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Chapter 421 Another Sinister Plan

Qi Rongzhi left in a hurry, much more hurried than Qin Wanru!

Qin Wanru's mouth lifted at the corners. Standing, she watched Qi Rongzhi hurrying away in a fretful manner.

Even though she didn't know what kinds of evidences Qi Tianyu had, she was sure that he did have evidences. Moreover, Qi Baiyu had always failed to steal the letters from his brother, from which it could tell that Qi Tianyu was a very prudent person.

Although Qi Tianyu did not trust his little brother, he believed his biological sister. Among all people around Qi Tianyu, Qi Rongzhi was the only one who could succeed in obtaining the key evidence from Qi Tianyu.

It seemed that Qi Rongzhi was going straight to Qi Tianyu. Great! That would be great! But if she failed, Qin Wanru still had a plan B.

She turned around and started to head back in a gentle and slow manner. When she arrived in the courtyard, she found Qin Yuru had been there.

In the middle of the main room, an old maid was standing behind Qin Yuru and kneading her crooked stiff neck. Hearing someone coming, Qin Yuru opened her eyes and found it was Qin Wanru. Then she immediately closed her eyes without words, seeming as if she had not seen Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru disapprovingly looked over the old maid behind her. The old maid looked quite proficient in kneading. However, no matter how skillful she was, she was unable to cure Qin Yuru's crooked stiff neck completely within a short time.

When her gaze fell on a half-open bag in medium size which was put behind the old maid, her eyes overshadowed.

"Acupuncture?"

Yujie also noticed the bag in which there were several long needles sticking out. Her face changed slightly because she found out that the old maid was not only kneading Qin Yuru's neck but also treating her with acupuncture.

Both Qin Wanru and Yujie were clear that acupuncture could not help but even lead to side effects which would make the patient difficult to recover soon.

Madam of Duke Xing could not wait anymore!

"Big Sister, if you don't need me here, I will take a rest then!" Knowing Qin Yuru might not want her to stay here, Qin Wanru looked expressionless and said to her in an impassive way.

"Okay." Qin Yuru snorted coldly without opening her eyes. She knew that there would be a great difference in social standing between Qin Wanru and her tomorrow.

She was unwilling to pretend to be on good terms with Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru then left the main room and took a rest in her temporary residence while she asked Yujie to bring some plum blossoms back.

There were many plum trees along the way they went back. It was reasonable for her to let Yujie go outside with this excuse.

Qin Wanru was a miss, and thus it was inconvenient for her to walk around because many people would keep an eye on her. However, Yujie was a servant girl who was asked to pick some beautiful flowers, so by comparison it was much easier for her to move.

According to the time, it seemed that Qin Huaiyong should have been invited to come here by Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. Qin Wanru didn't ask Yujie to figure out what they were talking about but to know about Qin Huaiyong's schedule.

"To accept Yuru as your granddaughter?" Qin Huaiyong put his tea down, frowned, and asked with confusion. "May I know the reason why you choose Yuru?"

He just arrived here after receiving the invitation from Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Your daughter and I really hit it off the first time we met each other. I like kids like her. Since I know her mother is gravely ill, we can bring her to Duke Xing's Mansion and let her recover here relievedly. Of course, I will treat Yuru in the same way I treat my own granddaughter," said Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion smilingly. Her gentle and kind look was totally different from that when she talked to Qin Wanru.

Nanny Yu sighed resignedly beside. Old Madam actually favored Second Miss Qin before, when knowing it was Qin Wanru who saved her. However, her favor towards Qin Wanru was incomparable to that towards First Miss Qin. Moreover, later they heard that news saying that Second Miss Qin was not innocent and virtuous. Besides, when they asked Qin Wanru to inform Ningyuan Army General to come here, she complied in appearance but opposed in heart, which aggravated Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

The last time Nanny Yu saw Second Miss Qin, she wasn't like that kind of person. However, why did she become like this now?

The young miss who was leisured, calm and even competent, had once been her backbone. However, why did this miss suddenly look like a callow youth who didn't take Old Madam's words seriously?

Nanny Yu couldn't figure it out but she also didn't dare to say anything. She had once said nice things about Second Miss Qin in front of Old Madam, but she didn't expect that Old Madam who had never scolded her burst into anger. Old Madam even warned her that if she kept saying these things, she would end their relationships over the years. Thus, given that, Nanny Yu didn't dare to say anything.

"You do like Yuru?" Qin Huaiyong asked after thinking for a while, seeming that he was moved by Old Madam's words.

"Yes, I do. I am sure about that," answered Old Madam kindly.

Seeing Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion repeat her words in a serious manner, Qin Huaiyong deeply felt that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion did like Qin Yuru. Although he took a long time to think over it, he finally nodded in agreement.

"Sorry to bother you but I sure appreciate, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion."

"Bother me? No! From now on, Yuru is my granddaughter and it is reasonable to take good care of my dear granddaughter!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion finally got relieved. She didn't expect that she could achieve her goal in such an easy way. Thus, she smiled so kindly and amiably that Qin Yuru seemed to be her biological granddaughter.

"Yuru just got hurt in her neck so it might take some time for her to fully recover. Tomorrow, we are going to invite some seniors of our mansion and to hold a simple ceremony to formally accept her as our family member. After that, she can take a good rest to recuperate her health in Duke Xing's Mansion. Besides, we will invite imperial physicians to treat her and also an etiquette instructor to teach her."

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion had plans in her mind, so when seeing Qin Huaiyong agree, she then directly told all her plans to Qin Huaiyong, except the thing that she thought Qin Yuru was her true biological granddaughter, which she thought it was unnecessary to tell Qin Huaiyong.

Madam of Duke Xing had told her about the pros and cons of the formal acceptance of Qin Yuru. Since the cons outweighed the pros, it would be better for them not to tell the truth. Besides, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion could treat her as her own biological granddaughter in daily life. Except the title of real granddaughter of Duke Xing's Mansion, she could give everything Qin Yuru wanted. Thus, according to this, it seemed that Duke Xing's Mansion didn't discommode Qin Yuru.

"But, Old Madam, isn't it too hasty?" Qin Huaiyong asked.

"No, besides, it is much more righteous for her to live here and better for her to recover!" Old Madam replied slowly. It seemed that Qin Yuru could benefit more if she formed bonds and relationships with Duke Xing's Mansion as soon as possible.

Qin Huaiyong was very quiet for a minute which seemed that he was hesitant.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion unhurriedly took a sip from her teacup. She was sure that Qin Huaiyong would not let the great chance go easily. The eldest daughter of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion and the granddaughter of Duke Xing's Mansion? The meanings behind the two titles were completely different and incomparable. It didn't just refer to a transfer from Ningyuan Army General's Mansion to Duke Xing's Mansion. It was much more than that.

"Well, then I will listen to you, Old Madam!" After thinking for a while, Qin Huaiyong looked up and answered decisively. He seemed to figure it out.

"Good, that is a deal! From now on, we two mansions now are a family. If you have any difficulty, come to us!" Satisfied with Qin Huaiyong's decision, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion smiled much more kindly. She even sounded amiable, which would make people like her.

Qin Huaiyong was aware of the meaning behind her words. If Qin Yuru became the granddaughter of Duke Xing's Mansion, he would also benefit from this matter.

"I sure appreciate!" Qin Huaiyong stood up and bowed deeply and reverently to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion in exaltation.

"You are welcome, Ningyuan Army General!" Old Madam nodded with satisfaction and smiled.

Since they had reached a conclusion about this matter, Qin Huaiyong thought it was improper for him to stay long so he stood up again and was ready to leave. He also promised Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion that he would attend the ceremony tomorrow.

After coming out of Old Madam's courtyard, Qin Huaiyong then went outward when following a guiding old maid. However, he met Madam of Duke Xing on the way.

"Ningyuan Army General!" The moment Madam of Duke Xing saw Qin Huaiyong she looked surprised, but she reacted very quickly. She stood at the crossing and smiled gently at him.

"Madam of Duke Xing!" Since he saw Madam of Duke Xing, Qin Huaiyong also stopped.

"General, may I ask about what Second Miss Qin likes?" asked Madam of Duke Xing smilingly.

"Wanru?" Qin Huaiyong stared at Madam of Duke Xing with confusion. "Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion just told me that she favors Yuru. I can't see what it has to do with Wanru."

"She does have nothing to do with this, but I also will prepare a gift for Second Miss Qin tomorrow. And that is why I intend to know her likings. Can you tell me what Second Miss Qin likes, Ningyuan Army General?" Madam of Duke Xing said decently.

Hearing her words, Qin Huaiyong couldn't refuse her, so he directly told Qin Wanru's hobbies and interests he knew to Madam of Duke Xing who kept nodding when listening.

Then they just stood by the roadside and had a little chat. After that, Qin Huaiyong said goodbye to her and left.

"Do you remember?" Watching Qin Huaiyong leaving hurriedly, Madam of Duke Xing asked slowly.

"Yes, madam. I almost remember what he just said!" Nanny Sheng took a step forward and answered. She just tried hard to memorize what Ningyuan Army General said.

"Good. When we get back, sort them out!" Madam of Duke Xing nodded and directly turned around. She was here to stop Qin Huaiyong deliberately.

During the talk, she got a lot of information.

"Madam, I will write them down later. However, I am afraid that these things will not be useful tomorrow!" Nanny Sheng also turned around and replied in a low voice.

She was Madam of Duke Xing's henchman so she knew what her master was planning. However, in Nanny Sheng's mind, it didn't need to be so troublesome and her master was too prudent!

"We can hold this information in reserve. If there is a need, then we can use it directly. No matter how cunning Qin Wanru is, she will not expect this. Ru'er also thinks in the same way and she has arranged two people to deal with Qin Wanru."

Madam of Duke Xing said slowly. Although her daughter was young, she was born to be extraordinary. She had always been very thoughtful. Thus, since she said that they could hold this information in reserve, then just did it according to her words. Besides, since Qin Wanru was Xi Qinghua's daughter, Madam of Duke Xing must get rid of her!

Even though those two people might be needless tomorrow, one day they would get useful.

Realizing that it was First Miss Shao's instruction, Nanny Sheng didn't dare to say anything. Although First Miss was young, she had always been clever. Since she said so, the whole plan would be available.

This night was destined to be sleepless.

Qin Yuru had been groaning and screaming for half the night. Her shrill cries might be caused by the acupuncture treatment. Thanks to her cries, Qin Wanru was unable to have a good sleep.

Not knowing when Qin Yuru stopped groaning, Qin Wanru fell into sleep unconsciously. Tomorrow, she was also waiting for tomorrow...

The world would know the truth!

Chapter 422 Which Branch Did She Belong to?

When Qin Wanru woke up, it was still early. At dawn, the main room where Qin Yuru lived had been very noisy. People were walking in and out and those noises had come out very early, which were very disturbing. Thus, Qin Wanru had to get up now.

Qin Wanru rubbed between her eyes, and said in a low voice, "Yujie!"

No respond.

Lifting up the gauze curtain, she found nobody was there. It was weird. When they were not in Qin's Mansion, Yujie would always stay with her in case of an emergency.

"Yujie!" she whispered again.

No respond. Qin Wanru lifted up the curtain and got out of bed with beautiful hair hanging about her shoulders. When she went toward a window to check what happened, the door was suddenly pushed open. It was Yujie. She looked angry and walked in with toiletries in her hands. Finding Qin Wanru was awake, she hurried to help her miss wash up.

"Miss, I just wanted to find hot water for you to wash up. However, those who serve First Miss said that First Miss needs hot water. They even said that today is First Miss' big day, so First Miss has priority to do everything, even to use hot water!" said Yujie angrily.

Qin Wanru sat in front of the dressing table and looked at Yujie calmly in the mirror. "They have all gotten up?"

"Yes. Almost two hours! Everyone is busy there! It is said that they are going to dress her pretty well because she is one of the misses of Duke Xing's Mansion from now on!" Yujie curled her lips and said disdainfully.

Even though others didn't know what kind of a person Qin Yuru was, Qin Wanru and Yujie knew very clearly. Qin Yuru was totally a faker! How dared she really treat herself as a noble miss!

"What did grandma say?" Qin Wanru smiled and asked unhurriedly. After Qin Huaiyong left, she quickly asked Yujie to inform Madam Dowager of this message yesterday.

"Madam Dowager says she will come later today!" Yujie answered as she just received this message this morning earlier.

"Good." Qin Wanru nodded. When Madam Dowager came, it would become a multiparty performance and she was looking forward to this show.

It didn't take too much time for her to wash up. When combing Qin Wanru's hair, Yujie wore it up in two buns, on which there was a pair of pink wreaths which looked simple but beautiful.

When a little servant girl brought breakfast from the kitchen for them, Qin Wanru then enjoyed her food leisurely while suddenly they heard someone in the courtyard shouting that Old Madam of Duke Xing's people had come!

