming to be in quite a good mood. However, her expression made Qin Yuru feel increasing hatred.

"Big Sister, what are you talking about? How could I trap you? I heard that something happened to Madam Di yesterday, but I'm wondering if you know!" Qin Wanru asked with a calm smile and a trace of deepness across her eyes. Compared with the venomous Madam Di, it was naturally easier to deal with Qin Yuru...

Chapter 362 Proclaim Her Identity

"Qin Wanru, with no outsiders here at this moment, you don't need to pretend. You dropped and smashed my bracelets that day. Isn't it because you can't bear to see that my bracelets were rewarded by Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion?" Qin Yuru said with a sneer.

There were no others in the room indeed. Besides Qin Yuru and Qin Wanru, only their henchmen were present. Others might not know something, but the maids did. Qin Yuru and Qin Wanru were incompatible, and just pretended to be intimate sisters in front of others.

Nevertheless, although all the maids present were henchmen, they were still different.

Yujie stood with a calm face behind Qin Wanru, and even dared to steal a glance at Qin Yuru lightly, as if she didn't care about Qin Yuru's words and stood here just to watch the show. Her expression and Qin Wanru's mild expression formed a delightful contrast.

Both of them didn't panic.

Behind Qin Yuru were Mei Xue and Meiyan. Both of them lowered their heads and stood quietly, motionless, as if neither of them existed. They dared not glance at Qin Wanru.

Now everyone in the mansion knew that the Second Miss was tough. Mei Xue and Meiyan had taken the initiative to bully her, but now they no longer dared to act rashly.

In contrast, Qin Yuru felt wronged.

They were in her room, but her maids were not as at ease as Qin Wanru's maid.

"Big Sister, why do you say that? I don't know what you mean by saying this. Why do you say that it's my fault? Others don't know what happened on that day clearly, but you must know it clearly. With no outsiders here at this moment, you don't have to pretend to be wronged anymore. The trouble was caused by you. I was actually involved in it by you. After all, I'm also a daughter of the Qin family!"

Qin Wanru's smile faded. Although she still looked mild, she said in a sharp tone.

"Qin Wanru, how dare you insist saying that?" Qin Yuru trembled in anger. Others didn't know what had happened in the carriage clearly, but both she and Qin Wanru knew it. However, now Qin Wanru did not admit it.

Madam Di had said that in this case, it was extremely easy for Qin Wanru to become complacent. After all, she and her mother had already fallen into such a situation. At this time, with no one around, Qin Wanru could tell the truth.

"Big Sister, why can't I say that? Since you did it, I can mention it." Qin Wanru smiled coldly and stood up. "I intended to come and see how you are doing. I thought that Madam Di is leaving soon, so you must be sad. Although we are on bad terms with each other, both of us are the members of the Qin

family. However, it seems that you don't care about Madam Di at all, but keep arguing with me. Well, I'm leaving!"

After finishing her words, Qin Wanru turned around and was about to leave.

"Qin Wanru, don't you feel guilty for making my mother fall into this situation? My mother has raised you up. Even though she's a little bit biased towards me, you should be grateful for her upbringing. At least she has treated you sincerely!" Qin Yuru yelled at the top of her voice.

Qin Wanru stopped without turning around. "Big Sister, are you asking me to thank Madam Di for not having succeeded in kidnapping me from Jingxin Monastery and selling me?"

Her words made Qin Yuru pause for a moment, but Qin Yuru responded quickly and immediately said, "Second sister, is it the reason why you hate my mother and intend to ruin my mother and me?"

"Big Sister, I don't know what you mean by saying this. I just want to tell you that the fact that Madam Di intended to ruin my reputation and even sell me for the sake of you has wiped out my gratitude for her upbringing. Regarding other things, I don't want to look into or mention them. I hope that you can stop mentioning that I should be grateful for her upbringing. If she raises me up with the intention of ruining me, she shouldn't have done that!"

Qin Wanru slowly turned her head and looked at Qin Yuru with coldness in her watery eyes. Madam Di had raised her up? If it weren't for her biological father who died for saving Qin Huaiyong, the Qin's Mansion would not necessarily raise her up. Or even if they did that, they would not raise her up as a Miss.

It could be said that her biological father had exchanged his life for everything she got, so she didn't need to be grateful for Madam Di's upbringing. If she should be grateful for that, how should they return the favor of saving Qin Huaiyong's life? Should they return it with another life?

Feeling hatred and pain in her heart, she clenched her fists tightly at the bottom of her sleeves with a pale face and her lips closed. After finished speaking, she gave Qin Yuru a hard look and turned to leave.

Yujie caught up with her after trotting for a while.

The scene was completely like that Qin Wanru was wronged by Qin Yuru and left in anger.

Qin Yuru stamped her foot with hatred. Watching Qin Wanru leave, she gnashed her teeth in anger. Qin Wanru was so tight-lipped that she didn't reveal anything.

"First Miss, you said that the Second Miss dropped and smashed your bracelets on purpose, but why did she say that you are the one who did it?" Watching Qin Wanru leave, Nanny Huang, who came behind from the screen, said thoughtfully.

"Nanny Huang, trust me. It's really Qin Wanru who trapped me. She intends to prevent me from returning to Duke Xing's Mansion." Qin Yuru gnashed her teeth, said in anger and looked coldly at Qin Wanru. If her gaze was material, Qin Wanru could have been killed for a thousand times.

"First Miss, it doesn't matter whether I trust you or not. You should make others trust you. Now everyone is talking about your deeds. They say that you are not only arrogant but also vicious. You just shifted all the blame onto your younger sister after the accident. Besides, you cursed and beat your

younger sister on the street. It can be seen that you've always done the same thing in your mansion. Virtue, chastity and dignity are the most important things for a lady from an aristocratic family. But you don't have any of them!"

Nanny Huang sighed helplessly and looked at Qin Yuru suspiciously. She actually wanted to believe what Qin Yuru said. Hearing Qin Wanru come over, she immediately hid herself and asked Qin Yuru to sound Qin Wanru out and make Qin Wanru tell the truth. Unexpectedly, it still sounded like Qin Yuru's fault. Although Nanny Huang was wise, she didn't know what to do for a while.

Even now she didn't know whether she should trust Qin Yuru.

"Nanny Huang, my mother has entrusted you to take care of me and said that she will return you the favor in the future. You know my family background now. I will be a Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion after returning to Duke Xing's Mansion. Considering my status, are you still not willing to help me?" Qin Yuru collected her thoughts, turned her head to look at Nanny Huang and said coldly.

When Madam Di came to see Qin Yuru yesterday, Madam Di took Nanny Huang with her deliberately and told Nanny Huang to help Qin Yuru in the coming days.

"First Miss, are you really the daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua?" Nanny Huang looked at Qin Yuru with her eyes drifting. Since she knew the news, she had always felt dubious. Was this true?

If it was true, Qin Yuru's identity was indeed unusual, or could even be considered noble. Rui'an Great Elder Princess had no other relatives now. If Qin Yuru's identity was confirmed, Nanny Huang's status would be promoted as well.

As the emperor's aunt, Rui'an Great Elder Princess had an unusual status in the royal family.

"Nanny Huang, mother told you the truth yesterday. Do you still not believe it now? If it isn't true, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion wouldn't think highly of me or even support me. If it weren't for that fact that my second sister has happened to save Old Madam, she could have been suppressed now!"

Qin Yuru said with a sneer.

Her words made Nanny Huang fall silent, and the balance in her heart swung to Qin Yuru's side. She had clearly known that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion had sent someone here. If it weren't for the fact that Old Madam knew the identity of Qin Yuru, it was impossible for Old Madam to directly intervene in the affairs of the Qin's Mansion.

In the capital, everyone knew that this Old Madam had spent most of her time worshipping the Buddha and rarely appeared in front of others. Even if her relatives came to her mansion for some business, she rarely showed up. How could she intervene rashly in the affair of a Miss who had just moved to the capital, not to mention that the Qin's Mansion wasn't related to Duke Xing's Mansion at all?

Nanny Huang had lived in the capital for so many years, and knew some bygonees in the capital. Thinking of this, she nodded instantly. "First Miss, rest assured. I will help you!"

"Great. Nanny, can you tell me what to do next?" Seeing Nanny Huang convinced, Qin Yuru was overjoyed and said hurriedly.

"Today is the eve of the Spring Festival, and we are going to worship the ancestors. Madam Di is leaving tomorrow. If there is still a chance, we can only do it today. Do you want to keep Madam Di here or stay out of the trouble?" Nanny Huang asked.

Since Qin Yuru was not the biological daughter of Madam Di, Nanny Huang felt that it was not necessary to consider Madam Di at this time.

"I naturally want to keep my mother here. My mother has always been nice to me for so many years and secretly helped me find the home of my biological parents this time. How dare I forget her great kindness? Besides, if someone doubts my identity, my mother could testify for me. She has some evidence to prove that!"

Qin Yuru said hurriedly.

Nanny Huang nodded secretly, and looked slightly eased. Although the First Miss was unreliable with a terrible character and manners, she still had an advantage of being grateful for others' kindness. Madam Di had raised her for so many years, so she sincerely treated Madam Di. It made Nanny Huang believe that the First Miss would also be grateful after she helped the First Miss.

"Since you think so, we can do that. Regarding what Madam Di has done, there's no doubt that the general is disgusted and must send Madam Di away. Nevertheless, the Second Miss and Madam Shui are the most displeased with Madam Di, right?" Nanny Huang said cautiously.

"Yes, the two of them have always been displeased with me and my mother." Qin Yuru nodded repeatedly.

"At this moment, if Madam Di and Madam Shui quarrel with each other, and something terrible happens to Madam Di, the General wouldn't drive Madam Di away instantly even if he is cruel!"

Nanny Huang said after thinking for a while.

"Nanny Huang, do you mean that my mother could quarrel with Shui Ruolan, and then pretend to be sick?" Qin Yuru asked, opening her eyes wide.

"No, she can't pretend to be sick. The general won't believe it. She should be really sick!" Nanny Huang reminded her with a hint of hesitation across her eyes. It was actually the scheme Nanny Zhou offered her yesterday.

Gnashing her teeth, Qin Yuru asked coldly, "Nanny Huang, what should we do?"

She wanted to make it more significant if possible...

Chapter 363 The Wind Got Strong and the Trouble Started...

Because it was the eve of the Spring Festival and there were a ceremony of worshipping the ancestors and a family banquet in the evening, Shui Ruolan did not take a nap in the afternoon and spent the afternoon listening to the supervisors of the inner court reporting various affairs. There were tremendous affairs to handle today. Qionghua had advised her to take a nap repeatedly, but she still refused to do that and forced herself to hold on.

Qionghua was extremely anxious. Failing to persuade Shui Ruolan, she could only invite Qin Wanru to come over. After Qin Wanru helped her persuade Shui Ruolan, Shui Ruolan obediently went into the inner room and had a rest.

In the outer room, two concubines helped Shui Ruolan handle the affairs, while Qin Wanru sat behind the screen in the outer room and went through the account book which Shui Ruolan had gone through.

