

## Medical Princess 431

### Chapter 431 The Proof Without Proven Ability

He said these words in a very certain way but everyone felt dubious about his words. When the matter related to Qin Wanru happened, Qin Huaiyong also said for certain, but it turned out in the end that Qin Wanru was not Qin Huaiyong's biological daughter. Or did he try to implement this plan again?

Or did he try to defend his daughter?

So his words actually had no proven ability!

"First Miss Qin, I heard that when you were in Jiangzhou, you changed your age from fifteen to thirteen, didn't you?" Nanny Gao spoke for Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

However, when she finished, she didn't wait for Qin Yuru's explanation but looked at Qi Rongzhi who stood beside Qin Wanru and asked, "First Miss Qi, where is your evidence before?"

She investigated this thing before Rui'an Great Elder Princess came here, but how could she know? Even though Qi Rongzhi was confused, she didn't dare to disobey Great Elder Princess' order. She nodded and asked the witness who was a supervisor to come here. Later, she smiled at Nanny Gao and answered, "The witness is a supervisor and he has the transcript of the alteration of her census register."

Qi Rongzhi pointed at Xixiang, the servant girl and said, "She can prove Qin Yuru now is fifteen. Besides, she can also prove that Qin Yuru was eligible to marry my brother because of her age."

Seeing Qin Yuru's plan was totally scuppered, Qi Rongzhi behaved in a way that she had nothing to do with Qin Yuru now while thinking she had shown those pieces of evidence.

"Qi Rongzhi, you are lying!" Qin Yuru flushed. She wiped away her tears and snarled. Her hands, which were holding her handkerchief, kept trembling.

Qin Huaiyong's gaze fell upon her face. It could tell that he now was in a bad mood from his tightly frowned eyebrows. He seemed to be in a tangle and obviously, he seemed to have no idea about this matter.

"The fact will tell whether I am lying. Qin Yuru, I have never expected that you will try to take sister Wanru's place and even to impersonate her identity. No wonder Madam Di and you did your best to plot against sister Wanru in Jiangzhou and even asked others to kidnap her! How vicious you are!"

Qi Rongzhi pointed at Qin Yuru and shouted abuse at her in a righteous manner. She now was in the right.

"Great Elder Princess, do you consider Qin Wanru as your biological daughter just because of these things?" Old Madam said in a bad mood. She had been embarrassed by Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Rui'an Great Elder Princess now even recognized Qin Wanru whom she hated most as Qinghua's biological daughter so she blurted out.

Even if Qin Yuru might not Qinghua's biological daughter, it should not be Qin Wanru!

"It seems that you do hate Wanru, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said as she looked cold. Before Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion replied, she said to Nanny Gao, "Bring him here!"

"Yes, princess!" Nanny Gao answered and gesticulated toward an old maid who was near the entrance. The old maid immediately understood and brought in a middle-aged man.

When seeing clearly the man's face, Madam of Duke Xing blanched. Her face turned pale and her fingers were trembling slightly.

Shao Huai stepped forward and suddenly knelt down in front of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. "Old Madam, nice to see you!" he said with a trembling voice. Although he had not worked in Duke Xing's Mansion for years, he still felt grateful to his former master.

"Are you, are you Shao Huai?"

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion suddenly stood up and she was shaking in excitement. "He is my son's servant! I sent him to find my son but there has been no message at all these years. I have thought he also died in the war. However, he just appears in front of me now!"

"Yes, Old Madam, I am Shao Huai." Thinking of his dead master, Shao Huai answered sadly.

"Do you, do you find your master?" Excited, Old Madam asked hurriedly. She had always been proud of her eldest son and thus, when she saw Shao Huai, she got totally excited.

"Master was gone in the war..." Shao Huai burst into tears. He had spent years finding his master. Later, when he knew his master had a little daughter, he then kept looking for the little miss. However, he had always missed the opportunities to meet his little miss. Thinking of what he had done for these years, he couldn't help crying.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion lurched while Nanny Yu hurried to support her. The feeling of that she supposed her son had died was totally different from the one of that somebody told her that her son had died.

"Is he really dead?" Old Madam took a deep breath and choked with sobs with her red-rimmed eyes.

"Yes, but we still have our little miss! I find her. She is Second Miss Qin of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion! She is the former Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta's biological daughter!" Pointing at Qin Wanru, Shao Huai wiped away his tears and said, "Old Madam, I have figured it out! The former Heir of Duke Xing trusted Ningyuan Army General with his daughter, Second Miss Qin on his deathbed."

Qin Huaiyong's fingers hid in the sleeve suddenly jerked.

"Ningyuan Army General, can you explain this?" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion wiped away her tears and looked at Qin Huaiyong. Since he arrived here, he seldom talked. Although today's matters were closely related to his two daughters, he acted like an onlooker.

Finding Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion asked him, Qin Huaiyong looked somehow hesitant as he frowned tightly.

"Huai'er, tell them!" Old Madam Qin said slowly.

"Yes, mother!" After answering his mother's words, Qin Huaiyong then told them the story at that time.

He didn't know who Qin Wanru's biological father was at first. During the war, every department had generals who were sent over from other places. Besides, many people were promoted as generals temporarily because those former generals who had owned a higher status all died in the war. At that time, a vice general who was dispatched from other places lived in Qin's Mansion. He also brought a woman who was pregnant and his lovely daughter.

However, he lost touch with the woman and his daughter. Luckily, he still found his daughter back. Since he couldn't take care of his daughter, he then asked Old Madam Qin to help him look after his daughter. Later, Qin Wanru's biological father died in the war and trusted Qin Huaiyong with his daughter and Qin Huaiyong also promised him that he would treat Qin Wanru as his own daughter. Then he didn't say anything else.

Qin Wanru knew this story but her eyes still got red when hearing Qin Huaiyong's words. Those ambiguous memories suddenly became clear. However, when she tried to catch them, she found she could hardly do it and even felt a dull pain in her head.

"I still have my mother's Glazed Cup. It is my grandma who helps me keep it. Madam Di and Big Sister have asked grandma to give them Glazed Cup but grandma refused!" Qin Wanru said slowly and calmly while her eyes looked cold.

Qing Yue came in and gave Rui'an Great Elder Princess a box reverently. Rui'an Great Elder Princess opened the box with her trembling hands. Fenghua Glazed Cup showed up in front of everyone.

"Old Madam, I asked some people who once had a relationship with the former Heir of Duke Xing when I went to Jiangzhou. They all said that they have seen him and claimed that the former Heir of Duke Xing had been with Infanta Qinghua. Little Miss had already been born while the Infanta still was pregnant with a little heir!" Shao Huai took out a letter and gave it to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

The content of the letter was the information he found in Jiangzhou and several witnesses' depositions.

For him, the former Heir of Duke Xing's son was a little Heir of Duke Xing!

"Old Madam, don't you still not understand it is First Miss Qin who plans these things? She is the one who harbors those bad thoughts! She tries to take Qin Wanru's place and even to impersonate my daughter's biological daughter! She intends to pretend she has royal blood!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess raised her head and said as she stared coldly at Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

The facts allowed of no other explanation.

It was true that Qin Wanru was the former Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua's biological daughter. The reason why they could not find him was that they had no idea where he was. Since now those who once had a relationship with the former Heir of Duke Xing knew, it was quite easy for them to follow the clues and continue to investigate. Even if the former Heir of Duke Xing changed his name, they could find the clues if they said his features.

"Qin Yuru harbors a bad thought! She must know sister Wanru's background and then she changed her age. Besides, in order to impersonate the former Heir of Duke Xing's daughter, the eldest Miss of Duke

Xing's Mansion and even the biological granddaughter of Great Elder Princess, she even forged a seal of bluegrass! How vicious she is!"