When Qin Wanru moved to the window, she saw Nanny Yu who served Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion entered Qin Yuru's room. After a while, a servant girl came and invited Qin Wanru to go there.

Since Qin Wanru had dressed up, she then followed the little servant girl and went to the main room with Yujie.

In the main room, Qin Yuru had all dressed up. She was sitting in an upright position on a chair at the center of the room. Her neck, which had been stiff and wry yesterday, now looked much straighter. However, her face was too pale and she looked not comfortable.

Even so, she seemed to be refreshed and energetic. Her gorgeous dress made her as pretty as flowers. Her black hair was arranged by several hairpins, which made her look gentle and decent.

Qin Yuru's look now might really be able to make others feel she was a righteous and gentle miss.

Qin Wanru looked Qin Yuru up and down expressionlessly and said nothing. Seeing Qin Yuru stand up and walk outward, she then came beside her and also walked outward slowly. Qin Yuru was the heroine today.

When walking out of the Chuihua Gate, this group of people then moved towards Flower Hall.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion sat at the center of the hall, wearing a radiant face from which it could tell that she was in a good mood. Several seniors who looked much older were sitting on her right side. They were invited to come here early in the morning. Behind Old Madam stood Madam of Duke Xing.

Old Madam of Duke Yong, Old Madam Qin and Qin Huaiyong were sitting on the left side.

There were not many people today, but those who attended the ceremony were all very important. Looking around, Qin Yuru was quite satisfied with the scene. She finally got what she expected.

After glaring at Qin Wanru, Qin Yuru then was ready to step into the threshold. She was excited, as she knew this step meant that she would start to enjoy endless wealth and fame!

"Hold on!" A familiar voice suddenly sounded. When Qin Yuru turned around and tried to see who was there, she was hit by someone. Seeing Qin Yuru nearly fell down, servant girls besides quickly reached out and held her.

"Sister Yuru! I am sorry! I am really sorry! I just didn't pay attention to the road so I am so sorry that I hit you!" Qi Rongzhi stood at the entrance and said apologetically. She looked a bit nervous, from which it could be said that she was the one who hit Qin Yuru.

Seeing Qi Rongzhi's face, Qin Yuru was more than a little upset. Didn't pay attention to the road? She must do it deliberately! However, all key figures were sitting in the hall so Qin Yuru could not reveal her true colors in front of them. Thus, she smiled hypocritically and said, "It doesn't matter. Sister Qi has always been vivacious and sometimes careless! I know that."

"Sister Yuru, you are so kind!" Qi Rongzhi also responded with the same hypocritical smile. Then she forestalled and walked into the hall first. Then she stood behind Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and looked well behaved.

Qin Yuru frowned sulkily. She tried to suppress the hatred toward Qi Rongzhi in her eyes and she was clear that she could not bicker with her now.

Holding a servant girl's hand, she entered the hall slowly. After bowing to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and others reverently, she then also stood aside.

Old Madam smiled and looked at Qin Yuru with satisfaction. Then Old Madam turned to those seniors and said, "She is the one I am talking about. She is well educated and sensible. Although she behaves abruptly sometimes, she never crosses the line since she is very decent. If she acts improperly, she must be instigated by others."

She sounded that she was finding reasons to whitewash Qin Yuru but her delightful look had uncovered her mind.

Those seniors nodded after looking at each other.

Actually, they had no right in deciding this matter but were asked to witness the whole ceremony. The eldest one nodded and said, "She does look good and we all listen to you!"

"Then let's write her name down our family tree," Old Madam said with a bright smile.

"Well, which branch then?" Those seniors who benefited from this matter all nodded in agreement while someone put forward this question. Besides, since Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion had accepted this girl, then let Old Madam decide which branch this girl should belong to.

Qi Rongzhi's face changed suddenly and got angry. When she was accepted as Madam of Duke Xing's nominal daughter, they just let her show up but didn't write her name down the family tree! It seemed that they really decided to recognize Qin Yuru as one of their family members!

"Well, then note her under my dead son's name. If, if he were alive, he would also have a daughter like her!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion looked sorrowful and took out her handkerchief to wipe away her tears. Her smile was gone.

The dead son was the former Heir of Duke Xing. As Qin Wanru said, Qin Yuru's acceptance was doubtful.

"The former Heir of Duke Xing? That would be great!" Those seniors all nodded in agreement and felt this suggestion was good. Since Old Madam of Duke Xing quite liked this First Miss Qin, it was appropriate to record her name under the name of the former Heir of Duke Xing. Moreover, this status was very distinguished.

"Under the name of the former Heir of Duke Xing? I suppose the former heir should not have such a daughter at this age, should he?" Qi Rongzhi could not bear it anymore. She stood out and said directly.

Old Madam frowned unpleasantly. She hardly felt emotionally attached to Qi Rongzhi. She just listened to her daughter-in-law and recognized this girl casually and resignedly. She also never asked Qi Rongzhi to greet her but this girl, who seemed to be very well educated, always went to her courtyard when she had a spare moment and behaved filially.

It should say that she looked filial. Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion had met different kinds of people so she was quite clear what Qi Rongzhi was thinking about. Thus, Old Madam just pretended to be kind to her but never favored her.

However, now seeing Qi Rongzhi interrupt their discussion, she felt much more unpleasant. Qi Rongzhi had nothing to do with this matter that she intended to find her own biological granddaughter back. What was she thinking about?

Not only did Old Madam frown, those who were attendant also knit their brows, except Madam Dowager of Qin's Mansion who looked impassive. Her gaze fell on Qi Rongzhi's face and she said nothing about it.

She was in Duke Xing's Mansion and she had no right to say anything. Zhuozhuo had told her that the only thing she needed to do was watch the show and be a witness!

"Rongzhi, step back! What are you talking about!" Madam of Duke Xing immediately scolded her with rage.

"Mother, First Miss Qin is fifteen years old now. A year ago, she had experienced the hair pinning ceremony. After that, she engaged to my brother. However, because she has always wanted to marry up, she not only used Qin Wanru's innocence to plot against her and made her get on the bridal sedan chair, but even dated my brother privately after canceling the engagement. It is known by everyone in Jiangzhou. That is why she cannot stay in Jiangzhou anymore and has to hide in the capital city hurriedly."

Qi Rongzhi was afraid of Madam of Duke Xing but she was much more afraid of the fact that Qin Yuru would snatch away everyone's favor from her. Thus, she uncovered everything which happened in Jiangzhou here.

Her words astounded those seniors. They stared at Qin Yuru in astonishment. They could hardly believe that the girl whom Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion favored was such a shameless person.

Since they had received money from Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, they thus did everything according to her instruction. Besides, they had nothing to do with this matter, no matter whether Duke Xing's Mansion planned to accept a granddaughter or not.

Now hearing Qi Rongzhi's words, they all looked serious as they knew if what she said was true, this acceptance would destroy the whole Shao Family.

Moreover, women of Shao Family would be demeaned if this girl in front of them were written into the family tree.

"What are you talking about?" Old Madam shouted seriously and burst into anger.

"Old Madam, I am not talking nonsense! If you don't believe me, I have two witnesses and you can see them!" Suppressing her nervousness, Qi Rongzhi answered. Last night, she not only stolen the evidence, but also brought two witnesses to here.

They were servants who followed Qi Tianyu to come here from Jiangzhou. Thus, they knew clearly what happened between Qi Tianyu and Qin Yuru!

When Qi Rongzhi went home, fortunately Qi Tianyu was not there. Thus, she rummaged around Qi Tianyu's study room with the excuse that she was to look for some books.

Qi Tianyu's servant was unwilling to let her come in, but Qi Rongzhi said that she was looking for an extremely important book and she would blame them for this matter if the book was lost. Helplessly, the servant had to let her walk into the study room.

When Qi Rongzhi found out the evidence she wanted, she also made an excuse that she needed these two servants to help her deal with something and thus she took these important servants away. Though she now was a bit scared, she came prepared so she didn't get flustered.

"Qi Rongzhi! Nonsense! How can you have people to prove these things!" Qin Yuru shouted nervously. She knew something was totally wrong when hearing Qi Rongzhi's words. Her elegant look vanished completely.

Things which happened in Jiangzhou had remained an indelible stain in her life. She didn't want anyone to mention that again.

"Sister Yuru, calm down and let's see who will come!" Qi Rongzhi sneered. She must spare no pains to impede Qin Yuru's plan!

Chapter 423 The Old Friend, Nanny Fang's Daughter

Two servants who both came from Jiangzhou were standing in the hall. Qin Yuru suddenly became hysterical at the sight of the two servants.

Not only did Qin Yuru look nervous, many people there also looked astounded. Qin Wanru's shimmery eyes flashed in the direction of those people whose faces also changed severely and a trace of darkness emerged in her eyes.

Actually, those people whose faces changed severely had their own plans. They had thought they almost achieved their goals but they didn't expect that Qi Rongzhi would be a deal-breaker.

"Sister Yuru, you know them, don't you?" Staring at Qin Yuru, Qi Rongzhi sneered.

"First Miss, how can you forget me? As regards your failed engagement, my mother tried her best to shift the blame on Second Miss. I also helped you tell First Young Master of the Qi Family that it was Second Miss who destroyed the wedding and tried to be the bride. I even told him that you were the victim and implied that he should revenge for you by destroying Second Miss' reputation! I did everything according to your instruction! My mother and I had always been loyal to you, First Miss. But, but how dare you flog my mother to death and even try to kill me!"

One of the two servants who were kneeling there raised her head. She was about seventeen, or eighteen years old. The most striking thing was the scar on her forehead, which started from right between her eyes to her right cheek. The servant girl was badly disfigured by the deep and long scar.

Even so, the scar didn't shade her beauty.

"You, you are," Qin Yuru took her handkerchief to cover her trembling lips and said nervously, "Xi, Xixiang."

When they were in Jiangzhou, the one who was in charge of things in Qin Wanru's courtyard was Nanny Fang. Xixiang was Nanny Fang's daughter and also was the second-class servant girl in Qin Yuru's courtyard.

Qin Wanru's gaze roved over Xixiang's face and a trace of sarcasm flashed upon her eyes. After Nanny Fang died, she had tried to find Nanny Fang's daughter to get more useful information. However, at that time she only got the news that Xixiang fell into water and drowned.

The river rushed fiercely and many people in Jiangzhou also got drowned there. Since Xixiang was only a second-class servant girl and her master didn't intend to go very deep, her death then was directly identified as an accident.

The timing of this accident was pretty suspicious and Qin Wanru also doubted it. However, since nobody could help her at that time, she could not investigate the whole accident and had to leave her question unsolved.

It seemed that when Nanny Fang died, Qin Yuru also started to murder Xixiang. But she didn't know her servant girl would be saved by people from Qi's mansion and it was clear that Qi Tianyu even brought her to the capital city.

Qi Tianyu had known the truth, but he still pretended to treat Qin Yuru with sincerity. Nobody knew what he was planning.

"First Miss, do you feel strange? And are you wondering why I am still alive? You asked others to cheat me into walking to the river and tried to murder me! However, I am a survivor and I am lucky enough to get through this! My mother and I had been serving you wholeheartedly and been loyal to you! We had tried our best to help you plot against Second Miss but we ended up like this. I am paying for what I have done. However, don't you fear that bad thing will happen to you? Don't you fear that you will get your comeuppance after you have committed so many crimes?"

Xixiang looked up and stared at Qin Yuru viciously. Her voice was not loud but very clear. Her hatred smashed Qin Yuru with her cold tone.

Qin Yuru couldn't help taking a few steps backwards. She was staggering and it seemed that she was nearly unable to stand straight. She was extremely pale.

Old Madam of Duke Yong's fingers were trembling. She favored her granddaughter Qin Yuru but also liked Di Yan. She now finally found out that those rumors were true and her dear granddaughter did nearly get married with First Young Master Qi. According to this servant girl's words, it seemed that Qin Yuru and Qi Tianyu still kept a dubious relationship with each other privately.

Her face first became livid, then pale and finally got red because of anger.

No matter how she favored Qin Yuru, now she finally believed her dear granddaughter had an affair with Qi Tianyu and even betrayed her grandson. As Qin Yuru's grandmother, she should stop Xixiang immediately. However, as Di Yan's grandmother, she wanted to know the truth.

When Di Yan and Qin Yuru had arrived in the capital city, they both talked about stories in Jiangzhou to her and told her the matter about the failed engagement was only a rumor made up by others. It was just a story between Qin Wanru and Qi Tianyu and it had nothing to do with Qin Yuru. As for why there was such a rumor, it was only because some people always confused these two girls' names and then incorrectly relayed the erroneous message.

Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion definitely chose to believe her daughter and granddaughter whom she had not seen for years. However, she never expected that the truth would be like this. Thinking that Di Yan demanded to annul the engagement for his marriage with Qin Yuru when crying uncontrollably, Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion felt extremely sorry to her grandson.

Di Yan was her grandson while Qin Yuru was her granddaughter. Both were her dear grandchildren. Thus, at this moment, she didn't know whether she should stop the servant girl or not. Anyway, the only thing she could do now was bite the bullet and keep listening while thinking about how to explain this matter to Di Yan. For her, it was quite fortunate that Countess Yong didn't come here because of other arrangements. If she knew this, she would not let Qin Yuru marry Di Yan.

"You, you are just a mean servant! And how dare you slur my reputation!" gnashing her teeth, Qin Yuru said. She was so furious that she almost could not breathe.

"Those who slur the former master's reputation should be punished by flogging to death after being caught!" Madam of Duke Xing added gravely.

"It doesn't matter. I have died once and my mother was killed by flogging. These were all given by my dear First Miss and I will never forget!"

Xixiang sneered and answered resentfully with her eyes on fire. Her words and her look both showed her hatred towards Qin Yuru.

She drew a letter from her bosom and said, "This is the letter which First Miss used to arrange a date with First Young Master of the Qi Family!"

Xixiang actually didn't get this letter by herself. It was Qi Rongzhi who stole this letter in Qi Tianyu's study room. When they were in Jiangzhou, Qin Yuru and Qi Tianyu liked each other. However, even though two mansions had agreed their engagement, it was not easy for unmarried man and woman to

meet each other, and thus it was quite normal for them to write letters full of love to each other privately.

If they intended to meet each other and hoped their parents could not find out their arrangement, they would also communicate with each other by letters.

Qin Yuru got a habit of arranging a date with Qi Tianyu by writing letters at that time. To avoid misunderstanding, Qin Yuru particularly slurred Qin Wanru's reputation and even expressed how she wanted to see Qi Tianyu in the letters. Moreover, she even said that since Qin Wanru ruined her engagement, she had been ill and she had always missed Qi Tianyu.

She wrote many letters and each of them all revealed her affection for Qi Tianyu. Although she didn't directly say that she hated Qin Wanru, she seemed to be full of remorse and even grow dissipated. Besides, it seemed that she was to imply Qi Tianyu that she could not get happy anymore if she could not marry Qi Tianyu.

And it was Qin Wanru who caused these things!

"Old Madam, have a look." Qi Rongzhi took the letter from Xixiang and gave it to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, perkily.

She didn't expect that her plan would be so successful!

"Old Madam, these letters are all counterfeits! This servant girl did serve me for some time but I sent her away because of another thing! I never expect that she will have a grudge against me and now she even tries to demean me!" Qin Yuru answered. She knew she could not act rashly even though she did want to snatch those letters from Qi Rongzhi.

"Demean? Sister Yuru, you'd better not plot against others! You even ruined my brother's reputation!" Qi Rongzhi sneered relentlessly while handing those letters over to Nanny Yu.

Nanny Yu took them and gave them to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion who took the main seat.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion reached out and took them. After looking over those letters, she passed these letters to Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion. She looked bad.

When Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion was reading, her face changed drastically. A mixed feeling of abashment and anger overwhelmed her. If Qin Yuru were not her granddaughter, if Madam Di had not become like this, she would throw these letters into Qin Yuru's face!

She clutched those letters tightly with her trembling fingers. At this moment, no matter how Old Madam of Duke Yong was knowledgeable and informed, she had no idea that what she should do now. She wanted to ruin these letters but she was clear that this behavior would raise too many questions. The more one tried to hide, the more one was exposed. Besides, her identity didn't allow her to do such a thing.

She shot a quick glance at her trusted old maid who stood beside her. Then the old maid took a step forward and was ready to take those letters and tear them up.

Even though a master could not do this thing, a servant could. When they destroyed these letters, they could put the blame on the servant girl.

However, another hand quickly took those letters from Old Madam of Duke Yong's hand before the old maid got them. "If Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion finished reading, our Madam Dowager also wanted to check these letters."

Yujie said with a smile and then she gave these letters to Old Madam Qin. Qin Wanru had asked her to keep an eye on Old Madam of Duke Yong in case she tried to destroy the evidence.

After Old Madam Qin read through those letters impassively, she sighed heavily and handed them over to Qin Huaiyong.

Qin Huaiyong looked livid. After he read through the whole content rapidly, he banged the table with letters in his hand and shouted angrily, "You are an unfilial daughter! How dare you!"

"Father, I have never written these letters! It must be someone who imitates my handwriting! I, I will never write letters like this!"

Qin Yuru covered her face and burst into tears.

"Not you?" Rolling her eyes, Old Madam of Duke Yong felt she finally came back to life!

"Grandma, I never do this! I don't know what Sister Rongzhi wants to do and why she would treat me like this! It is because Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion favors me but not her? If so, then I quit! Please let me go!" Qin Yuru turned around and suddenly knelt down in front of Qi Rongzhi with her tear-stained face. Tears kept rolling down on her face, which made her look sorrowful.

Qin Yuru was clear that she could not acknowledge this and admit what she had done before. She was sure that Qi Rongzhi could not do it to her. Letters could be counterfeits and these witnesses might be considered as the tool Qi Rongzhi used to plot against Qin Yuru.

Qin Yuru had never been so clear and calm before. She knew the reason why Qi Rongzhi hated her was that she was also going to be a nominal granddaughter of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. Qi Rongzhi must fear that she would snatch everyone's favor and that was why Qi Rongzhi wanted to uncover her past.

She bet Qi Rongzhi had no other evidence except for these letters and witnesses.

Most people here today all supported Qin Yuru. If she kept denying these things, Qi Rongzhi could not threaten her!

Qin Wanru lowered her head and pulling at her clothes slightly. She was happy to see this scene as she also did hard to contribute to this drama. A trace of coldness flashed upon her eyes. Qi Rongzhi might not have that kind of power, but Qi Tianyu did have. She knew he had an ace up his sleeve...

Chapter 424 The Evidence That Qin Yuru Lied About Her Age

"Sister Yuru, you can claim that I try to plot against you with this servant's accident but how can you explain the official record? Can you say that I frame you with that official record?" Qi Rongzhi snorted. Her words smashed Qin Yuru's fantasy into pieces. Qi Rongzhi continued to say, "You once lied that you are only thirteen. You not only let your mother send people to find my mother, and asked my mother to change your census register in Jiangzhou and turned your age into thirteen years old. You told my

mother that you both made a mistake in your age, but my mother was very prudent and particularly copied the original edition."

Qi Rongzhi nodded at a servant who stood behind Xixiang. Later, the twenty-year-old servant hurriedly brought her a letter.

Qi Rongzhi took it and flitted the letter. She said perkily, "This is the letter which Madam Di wrote to my mother. The letter is an original version. Are you going to say that I made up this?"

"Changing the census register and the age?" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion who had the main seat now could not keep calm anymore. It was not a trivial thing as this would be related to official matters! Although it was normal for a girl to change her age to some extent, one could hardly decide whether this thing would be trivial or terrible. If someone used this to stir up troubles, bad things would also happen.

"What do you mean?" Qin Huaiyong also felt a little restless.

"Uncle, you will know after reading this!" Qi Rongzhi passed this letter to Qin Huaiyong.

Qin Huaiyong opened the letter and her face looked worse when he was reading it.

"Father! Don't believe her! She makes up everything! She tries to frame me! Father, I suppose you won't listen to an outsider, right? You won't believe her, right?"

Qin Yuru didn't expect that Qi Rongzhi would have this thing as she thought nobody could get things like census register casually. Thus, she cried bitterly and said to Qin Huaiyong.

"Ningyuan Army General, may I?" Madam of Duke Xing looked up Qin Huaiyong and asked while Nanny Sheng hurriedly came to her.

Qin Huaiyong gave Nanny Sheng the letter with a livid face. Nanny Sheng then turned around, walked to Madam of Duke Xing and handed this letter over to her master.

Qin Wanru slightly leaned to one side and her shimmery eyes roved over Madam of Duke Xing's face. Her eyes looked cold. It seemed that when it came to the age, Madam of Duke Xing could not keep silent anymore.

Actually, Madam of Duke Xing didn't care whether Qin Yuru's reputation was good or not. She just wanted her not to impede her plan. However, as regards the age, Madam of Duke Xing had to take it into account.

If Qin Yuru's age unmatched, her plan would definitely get ruined!

Qin Wanru's mouth curved into an ironic smile but she quickly lowered her head and rubbed her handkerchief. It was getting more and more fun. Now she was going to see how they would play the show!

By the way, her grandmother would come soon!

Among all people here, only grandmother stood by her side while other people had their own thoughts. Thus, in the end, she needed to show her trump!

Frowned, Madam of Duke Xing raised her head and stared at Qi Rongzhi coldly after reading the letter. She looked sorrowful and asked, "Rongzhi, why do you do this?"

"Mother, mother? What, what do you mean?" Qi Rongzhi suddenly felt things went wrong. It seemed that it didn't turn out as she had planned.

"Why do you want to plot against Yuru? Is it because she is going to become a miss of Duke Xing's Mansion? I heard you and Yuru have been on good terms in Jiangzhou! Why have you become like this? You are my nominal daughter and Yuru is Old Madam's nominal granddaughter. There is no conflict of interest between you two. I will always like you and so does Old Madam. But how can you, how can you be so stupid and plan these things..."

Madam of Duke Xing said sadly, but she looked impassive.

"Mother, no, I am not lying! I am not lying! I am telling the truth! The truth! If you don't believe me, you can investigate..." Frightened, Qi Rongzhi screamed.

The whole thing changed so fast. Before Qi Rongzhi came here, she had thought about who would attend the ceremony and who she had to deal with. She had thought about Qin Yuru, people from Duke Yong's Mansion but she never expected that she would have to be faced with Madam of Duke Xing!

Shouldn't Madam of Duke Xing treat this matter in a fair way? Why did she feel like Madam of Duke Xing was trying to protect Qin Yuru?

It was known that Qin Yuru was favored by Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion but not Madam of Duke Xing! Why did Madam of Duke Xing protect her?

"What? Should I investigate these things in Jiangzhou? Rongzhi, that's enough. I know you are jealous of Yuru as she is favored by Old Madam. Don't worry. You and Yuru will become sisters in the future. Just let go of it, you two. These are all trivial things. But you cannot displease Old Madam by stirring up troubles!"

Madam of Duke Xing interjected Qi Rongzhi and said.

It seemed that Madam of Duke Xing tried first to make this mistake sound less serious and then to reduce it to nothing at all. She even said that it was because Qi Rongzhi was still naive that she caused this trouble, a trivial trouble.

However, she also threatened Qi Rongzhi to some extent. In Duke Xing's Mansion, Old Madam's word carries weight. If Qi Rongzhi displeased or offended Old Madam, Qi Rongzhi would come to a sticky end.

Those seniors look at each other in speechless confusion. Was that the truth?

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and Qin Huaiyong both didn't pass the evidence to them so they didn't know which part was true and which part was false. However, given the current situation, it would not be a lie!

"Sister Rongzhi, what about making an apology to my big sister. After that, you are still able to be on good terms! You can refer to each other as sisters!" Qin Wanru suddenly said in a natural and graceful way.

She had been watching the performance and now she knew it was time for her to show up.

"To live in harmony? To get along peacefully with Qin Yuru? Today we have completely turned hostile against each other and how can I still get along well with her?" Qi Rongzhi's perplexed and flustered look gradually turned into a determined look.

The one who didn't know what kind of person Qin Yuru was might be able to live in harmony with her but the one would not be Qi Rongzhi. She was not silly. Since she had known Qin Yuru for years, she was clear about Qin Yuru's viciousness.

If she missed this chance, she might die without the burial ground.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion had liked Qin Yuru very much and Madam of Duke Xing had tried best to protect Qin Yuru before she became a member of the Duke Xing's Mansion. If Qin Yuru later really joined in Duke Xing's Mansion and even was recorded in the family tree, this vicious woman would not let go of Qi Rongzhi easily.

"Mother, I want to listen to you but since Qin Yuru is a very vicious person, I am afraid that she might do something terrible. She just pretended that Madam Di isn't her biological mother and she now changed her age. I am not sure whether Qin Yuru did these just because those princes still have not held their consort selections today. I even heard that she tried to seduce Prince Cheng in his mansion deliberately. If the imperial family were influenced by this person, I couldn't afford this result."

Qi Rongzhi suddenly thought of what two servants talked about before so she hurriedly answered.

Her words astounded everyone here. Pondering over Qi Rongzhi's words, people here found the matter actually was scary.

An ordinary miss would not change her age, except there was a particular meaning behind the action. To marry into the imperial family by changing the age? Being disadvantageous to the imperial family?