In addition to a few account books of the supervisors of the inner court, the rest were sent from outside. They recorded the profits from the stores bought by the Qin's Mansion after the Qin's Mansion moved to the capital, and the profits looked pretty good.

Shui Ruolan had listened to the supervisors reporting outside, while going through the account books. The two concubines handled the main affairs outside. Shui Ruolan only talked when noticing something wrong.

The two concubines had known that Qin Wanru sat behind the screen instead of Shui Ruolan. They would never bother Qin Wanru if they could handle the affairs. Qin Wanru sat there comfortably.

Qin Wanru casually went through the account books, while calculating the profits of her store in a good mood. Although her store was not big, the profits were pretty good. Madame Dong did well in this indeed and began to make profits in such a short time.

Shui Ruolan hadn't slept for a long time. About an hour later, she got up and sat back behind the screen to go through the account books. With nothing else to do, Qin Wanru continued to accompany her beside. She picked up Shui Ruolan's needle and thread randomly and began to do the embroidery for her.

It was still quiet behind the screen, and Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru were both attentive.

"Two concubines, two concubines, something terrible happened to Madam Di!" An old maid ran in in a panic.

Qin Wanru put down the needle and thread in her hand, and looked out through the screen. She could not see it clearly, but only faintly saw that more than an old maid came. She silently lifted the corners of her mouth. As she expected, Madam Di would not leave willingly.

If Madam Di didn't want to leave, she could only make trouble to make herself look disadvantaged. In the entire mansion, Shui Ruolan was the only one qualified to make Madam Di suffer a loss and quarrel with Madam Di. If Madam Di confronted Qin Wanru, she would be considered bullying a child. If Madam Di confronted grandma, grandma was not in charge of the mansion now.

Since Shui Ruolan was in charge of the mansion, Shui Ruolan should be the one Madam Di intended to confront. Qin Wanru didn't leave in a hurry, because she had expected such a scene. But she didn't know what Madam Di was going to do. Would Madam Di be cruel enough to herself?

Shui Ruolan also raised her head, frowned and listened intently without talking.

"What happened to Madam Di?" Aunt Xu asked and had eye contact with Aunt Dong at the opposite side. They did not dare to ignore any actions of Madam Di. They both lived under the control of Madam Di for so many years, so they naturally knew Madam Di was not easy to deal with.

"There's something wrong with the pastries Madam Di ate this morning. She vomited so seriously that she has passed out now!" the supervisor said with her legs trembling, reached out to drag the old maid beside and said anxiously, "Nanny Zhou, Madam Di's intimate old maid, went to the kitchen to ask about it. I've brought her here, but she said she didn't know what made Madam Di get sick!"

"This is the old maid who made the pastries?" Aunt Dong asked with a frown.

"Yes, Nanny Zhou said that Madam Di ate the pastries made by her. However, besides Madam Di, many people in the kitchen have eaten the pastries. Why is Madam Di the only one who got sick?" the supervisor said.

"Mesdames, I really don't know anything. The pastries are all right, and I made them this morning. In the morning, Nanny Zhou came to pick up the pastries. I was busy at that time, so I asked her to pick them up. I didn't expect that... It has nothing to do with me..."

The old maid making the pastries complained of being wronged.

Shui Ruolan exchanged a glance with Qin Wanru and coughed in a low voice. The voices outside were lowered, because they knew that Madam Shui was about to speak.

"Have you asked a doctor to come over?" Shui Ruolan asked softly.

"Someone has been sent to ask," the supervisor of the kitchen said. At that time, she immediately asked Nanny Zhou to ask a doctor to come over after knowing this. However, Nanny Zhou was truculent and tended to seize the old maid making the pastries. So they had wasted a lot of time. Later, Nanny Zhou finally left after being repeatedly reminded by her.

"Where is the one going to ask?" Qin Wanru blinked slightly and asked.

"It is said that the one is going to the front door. There is a doctor with great medical skills. The doctor has treated Madam Di before, and Nanny Zhou said that he's great!"

The supervisor reported.

"Send someone to ask another doctor to come over!" Qin Wanru said softly.

"What?" The old maid froze for a moment and didn't understand.

"Send someone to ask another doctor to come here, and the doctor should be famous in the capital. Yujie, you should go there as well and remember to ask the doctor whom we asked last time!" Qin Wanru said again.

She was talking about the doctor who had made a diagnosis for Ning Caixian and found that Ning Caixian was not sick. His ancestors had worked as imperial physicians in the palace. It was said that he had inherited the great medical skills, but he did not enter the palace as an imperial physician because of something. Nevertheless, he had a good reputation in the capital.

This was the reason why when he said that Ning Caixian was not sick, everyone around him believed it immediately.

"Okay, I'll set out immediately!" Yujie nodded and left.

"Tell me everything again!" Qin Wanru said again.

"Yes, Second Miss!" The supervisor instantly told the whole affair from beginning to end again, including how Nanny Zhou came to the kitchen, how she made a scene after reaching the kitchen and then hurriedly went to seek a doctor after being reminded repeatedly by the supervisor, and that she had spent much time on her journey to seek a doctor.

After the supervisor finished talking, Qin Wanru looked down and looked towards Shui Ruolan after thinking for a while.

"I'll go and have a look!" Shui Ruolan stood up and said.

"Mother, are you going to see Madam Di now?" Qin Wanru also stood up and said with a glimmer of deepness across her watery eyes. Being in charge of the mansion, coupled with her character, Shui Ruolan should go and have a look at this moment.

"Something like this happened. I should go and have a look!" Shui Ruolan said helplessly.

"Where is father? Would you like to inform him now and ask him to go and have a look?" Qin Wanru suggested.

"Your father isn't at home at this moment. He went out to deal with something after lunch and hasn't returned yet!" Shui Ruolan shook her head helplessly.

Her father was absent, and her grandma was not in good health. Only her mother and she were left. She was still young, so it was only proper for her mother to go there and have a look. It was such a coincidence.

"Mother, let me go there!" Qin Wanru felt worried about letting Shui Ruolan going there and suggested.

"It... it's improper for you..." Shui Ruolan looked at Qin Wanru and said hesitantly.

"Well, I'll go there with mother." Qin Wanru reached out to hold Shui Ruolan's hand and said with a smile.

"Okay!" Seeing Qin Wanru's resolute face, Shui Ruolan said helplessly.

The two concubines stayed to continue handling the affairs, while Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru went to Madam Di's yard. On their way, they came across Qin Yuru, who had got the news and were heading for the Yulan Pavilion in tears.

Qin Yuru, who cried anxiously with fluster, even fell down and almost bumped into Shui Ruolan. After getting up with the help of others, she didn't even glance at Shui Ruolan, hurried to the Yulan Pavilion and ignored Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru had reached out to drag Shui Ruolan. Fortunately she responded quickly, otherwise at this time Shui Ruolan would have been knocked down. Qin Wanru watched Qin Yuru stumble ahead, with a trace of sharpness across her eyes. Madam Di and her daughter had never forgotten the Shui Ruolan's unborn baby and did not miss any chance to hurt the baby.

"Mother, walk slowly behind me. Qionghua, pay more attention!" Qin Wanru told Qionghua, for fear that Madam Di would hurt Shui Ruolan's unborn baby at any cost.

"Second Miss, rest assured. I will protect Madam!" Qionghua said. All of Shui Ruolan's maids knew that Madam Di desperately wanted to prevent Shui Ruolan from giving birth to the baby.

Several people reached the Yulan Pavilion together. Upon their arrival at the door, they suddenly saw Nanny Zhou run out from inside and almost bump into Qionghua who was in front of them. Qionghua nimbly grabbed her hand and barely made her stand firm.

"Nanny Zhou, what's the matter?" Shui Ruolan asked coldly.

"Madam Shui, please, please ask the general to come here. Our Madam is about to die..." With her face changing dramatically, Nanny Zhou reached out to hold Shui Ruolan, but was blocked by Qionghua.

"Madam Di is going to die?" Qin Wanru asked, raising her eyebrows.

"Our Madam... is going to die... Madam Shui, please save our Madam. I'm kowtowing to you. Please save our Madam!" Nanny Zhou immediately knelt and kowtowed heavily to Shui Ruolan several times. She did it so hard that there was a bruise appearing and some faint scratches on her forehead at once.

"Help Nanny Zhou up!" Qin Wanru commanded, and the two old maids, who followed Shui Ruolan here, immediately walked over and helped Nanny Zhou up.

"Second Miss, Second Miss, Madam Shui, you can't be so cruel. Please save our Madam. Our Madam was fine a moment ago. Why would she be so sick suddenly? Madam Shui... Madam Shui, even if our Madam has done anything offensive to you, how do you want to deal with her since she's so sick now. Everything will belong to you!"

Nanny Zhou struggled, while crying loudly. She made such a scene that several maids, who were passing by, were all frightened and hid aside. They were all confused. Did it mean that the two Mesdames openly confronted and fought with each other?

"Nanny Zhou, tell me what's wrong with Madam Di?" Shui Ruolan said with slightly cold eyes. She could tell that Madam Di was in a terrible situation at first glance.

"Madam Shui, please, please let go of our Madam!" Nanny Zhou struggled strenuously in an attempt to free herself from two old maids. Unfortunately, the two old maids were very strong. Nanny Zhou was dragged to a corner, shouting in an increasingly loud voice.

"Mother, let me have a look!" Qin Wanru glanced at Nanny Zhou who desperately shifted the blame onto Shui Ruolan. Seeing this situation, Qin Wanru knew that Shui Ruolan would not be able to go inside in a while, so she proposed.

Seeing the current situation, Shui Ruolan also knew that this was the best solution. So she nodded instantly.

Qin Wanru walked towards the main room. However, before reaching the door of the main room, she suddenly heard Qin Yuru's sharp voice, "Mother!" It was followed by the sound of striking...

Chapter 364 Ruthless Biological Daughter

Qin Wanru quickened her pace and entered the main room. Qin Yuru and Mei Xue were striking the door of the inner room, but the door of the inner room was tightly closed. At the sight of this, Qin Wanru instantly looked around with her face changing slightly, pointed at a stool, and said to an old maid who entered the room behind her, "Break down the door!"

The old maid walked over, picked up the stool made of redwood, and heavily struck the door of the inner room with it. The door of the inner room shook slightly, and was not opened. Qin Yuru stepped aside. The old maid heavily struck the door several times, and the door was finally broken down.

"Mother, mother!" As soon as the door was opened, Qin Yuru rushed in with tears and held Madam Di who was hung. Mei Xue also burst into tears and rushed in.

Qin Wanru walked into the room hurriedly, only to see Madam Di rolling her eyes, hanging herself with a strip of white cloth and kicking her legs with a stool overturned below. Qin Yuru held Madam Di's legs in tears. She did not let her down, but tended to pull her down instead.

If Qin Yuru kept pulling Madam Di down like this, Madam Di would be hurt. Madam Di was tied so tightly that she kept rolling her eyes and desperately struggling.

"Pull the First Miss apart and help Madam Di down!" Qin Wanru said resolutely and came over to pull Qin Yuru.