Rolling her eyes, Qi Rongzhi suddenly shouted angrily.

"NO! I AM WRONGED! I really have no idea about these things! I don't know when I got this seal and why I changed my age. It is my mother who told me these things. She said if I changed my age and got younger, people would gradually forget what happened in Jiangzhou and nobody would mention that again! She just worries that I will be discussed by others!"

Qin Yuru got panic and cried bitterly. Compared with the crime that telling a lie that she had royal blood, the crime that lying about her age was less serious. By comparison, she started to cry out her grievances.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion sat down heavily on the chair. She stared at Qin Yuru's face blankly and then looked at Qin Wanru's.

She was finally aware that she misunderstood!

Why wasn't Qin Yuru whom she favored her biological granddaughter and why was Qin Wanru whom she disliked her biological granddaughter?

Qin Wanru was like Infanta Qinghua. They both made Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion feel unpleasant. Since she now knew Qin Wanru was her biological granddaughter, she still felt unhappy, even hateful and resentful towards Qin Wanru.

She even thought that Qin Wanru planned these all. She had the seal of bluegrass but she didn't show it to them; she had the Fenghua Glazed Cup but she only gave it to Rui'an Great Elder Princess; her servant even sent the old servant to Rui'an Great Elder Princess directly! She must Qinghua's daughter and no wonder why Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and she could not live in harmony fundamentally.

"Qin Yuru, stop acting! You have no idea about these things? That's impossible! If you weren't telling a lie, then why would Madam Di have tried her best to ask people to embroider the pattern of bluegrass on your dress in order to attract Duke Xing's Mansion's attention? If you weren't telling a lie, then why would you have said that Old Madam likes you because you showed this seal to her?"

Qi Rongzhi who was standing beside Qin Wanru now tried to leave a good impression on Rui'an Great Elder Princess and to please her wholeheartedly. Seeing Qin Yuru still tried to defend herself, she then shouted at her immediately.

Although she didn't know the cause and effect, she was not an idiot. It was obvious that there were many doubtful points after she thought about the whole matter carefully.

"Qin Yuru, you might think your plan is flawless but actually it is full of loopholes! There really is no such thing as a secret. How dare you impersonate sister Wanru's identity to seduce Prince Cheng! Don't you even think of that if you really took her place, Prince Cheng would be your uncle?"

Qi Rongzhi now was quick-minded. Before she left her mansion, she heard the rumors about what Qin Yuru had done in Prince Cheng's Mansion and had considered how to use this rumor to threaten her. Thus, she now went public with this matter to suppress Qin Yuru. Now she hit the bull's-eye perfectly.

Her words this time not only shocked Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion but even Rui'an Great Elder Princess!

### **Chapter 432 Pointing at His Biological Daughter with a Sword**

If Qin Yuru were considered as Infanta Qinghua and the former Heir of Duke Xing's daughter, it could claim that she had nothing to do with the matter that she attempted to seduce Prince Cheng. However, in other words, her behavior was incestuous. At that time, not only did Qin Yuru get shameful, but also Infanta Qinghua and the former Heir of Duke Xing.

Both Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion could not bear it anymore when thinking in this way.

"General Qin, what is your opinion?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess attacked first.

Qin Huaiyong frowned tightly. Since things were very clear now, he was more and more disappointed at his daughter. Walking to Qin Yuru, he snarled, "Kneel down in front of your second sister and apologize to her!"

"Father?" Qin Yuru raised her head in an unbelievable way and screamed.

"Kneel down now!" Qin Huaiyong looked much colder and more serious.

Even if Qin Yuru was totally reluctant to do this, she had no choice, but suddenly knelt down in front of Qin Wanru and cried, "Sister! My second sister! I really have no idea about these things! It is my mother. It is mother who plans these things!"

The only thing she could do now was shift the blame on Madam Di.

Old Madam of Duke Yong's finger quivered but she didn't dare to say anything. It seemed in every way that Madam Di and Qin Yuru had planned these things together.

Since the matter had become like this, somebody had to be responsible for this.

Although she loved her daughter, she also loved her granddaughter. Her daughter once told her that this plan would succeed, but now it turned out that she just shot herself in the foot. Old Madam of Duke Yong was helpless and since her daughter now was unable to recover soon, she had to try her best to save one of them at least.

It was considered that this alternative would be the lesser of two evils. Thus, she had to tacitly approve this event.

It could say that her daughter now was ruined...

Qin Wanru moved aside to dodge Qin Yuru's kowtow. Since Qin Yuru was still her nominal big sister and she had been raised by Qin's Mansion for years, which meant that they at least deserved the recognition for their efforts, others would think she was ungrateful if she kept pressing charges.

Qin Yuru now was almost ruined, but Qin Wanru didn't want to let go of her so easily.

In her last life, Qin Yuru married Di Yan. Thus, she had to let Qin Yuru marry into Duke Yong's Mansion. It could say that Duke Yong's Mansion contributed a lot to her tragedy in her last life. Without Duke Yong's Mansion's support, Madam Di would not have killed Shui Ruolan and her grandmother.

Those who held a candle to the devil had to pay for what they had done.

Stepping backwards, Qin Wanru also knelt down in front of Qin Huaiyong. She kowtowed heavily and said, "Thank you for your upbringing for these years!"

Her words made Qin Huaiyong speechless. In fact, the former Heir of Duke Xing's Mansion sacrificed himself to save him. However, he didn't tell the truth when telling them the story.

He knew Old Madam Qin was staring at him in a disappointed way. Even so, he buttoned up his mouth and was determined not to tell the truth.

Today, Qin Wanru thanked him for his upbringing.

"Wanru, even though you are not my biological daughter, you are like my dear biological daughter. I have treated you as my dear daughter for these years and now you finally know who your parents are..." Qin Huaiyong was unable to finish his words. It was sad for him to know that the daughter raised by him was going to become the miss of another mansion.

However, since he was a man, he quickly changed his mood and took Qin Wanru's hands. He looked at her gently and said, "I am really happy for you as you finally find your biological parents!"

During the whole process, he didn't defend Qin Yuru or didn't even shoot a glance at Qin Yuru who was drenched in tears.

"Please get up, Big Sister!" Reaching out, Qin Wanru helped Qin Yuru stand up and stared at her with her indifferent eyes. "Madam Di and you have plotted against me many times, but I won't hold you accountable for the sake of father. However, I will have no relationship with you from now on!"

She didn't say loudly but very clearly. The Flower Hall suddenly went silent. Although everyone looked at her in different ways, nobody thought her way of dealing with this matter was unacceptable.

Madam Di and Qin Yuru had always tried to ruin her. She had shown her extreme forbearance to Qin's Mansion by not holding Qin Yuru accountable for the sake of their upbringing of these years.

Because of this matter, Qin's Mansion could not force Qin Wanru to do anything. Although Qin Wanru had seemingly forgiven Madam Di and Qin Yuru for their crimes, they would not be forgiven by people if they continued to plot against her once again.

"Zhuzhuo, come here!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess quickly reacted and waved at Qin Wanru softly.

The moment Qin Wanru went to Great Elder Princess, she was hugged by Rui'an Great Elder Princess. Great Elder Princess who had always been a strong and powerful woman, immediately got red-rimmed eyes.

"My poor child. Had I known you earlier, I would have done my best to get you back to me. When your mother came back, she looked a bit demented and gawky. She sometimes called your father's name and

sometimes said 'Zhuzhuo'. However, we didn't know your nickname was 'Zhuzhuo'. Otherwise, we wouldn't have wasted such a long time!"