Those seniors got flustered. Qin Yuru was going to be recorded into the family tree. If something happened, she might destroy the whole Shao Family. If the matter was related to leading troubles to the imperial harem, then the whole family would get punished because of this person.

"Old Madam, we must investigate the matter seriously."

"Old Madam, I think it'd better not accept her as one of our families under the name of the former Heir of Duke Xing. If this person does commit these things, I am afraid that she will have a negative influence on our whole Shao Family!"

"Old Madam, you must reconsider carefully." Several seniors suddenly stood up and hurried to say to Old Madam of Duke Xing's mansion.

They once thought they just needed to go through the motions, but now it turned out that the matter was not as simple as they had thought before. No matter how powerful Duke Xing's Mansion was, it could not afford this. These seniors didn't dare to just be a bystander because this matter was related to their whole family and their lives!

They also had witnessed the whole progress. First Miss Qin was dubious! She was not only immoral and shameless but even sneaking and slinky!

They were not watching a formal acceptance, but were getting involved in a big trouble!

Old Madam of Duke Xing frowned tightly. She kept her seat and didn't say anything. The whole thing had exceeded her expectations. So Qin Yuru changed her age was just for that thing?

"Qi Rongzhi, nonsense! You make up everything! You just don't want me to be formally accepted by Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion! How, how vicious you are!" Qin Yuru was frightened and horrified. She roared.

"Sister Yuru, do you know how old am I?" Qi Rongzhi sneered.

"Everyone knows you are thirteen!" Qin Yuru replied resentfully.

"Yes, but I have always called you 'big sister' while you also called me 'sister'," said Qi Rongzhi

Qin Yuru felt guilty. But the next moment, she quickly beat back, "So what? Even if we are the same age, a generational difference still exists!"

Of course, she could not say that she was fifteen years old.

"Yes. There is a generational difference. After you made up your age, you actually are a month younger than me now. However, almost everyone in Jiangzhou knows that you are to get on the bridal sedan chair and are going to marry my brother! So if you are only thirteen years old, how can you marry my brother!"

Ignoring Madam of Duke Xing's sulky face, Qi Rongzhi now had burned all her bridges.

It was normal for many thirteen-year-old girls to engage with others, but no thirteen-year-old girl would marry others! Almost all families loved their daughters and wanted to keep their dear daughters to stay with them for an extra couple of years.

"I, I don't know why my mother did this!" Qin Yuru covered her face and wept. According to her words, it was because Madam Di didn't love her that she would let Qin Yuru marry others as soon as possible.

Now she knew she could benefit from Qi Rongzhi's words and it would be a perfect chance for her to become the true Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. Thus, she must let people here think that Madam Di used to maltreat her and that Madam Di didn't consider Qin Yuru as her biological daughter. Now she could take advantage of Qi Rongzhi's words.

However, if she said these things, it would mean that she admitted what Xixiang talked about before and she admitted that she did have an affair with Qi Tianyu and that she did nearly marry him.

Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion finally got fretful. She could pretend everything Qin Yuru had done before was made up by others as she could say that she didn't know the truth. However, Qin Yuru seemed to acknowledge what the servant girl just said!

Pinching her hands heavily in the sleeve, she glared at Qin Yuru resentfully and was going to remind her. However, a scornful and sharp voice suddenly came outside the room. "Madam Di now is not your biological mother? Then who is your biological mother?"

All people quickly raised their heads and some of them suddenly looked nervous...

Chapter 425 The Crime of Deceiving the Emperor and Being an Impostor

There was a group of people clustering around Rui'an Great Elder Princess at the door, whom they respected.

Seeing the angry Rui'an Great Elder Princess, Madam of Duke Xing did not feel good. She lowered her head in a hurry and ordered Nanny Sheng with a few words. Nanny Sheng secretly left with a terrible look on her face. She did not expect that the defensive plan decided by the First Miss and Madam would be used now, but this was not the best timing.

At this time, everyone was looking at the door. No one noticed that Nanny Sheng had left quietly except Qin Wanru.

The Old Madam of Duke Xing stood up. Rui'an Great Elder Princess had not been to Duke Xing's Mansion for several years. Even though she wanted to see her grandson, Rui'an Great Elder Princess always took him away.

This time, she seemed to come with no good intentions.

With a cold face, Rui'an Great Elder Princess glanced at the faces of everyone present and sneered. Before hearing the invitation from Old Madam of Duke Xing, she stepped in and haughtily sat down in the most honorable seat among the guest seat. Old Madam of Duke Yong, who had originally sat on this seat, could only take a step back.

Everyone stepped back, but no one dared to sit down.

However, Old Madam of Duke Xing slowly sat down and looked at Rui'an Great Elder Princess with disgust. She took a deep breath and calmed down.

She did not like her daughter-in-law and one of the main reasons was that she did not like the mother of her daughter-in-law. Rui'an Great Elder Princess dared to ignore her in the name of Great Elder Princess. It was really annoying.

She rarely had this kind of annoyance on other people, except her daughter-in-law, Rui'an Great Elder Princess in front of her, and Qin Wanru, who had just met.

Even though Qin Wanru had saved her life, this disgust could not fade away. It was unexplainable for her to dislike Qin Wanru and feel uncomfortable when seeing her.

Old Madam felt that it was because Qin Wanru's previous behavior had made her feel disgusted. She was greedy and complied with elders' words in appearance but opposed these in heart, so it was really annoying.

"Great Elder Princess seldom comes here. What a rare guest! Serve tea!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion calmed down and showed a trace of smile on her face.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess had a noble status, so she did not dare to offend her casually.

Madam of Duke Xing gestured to the servant girl aside and the servant girl hurriedly brought in a cup of tea and respectfully placed it in front of Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

Qin Wanru glanced at Old Madam and lowered her head quietly. Her long eyelashes fluttered a few times like a fan, covering the darkness at the bottom of her eyes. Her grandmother came at the right time!

There was finally someone on her side who could uphold justice for her!

"If I do not come now, are you going to adopt a fake granddaughter for me?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess snorted, saying, "It is a capital crime to falsely claim to be relatives of the emperor!"

Qin Yuru had been held aside, but how she could not help trembling and looked at Madam of Duke Xing in a panic.

Madam of Duke Xing raised her head calmly and looked at Qin Yuru's face coldly with a smile. Qin Yuru was so scared that she hurriedly turned her head to avoid seeing Madam's eyes. She held Mei Xue's wrist tightly and her face turned pale.

"Great Elder Princess, why do you say that? I just want to have a nominal foster granddaughter and kept her in the name of my elder son. He used to prefer girls. If he had a daughter, he would be happy even in his grave!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion said lightly.

Infanta Qinghua had royal blood, but after a woman got married, their child's surname would be her husband's surname, and thus the child did not belong to the wife's family. Moreover, now they just wanted to have a nominal foster relative in their name, so it was indeed unnecessary to inform Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"In the name of the former heir of Duke Xing's Mansion, then who is her own mother? I do not remember that the former heir of Duke Xing's Mansion had other concubines!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered.

Since she would be recorded in the pedigree of their clan, she should have a biological father and a mother.

"My elder son also had a maid in name as a concubine at the very beginning. Since she would have been promoted to be a concubine, so she had been recorded in the pedigree. She moved away when Infanta Qinghua married to our mansion later. So Qin Yuru can be recorded as her daughter!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion said.

If Rui'an Great Elder Princess did not come, this would obviously be recorded in the name of Infanta Qinghua. But now Rui'an Great Elder Princess came, so she had to change a person.

"Why do I not know that the former heir of Duke Xing's Mansion had a servant girl as his concubine?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked.

"There was one before, but after Infanta Qinghua married into our family, she was sent away later," Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion said calmly. In fact, there was such a person, but this had not been arranged in advance. It was Old Madam who had given this servant girl to her son after hearing that her son had not cared about her will and had gone to ask for the imperial edict.

In order to disgust Infanta Qinghua, Old Madam had also asked someone to record that servant girl in the pedigree. She had said that as long as Infanta Qinghua had been married into their family, the

servant girl would be promoted to be a concubine. So the servant girl had been directly written in the column for concubine in the pedigree in case of any trouble in the future.

However, her son had not cared about the servant girl at all, so the servant girl had been left and locked in the most remote corner. After that, the servant girl could not bear this and had escaped and disappeared without a trace. Later, when Old Madam realized this, she knew that it must be her son's trick that he had directly let the servant girl leave.

Later, she had checked the contract to buy the servant girl. Sure enough, it had disappeared early.

For this reason, Old Madam had also severely beaten the former heir of Duke Xing's Mansion, but now she pretended that there had indeed been such a thing.

"So, this will still be recorded in the name of the former heir of Duke Xing's Mansion and my daughter will be her mother, right?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked coldly, and she did not want to argue with Old Madam of Duke Xing about this.

No matter this would be recorded in the name of whom, Infanta Qinghua still bore the title of the matriarch.

It was not easy for Old Madam of Duke Xing to answer this question. After thinking for a while, she said slowly, "If Rui'an Great Elder Princess thinks so, we are also okay with this."

"Great Elder Princess, do not be angry. Indeed, we should discuss this with you, but since you have been unwilling to meddle in the affairs of our mansion for so many years, so we do not want to bother you with such trifle and have not informed you," Madam of Duke Xing said with a smile.

Since Infanta Qinghua still bore the title of the matriarch, anyway, they ought to inform Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

Duke Xing's Mansion was in the wrong if they argued in detail.

Seeing that things were not going well, Madam of Duke Xing went forward to remedy it in a hurry.

"Discuss with me? What do you want to discuss? To accept a fake granddaughter?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess's smile became colder and colder and she glanced at Madam of Duke Xing with disdain.

Like Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, Rui'an Great Elder Princess disliked this pair of mother-in-law and daughter-in-law in front of her most. They both had two faces, which was really annoying.

"Great Elder Princess, I just want to have an adopted granddaughter. How can there be a fake one?" Although Old Madam was unhappy, she only showed a trace of helplessness on her face.

It did not matter whether the granddaughter was fake or not, since she just wanted to have an adopted granddaughter, which would not be a real bloodline inheritance. Old Madam thought that as long as she adopted her as biological granddaughter, it did not matter whether Rui'an Great Elder Princess recognized her. Anyway, she had found her son's offspring, so she felt that she had acted worthily of her son.

Originally, Old Madam had not been willing to let Rui'an Great Elder Princess know about this and was afraid that she would come to disturb the situation.

"Is it necessary to change her census register to adopt a nominal foster granddaughter? To recognize a granddaughter, do you need to know whether she is Madam Di's biological daughter? Do you need to spend a long time investigating in Jiangzhou to find such a qualified one before you adopt a granddaughter? Do you really think I am easy to fool, Old Madam?"

Seeing that Old Madam was still hiding something, Rui'an Great Elder Princess was furious and said, "Well, well, well. Let's go to the palace now and ask Empress Dowager and Empress to judge this. Duke Xing's Mansion sent someone out in the name of finding a daughter for the former heir and my daughter, but found a fake one. Now you are afraid that the fake one does not meet the right condition, so you deliberately change her birth date and horoscope. Duke Xing's Mansion will be blamed for this crime of deceiving the emperor!"

When thinking that her daughter had been forced to leave by this woman and her daughter-in-law, Rui'an great elder princess was so angry that her whole body trembled. Her daughter, who she had raised like a pearl and a treasure, had ended up like this, how could she not feel distressed?

She had had no evidence in the past, but things were different today, because her own granddaughter was by her side.

Since she recognized Qin Wanru, Rui'an Great Elder Princess had not been idle and had listened to her granddaughter's instructions to wait for such a day. She had many pieces of evidence in her hand, and others could not falsely claim someone as her granddaughter.

The crime of deceiving the emperor? Several elders of the clan looked pale, and they regretted to be greedy for the money from Duke Xing's Mansion. If this was really a crime of deceiving the emperor, the whole Shao family would be implicated.

Qin Wanru looked around and looked at the calm face of Qin Huaiyong. Since Rui'an Great Elder Princess came in, his face did not look good, but he was still calm. Compared with other people, Qin Huaiyong was the calmest.

However, the calmer he was, the more Qin Wanru's eyes turned cold. Did her father really know nothing? Did Madam Di exceptionally adept in trickery?

Did Qin Huaiyong really know nothing?

Did her own father really leave without a word?

Madam Di had no affection for her, but what about Qin Huaiyong? Her own father had saved his life. Did he really have no affection for her?

Her hands trembled slightly and her heart throbbed with a little pain. Qin Huaiyong had raised her for such a long time, including last life and this life. Even though he had no feelings for her before, what would happen later!

In her last life, she had fallen into that tragic condition and had not seen Qin Huaiyong reaching out at all. It seemed that everything had been done by Madam Di and her daughter, but he had not seen it at all.

Had he really been blinded by them?