The old maid knew what to do immediately, and came over to help Qin Wanru pull Qin Yuru apart. After Qin Yuru was pulled apart, she still reached out to hold Madam Di, but heard Qin Wanru say coldly, "Big Sister, if you don't want to keep Madam Di alive and want to change another mother, just pull Madam Di's legs hard!"

On hearing her words, Qin Yuru didn't dare to take another action. She covered her face with a handkerchief, sat on the ground in tears and cried sadly, "Mother, mother!"

She seemed to be in a trance. Mei Xue hurried over to help her up. However, Qin Yuru was so weak at the moment that she kept sitting on the ground and burst into tears.

Qin Wanru ignored Qin Yuru at this moment. After the old maid helped Madam Di down and put her on the ground, Qin Wanru came up, reached out to press her chest heavily and let go, and repeated it.

Madam Di was in a terrible situation. She was making some sounds through her throat, but no one knew what she was saying. Qin Yuru had "held" her so forcibly that she had almost lost her life in a while because of Qin Yuru's action.

Qin Wanru had seen it clearly. When they just got in the room, Madam Di should just hang herself. The door was broken down a moment ago, so she shouldn't be hurt so seriously.

Qin Wanru kept pressing Madam Di's chest and letting go. Madam Di finally began to breathe smoothly, despite the sounds through her throat caused by the wound in her throat.

After wiping the sweat from her forehead, Qin Wanru looked towards Qin Yuru, who still sat on the ground and seemed unable to get up, with a secret sneer. Qin Yuru was as cruel as she expected, and could even be so cruel to her mother. Madam Di's throat was destroyed in the hands of her daughter.

Qin Yuru had “held” Madam Di so heavily that Madam Di’s throat would probably be wounded. If her throat was tied slowly, it was basically impossible to be wounded so seriously.

Qin Yuru was really willing to sacrifice everything for a high position and great wealth.

Madam Di wanted to play a trick, but was unexpectedly hurt by her daughter, which could be considered karma.

“Mother, mother, are you okay? Are you okay?” Qin Yuru crawled a few steps, knelt in front of Madam Di, held Madam Di and cried loudly.

“Madam, Madam, why did you do this to yourself? Even though Madam Shui has left you no way out, you are leaving tomorrow. You can take a good rest after that.” Nanny Zhou rushed in from outside and shouted in tears.

“Mother... Mother, you’ve actually fallen into such a desperate situation. I did not know... I did not know. If I knew, I’ll leave with you. Since someone can’t bear to see us stay here... we can...” Qin Yuru choked with sobs.

Shui Ruolan walked in after Nanny Zhou and frowned tightly. She didn’t know what had happened up to now.

A doctor hurriedly came in with his medicine chest on his back, and said sternly, “Excuse me, excuse me!”

A whiff of drugs came into their noses. Qin Wanru, who was distant from him, also smelled it. Qin Wanru glanced at Shui Ruolan who was slowly giving way to him, and her face changed dramatically.

She took two steps back, came up to Shui Ruolan, dragged Shui Ruolan back to the door and whispered, “Mother, wait outside the door, and keep distant from the doctor. I will handle it. I’ll ask you for help if there is something I can’t handle. You had better stay in the yard!”

“What’s wrong with the doctor?” Shui Ruolan said with her face changing slightly. She was not a stupid person, and could tell that something was wrong from Qin Wanru’s expression.

“The doctor has brought safflower with him!” Qin Wanru said with a flicker of sharpness across her eyes. No matter Madam Di or Qin Yuru had brought safflower with them, it didn’t make sense. However, it wasn’t unusual for a doctor to bring safflower with him.

The doctor went to various mansions to treat patients with various medicinal materials. It was reasonable that he needed to use safflower sometimes. What was more, even if he didn’t need to use them, there must be some stored in his home. Thus, it was no big deal that he brought the flavor of safflower.

Even if Qin Wanru questioned the doctor about it, it was no big deal. The doctor should be asked here by Nanny Zhou, so he must be the one who had treated Madam Di.

As she expected, there was a problem behind the doctor.

“Okay, I’ll wait outside. If something unexpected happens, tell me immediately!” Hearing Qin Wanru’s words, Shui Ruolan immediately understood that it was serious, and nodded.

Shui Ruolan stood in the yard under the protection of several maids and old maids, while Qin Wanru entered the room again.

In the room, the doctor was taking Madam Di's pulse. At this time, the room became quiet, and she could only hear Qin Yuru crying. Qin Yuru lay beside Madam Di in a fluster, looking miserable and anxious in a mess, with red and swollen eyes and dripping tears.

At the sight of this, no one would believe that she had held Madam Di so hard in an attempt to kill her. If it weren't for Qin Wanru's resolute action, Qin Yuru would have probably broken Madam Di's neck by "pulling" her.

Qin Wanru could tell that Madam Di just pretended to hang herself based on her character. However, under Qin Yuru's "help", Madam Di would have probably lost her life. If Madam Di did lose her life, there would definitely be a significant trouble. Although Madam Di had done so many terrible things before, Shui Ruolan had no right to kill her.

Hounding the legal wife to death was enough to make Shui Ruolan repudiated. In this case, her unborn baby wouldn't have a proper reputation, and wouldn't even have the chance to be born...

Expectedly Qin Yuru had inherited Madam Di's murderous heart and was cruel enough to sacrifice her biological mother's life for her own gains. There was no doubt that in that case, Qin Yuru would be the only one profiting from it as the daughter of the victim!

"This Madam has been poisoned before, and then hung herself... I'm afraid that she won't be able to recover!" The doctor finally let go of a hand of Madam Di and sighed.

"Mother!" Qin Yuru wailed and intended to pounce on Madam Di again.

"Big Sister, if you don't want Madam Di to recover, just pounce on her again. You pulled her so hard that she has lost half of her life and almost died!"

Qin Wanru reminded her coldly at one side.

Hearing her words, Qin Yuru didn't dare to do that again. She knew that if she pounced on her mother harder and made her mother stop breathing at this moment, everyone would doubt it.

"Mother, mother!" She didn't dare to take any action at the moment, but only held a hand of Madam Di and cried pitifully.

"Madam Di has been poisoned before?" Qin Wanru looked towards the doctor and asked calmly.

"Yes, she has been poisoned and vomited terribly. I heard that it has something to do with the other Madam of your mansion. Madam Di should commit suicide because she can't bear to live such a life. As the legal wife, she was almost hounded to the death, which is really pathetic!" The doctor shook his head, sighing and clearing up his medicine chest, seemingly taking compassion on Madam Di.

"What do you mean by saying that?" Qin Wanru said with her face changing slightly.

"Nothing. Just ignore it. Ah, the dispute between a legal wife and a concubine. I've seen much in aristocratic families." The doctor shook his head, seemingly having seen through the vicissitudes and about to leave.

Qin Wanru gave a hint to an old maid by glancing at her, and the old maid immediately stepped forward and stopped the doctor.

"Doctor, are you not going to treat Madam Di? Didn't you say that she's poisoned?" Qin Wanru said with a sneer.

"This Madam has taken the pills for detoxifying the poison and thrown up much poison. So her illness has been eased a lot. It may have something to do with her body constitution. If she has eaten more pastries, she would probably not need to hang herself!" the doctor said.

"The poison has been detoxified?" Qin Wanru asked lightly.

"Yeas. Although the pastries are highly toxic, this Madam's body repels the poison. She threw up a lot, which has eased her illness. After she took the pills for detoxifying the poison, the remaining poison in her body should be detoxified. Now she should take a good rest. If she doesn't nurse her body well, I'm afraid that she would stay in this situation forever!"

The doctor said, seemingly feeling sorry for that.

"No poison left in her body?" Qin Wanru continued asking.

"It should be gone. Even if it still exists, it's just a little!" the doctor replied with certainty.

It meant that Qin Wanru wouldn't find anything even if she wanted to examine Madam Di. Or it could be said that Qin Wanru could only find that Madam Di was slightly weak even if she examined Madam Di. Because Madam Di had thrown up, even if there was no poison left in her body, Qin Wanru couldn't say anything about it. What was more, Madam Di was in such a wretched situation that everyone could tell that she was at her last gasp.

In this case, even moving her would cause an accident. Madam Di had really achieved her goal! Of course, Qin Yuru's goal was definitely more than this!

"Madam Di has been hounded to death? How, how could it be possible..."

"As the legal wife, how can Madam Di be forced to such a situation!"

"Although Madam Di has done wrong, she's the legal wife after all. Besides, she has decided to leave the Qin's Mansion and live in a villa. Does she really have to kill Madam Di..."

Angry voices came from outside one by one. Glancing at Qin Yuru's complacent face, Qin Wanru felt her heart skipped a beat, turned around suddenly and rushed out. Shui Ruolan was still in the yard...

Chapter 365 Scare Several Granduncles off

Of course, before leaving the yard, Qin Wanru left the old maids in the room. She said that they should take care of everything in the room, but secretly asked them to guard here and prevent anyone in the room from going out.

When they came here, Qin Wanru deliberately asked Shui Ruolan to bring a few more old maids who were tall and sturdy. It was rather convenient for these old maids to keep several people in the room.

Of course, they could only do that for a moment, but it had bought enough time for Qin Wanru. After Qin Yuru rushed out, the show could be put on...

In the courtyard, besides Shui Ruolan, there were several old men standing opposite. Qin Wanru didn't know who these people were, but could tell that these people came with no good intention. They were staring at Shui Ruolan with angry faces in a threatening manner.

Fortunately, they just argue and didn't make a scene. Qin Wanru walked down the steps. Despite her calm eyes, her brain was running rapidly. Why did several old men suddenly show up in the backyard of the Qin's Mansion? They seemed to have a firm purpose and didn't seem to enter the mansion privately.

Since they didn't enter the mansion privately, they must show up here with a good reason. In addition to Qin Huaiyong, how could other men show up in the backyard of the Qin's Mansion with a firm purpose? Unless their identities were unusual.

They could blame Shui Ruolan so bluntly. Shui Ruolan looked indignant with grievance, but choked with silent fury. Being pointed at by these people, she couldn't defend herself and felt wronged.

Suddenly a thought came upon her. She figured out who these people were. They were the elders of the Qin clan!

Qin Huaiyong had lived in the capital at the beginning, and left later due to some business. He had not been to the capital for so many years, but there were other members of the Qin clan in the capital. Today the Qin clan was going to worship the ancestors. It originally had nothing to do with the Qin's Mansion. However, the branch of Qin Huaiyong could be considered the most promising one of the Qin clan now.

Moreover, before Qin Huaiyong left the capital, the branch of the Qin's Mansion was the main branch at that time. Therefore, they decided to worship the ancestors in the Qin's Mansion. When Qin Wanru was in the room, she had heard two concubines instruct several maids to take care of these elders. Speaking of identity, they were Qin Huaiyong's uncles.

That was why they dared to blame Shui Ruolan in front of so many people.

It was not far away from the Chuihua Gate to here. These aged men could get here in such a short time. It was really a set of stratagems all linked with one another.

Qin Yuru didn't seem to be capable of making such a deliberate plan. With cold eyes, Qin Wanru slightly lifted the corners of her mouth, strode over and pretended that she didn't know them. "Where do these men come? Throw them out of here. No man can enter our Qin's Mansion at will!"