Thinking of her daughter and her families' tragedy, Rui'an Great Elder Princess could not help crying bitterly.

Qinghua was Great Elder Princess' only daughter and she had always treated her as the apple of her eye. However, she didn't expect that her beloved daughter would die in her prime, leaving her a little grandson. However, because of Duke Xing's Mansion, her grandson had not been close to her. Without Qin Wanru's help, she would still live alone in her mansion.

These memories made her feel more sorrowful.

Seeing Rui'an Great Elder Princess crying, Qin Wanru was deeply touched by her emotion. Her repressed sorrow suddenly poured out of her. Qin Wanru also started weeping freely.

Two lives! She spent two lives retrieving her family!

In her last life, her life ended in a tragedy. On the one hand, Qin Yuru not only took her identity, but even ruined her reputation while she had been bogged down in the mire of Madam Di's schemes. On the other hand, Madam of Duke Xing and First Miss of Duke Xing murdered her, which made her cut in half before she knew her true background!

An image of a pool of blood flashed upon her while she felt as if her head were splitting. The sounds were ringing in her ears and the bloody scene kept rising up before her eyes...

"Zhuzhuo? Zhuzhuo!" It seemed that somebody was calling her names, but she could not hear the person clearly. Then everything suddenly went black. She felt like she was cut in half in the lofty imperial palace in her last life again...

Rui'an Great Elder Princess hurried to hold Qin Wanru who blacked out and kept calling her nickname anxiously.

"Find our physician!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion ordered Madam of Duke Xing with a sullen face.

Madam of Duke Xing didn't dare to ignore her order, so she hurriedly asked a servant to find a physician. Then she let her servants vacate a room nearby in order to let Qin Wanru take a rest there.

Soon, the physician came. After checking, he claimed that the reason why Qin Wanru went black was that she was overwhelmed by her excessive sadness and she was quite weak now. Hearing the physician's words, Rui'an Great Elder Princess finally got a bit relaxed.

Since the things later had nothing to do with Duke Yong's Mansion, Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion then left first. Then people from Qin's Mansion also left. It was certain that Qin Wanru would come back to her family. However, Qin's Mansion had no right to interfere with the concrete operation. No matter how worried Madam Dowager was, she had to leave now.

After coming over to say goodbye to Duke Xing's Mansion with people of Qin's Mansion, Old Madam Qin then got up her carriage with Qin Yuru. Qin Huaiyong rode a horse. Then they came back to Qin's Mansion.

When they got down the carriage, Old Madam Qin stood in front of the carriage and watched Qin Huaiyong getting off the horse.

"Come here!" Old Madam Qin said coldly.

"Mother, you'd better get back and take a rest first. I will come to you soon!" Nodding, Qin Huaiyong answered as he knew what Madam Dowager intended to say to him.

Realizing he was going to deal with Qin Yuru's matter, Madam Dowager nodded in agreement and walked towards Xinning Pavilion with a group of people.

Qin Huaiyong shot a cold glance at Qin Yuru and then went directly to his study room. Qin Yuru followed him fearfully.

When they reached the study room, Qin Huaiyong waved his hands to let other people leave.

Qin Huaiyong sat in the middle of the room and scowled at Qin Yuru who looked fearful. His fierce stare made Qin Yuru feel anxious and she lowered her head.

Qin Huaiyong was silent for a moment and then picked up the teacup beside and threw it straight in front of Qin Yuru. He said angrily, "Tell me everything."

Qin Yuru was scared by him and took a few steps backwards. She quickly knelt down and cried, "Father, I have no idea about these things! It is my mother. It is mother who asks me to do so! She says if Duke Xing's Mansion accepted me, people would not dare to mention what I have done in Jiangzhou and nobody would dare to gossip about me! Besides, I am eligible enough to marry into Duke Yong's Mansion! Father, it, it is mother who asks me to do these! I, I all listen to her!"

Qin Yuru still tried to shift the blame on Madam Di at this moment with her scheme!

"Bang!" A noise suddenly sounded near her ears. Qin Yuru tumbled and was extremely scared. She staring at the long sword in front of her face. She was so afraid that she felt like her heart was going to jump out of her throat.

"Father, father! It is mother! I know nothing about these! Mother plans these!" Qin Yuru crept aside and hurried to hold Qin Huaiyong's leg. She cried bitterly.

She was scared. She was really scared. She could tell Qin Huaiyong really intended to kill her! Her father attempted to kill her out of anger! When she came to the realization, she was paralyzed by fear. However, she still knew that the only thing she could do was beg for her life.

Since her father now was in a fury, she had to put the blame on Madam Di.

"Madam Di plans these things?" Qin Huaiyong lowered his sword slightly to the ground and still looked sullen. Those who were familiar with Qin Huaiyong all knew he was still mad.

"Father, father! I am really sorry! I should not have listened to my mother! I will not listen to her mindlessly! Please forgive me! I am your only daughter!" Knowing Qin Huaiyong was a bit soft, Qin Yuru cried much more bitterly. She raised her tear-stained face and looked at Qin Huaiyong. She sounded sorrowful.



"Does your mother ask you to do these things?" Qin Huaiyong seemed to suppress his anger. She felt like it was the calm before the storm.

"Yes, father! If I tell a lie, I will be struck by thunder and I will die like a dog!" Qin Yuru cried and swore to him. When she finished, she could not say anything more as her words were choked by sobbing. Her hand went clutching at her bosom and was crying. She looked extremely sad and wronged.

Throwing the sword to the ground, Qin Huaiyong walked slowly to his desk. "Go back to your courtyard!" he said with a hoarse voice.

"Yes, father. Then I go back first!" Qin Yuru finally got relaxed. She stood up quickly and answered as she wiped away her tears. Then she hurriedly turned around and wanted to leave here as soon as possible.

She was afraid that her father would kill her at that moment.

As she ran so fast, she tripped over the threshold. She then hurried to hold herself to avoid falling down. Later she tumbled out of the room!

### **Chapter 433 The Best End-result and the Naturally Formed Hostile Parties**

When Qin Huaiyong arrived at Xinning Pavilion, Old Madam Qin was waiting for him when sitting in the main room. Later, she waved hands and let all servants leave.

Nanny Duan was at the rear of those servants. Looking at Madam Dowager's face, she took a deep sigh and helped them close the door lightly.

"Why didn't you tell the truth?" In the room, Madam Dowager asked directly.

Although she asked in a quite baffling way, Qin Huaiyong still understood what she was asking. He raised his head and said in a bitter way, "Mother, Yuru is my daughter, my only daughter. Even though she has committed so many mistakes, I cannot let her go astra. She can't undertake the accusation of the imposture!"

Qin Huaiyong was clear that Madam Dowager was blaming him for not telling the truth and not telling them the former Heir of Duke Xing died because he tried to save Qin Huaiyong. In order to thank him for saving Qin Huaiyong's life, he then decided to raise Qin Wanru.

It was the right thing for Qin Huaiyong to raise Qin Wanru as the former Heir of Duke Xing sacrificed his life to save Qin Huaiyong's life. Thus, actually it could not say it was because Qin Huaiyong tried to repay the former Heir of Duke Xing's sacrifice that he decided to adopt Qin Wanru. He should do this.

Since it was because the former Heir of Duke Xing saved Qin Huaiyong that the latter adopted Qin Wanru, then it was reasonable for Qin Wanru not to repay the so-called kindness of Qin's Mansion and this "kindness" actually could not counteract what Qin Yuru had done. It was because of Qin Wanru's generosity that Duke Xing's Mansion and Rui'an Great Elder Princess decided not to hold Qin Yuru accountable and that Qin Yuru could go back to Qin's Mansion without being punished.