In the last life, Qin Huaiyong's position had been promoted again and again, and had a successful official career. Had he really been a fool in the family affairs?

Had Madam Di hidden all the truth so that Qin Huaiyong had not suspected her?

There were too many doubts hidden in her heart. However, every time there was one more doubt, she felt more pain in her heart. She took a deep breath and suppressed the pain in her heart. When she looked up again, there was only the coldness in her eyes.

Get to the bottom of it and let them pay for this with blood. She would find out the truth.

"Old Madam... Madam, some people come outside and say that they are looking for Second Miss Qin!" An old maid rushed in. When she saw so many people in the flower hall, she was stunned for a moment, but she still said to Madam of Duke Xing timidly.

"Why do they come here? This is not Qin's Mansion!" Madam of Duke Xing said unhappily. In this situation, no one was in the mood to welcome other people.

"They say, say that they are Second Miss Qin's biological parents!" The old maid was more confused by the question and stammered.

Chapter 426 Chaos, Another Parent

Qin Wanru's birth parent? The words made everyone shocked in the flower hall. What were they doing now?

"The birth parent of my second sister?" Qin Yuru's eyes lit up. She felt delighted and said, "Please let them come in! Please let them come in!"

She was forced to have no ideas. But now there was such a thing, which made her feel very happy.

"The birth parent of Zhuozhuo? How could it be possible?" Old Madam Qin had been quietly watching on the side for a long time. And she could not intervene before. But now she could not help but frown. She glanced at Qin Huaiyong and said.

Qin Huaiyong said nothing but only looked at Madam of Duke Xing.

"Let them come in!" Madam of Duke Xing said helplessly. Although this was not Qin's Mansion, the masters of Qin's Mansion were all here. She could not be so unreasonable to not let them see these people.

Seeing that Madam of Duke Xing had agreed, the old maid hurriedly went away and soon came with a middle-aged couple. When they entered the door, the eyes of that middle-aged woman fell on Qin Wanru as if she recognized Qin Wanru at once. She even wiped tears aside with delight and excitement.

"Is, is this Wanru? I...I am your mother!" The middle-aged woman rushed to her suddenly.

Yujie stepped forward and stopped the woman.

The eyes of that middle-aged man who came later also became red. But after all, he was a man. He just went forward and looked at Qin Wanru. He was excited but he did not lose his manner.

"You are the birth parent of Second Miss Qin?" Madam of Duke Xing looked up and down at this couple and asked.

The clothes of this middle-aged couple were not gorgeous. People could know that they were from ordinary family at the first glance. But since they looked at Qin Wanru with excitement and delight, it really made people feel their words were true.

There were three young Misses in the flower hall. But when they came in, they just looked at Qin Wanru and only talked to Qin Wanru. It was evident that they had recognized her.

"Yes, we are the birth parent of Wanru. She missed during the war... Then we found her for many years, but we didn't find her. We thought she might have died." The middle-aged woman wiped her tears. She looked at Qin Wanru with tears. And her excited and joyful look showed that what she said might be true.

"My second daughter is my own, and she is not picked up," Qin Huaiyong said, frowning. He had never admitted that he was not Qin Wanru's biological father.

Qin Wanru's gaze turned from the face of the middle-aged man to his face. Even at this time, Qin Huaiyong still insisted as always. Although this insistence was very fragile and almost shattered at a touch, he still insisted as if no matter what time it was, Qin Wanru was protected by him.

If he really had this sentiment, how could she have lived so miserably in the last life? There was no one protecting her. Her red lips were tightly closed and a shallow and cold lip line was squeezed out. She wanted to see how they would act next!

She had seen clearly when Nanny Sheng left!

"General Qin, she is really my daughter. Everyone in Jiangzhou knows that Second Miss is not your own. You don't have to hide it!" The middle-aged man looked at Qin Huaiyong, pleading.

"Wanru is naturally my own daughter. The rumors outside are false!" Hearing the middle-aged man questioning Qin Wanru's identity, Qin Huaiyong's face became cold impatiently.

He was a military general, and his face was so cold as if he would kill someone. The middle-aged man was scared and stepped back, but he still begged. "General Qin, I know my daughter has been brought up by you for so many years. It is natural that you do not want her to return home because you have sentiments to her. But after all, she is the daughter of us. Will you be hardhearted enough to separate her from her real parent and prevent her from living with her birth parent?"

"General Qin, I beg you!" The middle-aged woman "pushed" and knelt down before Qin Huaiyong. Her face was full of tears when she raised her head.

"General Qin, it is good for you to adopt our daughter and bring up her. We all feel grateful to you. Even though we have recognized her, if she does not want to go back with us, we'll not force her. We just want to make up for the regret of so many years." The middle-aged man also sobbed.

"Second sister, this is your birth parent? You should recognize them!" Qin Huaiyong had not said anything. But Qin Yuru sighed deeply and said with pity.

"This..." Qin Huaiyong didn't speak in silence, but the tone and expression both showed that this was true, and Qin Wanru was not his biological daughter.

Even if he insisted that Qin Wanru was his birth daughter originally, he could not be tough at this time.

The face of Old Madam Qin had changed. She was so angry that her face became pale. Her body shivered slightly as if she was about to fall. Qin Wanru stepped forward hurriedly, holding Madam Dowager. She stretched her hands and gently pinched at the shoulder of Madam Dowager. She softly comforted her. "Grandmother, don't worry. Just look at how things will go on!"

"It seems that Second Miss is really not General Qin's biological daughter. She should be the biological daughter of the couple? It is also a good thing. Finally, the parent and daughter meet!" Madam of Duke Xing sighed slightly. She wiped the corner of her eyes with a handkerchief as if she was also moved by the scene in front of her.

"How could Madam of Duke Xing know that the people in front of me have something to do with me? Why could you determine that without asking?" Qin Wanru asked calmly.

"Wanru, we are really your birth parent. Look, I bring the clothes you wore when you were a kid!" When the middle-aged woman heard Qin Wanru's words, she immediately took down the package she carried. She placed it on the ground and spread it directly, pointing to the small clothes exposed inside.

The clothes were very old and they seemed to be kept for several years. Such small clothes should be the colorful clothes of three or four years' old girls.

Qin Wanru looked at these old colorful clothes with extreme calm, her eyes turning quickly and being cold and indifferent.

"You can prove it with these pieces? There are a lot of clothes for the little girls in this world!"

"Wanru, you... how can you not recognize us? We are really your biological parents. Do you know why we recognize you as soon as we come in? You look exactly the same as what your grandmother looked like when she was a child," the middle-aged woman said with tears.

"Yes, my daughter, we are really your biological parents. You look just like your aunt. She was like you when she was a child." The middle-aged man also added eagerly. He looked at Qin Wanru with a nervous face as if he was really her biological father who found her after so many years.

He wanted to get close to her but he was also afraid of her coldness. So he could only rub his hands tightly.

"Second sister, since they are your biological parent, you should recognize them. If you still like to stay in Qin's Mansion, grandmother and father always love you so much and they will not let you leave." Qin Yuru suggested.

These words sounded not very pleasant. She seemed to say that Qin Wanru was not going to recognize her own parent in order to covet the wealth of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess, who was sitting there, didn't interject and just sneered and looked at the scene in front of her. If it wasn't her granddaughter who had already persuaded her, she could not bear it at this time. She was her granddaughter. How could others recognize her!

"Big Sister, if a couple comes out at this time, and recognizes Big Sister as their own daughter, would Big Sister recognize them?" Qin Wanru smiled slightly, asking Qin Yuru calmly.

"What are you talking about? I am my father's biological daughter!" Qin Yuru snorted coldly, and felt unpleasant.

"Since Big Sister knows you are the biological daughter of father, why you always make so many troubles as if Madam Di has treated you slowly, or as if you are not the biological daughter of her?" Qin Wanru changed the topic and turned it to Qin Yuru.

"What nonsense are you talking about? How could I do such things?" Qin Yuru felt guilty and hurriedly disassociated herself from these things.

"Big Sister is obviously the biological daughter of father and Madam Di. But you repeatedly say in front of outsiders that Madam Di treats you in a bad manner. Now you even have changed your age. Is that because you don't want to be the biological daughter of Madam Di? So you want that your age does not match with the age of the biological daughter of Madam Di?" Qin Wanru said coldly.

These words combined with the previous words, which made everyone present turn their doubtful eyes to Qin Yuru.

Qin Yuru didn't expect that Qin Wanru could lead the matter to her under such circumstances. She was nervous immediately and the handkerchief in her hands was almost twisted into hemp. She sneered and said, "Qin Wanru, you can recognize them as you want. And if you don't want to recognize them, just do it. Why do you deliberately change the topic and pull it on me!"

After she finished speaking, she deliberately stepped back to avoid suspicion, showing that she had nothing to do with Qin Wanru's affairs.

The kneeling middle-aged woman suddenly turned to Qin Wanru and cried aloud, "Daughter, I am really your biological mother. Please recognize me! At first, it was careless of me to not pay attention to you and let you disappear. But considering that I have given birth to you, please do not resent me."

This loud cry immediately pulled everyone's attention back to Qin Wanru.

"General Qin, it was not easy for us to find the capital all the way. We sold our family property and came here only to find our own daughter. When we were in Jiangzhou, we have checked it clearly. But you had left Jiangzhou at that time, so we were helpless and had to follow you to the capital city."

The middle-aged man said to Qin Huaiyong with tears going to fall.

"Let's talk. You say Wanru is your own daughter. How do you prove it? Just those are not enough!" Old Madam Qin calmed down, came over, and asked gently. Qin Wanru stretched out her hands and supported her.

"Yes, yes, we have evidence. There is a lot of evidence!" The middle-aged man nodded again and again, feeling fortunate for that he had prepared.

Everyone looked suspicious.

"There is evidence. There is evidence. At that time, the rebels made chaos. We took our daughter to flee together. In chaos, we failed to take care of her. She fell at that time, and there was blood on her knee. The scar was deep and it should be there. If you don't believe it, you can ask Second Miss to check it inside!"

The middle-aged man said with joy and excitement.

"Yes, yes, my daughter fell heavily at that time. Even after so many years, there should be scars!" the middle-aged woman answered repeatedly.

"Scars on the knees? It seems that there are really scars on Second Sister's legs!" Qin Yuru said with a surprised face and stretched her handkerchief to cover her mouth.

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"Are you sure?" asked Qin Huaiyong with a hesitant look on his pale face.

At this time, he no longer said that Qin Wanru was definitely his daughter. Of course, his words also showed that Qin Wanru was indeed not.

Qin Wanru sneered in her heart. As soon as he said this, the fact that she was not Qin Huaiyong's biological daughter was settled.

"Are there scars on your daughter's knees?" Qin Wanru asked calmly.

"Yes, yes, there are scars. There must be scars!" the middle-aged woman said urgently.

"What if there are not?" Qin Wanru's eyes became calmer, and her brightly shining eyes fixed on the middle-aged couple, which made them feel guilty and could not even say a word for a moment.

Were there really scars on this Miss's knees in front of them? Did they make a mistake?

"If there are no scar, she'll be naturally not our... daughter!" The middle-aged woman's eyes drifted, and her voice lowered.

It was obvious that she was a little hesitant.

"Yes, if there is no scar, she'll be naturally not our daughter." The middle-aged man seemed to be much calmer and he echoed hurriedly.

"Second sister, you just go to check it inside. If true, you can really find your relatives." Qin Yuru jumped out again and said.

"What if not true?" Qin Wanru sneered. Now that she had known what would be going on, she did not need to pretend politeness and compliance anymore.

Needless to say, this middle-aged couple's visit must be arranged by Madam of Duke Xing. But it was unknown whether the middle-aged couple knew that it was Madam of Duke Xing behind them.

Madam of Duke Xing was cunning and cautious, so she did not seem to be the one who would casually let others know that she was controlling behind the scene.

After the middle-aged couple entered the house, she even said fewer words than Qin Yuru. On the contrary, Qin Yuru jumped out from time to time, which made people suspect that she was behind the scene.

If Qin Wanru did not know Qin Yuru well, she would also definitely think that it was Qin Yuru who did this. However, even if Qin Yuru did not take the initiative to control this, it must have something to do with Qin Yuru.

There had indeed been scars on her knees, but she did not know when she had been hurt. Grandmother said that she had fallen down when she had been little, and it had seemingly been very serious at that time. Since she had been seriously hurt, Madam Di and her daughter naturally had known this. In fact, a lot of people in Jiangzhou had known about this.

However, no one in the capital city knew about it.

If she had not learned medical skills from Mingqiu Nun, who had applied a bottle of good ointment to her old wounds, she would have been unable to explain it clearly.

They really took great pains!

"If not true, there will be no harm to Second Sister, right?" Qin Yuru said with a hollow laugh when she heard Qin Wanru's question.