Hearing Qin Wanru's words, several old maids, who didn't know these men, came over and was about to push them out.

These old maids actually wanted to do it a moment ago. However, Shui Ruolan didn't say anything, they could only bear to see her inexplicably scolded. So they were all very angry.

"How dare you! I... I'm your father's uncle!" Pushed hard by the old maids, an elder almost fell and said with rage.

"My father's uncle?" Qin Wanru looked them up and down and waved her hands, and several old maids stepped back.

"Yes, I'm your father's second uncle. I've raised him for a period when he was young!" The second granduncle coughed heavily, raised his head and said with a sneer.

"I'm your father's third uncle!"

"I'm your father's fourth uncle!" ...

They didn't actually recognize Qin Wanru. Nevertheless, when Qin Wanru came over, the maids beside Shui Ruolan called her "Second Miss". On hearing this, they immediately figured out Qin Wanru's identity. At this moment, all of them wanted to suppress Qin Wanru with their identities.

After telling their identities, they raised their heads, waiting for Qin Wanru to come to bow and apologize to them.

"You turn out to be several granduncles..." Qin Wanru smiled slightly.

The second granduncle squinted at her and sneered without saying a word. He thought that she wouldn't be tough as a little girl. Even Shui Ruolan was frightened by them. What could a little girl do?

"But even you are my granduncles, you can't wrong my mother. My mother is now a Madam with imperial mandate. She can't be rebuked by anyone without asking for the facts!" With her face suddenly darkening, Qin Wanru said in a sharp voice.

"Your mother has behaved improperly. She intends to hound the legal wife to death and replace her to be the legal wife. Although she's a Madam with imperial mandate, so what? Even the emperor who breaks the law should receive the same punishment as the common people!"

The second granduncle reacted quickly and immediately shouted.

"That's right. Although she's a Madam with imperial mandate, so what? Madam Di is also a Madam with imperial mandate. She should be executed for hounding a legal wife with imperial mandate to death."

"Our Qin clan doesn't need such a vicious woman. How dare she intend to hound the legal wife to death and replace her? She should know her place and think over whether our Qin clan can watch her do that without intervention!"

Three granduncles said one after another, with their scornful gaze falling on Shui Ruolan. Compared with Madam Di, Shui Ruolan was really low in status. The more intolerable thing was that Shui Ruolan remarried into the Qin's Mansion. A widow wasn't qualified to be the mistress of their Qin clan.

It was a shame on the Qin clan.

Qin Wanru heard the words of these granduncles, and her eyes became increasingly cold. Qin Yuru acted so fast that she had contacted the elders of their clan who came to worship the ancestors today so soon in an attempt to suppress Shui Ruolan with this. If Qin Wanru allowed them to convict Shui Ruolan, Shui Ruolan would definitely fall into a wretched situation and even lose her life.

It was no wonder that Qin Yuru had desperately “held” Madam Di. If Madam Di died, Shui Ruolan could never explain herself away!

“Who told you that Madam Di was dying? You haven’t entered the main room yet, right? Why do you think that Madam Di was dying?” Qin Wanru looked up and said coldly.

On hearing words, several granduncles paused, glanced at each other and tried to speak, but were interrupted by Qin Wanru again, “You came here, immediately blamed my mother without asking about the cause and situation, and even stopped my mother. What exactly do you come here for?”

Qin Wanru reached out to help Shui Ruolan to a stone bench aside.

There were maids who had walked over and put a cushion on it. Qin Wanru help Shui Ruolan sit down. Shui Ruolan was trembling slightly, angry and annoyed, with her face turning pale. Besides, she had been unable to explain herself away once. If she experienced it again, she would probably lose her unborn baby.

“Mother, rest assured. You can count on me!” Qin Wanru appeased her in a low voice and patted her shoulder gently.

Shui Ruolan nodded, struggling to calm her anger. She also knew that she was in a terrible situation. She found several men break in, and then tried to explain herself away in anger, but didn’t feel uncomfortable. It was not until she sat down in this moment that she felt uncomfortable. After calming herself down, she finally felt better.

Seeing Shui Ruolan look slightly better, Qin Wanru turned around and walked slowly towards these elders. After bowing to them, she raised her bright watery eyes filled with a trace of deep coldness and said, “Three granduncles, what made you have to break into the backyard before father returns? Madam Di is resting now, so it is inconvenient for her to see you.”

“Madam Di is alright?” The three granduncles glanced at each other and said with uncertainty, looking less aggressive. Qin Wanru’s words confused them, so they said with less confidence.

They were told by someone from the Qin’s Mansion that something serious would definitely happen to Madam Di. However, they really didn’t know whether it was true based on the current situation. They were told that when they began to question Shui Ruolan here, someone would definitely come out. They had been in the yard for a long while, but only the Second Miss of the Qin’s Mansion came out from the main room.

“Of course Madam Di is alright. You don’t know that? Since you don’t know anything, who told you that and asked you to enter the backyard? It’s impossible that men at your age don’t know there are all ladies in the backyard, right? If my mother has an accident because of what you said, my father won’t forgive you!” Qin Wanru reminded them coldly.

Her words were improper, but several elders all understood the meaning. Glancing at Shui Ruolan, who was sitting aside with her hands on her belly, they suddenly remembered that it might be Qin Huaiyong’s only son. If Shui Ruolan really had an accident, they couldn’t suppress it although they were elders.

Moreover, it didn’t seem to be what they had expected.

Several elders were overwhelmed.

"A servant told us! Since she's alright, it's great! It's indeed inappropriate for us to come here. We just forgot the courtesy in panic after getting the news." The second granduncle had been an official, so he reacted quickly. He immediately chose the most reasonable explanation for them, and then turned to leave after finishing talking.

Seeing the situation, the third and the fourth granduncles also wanted to leave in embarrassment.

"Three granduncles, please wait a minute. Please identify the servant of our mansion. I should find him out and see who intentionally framed my mother," Qin Wanru said loudly.

"We came here in a hurry and lost the servant. I don't know which one he is!" The third granduncle rolled his eyes, stepped forward hurriedly and said.

He meant that they had lost the servant and couldn't find him.

"It doesn't matter. There are not many servants in our mansion, and most of them serve my father. I'll ask the supervisor to call all servants of our mansion over later. With three pairs of eyes, you should be able to recognize him!" Qin Wanru said unhurriedly.

The three granduncles stood and gazed at one another. Where could they find the servant because there wasn't such a servant at all. However, they couldn't say that they didn't know the servant. No one had expected that Madam Di was alright and the Qin's Mansion intended to find a servant who delivered the message.

"We're dim-sighted and afraid to recognize the wrong person. But if you make arrangements later, we can try to recognize him. At this moment, we won't stay in your backyard. It's inconvenient!" Several granduncles intended to back out. The fourth granduncle coughed in a low voice, and wanted to leave after saying some tactful words.

Qin Wanru didn't stop them this time, watching them walk towards the gate of the courtyard in hurry. As she rolled her watery eyes, her fluttering long eyelashes cast irregular shadow on her white skin.

It was possible for several servants to stop them from going out in a short time, but in a long time...

"Three granduncles, please stay and save my mother!" The next moment, a sharp voice came from the main room. Qin Yuru staggered out of the front door and shouted...

Chapter 366 Artful Words and Insinuating Countenance, Who Was Tricked

"Three granduncles, please save my mother! Please save my mother!" Hearing the granduncles in the courtyard were about to leave, Qin Yuru screamed and rushed out.

The old maid did not dare to keep blocking Qin Yuru, and was pushed away hard by her.

Hearing someone screaming and crying, the three granduncles immediately stopped and looked back in puzzlement, only to see Qin Yuru stagger out in tears.

When she came up to them, she had choked with sobs, "Granduncles... please... save my mother. My mother... mother... is dying..."

"How come? We've been told that she's alright, isn't she?" The second granduncle asked sharply.

"How can she be alright... My mother... she has been forced to hang herself... How, how can she be alright!" Qin Yuru covered her face and cried. Mei Xue also ran out, held Qin Yuru and cried with her.

Both of them seemed to have been crying for a while, because their eyes had turned red.

Qin Wanru did not look at them, but looked at Yujie who had just entered the courtyard and signaled to her by glancing at the main room. Yujie understood and led a doctor to the main room.

At this time, it was in a mess at the door of the courtyard, and no one noticed that Yujie took someone into the main room.

Seeing Qin Yuru cry like this, the three elders became truculent again. They turned around, walked up to Qin Wanru and said angrily, "What the hell is going on? Why did she say that Madam Di is dying? What did you do? Madam Di is the legal wife. Even if she had behaved improperly, she should be dealt with by your father. You and Madam Shui shouldn't deal with her arbitrarily!"

The second granduncle said sharply.

Qin Wanru didn't answer, but slightly lifted the corners of her mouth with her indifferent gaze falling on the faces of several elders. "Several granduncles, did you break into the inner courtyard because of your prejudice?"

"What prejudice? It's a death-causing incident. Does it have anything to do with prejudice?" the third granduncle said furiously with his beard up.

"Since you have no prejudice, why do you believe everything Big Sister said and even what the servant said, but don't believe what I said?"

With her face darkening, Qin Wanru said unhurriedly.

"A human life is of greater value than everything. We won't neglect anyone's words. Now let's go inside and see what is going on." The fourth granduncle hurriedly reached out to point at the door of the main room and said, for fear that he would be frightened by Qin Wanru because of not knowing the truth.

Hearing was vague, but seeing was believing.

"Yes, let's go and have a look," the second granduncle also said.

"Would it be inconvenient at this time?" Qin Wanru shook her head and refused.

"Inconvenient? Qin Wanru, do you want to see my mother die? Nothing inconvenient. My mother has been forced to this wretched situation. It's nothing inconvenient to see her. If something serious happens to my mother, I will not forgive you!" Qin Yuru raised her red eyes and said loudly.

"Big Sister, the doctor is treating Madam Di. It's really inconvenient at this time!" Qin Wanru seemed to have not heard Qin Yuru's curse and said calmly.

"Bullsh*t. The doctor has said... my mother would probably die... What nonsense are you talking about..." Qin Yuru came over in anger, pushed Qin Wanru away and was about to break in.

Several clever old maids came over and stopped her.

“Big Sister, the doctor is really treating Madam Di. You intend to harass the doctor repeatedly. Do you want to save Madam Di or not?”

Qin Wanru said helplessly.

“What nonsense are you talking about? That’s my mother, and she has been forced to such a wretched situation by you. Why, why are you so cruel? My mother has decided to stay away from you and give everything to you. She has done wrong indeed. So she thinks that she should give everything to you. But even so, why can’t you let her off? Why did you poison her? My mother hung herself because she can’t bear it any more. Now, now she’s dying...”

Qin Yuru cursed and cried, reaching out to point at Qin Wanru and Shui Ruolan, staring fiercely at them, seemingly intending to fight with them.

“Big Sister, isn’t the doctor still treating Madam Di?” Qin Wanru said lightly, ignoring Qin Yuru’s censure.