Due to Qin Wanru's real identity, Duke Xing's Mansion and Rui'an Great Elder Princess both would not forget the care and upbringing of Qin's Mansion.

His answer silenced Madam Dowager. A depressing silence reigned on the room. "She is your daughter," Madam Dowager said slowly, "but Ruolan is going to give birth. However, no matter we will have a boy or a girl, are you going to let your child carry a bad reputation because of Yuru?"

For Madam Dowager, Madam Di could hardly absolve herself from the blame as Qin Yuru kept causing troubles again and again, and even led to irremediable faults. But what about Qin Huaiyong? Was he innocent? No! It was because he pampered his only daughter that he allowed her to do these things to some extent.

Had he punished his only daughter severely in Jiangzhou when she committed the mistake for the first time, she would have not become like this. Anyway, Qin Huaiyong was partly to blame because he mollycoddled Qin Yuru.

When it came to Shui Ruolan's unborn child, Qin Huaiyong was hard to answer. He now was totally disappointed at Qin Yuru. However, since he had always been thinking that Qin Yuru was his only child, he would try to help her and would not really punish her even though his daughter made many mistakes.

As regards those punishments, it could not be considered as punishments actually. Qin Huaiyong was also clear about this.

However, even though he was aware of this, he was still unable to punish his daughter because he loved his only daughter.

Making up his mind finally, Qin Huaiyong closed his eyes and replied, "Mother, this will not happen anymore. I will arrange her marriage with Di Yan as soon as possible. No matter what she may encounter in the future, it is Madam Di who leads to the situation."

Qin Huaiyong really didn't want to care about Qin Yuru no matter whether he would have another daughter in the near future. In terms of Madam Di and Qin Yuru, he could not change their nature. He had to let Qin Yuru marry Di Yan successfully and he had to complete the task as fast as he could. Otherwise, there might be other troubles.

Duke Yong's Mansion now was her best end-result!

"Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion today is also there. Although she said nothing, she saw what happened there. Do you still think it possible that she will tolerate the result?" Madam Dowager didn't think this would be a good idea. In consideration of Qin Yuru's situation, it would be better for her not to marry anyone but to turn her mind wholeheartedly toward Buddha, which could prevent her from hurting anyone else.

"I understand you, mother. However, does Duke Yong's Mansion really have nothing to do with this situation? Madam Di is Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion's daughter. The reason why Madam Di can commit so many crimes must be that Duke Yong's Mansion is behind these schemes. Moreover, it is because of Duke Yong's Mansion that Madam Di and Yuru have become like this. Thus, it is the only end-result for Yuru!"

Qin Huaiyong looked fierce. Thinking of what Madam Di and Qin Yuru had done for these days, he got angry.

It could say that the reason why Madam Di and Qin Yuru dared to do these things again and again was that Duke Yong's Mansion was supporting them. Without it, they would not have dared to be so wanton.

Madam Dowager had known Qin Huaiyong since he was born and thus, she was familiar with his thinking mode. Even though she was mad at him because he hid the truth related to Qin Wanru, she could not find fault with his arrangement for Qin Yuru now.

"Countess Yong will not admit this!" She remarked.

Even if Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion might acknowledge these things and allowed Qin Yuru to marry Di Yan, Countess Yong and Di Yan might not agree given their current attitudes.

Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion might not be able to let them agree on the decision.

"Don't worry, mother. They must admit these matters and let Yuru marry into their mansion in any case!" Qin Huaiyong had made up his mind inwardly. He had been angry about what Duke Yong's Mansion had done but he had tried to be tolerant and didn't vent his anger.

He did love his daughter. However, it was Di Yan who made her daughter become like this. Had Countess Yong not tantalized them with Di Yan's marriage, Madam Di and Qin Yuru would not have harbored any delusion and would not have let Qin Yuru give up her marriage with Qi Tianyu and even plotted against Qin Wanru.

Without them, all these things would not have happened.

It could say that Qin Yuru now was totally ruined, so no matter what Duke Yong's Mansion thought about this thing, they had to admit it and let her marry into their mansion.

Seeing Qin Huaiyong was so firmed, Madam Dowager had to allow him to do what he planned when she failed in persuading him not to do this. Watching Qin Huaiyong leaving, Madam Dowager felt helpless and took a deep sigh.

In her mind, it would be better for Qin Yuru to accept the spiritualization in front of the Buddha since she was so cranky. Good things would not happen if she married into Duke Yong's Mansion in this way.

However, she could do nothing to stop Qin Huaiyong when he had determined to do this thing. Had she been Qin Huaiyong's biological mother but not his legal mother, she could have accused him of hiding the truth about Qin Wanru's origin.

Madam Dowager had been watching the show in Duke Xing's Mansion while she knew what the truth was. Thus, she saw most of the game as an outsider today.

Given Qin Huaiyong's reaction and those words, did he really know nothing about what Qin Yuru and Madam Di did?

In a gale of indescribable coldness, she thought she had always considered Qin Huaiyong as a man who didn't care about things of inner courtyard and mollycoddled Madam Di and Qin Yuru while she had been raising him for years. However, she suddenly could not figure out what her son was thinking about.

"Madam Dowager, don't be sad. Since First Miss Qin is our general's biological daughter, he will not allow First Miss Qin to be punished without doing anything!"

Nanny Duan came in with a cup of hot tea and replaced the cup of tea Madam Dowager put on the table.

Madam Dowager had made a cup of tea when she came into the room. However, she kept staring at it without saying anything. Thus, the cup of tea must have turned cool.

"It is unfair of Zhuozhuo!" Madam Dowager sighed.

"Madam Dowager, Second Miss Qin must understand. When you were in Duke Xing's Mansion, Second Miss asked you not to say anything, didn't she? I suppose Second Miss must hope you not to interfere with the matter and must fear that the matter will estrange you and our general." Nanny Duan said to her softly as she knew what Madam Dowager was worrying about.

As Qin Huaiyong was not her biological son, it was inconvenient for her to tell something to him.

As regards the decision to punish First Miss, Madam Dowager would get speechless if the general said she was his only biological daughter. Since Madam Dowager was unrelated to First Miss by blood, it seemed easy for her to say these words.

Madam Dowager got red-rimmed eyes. She had raised her little granddaughter for years but it seemed that she would not come back to her anymore.

"Will Zhuozhuo be fine?" Madam Dowager asked with worry.

After the matter, Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion both excluded her. She had witnessed the whole process. It seemed that Duke Xing's Mansion wasn't nice. As regards Qin Yuru's matter, without Duke Xing's Mansion's help, would she really succeed in taking Wanru's identity?

"Don't worry, Madam Dowager. Since Second Miss has always been so clever, she will be fine. Besides, Rui'an Great Elder Princess is there with her!" Nanny Duan tried to comfort Madam Dowager. She knew Madam Dowager was worrying about Second Miss and was afraid that Second Miss would be at a disadvantage in Duke Xing's Mansion. Nanny Duan's thought was the same as Madam Dowager's and she believed that Duke Xing's Mansion wasn't innocent.

However, Second Miss' father was born there and thus, it was certain for her to come back to Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Duke Xing's Mansion is not a good place for her. If she can go to Rui'an Great Elder Princess' Mansion, that will be great." Madam Dowager took a deep sigh. "Not to mention Madam of Duke Xing, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion dislikes Zhuozhuo. How, how can she go through this? She is only a child and she must be suppressed by the whole Duke Xing's Mansion!"

Madam Dowager burst into tears when she said this.

People of Duke Xing's Mansion looked friendly but actually they didn't treat Qin Wanru well and even hated her. When Madam Dowager thought of the scene that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion repeated that she hated Qin Wanru, she felt heartbroken.