"Qin Yuru, what will you do if someone comes to recognize you as their daughter and asks you to take off your clothes to check?" Qin Wanru asked lightly, raising her eyebrows and saying with sarcasm.

"What are you talking about?" Qin Yuru's face turned red.

"Since you think I am talking nonsense, why do you think that I should do this when someone comes to find me?" Qin Wanru looked around Qin Yuru's face and said with a smile.

Qin Yuru was stunned and she did not know what to say for a moment.

"Daughter, we are really your parents! Even though our family is in poor condition, it is still your home. We will definitely raise you well and will never let you suffer a little grievance. Don't refuse to recognize your parents!" The middle-aged woman suddenly made a heartbreaking cry and rushed to Qin Wanru.

Yujie immediately stood in front of Qin Wanru and stared at the middle-aged woman with hostility.

Seeing the middle-aged woman crying on the ground and her face full of tears, the elders of the clan all looked at Qin Wanru suspiciously. Was it true?

Rui'an Great Elder Princess lowered her head and took the teacup at her hand to take a sip and then leaned back. Her relaxed look made people feel that what happened in the hall had nothing to do with her.

Madam of Duke Xing was relieved in her heart. It seemed that there was no relationship between Qin Wanru and Rui'an Great Elder Princess. That was the best.

Since Rui'an Great Elder Princess did not know the truth, she still had a chance to win even if she failed today.

She could not be anxious. She should not be anxious...

"Second Miss, how about having a check? Your servant girl can also be with you." Madam of Duke Xing took two steps forward and whispered to Qin Wanru with concern, "If you are not their daughter, this can also make them abandon this idea, lest they should go outside to talk nonsense and ruin your reputation!"

"Just have a check. Whether you are or not, you should show some evidence!" Old Madam of Duke Yong also interrupted. She also wanted Qin Wanru to get out of Qin's Mansion, which would be the best.

"Sister Wanru, you go to have a check and make them give up!" said Qi Rongzhi, who was watching this scene of bustle. Hearing Madam of Duke Xing's words, she immediately added, "Anyway, you are not uncle's daughter. It is also a good thing to find your own parents!"

Qin Yuru's matter had already made Madam of Duke Xing unhappy. Now obviously whatever Madam of Duke Xing said was true.

"Grandmother, am I really not my father's biological daughter?" Qin Wanru looked at Old Madam Qin with a pale face and her lips trembled.

Old Madam Qin sighed, and the wrinkles on her face seemed to have increased suddenly. She said bitterly, "Zhuozhuo, even though you are not your father's biological daughter, you are still my lineal granddaughter."

"Father, am I not your biological daughter?" Qin Wanru's face became paler. She turned to look at Qin Huaiyong as if she wanted to seek shelter. Her beautiful eyes were full of tears, which were about to fall down.

Qin Huaiyong looked pale, and it could be seen that he also had something difficult to tell, but finally he nodded deeply amidst the gazes of people. "Wanru, don't worry. Even though you are not my biological daughter, I still take you as my biological daughter."

Although he did not directly answer Qin Wanru's question, everyone present could understand the meaning in his words. Sure enough, Qin Wanru was not Qin Huaiyong's biological daughter, and those piecemeal rumors outside were true.

No one was surprised by Qin Huaiyong's words, and they even felt that it was supposed to be like this.

If she was Qin Huaiyong's biological daughter, how dare Madam Di treat Qin Wanru like this?

"Father, who are my biological parents?" Qin Wanru stared at Qin Huaiyong and asked.

Qin Huaiyong became silent and did not say anything for a while. It seemed that he did not know what to say for the moment. He turned to look at that couple and wanted to say something but stopped on a second thought.

However, this behavior made people more convinced that the couple in front of them were Qin Wanru's biological parents.

"Sister Wanru, just accept them! After all they are your biological parents, and they did not mean to lose you at that time!" Qi Rongzhi advised kindly again.

"That is right. Second sister, a son never thinks his mother ugly. Anyway, they are still your parents!" Qin Yuru rarely had the same idea as Qi Rongzhi, but she also started to show her concern.

"Just quickly accept them. Here is Duke Xing's Mansion, not Ningyuan Army General's Mansion." Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion also spoke and looked at Qin Wanru with more disdain.

She really came from a humble family. Even though she had been raised in Ningyuan Army General's Mansion, she still had a humble origin. Looking at this pair of parents could allow people to know that their child could not be a good person.

The affairs of Duke Xing's Mansion had not been solved yet, and Rui'an Great Elder Princess was still sitting here, so Old Madam was very worried. How could she be in the mood to help Qin's Mansion solve the family affairs? So she was bluntly driving them away when she spoke.

"Yes, accept them!" An elder of the clan could not help but say.

"Anyway, they are your own parents. Heaven and earth will not tolerate if you do not recognize them," another elder of the clan said. Since their own affairs had not been handled properly, they really did not have the energy to take care of other people's affairs.

Since Old Madam was driving them away, they did not need to be polite to her.

"Where did father find me? Where did they lose their child?" Qin Wanru did not pay attention to their words. She still stared at Qin Huaiyong, as if she would not let go of Qin Huaiyong until he gave her some evidence.

This stubbornness made Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion even angrier. She pounded heavily on the table with her hand and said, "Second Miss Qin, I really should not have intervened in your affairs by rights, but now you are in our mansion. You not only refuse to recognize your biological parents, but also press your adoptive father for an answer. You are so unfilial. If you do not have anything else to do, please leave!"

"Daughter, we are really your biological parents!" The middle-aged woman cried timely, just like a mother who had been rejected by a girl.

"Father, are you unwilling to say or unable to say?" Qin Wanru ignored them. Today, she was going to force Qin Huaiyong to say something.

"It was very chaotic at that time, and we did not know when you disappeared. Daughter, we come all the way to the capital city just to find you. Considering our effort, please forgive us for our mistakes at that time!" The middle-aged man also wiped his tears with his sleeve.

Qin Huaiyong still did not say a word. He slowly lowered his head and his face looked pale. Anyone would not be in a good mood when his daughter would be taken away by her biological parents after he had raised his daughter for so many years.

"If I am not your daughter, and if I do not have the scars you said, then it'll be that you falsely claim to be relatives of the officials!" Looking at Qin Huaiyong's appearance, Qin Wanru knew that she could not force him to say anything for a while, so she turned to look at the middle-aged couple and said coldly.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess said coldly on the side, "Send them to the government directly. They falsely claim to be relatives of the emperor. Doubly guilty."

Old Madam of Duke Xing felt that Rui'an Great Elder Princess became more annoying because she kept talking that someone falsely claimed to be relatives of the emperor. What kind of royal relative was the Qin's Mansion? She was really an idiot. Why had her son like a fool taken a fancy to this idiot's daughter at that time? Old Madam was angry when thinking about that woman who had bad signs for her husband and her daughter.

Had it not been for that woman, her son would not have been in trouble! And her own granddaughter would not have gone missing.

"Great Elder Princess, please send one maid to come to check and Madam of Duke Xing also send one. If I am not, Great Elder Princess, please be my witness and send them to the government!" Qin Wanru followed Rui'an Great Elder Princess's words and looked at Madam of Duke Xing.

Coincidentally, Qin Yuru would also be checked later. Since Qin Wanru's check paved the way, there was no reason for Qin Yuru to refuse later! Now it was the right time!

Rui'an Great Elder Princess nodded and waved to Nanny Gao next to her. Nanny Gao understood and stood beside Qin Wanru.

Seeing that Rui'an Great Elder Princess really intervened to prove for Qin Wanru, Madam of Duke Xing suddenly had a bad feeling and she was alert in her mind. Now what she feared most was that Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Qin Wanru had a relationship, so she twisted the handkerchief in her hand into a mess!

But at this time, she had no choice but to ask an old maid to take Qin Wanru to check in the wing room on the side.

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The person who was checking it came out of the wing. Nanny Sheng, who walked in front of them, felt her legs fluttering. She did not understand until now why the scar that was said to have been severe would be gone!

Before that, Madam Di's people had repeatedly said that this scar was definitely there. Even after so many years, it would not be able to subside. But when she saw her white and tender legs, she found again and again without finding that so-called scar. How could it be possible?

Seeing that they came in, everyone's eyes fell on them.

"Is there any scar?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked slowly.

Nanny Gao stepped forward. "Report to Great Elder Princess to know: there is not the scar said by these two people, and Second Miss Qin has nothing to do with them!" Nanny Gao stepped forward and reported.

Nanny Sheng looked at the pale face of her master, and stood behind her without saying a word. It was unwise to come forward at this time.

"That's great. Since it's a mistake, let's let them go away. I don't know where they came from. And they even recognize wrong person!" Madam of Duke Xing adjusted her mind and knew that it would be impossible to calumniate Qin Wanru. Since the plan failed, she naturally said some words to help Qin Wanru.

But in her words it seemed just to be a misunderstood small thing.

The middle-aged couple also panicked at this time. After glancing at each other, they immediately tried to retreat.

"Yes... We make this mistake. We will go now. Right now!" The middle-aged woman smiled dryly, pulling the middle-aged man to retreat.

Seeing that both of them were about to leave the flower hall, Madam of Duke Xing let out a sigh of relief. It would be the best way to solve it if this thing failed.

Like Nanny Sheng, she felt that it was incredible for Qin Wanru's scars on her knees to disappear. But this was not the time to discuss this.

Old Madam Qin wanted to step forward to stop the two people but she was stopped by Qin Wanru. Qin Wanru gently touched on the back of Madam Dowager's hand to hint her not to act carelessly.

The identity of people at the scene was not simple, so it was impossible for Old Madam Qin to stop them.

"Someone comes here to stop them!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess's hands slammed on the table, and immediately there were two old maids of Great Elder Princess stopping them at the door.

"Old Madam, the access control of your Duke Xing's Mansion is really different from other places. A pair of man and woman who come from the place you don't know can enter the mansion to slander the Miss of aristocratic family who comes to your mansion as a guest. And they even force this Miss to be checked by others. If someone rushes to your mansion and says that the First Miss of your mansion is not born by Duke Xing, will you have to drop blood on the spot to test the relatives?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered coldly, and her lips twitched with a bit of sarcasm.

Seeing the fake actions of Madam of Duke Xing, and seeing how deaf and dumb Duke Xing's Old Madam pretended to be, Rui'an Great Elder Princess remembered her daughter. She was also wronged in Duke Xing's Mansion at that time and she was so repressed that she could not say anything. And now her granddaughter also suffered the same harsh treatment. How could Rui'an Great Elder Princess not be annoyed?

The First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion was said to be favored in the mansion, but her own granddaughter was so abused by people. When it came to their identity, how could the status of that First Miss be higher than her granddaughter?!

"Great Elder Princess, please mind your words!" When Rui'an Great Elder Princess talked about her proudest granddaughter in such a scornful tone, Old Madam was a little annoyed and retorted coldly.

Although Great Elder Princess was distinguished, she was just an empty shelf.

"Mind my words? Do you mind your words just now? You force a good girl to be checked on the spot. And if we don't know anything, we will think that you cannot bear this good girl in your mansion, so you purposely find someone to abuse her. Otherwise, how could they enter the gate of your Duke Xing's Mansion? Your mansion is so easy to enter in that even cats and dogs can come in!"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered coldly and her eyes became sharper. "Tie these two people and send them to the government!"

"Yes!" Another two old maids went to pull them.

When the two powerful old maids came over, the middle-aged couple panicked, and then they wanted to say something, but they were caught by these two old maids. They immediately screwed their arms.

"Great Elder Princess, is this Duke Xing's Mansion?" Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion coughed lowly and said uncomfortably.

This was to remind Rui'an Great Elder Princess that she could not do this thing on behalf of the owner!

"You planned this?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked with a sullen face.

Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion was startled and hurriedly shook her hands. "This matter has nothing to do with me. I, I just look at it!"

"Since it has nothing to do with you, just shut up! I don't need someone to intervene in the thing between me and Duke Xing's Mansion!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess shouted with a sharp voice.

She did not leave the slightest face to Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion.

"I..." Being scolded in front of so many people, Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion looked embarrassed, but she also knew that Rui'an Great Elder Princess had always been difficult to deal with. Added that Duke Xing's Mansion was wrong this time, her face was blue and white for a while because of the reproach. But she couldn't say a word.

"Great Elder Princess, these two people should be naturally sent to the government." Since Duke Xing's Mansion was mentioned, Madam of Duke Xing had to step forward with a smile.

Now she just wanted to send away Rui'an Great Elder Princess, the god of plague.

"Madam of Duke Xing is a straightforward person, then Madam, please send them there!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess waved her hand, and several of her old maids backed away. The middle-aged couple saw that no one had caught them, and they turned to escape.

Madam of Duke Xing waved helplessly, and several of the old maids of Duke Xing's Mansion rushed up. They also grabbed the people, and then pushed them down. According to the intention of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, they sent them to the government.