Qin Yuru thought that she was talking about the former doctor. There was indeed a doctor in the room. She had asked the doctor in the room. Although the doctor couldn’t say it bluntly in front of the old maids left behind by Qin Wanru. Qin Yuru still understood what the doctor meant, Madam Di would probably die!

The meaning made her have mixed feelings, including sorrow and a trace of complacency. At this moment, she didn’t even know how to describe it.

“Qin Wanru, you are talking nonsense. The doctor has said that my mother... is dying...” Qin Yuru said with her tears falling down again. She really wanted to cry.

Qin Wanru gave a deep glance at Qin Yuru and said, “Big Sister, you shouted and wrangled, and hurt Madam Di’s neck instead of saving her. What do you want to do? Could it be possible that you don’t want to save Madam Di?”

Qin Yuru felt her heart pounding rapidly, but reached out to point at Qin Wanru with her face darkening and said with rage and hatred, “Qin Wanru, you make slanderous charges against me. How could I not want to save my mother... You forced my mother to this situation. Now several granduncles are here. I would like to ask them to be witnesses and go inside to have a look. Let’s talk over it after seeing my mother’s situation clearly!”

Qin Wanru looked at her and frowned slightly with a trace of hesitation across her watery eyes. It seemed that she could not find a reason to stop Qin Yuru for a moment.

Sensing the good opportunity, Qin Yuru immediately pushed Qin Wanru away and led several elders to stride forward.

“Big Sister, the doctor is treating Madam Di. Please walk in slowly!” Qin Wanru said anxiously behind them.

Qin Yuru ignored her. For fear that Qin Wanru came over and stopped them, she led several elders to rush in, and the old maids guarding in front of the door didn’t dare to stop her...

Qin Yuru rushed into the main room and went to back of the screen. "Three granduncles, look..."

She paused suddenly. Seeing Madam Di lie in bed with her eyes slightly opened, she couldn't even speak for a while. She clearly saw that Madam Di's eyes were still closed before going out. Why did she open her eyes in such a short time?

The three granduncles also rushed in at this time, only to see Madam Di awake and lying in bed. They gazed at one another and couldn't speak for a while.

Madam Di did appear to be in a mess on the bed, but the servants in the room had cleaned her up a bit. The tall collar had blocked the bruise on her neck. Except for her extremely weak appearance, she was awake, and no one found there was anything wrong with her.

The doctor brought by Yujie was withdrawing a needle. He saw Madam Di still unconscious and not come to herself after he came in, so he awakened Madam Di with needles.

Madam Di was awake at this time, but felt dizzy. She didn't know where she was, and even didn't know what she was going to do. Her memory stayed in the scene where Qin Yuru rushed in and held her. She felt pain all over, especially in the throat. She could only make sounds like "hehe", but even didn't dare to make more such sounds.

"How is Madam Di?" Qin Wanru stepped forward and asked the doctor who was treating Madam Di.

"Her vocal cords may be hurt!" the doctor said, and then looked at Madam Di in astonishment and said to himself, "It's a bit unlikely. If they are really hurt, this Madam would probably not survive!"

She had hung herself so long that even her vocal cords were hurt. How long did it take?

He could save her after such a long time?! The doctor was surprised.

"Her throat wasn't hurt by the rope slowly, but my Big Sister rushed in, held Madam Di and pulled her down hard, so her throat was hurt." Qin Wanru explained in a low voice.

Qin Yuru panicked and shouted, "Qin Wanru, you are talking nonsense!"

"Everyone present at that time knows whether I'm talking nonsense. We can ask someone to examine the injury and see it was caused suddenly or slowly!" Qin Wanru said unhurriedly, "I heard that in the government office, there are some post-mortem examiners who are very experienced and can tell what caused the injury. There is an injury on Madam Di's neck, and it can be examined!"

Her words made Qin Yuru increasingly panicked and her face change dramatically. "Qin Wanru, my mother is still alive, but you, you intend to ask a post-mortem examiner to come over. Are you expecting my mother to give way to Shui Ruolan as soon as possible?"

"Big Sister, why do you always like to make conclusions like this? Madam Di is alright, but you said that she's dying. I want to check Madam Di's injury, but you said that I don't want to see her recover! What do you mean by saying that?" Qin Wanru said with a helpless expression.

"You, you intend to hound my mother to death. I will definitely tell father about it." Qin Yuru covered her face with a handkerchief and cried again.

“Big Sister, why do you say this? My mother and I didn’t know that Madam Di hung herself. The reason why Madam Di fell into such a wretched situation is that you didn’t save her in a proper way. Why do you blame us for this? You didn’t ask a doctor here to treat Madam Di in a hurry. It’s me who asked a doctor with highly medical skills to save Madam Di. You didn’t do anything, but now consider yourself a good daughter?”

Qin Wanru said unhurriedly.

Several elders originally intended to interrupt, but glanced at one another at this moment and felt that they should take a look first. The current situation was different from what they had expected. After being defeated by Qin Wanru in the argument, they became cautious and dared not speak arbitrarily.

“Qin Wanru, even if you have a glib tongue, it’s useless. The truth is right in front of us. My mother got seriously sick after eating the poisoned pastries. Nanny Zhou has investigated it before. Numerous people ate the pastries, but only my mother ate the poisoned ones. Shui Ruolan is the only person with such formidable connections in the courtyard. Being poisoned by Shui Ruolan, my mother was so sad, so she hung herself.”

Qin Yuru cursed loudly with tears.

Qin Wanru said with her face darkening, “Are you sure Madam Di ate the toxic pastries?”

“Do you think that I’m lying? If my mother didn’t feel uncomfortable and throw them up, now she could have ended her life and didn’t need to hang herself. My mother has decided to give up and leave the mansion. Why can’t you leave her a chance to live? You... are so vicious!” Qin Yuru cried again.

“Madam Di isn’t poisoned!” The doctor, who was treating Madam Di, suddenly looked up and said.

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What nonsense!” In a moment of fluster, Qin Yuru scolded and screamed at the doctor with her hand pointing at him, “Who are you, the vulgar man? How dare you talk nonsense! If not poisoned, then why would my mother get poisoned before? That one is the best doctor in the capital city. Do you dare to say you are better than him?”

“The best doctor in the capital city?” The doctor who came later raised his eyebrows, glanced at the doctor who tried to hide behind the crowd and said indifferently, “Well, he is the best one in the city but I possess the medical skills which have been handed down from my ancestors. By the way, I am sure that I am much better than the so-called famous doctor who once killed his patient!”

“He killed his patient?”

“You, you make nonsense!” Qin Yuru stunned and was at a loss for words.

The latter stood up, walked into the crowd and pulled the former out. He stared the former up and down and said, “It is unexpected to see you here since that accident happened. You have said you would leave here before, haven’t you?”

Qin Wanru felt funny. It seemed that the doctor who came first was very doubtful. Moreover, normal doctors would not be willing to play along with Madam Di’s game in that most of them cherished their reputation and nobody would do that, except those who were not well-known yet.

Even though Madam Di had claimed again and again that this doctor was good and consulted him before, Qin Wanru had doubted him.

However, she didn't expect that they knew each other. What a surprise!

"I, I was about to leave but, you know, something happened in the mansion, and, and then they asked me to come here..." The former suddenly lost his swagger and answered timidly.

"You sprayed yourself with safflower powder, don't you? Otherwise, why would you have such a heavy smell of safflower? Is that necessary for you to pour safflower powder over yourself when treating a poisoned patient? Don't you fear that something bad might happen to the pregnant lady in the mansion when she breathes in your heavy smell of safflower powder?" the latter asked severely.

"I, I never think of... that." The former got into a panic.

"Never think of that? Or you do know there is a pregnant madam in Qin's Mansion, don't you?" When the latter doctor walked into the courtyard, he saw Shui Ruolan who had a baby bump and quickly noticed that she was pregnant.

"I, I..." The former doctor didn't expect to see a peer here, a peer who enjoyed a great reputation in the capital city. With his face turning red, he was made speechless for a while. Suddenly he shouted, "I AM HERE TO TREAT SOMEONE! Everything is in a mess! And I do never think of that!"

"Then why would you spray yourself with safflower powder?" The latter doctor didn't intent to let go of him and asked sharply.

"I was, I was organizing medicinal herbs at home and I spilled the safflower powder because of my carelessness!" The former had no choice but to give such a weird answer.

"Spilled the safflower powder?" Qin Huaiyong's voice suddenly came behind the crowd. He slightly pushed Shui Ruolan whom he was holding to the back and said to her in a low voice, "You'd better go to the yard first."

When Qin Huaiyong came back, someone immediately told him that Madam Di hung herself because Shui Ruolan had always wanted to push her out and nobody knew how Madam Di was on now.

Hearing the news, Qin Huaiyong came here hurriedly. Although he had no more feelings for Madam Di, things would get complicated if she really died. The Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion was not a person who could be trifled with and if Madam Di died, the Old Madam would cause a big trouble!

What's worse, the agreement Duke Yong's Mansion and Qin's Mansion finally reached would be gone!

As he came to Yulan Pavilion, he saw Shui Ruolan sitting in the courtyard leisurely. Qin Huaiyong felt a bit angry for the incident was related to Shui Ruolan but she just sat there and looked relaxed and didn't concern herself about Madam Di.

Qin Huaiyong even thought that maybe everything his servants told him was true and maybe Shui Ruolan did plot against Madam Di, making her keep causing troubles and making Qin Yuru notorious.

Seeing Qin Huaiyong coming, Shui Ruolan quickly bowed to him while Qin Huaiyong only snorted, dragged her and strode towards the yard.

When hearing the latter doctor's words, he finally realized that he misunderstood her. A heavy smell of safflower haunted the former doctor, making her unable to stay in the room.

Shui Ruolan looked up at Qin Huaiyong and then she slightly touched her belly when her gaze turned indifferent. As Qin Huaiyong asked her to leave here, she looked at him, nodded and then turned around and left.

"Madam, you'd better have a seat!" Qionghua said softly.

Taking a deep breath, Shui Ruolan tried to suppress the bad feeling in her mind. She reached out and caressed her belly softly. Then she walked towards the stone bench she sat just now. Even though she had nothing, she had her baby! Deciding not to think about those complicated things, Shui Ruolan tried her best to calm down and not to be influenced by other things.

Wanru was right. She could not lose her baby. Nothing would matter if her baby was still there.

"Father, mother, mother was dying. Now you are here just in time. Please come and see her! How, how would she take things too hard and decide to hang herself?" Seeing Qin Huaiyong here, Qin Yuru rushed out, grasped Qin Huaiyong's coat and burst out crying.

As she had cried for a long time before, now her voice sounded hoarse, her eyes looked red and swollen and her hair was messy, making her looked quite pity.

Qin Huaiyong had never seen Qin Yuru like this before so he felt a bit sad and just let Qin Yuru take him to Madam Di.

Qin Wanru caught the trace of sadness on Qin Huaiyong's face. With her long eyelashes lowering, it seemed there was almost no emotion in her eyes.

Then she raised her eyes again and looked calm.

Knowing Qin Huaiyong was here, Madam Di finally moved. She covered her chest with her hands and seemed to say something but she only made sounds like "ah, ah" and failed to say a complete sentence.