It was known that every miss of aristocratic family lived in the inner courtyard. However, if Madam of Duke Xing and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion who were in charge of the inner courtyard both treated her badly, how could she live?

Since she had no parent and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and Madam of Duke Xing both were hostile to her, she might live a worse life in Duke Xing's Mansion than her life in Qin's Mansion. Thinking of this, Madam Dowager could not help feeling sad.

Had she thought of this, she would not have let Duke Xing's Mansion accept Qin Wanru.

Seeing Madam Dowager was immersed in sorrow, Nanny Duan continued to comfort her. It took a very long time for her to help Madam Dowager calm down. Since the thing had become like this, they could do nothing to change it. Thus, they had to wait and see.

Madam Dowager still worried Qin Wanru so she asked Nanny Duan to get information outside.

On the one hand, Madam Dowager did this because she was afraid that Qin Wanru might live a bad life in Duke Xing's Mansion and she wanted to know those follow-up things. On the other hand, since not many people had known this matter, which not only might be involved in those past events but even might astound the whole capital city because of the complexity, Madam Dowager feared that some bad news would emerge so she wanted to prepare in advance by asking Nanny Duan to check around...

When Qin Huaiyong came back to his study room from Madam Dowager's courtyard, he sent servants to invite the Heir of Duke Yong and Duke Yong to come after he sat in his room and thought carefully. It seemed that he was going to discuss about the marriage of Qin Yuru and Di Yan.

Right now, the imperial palace was turbulent. Two eunuchs were standing fearfully by the entrance of the imperial study room, in which noises of breaking glasses kept coming out. The Emperor was in a fury...

#### **Chapter 434 Women Were So Scary**

In the imperial study room, Prince Cheng and Prince Zhou were kneeling on the ground while Chu Liuchen was sitting in a wheelchair with his head tilting. The floor was full of broken glass pieces. The eunuch in the room didn't dare to make any sound.

The current Emperor was sitting behind the desk while his face got pale with anger.

"Are you sure that you don't want to marry anyone?" the Emperor scowled and asked angrily.

When Prince Cheng came in, he immediately told the Emperor that he didn't want to marry anyone because all women were restless. He also said that he preferred a quiet and tranquil inner courtyard. Later he added that since he had always believed in Buddha, he had no intention of marrying any woman and of having any child. If the Emperor feared that he might be alone when he got older, he could also become a monk officially by taking the tonsure right now.

Although Prince Cheng had been claiming that he attempted to become a monk, he expressed his wish to Empress Dowager in a tactful manner. He never did things like this by heading to the imperial study room and telling the Emperor his wish in such a straightforward way.

The Emperor actually didn't care about Prince Cheng's consort selection because it was not a big deal. Prince Cheng just needed to choose a woman he liked while Empress Dowager and Empress would be in charge of the consort selection.

As he didn't care about the selection, he didn't pay much attention to the event which happened in Prince Cheng's Mansion yesterday. He only knew from the Empress that a miss attempted to seduce Prince Cheng. When he knew this, he considered it as a dissolute joke as girls still liked Prince Cheng even though he was much older than them. However, he didn't expect that Prince Cheng would raise a claim that he decided not to marry anyone!

"Your Majesty, I don't want to marry anyone. If every woman were like that, then I would rather become a monk." Prince Cheng answered firmly. Today he came to the Emperor and requested him not to let him marry any woman when kneeling on the ground in front of him.

"You agreed before!" The Emperor snarled with rage. His brother was going to become a monk? What would others think of him? Would his reputation be influenced negatively in history?

The Emperor had been unable to let go of his brother's matter, so he didn't want his brother to add another heart knot or an ignominious event in his life.

Becoming a monk? Others would not think Prince Cheng made this decision willingly but would think he was coerced by his brother, the Emperor. Since he had not appointed anyone to be the crown prince and he took over the throne from his brother, rumors started to spread among citizens. The Emperor was clear about this. If Prince Cheng became a monk officially, then there must be endless unpleasant rumors related to the Emperor.

Prince Cheng then tactfully indicated that he could not accept those women's behaviors. "Your Majesty, I am scared by women. How, how can the woman be so profligate and dissolute!" Prince Cheng answered.

Chu Liuchen got a tired hand on which he rested his head so then he moved a bit and then rested his head on the other hand. His light turquoise clothes made him look handsome but also made him look much paler than usual.

He was here to watch the show!

In fact, Prince Cheng asked Chu Liuzhou to come without informing him. However, since he came here first because he had something to tell the Emperor, he then encountered them.

Since he had met them, then he decided to stay with them! Tilting his head and closing his eyes slightly, he looked more feeble and innocent.

The Emperor was amused by Prince Cheng's answer even though he was still in a fury. "Profligate? Dissolute? Every young person has the right to like others! It is the same! How can you describe this as a bad thing?"

It was not a big deal in the Emperor's eyes. A woman came to see the man she liked in a secretive manner. It was normal! If she could gain his favor, then she could marry into Prince Cheng's Mansion.

There were many women in the imperial palace, so some of them tried their best to get the Emperor's attention by applying different methods. The Emperor didn't think these behaviors were sultry. If he was in a good mood, then he might take notice of them; but if not, then he would ignore them. In his mind, there was no need to become jittery at the mention of women, as if somebody mentioned a tiger.

"Your Majesty, that woman is engaged. How can she come to attract my attention when she is engaged to another man? It can't be said that she tried to get my attention merely because she likes me. It is totally different!" Prince Cheng argued loudly as he got fed up.

"Engaged?" the Emperor asked with a scowl.

"Yes, she is engaged. If I didn't know that and chose her, it would turn out that I take another man's wife and it would become a much more terrible scandal! If you don't believe me, you can ask Prince Zhou about this matter. He was there and today I invite him to come here because he is a witness!"

Prince Cheng said angrily.

If a woman was engaged, then it could say that she had been a man's wife literally. If such a woman continued to get another man's attention, it was appropriate to say that the woman was profligate.

Chu Liuchen's long eyelashes fluttered but he looked calm. It was usual for him to look half asleep and weak in the imperial study room. Thus, nobody would notice him as everyone knew Prince Chen had always been weak and it was good enough for him to look energetic temporarily as he might get tired soon if he kept a spirited look a bit longer.

It was best for him to take a rest by closing his eyes.

The Emperor's gaze fell upon Chu Liuzhou. He frowned tightly and said, "Tell me what was going on that day."

"Father, you cannot blame uncle for this matter. That woman is quite sultry. I felt exactly the same way as you did just now. I had thought that woman came to us secretly and tried to get uncle's attention merely because she likes uncle. If this is the case, I can only say that the woman is very brave. Since I didn't know her identity, I sent my eunuch to ask her about her information. However, the woman let my eunuch give one of her earrings to uncle..."

Chu Liuzhou didn't conceal anything and told them the whole story.

It was quite uneasy to let Prince Cheng agree to hold a consort selection and thus, Prince Zhou came to help him. They had never expected that they would encounter such a thing. There were many women who wanted to marry into Prince Cheng's Mansion but only that woman who was engaged dared to seduce Prince Cheng and even sent him her earring.

It was totally correct for them to describe the woman as profligate and dissolute.

"Which mansion does she come from?" The Emperor's face turned livid. If his brother did become jittery at the mention of women because of this sultry woman, the Emperor would intend to kill her.

"She is the First Miss of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion and she is engaged to the Heir of Duke Yong as they are cousins. It is said that when this First Miss was in Jiangzhou, she had once been engaged to another man. However, because she attempted to marry up by marrying into Duke Yong's Mansion, she

not only plotted against her second sister, but even went to the capital city and engaged herself to the Heir of Duke Yong after she canceled her first engagement!"