She had to send them because Rui'an Great Elder Princess was still sitting here!

"Great Elder Princess, you see that this matter has been resolved! Second Miss Qin did not suffer!" Seeing that the people was pushed down, Madam of Duke Xing said with a smile. She meant that since nothing happened, Rui'an Great Elder Princess could go now!

"Is that okay?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess's eyes were very cold, and she stared at Madam of Duke Xing which made the latter feel very uncomfortable. But she couldn't hide, and could only laugh and say, "Yes, nothing else!"

"What about her? Didn't I just say that she pretends to be a member of the royal family?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess's hands stretched out directly to Qin Yuru.

Madam of Duke Xing's face stiffened, and her smile was almost squeezed out. "This thing... should be considered in the long term!"

She just wanted Rui'an Great Elder Princess to go away now.

"Long-term consideration? How do you want to plan? Next time you want to make her be my son-in-law's daughter? Or do you think that she is my granddaughter, so you want me to recognize her again and again?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess did not make a detour at this time and she said straightly with a cold voice.

"How could she be the granddaughter of Great Elder Princess. We just want her to be our Old Madam's nominal foster granddaughter!" Madam of Duke Xing felt a little panicked and went to see Old Madam subconsciously.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion coughed with a low voice and concealed the disgust in her eyes. She took over the topic. "I just had a destiny with First Miss Qin. But Great Elder Princess has remembered it! Since Great Elder Princess doesn't want her to be the daughter of the first son, then just let her be the daughter of the second son!"

Old Madam had the same thoughts with Madam of Duke Xing. She also just wanted to send away Rui'an Great Elder Princess. Anyway, they didn't say anything. She just wanted to recognize her as the nominal foster granddaughter. Rui'an Great Elder Princess could not control so much.

Qin Yuru, who stood on one side, was relieved. As long as Rui'an Great Elder Princess did not take charge of this matter, it would be OK!

Qin Wanru glanced at her and sneered. Since Rui'an Great Elder Princess had come here, she would not leave like this. Besides, there was another person who would not let Qin Yuru do what she wanted.

"This matter has nothing to do with me?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked coldly.

"It doesn't have much to do with Great Elder Princess!" Old Madam of Duke Xing glanced at her, and she said lukewarmly. She did not believe that Rui'an Great Elder Princess could find anything.

"Someone come here. Go to find whether First Miss Qin carries my daughter's seal?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess's eyes fell on Qin Yuru, which made her lower her head involuntarily. But when she heard the words of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, she suddenly raised her head. Her expression seemed to be happy or not, and she was extremely terrified.

Seeing the two servant girls from princess mansion coming over, Qin Huaiyong stepped forward hurriedly to protect Qin Yuru. "What does Great Elder Princess mean?"

Qin Wanru's gaze swept indifferently over Qin Huaiyong. Her red lips hooked up. His own child was quite different from other's child.

Things had become so big just now but he didn't help her anymore. Her heart hurt slightly, but her eyes grew colder. Some things were guessed early.

"I suspect your daughter has stolen my daughter's seal," Rui'an Great Elder Princess said overbearingly.

"Great Elder Princess, my daughter has been in our mansion for a long time. And she has never seen Qinghua infant. Besides, I heard that Qinghua infant was gone. How could she steal the seal of Qinghua infant." Qin Huaiyong explained with a helpless face.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered and said angrily, "Just before an ordinary couple wanted to verify Second Miss Qin, General Qin didn't stop them. At this time, I want to check First Miss Qin, but General Qin steps forward and tries to stop me. So my status is lower than that of an ordinary couple!"

These words combined the things just now and they made sense.

"Or does General Qin think that First Miss Qin did steal my daughter's seal and dare not let me check?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess chuckled and continued to say.

If they didn't let her check, they must be guilty. This was just the same as they just forced Qin Wanru to verify.

"Great Elder Princess, this... is not so good!" The Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion tried to persuade her.

"Why didn't you feel not good just now? You just forced Second Miss Qin to do so. Is it because she has no parents so that she is so despised by you? And now when it becomes First Miss Qin, every one of you jumps out to say that it is not good." Rui'an Great Elder Princess came here today to make trouble. Even if Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion did not find her, she would come to find Old Madam.

After saying this, she clapped her hands. Two old maids went to Qin Yuru and said respectfully, "First Miss, please!"

This meant that they would take her to the side room for inspection.

With Qin Wanru's previous case, no one could say that it should not be like this. Several tribal elders had no idea at this time. After glancing at each other, they waited for the final answer to the matter. Today's matter could not be solved perfectly.

This time, Qin Yuru was taken down obediently...

Chapter 429 Pressing on at Every Step in an Aggressive Way

As regards the matter that Qin Yuru indicated that she was kin to Duke Xing's Mansion, it seemed that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion quite believed in Qin Yuru and tried to get closer to her. Moreover, Qin Yuru wore a dress on which there was a pattern of bluegrass, and besides, it was quite easy for one to make a seal of bluegrass. Thus, considering all these, Qin Wanru was sure that Qin Yuru must have a seal of bluegrass now.

A counterfeit!

Since Qin Yuru and Duke Xing's Mansion both were acting out in a way that Duke Xing's Mansion wanted to accept Qin Yuru as a nominal miss, Rui'an Great Elder Princess was unable to interfere. In that case, Qin Wanru had to search out the evidence from Qin Yuru. She must find out the seal of bluegrass which had belonged to her biological mother, Infanta Qinghua. If Qin Yuru was found out that she had the seal, it could say that Qin Yuru had something to do with Infanta Qinghua.

Certainly, Duke Xing's Mansion was reluctant to let Qin Yuru show this seal, but what about Qin Yuru herself? She must be eager to show the seal of bluegrass if this could help her have a relationship with Rui'an Great Elder Princess! She was even willing to instigate the whole thing!

Qin Yuru would not be satisfied only with the title of a nominal granddaughter of Duke Xing's Mansion. Qin Wanru had watched clearly what Qin Yuru did just now. When she left, she looked totally willing to be checked and even walked faster than she used to. These signs all confirmed Qin Wanru's suspicion!

Once something was done wrong, even if the surface acting seemed consummate, it would never be infallible. Thus, Qin Wanru must take this chance to unmask what Qin Yuru really was...

It didn't take much time. Presently Qin Yuru returned, following the old maids.

"Great Elder Princess, she does have the infanta's seal," one of the old maids answered when handing over the seal in her hand to Rui'an Great Elder Princess in excitement.

Old Madam Qin looked at Qin Wanru who shook her head slightly while biting her delicately pink lips.

Old Madam Qin sighed deeply. Even though others didn't know the truth, she knew. The more she saw today, the more upset she was. It was not only because of her granddaughter, but also because of her son.

Had not Qin Wanru held her, she would have burst into anger just now! Her suspicions before now all turned to be confirmed. Madam Di and Qin Yuru had always been scheming and had intended to let Qin Yuru take Qin Wanru's identity, the biological daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing and the biological granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess!

She closed her eyes and suppressed her bitterness in her heart. She was not surprised Madam Di and Qin Yuru would do these things. They had always been greedy and selfish, but what about Qin Huaiyong? He was clear that the middle-aged couple was not Zhuozhuo's biological parents, but he didn't tell the truth!

Even though others didn't know what happened that year, he knew that!

He knew who trusted him with Zhuozhuo; he knew every detail of that matter; he knew better than her! However, he just kept silence and allowed the couple to shout and demean Zhuozhuo! He even didn't explain how Zhuozhuo injured her knee!

Qin Wanru did have a knee injury, a serious injury. When Qin Wanru just began her life in Qin's Mansion, Qin Yuru pushed her down deliberately from her back as she hated Qin Wanru who snatched everyone's favor from her when she came back. The saying that Qin Wanru got hurt because she fell down during the wartime was false!

Old Madam Qin's mixed emotions seemed to be delivered to Qin Wanru. "Grandma?" Qin Wanru said softly in a low voice, gazing concernedly at Old Madam Qin.

Old Madam Qin shook her head without saying anything but smiled bitterly. She patted on Qin Wanru's arm which was holding her and then turned to look at Qin Yuru.

Irrepressible exaltation and excitement appeared on Qin Yuru's face. "It is Infanta Qinghua's seal! There is a great difference between the title of the nominal granddaughter of Duke Xing's Mansion and that of the biological granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess!"

When seeing that seal, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion looked bad, while Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked a bit excited. Taking the seal and checking carefully, she stared up at Qin Yuru and asked, "You, you have the seal? Where do you get this?"

"Your Highness, it is my seal. I don't know its origin, but I have had it since I was little!" answered Qin Yuru docilely.

"Since she was little, she has had it?" Qin Wanru sneered inwardly. The seal in Rui'an Great Elder Princess' hand now looked as the same as the one which was hung around her neck. Obviously, Madam Di had made this plan very early and she did have the seal before. When Qin Wanru asked Chu Liuchen to steal the seal from her, Madam Di then remade another seal.

When they were in Jiangzhou, Madam Di had tried hard to let Qu Le become Qin Yuru's servant girl. Now with this seal, it was clear that Madam Di had planned these things very early. However, she didn't know her real identity at that time and that was why she didn't keep it in mind.

Later, since Madam Di knew Qin Wanru's real identity, she then intended to let Qin Yuru impersonate the biological granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Are you, are you my daughter's biological daughter?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked, clenching her fist tightly with a serious look.

Lowering her head and rubbing her handkerchief, Qin Yuru pretended to be at a loss. "I am not sure about this. The only thing I know is that I have this seal when I was very young," she answered while she was extremely excited inwardly. Since she could not let this excitement appear in her face, she had to suppress this emotion by rubbing her handkerchief.

She was going to be the biological granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess!

"Have you shown this to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked soft.

The moment she finished, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion suddenly became nervous. She hurriedly said, "Great Elder Princess..."

"Old Madam, I am asking her about my Qinghua. Please don't interject our conversation." Rui'an Great Elder Princess interrupted her unkindly. Looking a bit indifferent, she looked away from Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, over Madam of Duke Xing. "If I know someone is trying to prevent me from finding my granddaughter, the person will be in trouble!"

Seeing Rui'an Great Elder Princess' action, Qin Yuru felt relieved. If Great Elder Princess acknowledged her as her granddaughter, nothing would be a problem. Besides, even though she did something improperly, Great Elder Princess must help her deal with these things!

Thinking in this way, she got much more excited. If she became Great Elder Princess' biological granddaughter and the eldest Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion, nobody would dare to look down upon her, not to mention Qi Rongzhi, who would be trampled by her underfoot! Moreover, even if Qin Wanru knew her real identity and intended to show her kinship to Rui'an Great Elder Princess, it would be late!

When she was recognized by Rui'an Great Elder Princess as her granddaughter, she would get rid of Qin Wanru!

"Great Elder Princess, Old Madam has seen this seal before. She asked me once and showed her favor towards me after I took out the seal and showed it to her!" Qin Yuru replied.

Her reply was meaningful. On the one hand, she indicated that Old Madam had known who she was and had verified this matter. On the other hand, it was because Old Madam knew her real identity that she held this acceptance ceremony today.

The current acceptance ceremony was just a formality.

"Well, since Old Madam has watched this seal and even verified it, it seems that she is sure that this miss is Qinghua's biological daughter, right?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess had been waiting for this answer! Now since Qin Yuru gave this answer, Rui'an Great Elder Princess could finally target Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion directly. Holding the seal, she turned to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and asked.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was speechless. "Great Elder Princess, well..." Madam of Duke Xing chuckled, coming to her rescue.

"That's none of your business. I want to talk to your mother-in-law." Rui'an Great Elder Princess interrupted Madam of Duke Xing, staring at Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, and said, "Old Madam, it is because you have watched this seal while you know the seal once belonged to my daughter that you plan to accept First Miss Qin as your granddaughter. Am I right?"

Qin Yuru's words shattered all chances for Old Madam to deny Great Elder Princess' question. She could only complain inwardly that Qin Yuru was only a callow youth and she should not have told this to Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

Now she had to respond. Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion cleared her throat and then said, "I was thinking she might be my son and Infanta Qinghua's daughter but I was not sure. And that's why I want to accept her as my nominal granddaughter, but not the biological one as I think I should try it!"

She now felt fortunate that she had listened to Madam of Duke Xing and didn't recognize Qin Yuru as her biological daughter at once. Otherwise, she could not explain this to Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Try? Old Madam, Qinghua was the Infanta anointed by the Emperor. Nobody can confer the title of Infanta Qinghua's daughter on anyone casually!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess banged the table heavily as she said, "Don't you know the consequence of confusing the royal blood?"