"Mother..." Qin Yuru cried heavily, let go off Qin Huaiyong and rushed to Madam Di. When she nearly fell upon Madam Di, she quickly stopped, took Madam Di's hands and cried, "Mother, mother, if you died, what should I do! I could not live without you!"

Seeing Qin Yuru's sorrowful and anguished look, Qin Wanru just wanted to laugh. What a good actress! Qin Yuru just wanted to kill Madam Di but now she pretended to feel sorrow and anguish and made everyone believe that she loved her mother very much and would not do anything to hurt her mother.

"How do you feel now?" Seeing Madam Di's miserable look, Qin Huaiyong looked a little bit soft and asked.

Madam Di jerked her hands out Qin Yuru's and grabbed Qin Huaiyong. With tears falling, she wrote words on his hand with her fingers.

Qin Wanru knew clearly that Madam Di wrote down "Shui Ruolan" on Qin Huaiyong's hand.

"How could Madam Di still remember to plot against Shui Ruolan even when she has become like this!" Qin Wanru sneered. "It should be Madam Di herself who set this trap and it should be Madam Di who planned the poisoning and the so-called famous doctor. Madam Di must hang herself when knowing that mother and I were coming here."

Moreover, the rope was short and it couldn't kill anyone. Qin Wanru supposed that Madam Di was to pretend to faint so that Qin Huaiyong would not send her out the mansion at this time.

Madam Di must have bought off the several elders and asked them to testify against Shui Ruolan when things happened. Then when Qin Huaiyong came back, the dice is cast.

Accused by everyone and influenced by the safflower powder sprayed on the doctor, Shui Ruolan was vulnerable when getting angry.

However, even if something awful happened, she could not blame it on Madam Di who should be unconscious according to the plan, which put her out of this.

It was a big, vicious and dangerous trap. Qin Wanru was sure that not only Madam Di was planning this but also Duke Yong's Mansion was behind the scenes. Otherwise, it was impossible for Madam Di to set such a huge trap so quickly while she had been released for only one day.

Well, Madam Di didn't expect that Qin Yuru would use her death in exchange for her huge benefit. If Madam Di died, Shui Ruolan could not keep herself out of this accident even if she was innocent.

It must turn out to be internecine, or worse.

"Father, it is Madam Shui who poisoned mother! She can't take this anymore so she decided to kill herself!" Qin Yuru cried.

Qin Wanru walked forward and bowed deeply to Qin Huaiyong calmly. "Father, the doctor just checked Madam Di and it turns out that Madam Di didn't get poisoned at all. As for the rumor, I found out that only Nanny Zhou once said this while others didn't know at all. Well, about this doctor who sprays himself with safflower powder, father, please figure out the source of the safflower powder!"

Qin Wanru didn't mention the three sophisticated elders. They were frightened by Qin Wanru once and she was sure that they would not dare to act rashly. They would stay still till they had a clear goal.

If she dominated the situation, the three elders would not walk into the room rashly.

"No poisoning?" Qin Huaiyong frowned.

Madam Di grabbed Qin Huaiyong and shook her head with her tears dropping, which made her look pity.

"YOU LIAR!" Qin Yuru screamed and pointed at Qin Wanru. She could not accept those words.

"Father, if you don't believe, you can send someone to figure out. Qin Wanru answered unhurriedly. Madam Di's cruelty and viciousness against others were outrageous, but she would never treat herself like this.

"She had vomited up everything. How can we find them?" said Qin Yuru coldly.

“Vomited? Where did you throw?” Qin Wanru continued to ask with her calm expression.

Nanny Zhou quickly answered, “After Madam Di had vomited, and I poured the vomit and cleaned up with water!”

Then there was no trace left! Hearing Nanny Zhou’s answer, Qin Yuru relaxed and felt proud. She knew that Nanny Zhou would not ignore such an obvious bug when she had been Madam Di’s right hand for years!

“Second Sister, since she had cleaned up, where can you find the vomit and how?” Qin Yuru choked with sobs, looking pity and a bit angry.

“You cleaned up everything?” Qin Wanru ignored her but turned to ask Nanny Zhou.

“Yes, everything. It was an unpleasant smell so I didn’t want to keep the vomit. So I cleaned up everything very soon!” Nanny Zhou kept nodding.

“Very soon? Then when?”

“Once Madam vomited up everything, I went to clean it up!”

“Once Madam Di vomited, Nanny Zhou you cleaned it up. Then do you know if Madam Di was poisoned at that time?” Qin Wanru probed into the detail and asked.

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Since Qin Wanru wanted to dig into details and it seemed that she tried to find out the vomit which didn’t even exist, Nanny Zhou flustered. Thinking for a while, she quickly responded just in order to shut Qin Wanru up, “Second Lady, I did clean it up. You know, it was an unexpected accident and I once saw the same case on a servant girl before. Thus I quickly supposed that Madam Di was poisoned. Then I went to the kitchen and got the doctor here.”

“So do you mean that you have cleaned up the vomit before the doctor came?” A half smile appeared on Qin Wanru’s face.

Nanny Zhou had a feeling something went wrong but she didn’t know what the problem was. She could say nothing but with her mouth opening.

Qin Wanru smiled coldly and turned to the doctor who came first.

“Since I don’t know what kind of medicine you used, may I have a look?” Qin Wanru asked and smiled at the doctor who looked very embarrassed.

“Well, it, it is very normal and it can clear toxin in your body and clear away heart fire...” the doctor stammered.

“May I?” Qin Wanru asked calmly.

The doctor had no choice but to take out a bottle of medicine from his medicine chest. He gave it to Qin Wanru and said, “Those pills are to clear away the toxin and heart fire in patient’s body. When I got here, this Madam had vomited up everything, including the toxin and that’s why I can’t figure it out. So I just gave these pills to her to clear away the bad things in her body.

"So you don't know what poisoned her, do you?" Taking over the bottle which looked quite common, Qin Wanru stared at it and asked.

"When I got here, there's nothing left!" The doctor hurried to answer. Since the other famous doctor who came later exposed his past, he had felt anxious and nervous. He had done his best to deal with his past and he had decided to leave after making money this time. However, it turned out that he might not make a profit but what was worse, he might get in trouble.

How dare he!

"So only Nanny Zhou knows Madam Di got poisoned while others don't?" asked Qin Wanru with a half smile. "Weird! First, only Nanny Zhou knows the incident. Second, the doctor sprayed himself with safflower powder! If something happened to Madam Di, my mother would definitely come here. If I didn't ask mother to leave, I am afraid that she would have stayed in the room till now!"

What would become of a pregnant woman when she stayed in a room filled with the smell of safflower? The answer was clear.

A sudden silence fell. Everyone stared at Madam Di doubtfully.

Nanny Zhou began to sweat. With her fingers trembling, she quickly answered, "Second Lady, I promise, my Madam did vomit before!"

"Qin Wanru, what the hell are you talking about? Or do you think that my mother plans everything? She now has become like this! How can you still be so cruel! How can you still blame my mother for everything? If she really plans to plot against someone, why would she become like this? She almost died! Clear?"

Qin Yuru cried angrily. She looked mad and sorrowful with tears on her face. Looking at Madam Di who now seemed quite piteous, everyone was speechless and nobody could understand the current situation.

"Please check Madam Di again, doctors!" Qin Wanru said to the two doctors.

The doctor who came first hesitated while the latter directly walked forward, reached out and began to feel the pulse of Madam Di. Soon he stepped backwards.

The doctor who came first had no choice but to walk forward and feel her pulse.

When both doctors finished, Qin Huaiyong then asked, "What now?"

"Although Madam Di isn't well now, she never gets poisoned!" The doctor who came later answered affirmatively and then he glanced at the former. "If you don't believe, you can ask more doctors to check!"

"I don't think there is any toxin left in Madam Di's body and I suppose she has vomited up everything!" The doctor bit the bullet and answered. He didn't dare to lie anymore because it was quite easy to find out that Madam Di didn't get poisoned by feeling her pulse.

It was Madam Di herself who brought this situation by planning to hang herself.

"Father, you can send several servants to ask those old maids who came in the room with me respectively about the scene they saw and to check whether their answers were the same. These rough old maids are from my mother's yard. Hearing Madam Di trying to hang herself, mother and I quickly asked some old maids who looked strong and rough to come with us."

Qin Wanru pointed at those old maids for Qin Huaiyong and she made it clear that these old maids were strong and rough and they were in the bottom class in the mansion. If Shui Ruolan wanted to harm Madam Di, she would not find this kind of old maids.

To interrogate them respectively was able to see whether they told the truth.

Madam Di's incident was a sudden and she led these troubles. Even if Madam Di took things too hard and decided to hang herself, everything was planned according to her mind. For Shui Ruolan, these things could be called "emergency". Since Shui Ruolan had to react quickly and she didn't come here with her right hand, it was impossible for her to ask these old maids to follow one party line in a short time.

Therefore, the scene they told was true.

Qin Huaiyong understood Qin Wanru's meaning. He nodded and called some servants to interrogate those old maids.

Qin Yuru looked embarrassed and mad. She couldn't help trembling and her face immediately turned pale. She couldn't stop thinking how stupid her idea was at that time! How would she want to kill her mother all of a sudden! However, since she decided to kill her, then she should have pulled her much harder and she must let her die!

If her mother died, nobody would care what Qin Wanru said and she could not trace the incident any more. Even if there were something weird, Qin Wanru could say nothing because nobody would plan to kill himself when trying to plot against someone.

As long as Madam Di died, she could overthrow Qin Wanru's deduction.

"Once mother died, Shui Ruolan must compensate for her death. Grandma would not tolerate Shui Ruolan and Shui Ruolan would doom to live in squalor, or die! Moreover, Qin Wanru would be implicated because of Shui Ruolan and she would not have an easy time!"

"Mother once told me I would benefit a lot as long as Qin Wanru died!"

"Qin Wanru, can you believe my mother who has become like this is able to hurt anyone? Mother doesn't know about the doctor! Who knows! My mother is so sorrowful that she even decided to kill herself! How, how can you still blame her for these? You are so ungrateful!"

Qin Yuru was so mad that crunched her teeth. She still cried, turned around and grabbed Madam Di's hand. She cried so hard that it seemed that she almost fainted.

Madam Di seemed to hear something. She quickly hugged Qin Yuru and glared at Qin Wanru with her viperous eyes.

Qin Wanru looked calm. She looked at Madam Di and sighed. "Madam Di, do you know why you would get hurt? When sister came in, she pulled you so hard. How can sister be so rude? I also know that pulling someone who hangs himself is equal to killing him!"

She said very slowly, almost word by word. At that time, Madam Di felt so hurt that she didn't know what happened in the room. She only saw Qin Yuru crying all the time and felt pity.

However, she now heard Qin Wanru's words and her hand which was holding Qin Yuru's hand suddenly trembled. She turned to look at Qin Yuru and a trace of sorrow appeared in her eyes.

Qin Wanru had always been immature. However, how could Qin Yuru not know this even when Qin Wanru knew? Madam Di's mind suddenly went blank and stared at Qin Yuru with her tears dropping. People then only heard sounds like "ah, ah" from Madam Di's throat and then saw her quickly falling down without saying anything.