Hearing the Emperor asking about the woman's information, Prince Cheng hurried to answer. Yesterday, he sent people to get information about Qin Yuru carefully again, but it turned out that Qin Yuru was a woman with such a low reputation, which even scared Prince Cheng who had been mentally prepared. At that moment, he thought the woman was too scary and how could she be so unashamed!

For the first time, he thought his idea before was right.

Woman was the source of all evils. Thus, it would be better for him not to marry any woman! Although he was a bit self-dramatizing, it was partly what he thought or felt sincerely.

"Qin Huaiyong is a very righteous man but how can he have such a daughter?" The Emperor was satisfied with Qin Huaiyong but he frowned tightly when knowing Qin Huaiyong got such an unashamed daughter. He had seen various kinds of women in the inner courtyard, but he had never known a woman could be so profligate and dissolute like this.

"She is Ningyuan Army General's only daughter and Second Miss Qin is adopted by him in the war." Chu Liuchen spoke drawlingly without opening his eyes.

His answer well explained the reason why Qin Huaiyong would have such a daughter and why he would spoil her.

Stunned, Prince Cheng asked in surprise. "Second Miss Qin is not his biological daughter?" As he found out Qin Yuru's background, he knew Qin Wanru was Second Miss Qin.

His counselor at that time once told him that if he had to choose wives, he had to select some young and capable women who might support him in the future. In addition to some mansions which had been decided, one of those potential misses was Qin Wanru who was the best choice. Even though he was not clear how influential Qin Huaiyong was, it seemed that the Emperor favored him very much.

However, the most important premise was that Qin Wanru had to be favored by Qin Huaiyong. Now since she was not Qin Huaiyong's biological daughter, then what role could she play?

Prince Cheng once thought it was a pity for him not to be able to choose Qin Wanru but now the feeling vanished! He felt lucky that he didn't choose Second Miss Qin. She could do nothing and she was only an orphan adopted by others in the war, even though she was quite lucky to be adopted by Qin Huaiyong. Since Qin Huaiyong had his own daughter, he would not get emotionally attached to Second Miss Qin.

The information which his secret agent gathered before now was completely explained by the fact. If Qin Wanru was his second biological daughter, no matter how Qin Huaiyong was partial to his eldest daughter, he would not allow his eldest daughter to ruin his second daughter.

The information was not confirmed before. So was the information confirmed now? Although Prince Cheng had been mentally prepared, he had to pretend to be surprised.

As for why Chu Liuchen was clear about this information, nobody in the imperial study room was doubtful. Although others didn't know what happened in Jiangzhou, he knew clearly because he had



temporarily stayed in Ningyuan Army General's Mansion in Jiangzhou for a time. It was at that time that Qin Yuru was planning to cancel her first engagement.

"Third brother, does the First Miss of Qin's Mansion really ruin her reputation by plotting against her second sister?" Prince Zhou turned to look at Chu Liuchen and asked.

Since he was in Jiangzhou at that time, he must know this matter very clearly. Besides, it was inconvenient for them to mention this matter, so he asked him about this thing when it came to Qin Yuru.

Chu Liuchen nodded and gesticulated towards Xiao Xuanzi slightly. The moment Xiao Xuanzi understood, he stood out from behind Chu Liuchen and told people in the imperial study room what he had witnessed and what he had heard in Jiangzhou.

Xiao Xuanzi told them all he knew from the matter of smashing the bridal sedan chair to that of finding those letters that Qin Yuru secretly wrote to Di Yan. It was obvious that Qin Yuru had plotted against Qin Wanru again and again and Madam Di even tried to kidnap Qin Wanru! When Xiao Xuanzi finished, the whole imperial study room became quiet.

Prince Cheng actually knew these matters but he didn't know these things very clearly. When Xiao Xuanzi finished telling those stories, Prince Cheng thought calmly for a while and then he quickly kowtowed to the Emperor in a really bad sweat. "Your Majesty, please allow me to accept the tonsure and become a monk! I cannot bear this! If this is the case, I would rather be a monk than ruin my reputation!"

Chu Liuzhou also got astounded as his eyes became rounded. There were many women in his mansion. Although he knew these women would usually fight for his favor, he considered these as the spice of life. He had never known that a woman could be so vicious, and quickly he felt a chill crawling up his spine. Would those accidents which were caused by the so-called carelessness be all fake? Would those women make these events look like accidents?

Many so-called accidents did happen in his mansion. Chu Liuzhou's face turned pale in astonishment.

Although he was only fifteen now, he had known about things in the bedroom since he was fourteen. Empress gave him a lot of pretty ladies and he also found a lot of beauties on his own. However, he had never been aware of the fact that these women would be so complicated and horrible.

For the first time, he thought it was reasonable for Prince Cheng to decide to become a monk when being scared by a woman! Women were so scary!

### **Chapter 435 Getting Married? There Was No Need to Hurry!**

The Emperor looked at Prince Cheng who kept kowtowing to him in terror and then found his Second Son look pale. "Get up." The Emperor sighed as his expression softened slightly.

There were eunuchs immediately coming to them and hurriedly helping Prince Cheng and Prince Zhou get up.

Later, the Emperor granted them two seats and they sat down.

"Although Qin Huaiyong's eldest daughter does behave in an unashamed manner, not every woman is like her actually. After all, women like her are a minority. You can't refuse to get married or to have children because of this woman." The Emperor tried to find ways to mollify Prince Cheng who now looked frightened.

Since the Emperor persuaded him not to refuse to get married, Prince Cheng had to suspend this matter, even though he was quite reluctant to make compromises. "Big brother, at least I don't want to get married now!"

He had checked those women the Empress introduced to him. However, he didn't like them at all.

"Fine, there is no hurry, but there is no need for you to decide to become a monk." The Emperor took a step back and he tried to persuade his brother not to be tonsured.

"I will listen to you!" Prince Cheng finally stopped and nodded in agreement.

As regards his brother's matter, just let it be. Looking at Chu Liuzhou and Chu Liuchen, the Emperor said, "You now are old enough. I will ask your Imperial Grandmother to help you select some ladies!"

"Uncle, there is no hurry. I am in poor health so I want to take another two or three years to recuperate my health." Opening his eyes slowly, Chu Liuchen answered as he covered his chest and coughed lightly.

It seemed that Chu Liuchen would get tired even when he talked. Seeing his feeble look, the Emperor was silent for a while and finally nodded. He said softly, "Yes, there is no need for you to get married in a hurry, but you can select some ladies first. You can tell your Imperial Grandmother what kind of ladies you favor."

"I sure appreciate, uncle! I know that!" Chu Liuchen coughed lightly again as he answered gently with his shining and smiling eyes. It seemed that he was in a good mood.

The Emperor took a deep sigh inwardly and clenched his fists in the sleeves. Then he turned to Chu Liuzhou and said, "Please tell your mother to take more care of your marriage."

"Father, I am also in no hurry for it. You know, I am still young and callow." Chu Liuzhou immediately refused.

Since he had heard those words, he was in no mood to select his wife and concubines. He kept telling himself that as the consort selection was a big deal, he must figure out every miss's background and disposition. Otherwise, if women like First Miss Qin married him, he would be smeared by those people.

Prince Zhou thought he must spend more time deliberating his marriage. Before he was told First Miss Qin's stories, he had only focused on a woman's background, asset and family status. Now he found it extremely necessary to include the morality and he couldn't deal with this thing carelessly.