"Great Elder Princess, I just told you that I intend to accept her as a nominal granddaughter but not as Infanta Qinghua's daughter! We all don't know what happened that year!" Old Madam replied unpleasantly, and she looked sulky.

"Nominal? A nominal Infanta Qinghua's daughter? You have seen that seal, but you didn't ask, but immediately decided to let her be your nominal granddaughter. Old Madam, do people of Duke Xing's Mansion always deal with things in such a casual way?" As a trace of coldness appeared in her eyes, Rui'an Great Elder Princess shot a glance at Old Madam.

It was hasty for her to immediately make a decision to accept Qin Yuru as her nominal granddaughter without checking after seeing Infanta Qinghua's seal. Old Madam was speechless again. Thinking for a while, she had to make excuses. "You know we cannot ascertain the truth so quickly. Thus, I want to accept her as my nominal granddaughter first and then continue to check the facts!"

"Then do you do that?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess attacked.

"I am checking!" Old Madam answered.

"What do you know then? Who do you send to do this job? How long has the person been to Jiangzhou?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess was pressing hard. If one wanted to check Qin Yuru's background carefully, the person had to go to Jiangzhou and check her origin!

"After the ceremony, I will send people to do this!" Old Madam could not say that she had never considered these matters.

"If it turns out that she is not Qinghua's daughter, then what will you do? Still letting her be recorded under my daughter's name?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess kept asking.

It was harder to respond. Old Madam felt lucky that she had not accepted Qin Yuru formally. At the very beginning, she attempted to let Madam of Duke Xing accept Qin Yuru. However, since Duke Xing said that if they thought Qin Yuru was the former Heir of Duke Xing's daughter, then they would better record her under the name of the former Heir of Duke Xing. And that was why Old Madam would decide to accept Qin Yuru as her nominal granddaughter.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion had the right to let Qin Yuru be recorded under her dead eldest son's name by accepting her as her nominal granddaughter.

She had always been proud of this idea. However, when being interrogated by Rui'an Great Elder Princess, she finally found out that it was a bad idea. What she did before had drawn Rui'an Great Elder Princess' attention!

"If not, then she could not be Infanta Qinghua's daughter. However, I like this First Miss Qin. I have the right to accept her as my nominal granddaughter, isn't that right? By the way, I am my eldest son's mother and I have the right to choose who can be recorded under his name!" Old Madam sneered and looked firm as she felt embarrassed when being pressed hard by Rui'an Great Elder Princess in front of everyone.

Old Madam had always been the head of Duke Xing's Mansion and even the Shao Family. She had never expected that she would be embarrassed by Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"You like First Miss Qin so you confer the title on her? Then I suppose I can also make Second Miss Qin Qinghua's daughter because I like her, right?"

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Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion got angry. "Infanta Qinghua is my daughter-in-law! How can you confer the title of Infanta Qinghua's daughter on a person without informing us!" She launched a counterattack against Great Elder Princess as she felt embarrassed and she didn't like Qin Wanru at all.

Since a woman married into a man's family, people who had a relationship with her had to behave in accordance with the rules of her husband's family. How can one make a person the woman's daughter without informing the husband's family!

Even if they went to the imperial palace, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion would be in the right.

"Well, I am telling you now that I want to accept Second Miss Qin as my granddaughter, and since I don't like First Miss Qin, you'd better not accept her!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess seemed to confront Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was almost devastated by her bossy tone. Pointing at Qin Yuru and then Qin Wanru, she said furiously after she finally got her breath back, "Great Elder Princess, it is First Miss Qin who has Infanta Qinghua's seal! Second Miss Qin is rude, greedy and even disrespectful to the seniors!"

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion didn't intend to say these words. However, she now was in a fury because of Rui'an Great Elder Princess and she thought Rui'an Great Elder Princess was totally an idiot, an importunate old fool! Thus, she then blurted out with hatred toward Qin Wanru and Great Elder Princess.

"Old Madam, you dislike Second Miss Qin, don't you?"

"Absolutely!"

"If Second Miss Qin also has a seal, will you continue to dislike her?"

"I don't care. I don't like her anyway." Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was unable to decide if she wanted to cry or to laugh when hearing Rui'an Great Elder Princess' question. "If Qin Wanru also has one? Or are there many seals like this?"

It was obvious that her mouth worked faster than her brain!

Qin Wanru lowered her head and stared at the floor in front of her impassively with her long eyelashes fluttering slightly. It seemed that she didn't know these two old ladies were talking about her.

Qin Yuru looked complacent. Even though Qin Wanru really was Infanta Qinghua's biological daughter, then so what? Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion didn't like her at all! This would benefit Qin Yuru because at least Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion would try her best to defend her when totally believing in Qin Yuru.

Frowning tightly, Qi Rongzhi looked at this old lady and then turned to the other one with confusion. She was overwhelmed by the astonishment raised by the current situation. She knew Qin Yuru's seal of

bluegrass. Besides, she once found the pattern of bluegrass from Qin Wanru, asked others to embroider this pattern on her dress and then came to visit Duke Xing's Mansion with them together.

Qin Yuru was Qin Huaiyong's biological daughter, but Qin Wanru wasn't!

Qin Yuru claimed she was thirteen while she actually was fifteen. However, Qin Wanru was eleven years old!

Qin Yuru had the seal and Qin Wanru might also have one!

"She may have the seal at a very young age. Before the matter related to Qin Yuru and brother happened, Qin Wanru had been very obedient to Madam Di since she is Qin Wanru's foster mother. Thus, whatever she had at that time, Madam Di was able to take them all."

Thinking about these points, Qi Rongzhi suddenly looked astounded. She knew the truth! It was definitely impossible for Qin Yuru to be Infanta Qinghua's daughter while Qin Wanru might be!

She was totally shocked by her suspicion and her face changed intensely. There was sudden cold sweat on her forehead. Qin Yuru was trying to impersonate Infanta Qinghua's daughter! She changed her age and even indicated that she wasn't Madam Di's biological daughter. She did all these things deliberately!

Rubbing her handkerchief in her hand heavily, Qi Rongzhi didn't know which side she should stand by.

Qin Yuru or Qin Wanru?

She immediately made her choice. She decided to help Qin Yuru. By comparison, since she got the goods on Qin Yuru, she could threaten her in the future, which would benefit her more! Thinking in this way, Qi Rongzhi then moved slightly towards Qin Yuru because she had to get a chance to make a trade with Qin Yuru.

Although Qin Wanru kept her eyes on the ground, she saw Qi Rongzhi's movement. A trace of darkness appeared in her shimmery eyes. She squinted a little. She knew clearly what Qi Rongzhi intended to do and she knew Qi Rongzhi was going to stand by Qin Yuru and to confront her. Qin Wanru's mouth curved into an ironic and cold smile!

She had lost her chance!

"Old Madam, no matter what may happen, you will continue to consider Second Miss Qin as a repugnant person?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess repeated her words.

"Yes, I have told you I will always dislike her whatever happens!" Since Rui'an Great Elder Princess kept pressing her, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion answered directly as she was full of anger now.

Madam of Duke Xing who was standing beside felt something was wrong. However, she had no right to interrupt the conversation between Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion because she was inferior to them in terms of the age.

"Old Madam, are you now sure that First Miss Qin is the former Heir of Duke Xing's biological daughter?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess brought the conversation back around to that topic though she seemed to digress a bit before.

"Yes! She is my eldest son's biological daughter! If you refuse to accept her, then I will do it!" Old Madam blurted out. She was totally on the hook set by Rui'an Great Elder Princess and poured out her worries immediately when hearing Rui'an Great Elder Princess' question. When she finished, she then felt she did something wrong. However, since she had said these words, she could not eat her words now.

The moment she finished, the whole room was silent and astonished. Several seniors stared at Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion in horror.

There was a huge difference between the meaning of nominal granddaughter and that of biological daughter. Did Old Madam firmly believe that this First Miss Qin was the former Heir of Duke Xing's biological daughter?

Qin Yuru looked at Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion in exaltation! She even wanted to kowtow to her right now!

Qi Rongzhi stood still and felt doubtful. She was not like Qin Yuru who was extremely excited now and her instincts told her that something was wrong. Thinking for a while, she decided to wait and see.

"She is Qinghua's biological daughter?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked coldly.

Since she had showed her true thought, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion now decided not to hide her feelings anymore. "Do you see this seal clearly, Great Elder Princess?" Frowning tightly, she asked.

"It is just because of this seal?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered.

"Absolutely no. I have heard that Madam Di doesn't treat her well. When she came to Duke Xing's Mansion, there were bruises on her body. Is there a mother who will treat her biological daughter in this way in the world? Besides, her..." Suddenly, Old Madam turned to look at Qi Rongzhi with a gloomy face. She was going to list Qin Yuru's age but Qi Rongzhi just proved Qin Yuru told a lie.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion suddenly had no idea what to say and looked hesitant!

"Her what?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess didn't intend to let go of Old Madam easily and thus, she kept asking.

"Her age is right!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion bit the bullet and said. However, she didn't say Qin Yuru's true age but just answered very ambiguously.

"How old is she?" Finding Old Madam was unwilling to answer accurately, Great Elder Princess then kept pressing her harder.

"Thirteen!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion now felt a bit regretful as she was not sure now.

Madam of Duke Xing looked bad. She tried to stop Old Madam but it was late. Thus, she had to keep standing aside and watching. She suddenly felt something was wrong.

Qin Wanru smiled. She smiled at the ground so brightly that her smile was like blooming flowers. Her shimmery eyes even looked beautiful and no others would be much prettier than her.

The conversation had completely exposed what Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and Madam of Duke Xing tried to hide. Then, however they dodged, they could not claim that they were unwitting in a tactful way. Besides, Rui'an Great Elder Princess could finally get the chance to interfere with this matter according to what Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion said.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion seemed to have recognized Qin Yuru as the former Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua's biological daughter. She now didn't dodge by saying that she wanted to accept Qin Yuru as her nominal granddaughter. Thus, it was easier for them to counterattack.

"Great Elder Princess, I also have the seal!" Qin Wanru raised her head and looked at Rui'an Great Elder Princess with her clean and shimmery eyes. When she moved sideways a bit to obviate those eyes, Yujie hurried to step forward to block those eyes.

Qin Wanru took out a string around her neck and took it down. When everyone looked at the string, they suddenly found there was a seal hanging on the string. Someone who stood close to her immediately found that it was also a seal of bluegrass.

Madam of Duke Xing suddenly got cold hands and feet. She was stiff and almost frozen. She turned around difficultly and glared at Qin Yuru fiercely. She staggered and almost fell down.

Nanny Sheng hurried to hold her.

When she stood firmly, she pursed her lips tightly. Then her eyes looked gradually calm and finally her eyes became totally peaceful.

Those who didn't see this might really think Madam of Duke Xing had always been calm during the whole process.

Qin Wanru saw that ephemeral scene, very clearly. She also found another person also went blank shortly like Madam of Duke Xing and the person also looked calm again.

It was Qin Huaiyong!

It seemed that most people in Flower Hall all had their own plans!

Rui'an Great Elder Princess took these two seals.

"Great Elder Princess, Second Miss Qin has the real seal as when Infanta was young, she broke the corner of the seal," Nanny Gao answered as she pointed at a corner of the seal Qin Wanru took out.

The small notch was not obvious. If Great Elder Princess had not turned over the seal, nobody would have noticed the notch.

"Where do you get this seal?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess raised her head and glared at Qin Yuru. She snapped as she stuck out the seal Qin Yuru showed before, "This one is a counterfeit!"

Qin Yuru got flustered. She had prepared to become a noble miss in the capital city but she didn't expect that her plan was scuppered because of this seal! "I, I, I don't know! It has been with me for a long time!"

She bit the bullet and denied everything.

"How old are you, First Miss Qin? Is there anybody who can prove that you are not Madam Di's biological daughter? If Madam Di is not your biological mother, then who are your biological parents?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess' eyes looked darker. Thinking that some scheming people even tried to use her daughter's death, she felt heartbroken.

Her daughter had been used before she died! However, these people even didn't let go of her death!

Qi Rongzhi furtively moved towards Qin Wanru.

"I, I don't know! Nobody tells me about these!" Qin Yuru flushed and hurried to defend herself.

Her eyes roved around the room and landed on Qin Huaiyong's face. She burst into tears uncontrollably.

"Father! I have never said that mother is not my biological mother and I have never said that I am Infanta Qinghua's daughter! I do have the seal but I really don't know these things!"

She now felt lucky that she had said nothing about her false background before. Thus, she felt even if her plan was scuppered, she would still have nothing to do with this matter. What she didn't expect was that Qin Wanru also had the seal. Had she known Qin Wanru had the seal, she would have planned to snatch away the seal.

"Yuru is my biological daughter!" Seeing everyone stared at him, Qin Huaiyong answered certainly with his eyebrows frowned tightly.