"Madam, Madam..." Nanny Zhou cried anxiously.

"Mother! Mother! You can't just leave me here! Mother!" Qin Yuru was scared by Madam Di's silent gaze and suddenly got cold hands and feet. Now she finally relaxed when seeing Madam Di faint again. Then she quickly reached out and held Madam Di and cried.

"Mother would forgive me! I just want to perfect our plan and that's why I would do that. Mother would understand!"

"Why are you here, uncles?" Seeing the room in great confusion, Qin Huaiyong asked these elders and stared at them with his sullen eyes.

"We heard, heard that something happened so we came. Since there's nothing severe, we'd better leave now!" answered the elders. These elders were sophisticated. They knew Qin Huaiyong was in bad mood and wanted to kick them out.

There was no need for them to stay here in consideration of this situation. Moreover, staying here was pointless.

It seemed obvious that it was a combat between his wives while Madam Di lose at last. If they still wanted to get involved, they would not benefit at all but would make Qin Huaiyong angry.

Qin Huaiyong now dominated the Qin's Family. Other families had to wait for him to promote them. Thus, they dare not put pressure on Qin Huaiyong by mentioning their seniority, which might tick off Qin Huaiyong.

"This way!" Qin Huaiyong reached out with unidentified expression. These three elders quickly nodded and left. It would be great for them to escape from Qin Huaiyong's interrogation. If he decided to ask them, he would find out they were also behind the scenes.

"Servant! Take this doctor and check the source of the safflower!" Qin Huaiyong glared at the doctor who came first with the same unidentified expression.

A servant came and reached out to take the medicine chest. "This way!" he said politely.

Although it sounded polite, the servant looked serious and his eyes looked dark. Even his blinking also showed his fierceness. These servants who had always followed Qin Huaiyong were his guards when he was in Jiangzhou. They were special because they did kill people on the battlefield. The fierceness which started on the inside could not be hid.

The weird combination of fierceness and gentleness made everyone feel that he was not going to bring the doctor home but to the hell.

“Fine! Fine! I would confess everything! Everything! It, it does have nothing to do with me! I was given money by someone and was asked to do this!” The doctor had escaped from a hard punishment before so he dared not meet anyone from the government. However, this servant looked much scary than those in the government. As a result, he fell over with his hand holding the medicine chest...

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Since he decided to confess, everything would become much easier later.

The doctor told everything to them. There was someone who asked him to spray himself with safflower powder when he went to Qin’s Mansion. However, the unknown person’s master wasn’t Madam Di. The person only told him to see Madam Di when Nanny Zhou from Qin’s Mansion came and did everything according to Nanny Zhou’s words.

He once treated Madam Di so he was familiar with Nanny Zhou. When he came here, he found that Madam Di looked weak but he couldn’t find any evidence to prove that she was poisoned. However, since Nanny Zhou mentioned, he then gave her a pill to clear toxin and committed that she was poisoned.

“Who?” Qin Huaiyong asked while he looked livid.

“I don’t know. He, he looked quite normal and just asked me for a favor. Then he gave me a hundred taels of silver!” Sweating, the doctor hurriedly answered.

He was completely seduced by money. However, now he regretted but too late. Had he known what would become of him, he would not have accepted the money.

Suddenly a servant came in and whispered to Qin Huaiyong. Qin Huaiyong nodded and then his indifferent gaze fell on Qin Yuru.

The servant told him the result of the interrogation against those old maids. Although their words were slightly different, the main idea was the same. Moreover, the final result really disappointed Qin Huaiyong.

Madam Di did look like acting when hanging herself. However, she almost got killed when Qin Yuru pulled her so hard!

“Yuru, tell me what would have become of your mother?” said Qin Huaiyong coldly.

Qin Yuru knelt on the floor and trembled. Her hands trembled so hard that she even felt they didn’t belong to her! She almost lied on Madam Di. Then she raised her face with her tears ceaselessly dropping. “Father, father...”

She felt she was falling into an icebox!

“Ah... ah... ah...” A voice came up, which sounded painful but thrilling. Madam Di suddenly woke up and reached out to half hold Qin Yuru difficultly. She glared fiercely at Qin Huaiyong and then Qin Wanru. It seemed obvious that she wanted to protect Qin Yuru.

“Wanru, take your mother home!” Qin Huaiyong waved his hand and said.

“Father!” This time Qin Wanru didn’t want to follow his order. She suddenly knelt down. Her eyes looked cold and her hands held together very hard. She never disobeyed Qin Huaiyong in her last life and she did treat him as her father! Even though she lived in squalor, she never blamed Qin Huaiyong.

But this time, the mistake would not repeat!

She would discard the so-called family immediately if only she treated everyone as her families. She didn’t need this kind of love which people used to comfort her when they needed her and to make her a bargaining chip when they didn’t need her!

“Father, please send my mother and me back to our hometown!” A trace of firmness appeared in her tearful and watery dark eyes.

A few words silenced everyone. They all held their breath.

Suddenly, sounds like “ah, ah” made by Madam Di came up again. She sounded anxious and seemed to say something but she could say nothing.

“YURU, APOLOGIZE TO WANRU!” Qin Huaiyong’s order stopped the weird sound.

“Father!” Qin Yuru looked at Qin Huaiyong entreatingly with her face tear-stained. She was the eldest daughter in Qin’s Mansion and she had always been arrogant. If she apologized to Qin Wanru, then how could she still meet others? WHAT A SHAME!

“HURRY UP!” shouted Qin Huaiyong severely.

Qin Yuru suddenly trembled with fear. She turned around, looked at Qin Wanru and directly lowered her head. “Second sister, I, I misunderstood you... but I really don’t know...”

Feeling embarrassed and angry, she burst out crying.

“Big Sister! You should not apologize to me but to my mother! Had she stayed in this room today, not only she would have had an accident but also the unborn baby!”

Qin Wanru answered sharply. Staring at the floor, she didn’t raise her head to see Qin Yuru. It seemed that she was talking to Qin Yuru but it also seemed that she was just talking to herself.

“Father, father...” Qin Yuru cried and turned to Qin Huaiyong pleadingly.

“Hurry up!” Qin Huaiyong felt no sympathy for her but only waved his hand. Qin Yuru only saw coldness and indifference in his eyes without any signs of pity.

Madam Di reached out and held Qin Yuru tightly, seeming that she didn’t want Qin Yuru to do that. However, Nanny Zhou had to grab her hand and not let her catch Qin Yuru.

Qin Yuru lurched to her feet and strode toward the door. When she reached the entrance, she suddenly turned around, looked at Madam Di with her tears falling on her face and cried sadly, "Mother!"

Then she ran outside.

Sitting on a stone bench calmly, Shui Ruolan saw Qin Yuru running out in a messy way and she then looked at Qin Yuru with her calm eyes.

"Madam Shui, I apologize for my mistake! I shouldn't misunderstand you!" Qin Yuru stopped in front of Shui Ruolan and suddenly knelt down with her tears ceaselessly falling.

"First Lady, please stand up. I just don't want to see this kind of things again!" Shui Ruolan lowered her head, looked at Qin Yuru and said after a brief silence.

Qionghua came and held Qin Yuru.

Qin Yuru turned around only to find out Qin Huaiyong standing indifferently while Qin Wanru standing beside him. Then she covered her face with her sleeve and rushed out while crying loudly.

Standing in the porch, Qin Wanru saw Qin Yuru cry and run away. Then she walked to Shui Ruolan. She was thin. Although she looked very young, her beautiful watery eyes in which there was a trace of indifference added a sense of unidentified coldness to her perfect and pretty face.

Her firmness made people feel pity for her.

Her side figure made people feel that she was lonely even if she looked strong. Her large dress was blown up by the wind in the courtyard, which presented her slender waist and made her look thin and weak.

Chu Liuyue stood under the tree outside the courtyard and his gaze fell on Qin Wanru. He frowned and thought that this girl was special.

He came here with Qin Huaiyong but it was improper for him to walk into the courtyard so he just stood under the tree outside. Although he didn't know the details, he almost knew what happened inside. He saw Qin Yuru cry and leave embarrassingly and found Qin Huaiyong standing in the porch with a livid face.

He also saw Shui Ruolan sitting in the yard, lowering her head and saying nothing. However, these faces gradually disappeared in his mind but there was only a girl whose figure looked lonely in the wind left. Her large dress made her slender body look thinner. However, there was only a trace of indifference left on her beautiful face which should be charming and energetic.

She was sad but she didn't show others her sorrow and weakness. However, her face on which there was no tear made others sense her restlessness. Even though she looked really pretty and charming, she looked unapproachable and impersonal without any expression on her face!

It seemed that she had never got involved in the disturbance!

Even Qin Huaiyong showed his anger on his face but it seemed that she had nothing to do with these! Yes, everyone seemed to get involved into this, except her! She showed her indifference but actually she just tried her best to hide her sorrow and sadness.

At this moment, Chu Liuyue was deeply impressed by this girl and remembered her for the first time!

She was young and he should not have noticed her but she made it! She made him notice her! It was the first time that he had realized that she was so beautiful that he failed to notice the scenery! She was even comparable to Shao Yanru!

He preferred Shao Yanru and tried his best to marry her not only because she was charming and beautiful but also because she got the support from Duke Xing's Mansion. Because of these, Chu Liuyue had decided Shao Yanru was the right one for him very soon.

However, as his eyes darkened, he suddenly hesitated. "She is a daughter of a normal General's Mansion and what's more, she is a girl picked up by the mansion. She doesn't deserve the position of First Madam but it might be available to make her my concubine. After all, Qin Huaiyong might be useful in the future..."

"Let's go home, mother," said Qin Wanru softly when she came to Shui Ruolan.

"Fine." Shui Ruolan nodded and tried to stand up. However, as she had sat for a long time, she stumbled while Qin Wanru quickly reached out and caught her.

"Are you alright, mother?"

"I am fine. Let's go," answered Shui Ruolan gently.

Then they walked outwards. When they walked to the door, Qin Wanru suddenly felt someone was staring at her. She raised her head and found out Chu Liuyue was looking at her thoughtfully. She slightly bowed sideways and then left while holding Shui Ruolan.

Then there was Chu Liuyue's thoughtful gaze left behind her.

Qin Huaiyong then checked his clothes and tried to calm down his anger. After asking the latter doctor to leave, he also left the courtyard slowly, then bowed and said to Chu Liuyue politely, "Sorry to keep you waiting, Prince Yue!"

"It is okay. It hasn't been too long!" Chu Liuyue was to discuss the defence of the city in the following days. The public security would be a little bit rough every time when Lunar New Year was around the corner. Thus accidents might occur at that time. Today, the emperor ordered Chu Liuyue and Qin Huaiyong to deal with this so that was why Chu Liuyue would come to Qin's Mansion.

When they just entered the mansion, they immediately knew what happened to Madam Di. Qin Huaiyong was about to bring Chu Liuyue to his study room while Chu Liuyue told him not to be so troubled and asked him to hurry to deal with the incident. Then he followed Qin Huaiyong leisurely. The man who guarded Chuihua Gate saw Chu Liuyue wear splendid gowns and found that Qin Huaiyong allowed him to follow. Thus the servant dared not stop him.