Realizing these two princes were scared, the Emperor knew he had to take it slow. The Empress Dowager and he had decided to help these princes confirm their marriage today, as there might be a year for the imperial palace to prepare betrothal gifts before these princes got married officially.

However, now it seemed that it would be better for him to ask them to decide who they intended to marry later. At least, these princes had enough time to check and consider, since the consort selection was very important, especially when those women they chose would marry into the imperial family and

behave as a positive role model in front of citizens. Thus, they must deal with these things in a very careful way.

The eldest prince was only fifteen and they might be much more mature in a few years.

Thinking in this way, the Emperor slightly changed his mind that he wanted to ask them to hold consort selections now.

Besides, there was no need to hurry these princes to get married. It was much more important for them to select their wives carefully.

The Emperor only thought that his sons and brother were scared by that woman's stories but didn't know he was also imperceptibly influenced by these things and even thought it necessary to rearrange these princes' marriages.

A eunuch came into the imperial study room hurriedly, saying, "Your Majesty, Empress Dowager is asking you to go to her courtyard!"

"Why?" The Emperor replied in an unpleasant way.

"Rui'an Great Elder Princess enters the royal palace and finds Empress Dowager. It seems that she has found the former Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua's daughter," answered the eunuch.

Chu Liuchen's eyelashes fluttered but he still closed his eyes without moving. If unnecessary, he would always look like this in the imperial study room.

"Qinghua and Shao Jiang's daughter?" The Emperor was shocked.

"It seems so, but I don't know the details," the eunuch answered gingerly and didn't dare to say anything wrong.

One had to be extremely careful and prudent when working in the imperial palace because he or she might get killed if the one exaggerated anything.

"Good, let's go there!" After feeling shocked, the Emperor now got pleasant. He was on good terms with Shao Jiang when they were young. Knowing he had a daughter, the Emperor was delighted and stood up immediately.

"Big brother, I shall leave now!" Prince Cheng stood up and said. He was ready to leave the palace.

"So do I." Prince Zhou also stood up and bowed to his father. As the matter seemed to be weird, they both thought they'd better leave first.

"Fine. Chen'er, let's see your Imperial Grandmother," the Emperor said happily.

"Uncle, you can go first and I will catch up with you later." Chu Liuchen opened his eyes and said in a low voice.

"Great. Take your time!" The Emperor agreed and strode outward the study room with his servants.

Prince Cheng and Prince Zhou then left together after the Emperor walked out the door.

Xiao Xuanzi fetched Chu Liuchen's fox-fur robe from a eunuch behind and helped Chu Liuchen put it on. Then he pushed his wheelchair expertly while two eunuchs came to help him raise up the wheelchair as they got close to the threshold. After these two eunuchs put down the wheelchair outside the room gently, Xiao Xuanzi nodded at them smilingly and left when pushing Chu Liuchen's wheelchair.

During this time, the Emperor, Prince Cheng and Prince Zhou had left.

"Your Highness, do you want to take a chariot?" Xiao Xuanzi asked as he was pushing Chu Liuchen's wheelchair.

"No. Just take me there slowly in this way!" Chu Liuchen answered leisurely. Looking up at the sky, he found it was sunny and the gentle breeze was comfortable when Xiao Xuanzi pushed him in his wheelchair. Wrapping himself in the fox-fur robe, he leaned against the chair in a much drowsier manner.

His face was as white as jade. Even though the fox-fur robe was white, his skin was still very light.

"I see. I will bring you there by pushing you in your wheelchair VERY SLOWLY!" Xiao Xuanzi understood his master's meaning and stressed the last two words. He then gesticulated at the rear. Several eunuchs moved backwards and followed them by keeping about ten paces behind them.

Looking back, Xiao Xuanzi was satisfied with the distance between those eunuchs and them. "Your Highness, do they know Second Miss Qin's real identity now?" He lowered his voice and asked as he was pushing the wheelchair.

Chu Liuchen closed his shimmery eyes and made a sound like "hmm" in a very lazy manner. Later, he was so quiet that Xiao Xuanzi even thought his master was asleep. Suddenly, Chu Liuchen said calmly, "It is the best time to disclose the fact that Zhuozhuo is the former Heir of Duke Xing's daughter!"

"How come?" Xiao Xuanzi blinked and said with puzzlement, "Second Miss is still young, and if she returned to Duke Xing's Mansion, people there must conspire against her. Besides, I heard that the one whom Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion likes is First Miss Qin but not Second Miss. I suppose she will not treat Second Miss well in the future."

Since her biological grandmother didn't intend to care about her, Madam of Duke Xing who would be Second Miss's aunt would not show solicitude for her. It could tell that Madam of Duke Xing intended to ruin Shao Yuanhao by spoiling him to the skies from the way that she raised the little master. It was obvious that Madam of Duke Xing was also very sophisticated.

"She is not an idiot who will be controlled by others so easily." Chu Liuchen's mouth curved into a soft smile. Even though he didn't open his eyes, Xiao Xuanzi knew his master was smiling sincerely and had smiling eyes now.

An idea occurred to him. Checking Chu Liuchen's countenance carefully, he ventured to ask, "Your Highness, do you care about Second Miss very much?"

Usually, Xiao Xuanzi didn't dare to say these words, but just thought about this matter in his mind. Since his master now seemed to be in a good mood, Xiao Xuanzi thought he might not be punished even if he said something inappropriate!

"She has my flowers and cat. Thus, if she gets into trouble, my flowers and cat will die."

Chu Liuchen said casually.

Xiao Xuanzi twitched his mouth and, for the first time, he thought his master was stubborn. How could some flowers and a cat be so important?

Although others might not know what kind of person his master was, he knew this very clearly. Flowers? Even though they all belonged to a rare breed, his master would kill them. He had never cherished anyone, not to mention flowers. As regards the cat, it was good, but the one who raised it was not his master.

He would hug his cat if he was in a good mood, but if not, he would throw it away directly. He had never cared about his cat. He just intended to let others think he liked the cat.

He acted as if he really cared about his cat and flowers, but not Second Miss!

If he didn't care about her, why would he have come to the imperial palace so hurriedly? Xiao Xuanzi watched the whole process very carefully. Not only did Prince Cheng and Prince Zhou get scared, the Emperor didn't look good. He must come here to frighten them deliberately.

"Your Highness, you once said you want to let Second Miss marry into our mansion, didn't you?" Xiao Xuanzi didn't dare to tell his master what he was thinking about, and thus, he asked with a smiling face.

"My mansion needs a hostess. She satisfies me basically and at least she is to my liking!" Chu Liuchen said slowly, "Since I choose her, I can't let her be bullied by others. However good Ningyuan Army General's Mansion is, it isn't her biological family and people there don't treat her well enough!"

He said in a very calm and slow manner, which seemed that he was talking about something irrelevant to him. However, Xiao Xuanzi could sense that he was unhappy and thus, he smiled brightly.

"As I said, Second Miss Qin, well, Second Miss Shao is special to my master! Wait, no, according to the family ranking of Duke Xing's Mansion, she doesn't rank second but should rank behind. Since there are four misses in the Duke Xing's Mansion, she should rank fifth there."

"How is the plan arranged yesterday going?"

Hearing his question, Xiao Xuanzi quickly looked serious and said, "Don't worry, your Highness. Everything is on your schedule."

"Hmm!" Chu Liuchen murmured. Then he reclined against the wheelchair and closed his eyes in silence. "Imperial Grandmother's courtyard should be in chaos now."

He didn't want to go there now because those people would make a conclusion later. It seemed that he had to calculate his next move now. Given the situation that Prince Cheng extricated himself from the consort selection with this matter and he was also in no hurry to get married, Chu Liuchen was hesitant and didn't know whether he should engage Qin Wanru to him right now.