"Sorry for letting you see this mess. This way, Prince Yue!" Qin Huaiyong reached out, made way for him and answered.

Chu Liuyue nodded and turned around. While he was walking, he asked leisurely, "Is that girl your second daughter?"

"Yes!" Qin Huaiyong nodded.

"She looks quite pretty. How old is she?"

"She is only eleven!" Not knowing Prince Yue's intention, Qin Huaiyong answered carefully while his eyelid twitched.

"She is a rare beauty! Just like a rare pearl!" Chu Liuyue praised.

Qin Huaiyong didn't understand him so he smiled and answered resignedly, "She is just a kid and is immature. Her mother and she got a little bit angry because of the incident!"

"Then how would you deal with the Madam and lady who caused the trouble?" Chu Liuyue quickly switched the topic, which seemed that he didn't intend to know more about Qin Wanru but the incident!

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"Since now Madam Di has become like this, it is inconvenient to punish her. I have asked my brother-in-law and I think it would be better for her to recover!" Qin Huaiyong gave a bitter smile.

He couldn't send Madam Di away at this time because her situation was not good and she needed a rest. Otherwise, any rushed action might kill her.

As for the agreement which Duke Yong's Mansion and Qin Huaiyong had settled before, now it had been void.

"I heard that there is a doctor who sprayed himself with safflower powder. Did he intend to harm your pregnant madam?" Chu Liuyue continued to ask about the incident casually while he didn't slow down.

Actually these questions were impolite because there would be all kinds of troubles in everyone's family and it was hard to tell others these problems. However, since Chu Liuyue asked, Qin Huaiyong had to answer.

He hesitated and then answered, "Yes."

"General Qin doesn't have a son?" Glancing at Qin Huaiyong, Chu Liuyue switched the topic again but as the topic changed so frequently that Qin Huaiyong still could not guess the Prince Yue's intention!

"Is he really just chatting or what does he intend to say?"

"Yes, I don't have a son!" Qin Huaiyong lowered his head because it was a worry for him. Although he seldom mentioned, he still got worried.

"If Madam gave birth to a boy, then he would be your only son. No wonder..." Before Chu Liuyue finished, Qin Huaiyong had understood his meaning.

Now, Qin Huaiyong was sure that Madam Di intended to plot against Shui Ruolan. He even felt sympathy for Madam Di when seeing her face before but now his sympathy for her vanished immediately.

Now Qin Huaiyong had known the truth and he disliked Madam Di even more than he did before. Thinking that she even tried to plot against Shui Ruolan by using this stupid method which would harm

both side, he now thought Madam Di was crazy. He even felt that he needed to take care of Shui Ruolan's safety more carefully and it was much necessary to find somebody to protect her than before.

Madam Di had become like this so he couldn't send her away now. However, he was afraid that she might have another evil plan when staying in Qin's Mansion. He must find a proper place and must send her there.

In consideration of her current situation, he couldn't imprison her because she needed to see a doctor and take medicine and moreover, her servants had to take care of her.

He had to be careful about her but at the same time he had to protect her, which gave Qin Huaiyong a headache. As for the concubine sent by Duke Yong's Mansion, he didn't want her anymore. Now he also was careful about Madam Di's family. One Madam Di had caused these things. What would become of Qin's Mansion when another "Madam Di" came? Everything would be in a mess! Anyway, Duke Yong's Mansion would understand when knowing Madam Di's behavior.

Not to mention Qin Huaiyong who now had a headache because of Madam Di, Qin Wanru went to Old Grandma's courtyard with Shui Ruolan. Old Grandma was told about the news when it had happened. Now she was sitting in her room and was in a bad mood. Since she knew they came, she quickly let her servants invite them to come in her room.

After they came in, Old Grandma quickly asked them about the whole story. Finally, Old Grandma's eyes looked red. "How come? How!"

"Grandma, why is Big Sister so cruel? Is Madam Di not her mother?" With her long dark eyelashes flickering, Qin Wanru raised her head, looked at Old Grandma and asked.

Old Grandma never told her about the truth that she was not Qin Huaiyong's natural daughter. She needed to know this from Old Grandma.

"How can Madam Di not be her mother? If she were not her mother, she would do nothing for Qin Yuru!" Old Grandma sighed.

Qin Wanru stared at Old Grandma with her watery eyes. Her beautiful eyes looked red and were filled with tear. "Grandma, who is my birth mother? Why could Big Sister have mother to love and protect her while she was so bad but why couldn't I? Please tell Zhuozhuo the truth, Grandma!"

While saying, Qin Wanru knelt down and grabbed Old Grandma's sleeve. Tears fell over her pretty face.

"Zhuozhuo..." Stunned, Old Grandma didn't expect Qin Wanru would ask this question.

"Grandma, please tell Zhuozhuo who are my birth parents? Everyone in the capital city knows that I am adopted except me! Everyone has his or her own father and mother but except me! Why? Grandma, tell Zhuozhuo the truth, please?" Qin Wanru crawled on her knees towards Old Grandma and then relied on Old Grandma's legs with her head while her tears ceaselessly dropped.

Her long eyelashes flickered and then closed slowly with her tears dropping on her beautiful face.

"Zhuozhuo..." Old Grandma choked with sobs but could say nothing.

Shui Ruolan waved her hands and then every servant left. She then stood up, walked to the door and closed it.

When she came back and sat down again, she persuaded softly, "Mother, it is time to let her know."
"Since Big Sister and First Lady have evil intentions, I am afraid Wanru would not know the truth till she dies if you stick to keep the secret! She would even not know how she dies!"

Shui Ruolan suddenly felt an urge to say these. When she finished, she also cried.

Qin Wanru burst out crying! Shui Ruolan's words banged her heart just like a lightning strike! She did not know the truth of her death in her last life!

She died distressingly but she didn't know why she died!

Her last life was tragic. She was pulled to the edge of the abyss by others while she walked on the point of a knife without knowing anything. All of a sudden, she fell.

Qin Wanru never cried like this, which scared Old Grandma. She hurried to hold Qin Wanru while Shui Ruolan also helped Qin Wanru stand up.

"Zhuzhuo, don't cry. I would tell you! The reason why I didn't tell you before is that I am afraid that you could not bear this truth. You, you..." Old Grandma explained. When she talked to Qin Wanru, she also sobbed and her voice sounded trembled. She was unable to continue!

"Grandma, please! I won't blame you!" Qin Wanru raised her red eyes and tried to stop crying. She held Old Grandma's hand and said to her softly.

When Old Grandma saw Qin Wanru try her best to calm down to comfort her while she also felt sad, Old Grandma also burst into tears and told her everything.

She then told Qin Wanru everything including her family, the reason why she was adopted and the story that her natural father died because he saved Qin Huaiyong.

When she finished, Qin Wanru and Old Grandma hugged each other and cried.

Shui Ruolan felt helpless. She had to comfort this one and then she had to placate the other. For a while, she finally made them calm down.

Qin Wanru wiped her tear away and then sat beside Old Grandma again. After she calmed down, she asked softly, "So do you mean I have something to do with the Duke Xing's Mansion?"

"It might be the former heir of Duke Xing's Mansion. The current Madam of Duke Xing dislikes you and she is afraid you might suppress her when you go back to the mansion!" Old Grandma also analyzed for her after wiping her tear with her handkerchief.

"However, I am just a girl. Hao'er could live in the Duke Xing's Mansion but why couldn't I?" asked Qin Wanru in puzzlement.

"There might be some other reasons. I heard that Countess Qinghua had a bad relationship with this Madam of Duke Xing. At the very beginning, the former Heir of Duke Xing should marry this Madam of

Duke Xing but later Countess Qinghua appeared. Then the Emperor granted a marriage for the former Heir of Duke Xing and Countess Qinghua and nobody could refuse!”

Old Grandma answered.

Shui Ruolan had found out a lot of information. Old Grandma once analyzed them carefully and felt there were many questions. Everything turned out that this Madam of Duke Xing disliked Qin Wanru.

“So Madam Di and Big Sister want the position?” Thinking for a while, Qin Wanru lowered her head and asked.

“Madam Di and your sister must get crazy! Even if you are the daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing, how can Yuru get involved? They must think people of Duke Xing’s Mansion are stupid and they don’t know Duke Xing’s Mansion could find out the truth?” Old Grandma said hatefully. How stupid Madam Di and Qin Yuru were! How could they think that they deserved this position!

“Grandma, what if Duke Xing’s Mansion wants Big Sister?” said Qin Wanru softly.

Her words just like the thunder struck Old Grandma! She gazed at her with her trembled fingers holding the chair. She was astonished and said, “How, how that’s... possible...”

“Why not? Duke Xing’s Mansion needs a daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing. If Big Sister changes her age, then she would be eligible. Moreover, Madam Di and Big Sister are easy to control. Or is Duke Xing’s Mansion still waiting for a better ‘daughter’?” Qin Wanru added.

Her words swept all questions in Old Grandma’s mind. Now, with her face turning pale, she shouted hatefully, “Sinful! Sinful! What a cursed thing! Have they never thought that if the thing were uncovered, it would be a severe event?”

“Grandma, don’t be too anxious. It is only my deduction. It might not be real. Since Madam Di has become like this, she could not say anything even if she wants! Now she would not plan with Big Sister!” Qin Wanru found that she had scared Old Grandma so she quickly comforted her.

“What a cursed thing! What a cursed thing!” Old Grandma took a deep breath. She seemed to be much older than before and looked weak.

“Mother, don’t be sad. Calm down. You still get Wanru and me here!” Shui Ruolan reached out, held Old Grandma’s hand and said softly.

“Zhuozhuo, don’t blame your father. He and I also worry about you. He fears that you would feel sorrowful when knowing the truth. We have promised each other not to tell you the truth and decided to treat you as our own child. However, now some people have known your family and your parents. If we don’t tell you, some people might use that to harm you.”

Old Grandma stared at Qin Wanru pitifully.

“I know, Grandma.” Qin Wanru lowered her head and tried to hide her sorrow in her eyes. She had always known that the Old Grandma was good to her and she treated her very well. She even treated her as her own granddaughter and always protected her from her last life to now in order to thank her father for saving Qin Huaiyong.

However, someone seemed to have forgotten this!

“Old Madam, First Lady Qi and First Young Master of the Qi come!” Nanny Duan’s voice suddenly came up.

Qi Rongzhi and Qi Tianyu? Qin Wanru paused and felt surprised that why they came here at this time. Weird. There was no need for them to remain the relationship with Qin’s Mansion since two families had nothing to do with each other.

“General doesn’t invite the First Young Master of the Qi Family to his room?” asked Old Grandma when she wiped her tear with her handkerchief.

“General said that he has an honored guest and said that both families are friends so there is no need to push them away. Thus he lets them come here!” answered Nanny Duan.

“Friends? Are they still friends when those things happened?”

Qin Wanru was surprised by this statement but it was improper to talk about this. Looking at her messy clothes, she said, “Grandma, I need to organize my dress!”

“Fine.” Looking at Qin Wanru, Old Grandma nodded in agreement and said. Then she said to the door, “Let them in!”