He planned to engage Qin Wanru to him before because Imperial Grandmother urged him to get married. Since now there was no need to hurry and they were still young, could he suspend his engagement now?

However, if he suspended this plan, it might be inconvenient for him to get involved in something. Rolling his shimmery eyes, Chu Liuchen thought it might be better for him to engage Qin Wanru to him now. Besides, Qin Wanru was also a clever person and he just needed to give her a hand when she went into action.

Palace of Benevolent Peace where Empress Dowager lived was in chaos now...

### **Chapter 436 The Snatch**

"You want to raise your granddaughter on your own?" Empress Dowager looked at Rui'an Great Elder Princess in surprise. It is generally believed that it was the paternal family who should raise the granddaughter and, besides, it was unreasonable to let the maternal side raise the granddaughter, especially when people of the paternal family were still alive. No matter how Empress Dowager sympathized with Rui'an Great Elder Princess, she now scowled heavily.

Duke Xing's Mansion was an aristocratic family while support from the nobility was the root of the country.

"Empress Dowager, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion dislikes my granddaughter. She even expressed her aversion to Zhuozhuo in front of everyone at that time. Empress Dowager, if, if I, Zhuozhuo's grandmother is unable to back her up, how, how can she survive in Duke Xing's Mansion on her own?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess got red-rimmed eyes as it was exactly how she felt or thought.

"She is an artless and naive girl. All of a sudden, she has to return to Duke Xing's Mansion when she is totally unfamiliar with the place and people there. How can she survive if there is no elder who loves her?"

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion's heart pounded. "Empress Dowager, I didn't know she is my biological granddaughter at that time and that is why I would say those words. I was deceived and I didn't know I got the wrong person. Now since I find my biological granddaughter back, I will do my best to take real good care of her. Empress Dowager, you must support me!" As she answered, she began to wipe away her tears.

She now really regretted that she said those words out of anger because Rui'an Great Elder Princess was pushing her hard at that time. Even though she did hate Qin Wanru, she didn't dare to show her hatred towards Qin Wanru but had to save the situation.

If Empress Dowager allowed Rui'an Great Elder Princess to raise Qin Wanru, the entire Duke Xing's Mansion must be humiliated.

"Empress Dowager, my daughter had been tortured by them and now they want to do the same thing to my granddaughter. She is still very young. I am afraid that if she lived in the Duke Xing's Mansion, she would be driven away or be killed! She has suffered a lot. She has lost her parents at a very young age and been tortured by her vicious adoptive mother in her adoptive father's mansion. Now, she has to live in Duke Xing's Mansion? I don't want her to suffer anymore!"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess cried.

She had been strict with herself and had always appeared delighted in front of Empress Dowager. Even though everyone knew she was solitary and was aware of her suffering, she had always behaved in a tough and strong manner. However, now she couldn't help crying.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion trembled with rage as Rui'an Great Elder Princess indicated that their mansion was going to murder Qin Wanru. She said, "Empress Dowager, it is not our mansion who led to the accident. My son, the former heir, died in the end while he even lost his biological daughter. That is the most thing we don't want to see!"

"Had you not gone hard with my daughter and been partial towards the Second Madam of your mansion, the former Heir of Duke Xing would not have taken my daughter away from your mansion!"

"They didn't inform us when they left. We had sent people to find them. Partial? If I really were partial towards Second Madam, I would have appointed my second son as the Heir of Duke Xing at that time!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was angry.

"Now your second son has become Duke Xing by this means, and the Second Madam has become Madam of Duke Xing! Old Madam, you have always intended to get this position and you even killed my daughter and my son-in-law just to achieve your goal!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess fought back, wiping away her tears. She showed no mercy to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion in front of Empress Dowager.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion didn't expect that Rui'an Great Elder Princess would blindside her in that way and immediately her face turned pale out of anger. She pointed at Great Elder Princess with her trembling fingers and she was too angry to speak.

Even though they had always been on bad terms with each other, they had never directly attacked each other like today. Moreover, according to Rui'an Great Elder Princess's words, if Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion admitted, the whole Duke Xing's Mansion would not be able to bear the responsibility.

"Great Elder Princess, how dare you slander me? The injustice is intolerable! You will pay for that!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion responded quickly while she even felt the pain in her liver because of anger.

"I heard you disliked my daughter and even went hard with her. Since you found your second daughter-in-law unable to marry my son-in-law, you then showed your hatred towards my daughter and even forced my daughter and her husband to leave your mansion. Now, the one who benefits most is your favorite second daughter-in-law. My daughter and her husband both died and they only left me a grandson and a granddaughter. Why are you still unwilling to let go of them?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess shouted as she glared at Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"I will bring my biological granddaughter back to my mansion in any case!"

"Nonsense! Hao'er now lives in your mansion and you still want to take Wanru away from me! The fact is that Infanta Qinghua had married into my mansion but not that my son married into your mansion! You are embarrassing the entire Duke Xing's Mansion! If you want Wanru, then return me Hao'er!"

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was unwilling to compromise on this matter.

Empress Dowager put her hand on her forehead helplessly and leaned back resignedly. They had had a poor relationship with each other for years. It was useless to mediate in their quarrel since they both refused to take a step back.

"The Emperor is coming!" A eunuch's squeaky voice sounded outside.

Hearing the call, Empress Dowager felt a bit relieved. The Emperor finally came. Although it seemed that Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion were arguing about things in the inner courtyard, what they were arguing had been more than that.

Empress Dowager didn't doubt what Rui'an Great Elder Princess said, which had shown hostility toward Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

In the past, as she had not paid attention to this matter, she never considered the possibility of this matter. However, now what Rui'an Great Elder Princess said sounded true. It seemed that Second Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion did gain an extra advantage by this means and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion did show bias in Second Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. Although it sounded like that Second Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion had nothing to do with this matter, she now won the position.

The Emperor once told her that Duke Xing's Mansion presented a memorial to the throne, hoping the Emperor to allow them to appoint the current Duke Xing's First Young Master as the Heir of Duke Xing. In the memorial, Duke Xing's Mansion didn't mention Shao Yuanhao, the former Heir of Duke Xing's biological son at all. Had not the Empress Dowager told the Emperor that Rui'an Great Elder Princess had a little grandson who had a blood right to that title, the Emperor would have agreed them to confer the title of Heir of Duke Xing on another young master.

Since the former Heir of Duke Xing lost his position and his son nearly lost his title, it was obvious that who would benefit from this matter!

When the Emperor strode into the room, Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion immediately knelt down and offered their salute. "Arise," said the Emperor, "Good to see you, mother!" After the Emperor bowed to Empress Dowager, he then took a seat beside.

Several servants also came to help Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion get up. Then they also sat down politely.

"Mother, I heard that Qinghua and Shao Jiang had a daughter who has not been with her family. What is going on?" The instant the Emperor sat down, he asked directly.

"Yes, they did have a daughter who went missing for years. Now we find out that she is Second Miss of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion." Empress Dowager answered with a smile. Actually, she was not sure whether this matter was a good sign.

Were Qin Wanru the Second Miss of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion, her status would still not match her grandson's. However, if Qin Huaiyong still tried hard to get promoted, it would be a good match. Since she was the miss of Duke Xing's Mansion and Rui'an Great Elder Princess's granddaughter now, she had no powerful protector behind even though her status now was able to match her grandson's.

"From Duke Xing's Mansion's attitude, it is obvious that they don't care about this miss. In other words, it is reasonable as Qin Wanru is just a girl but not a boy. If they find her back, they will have to prepare



another dowry. Moreover, since she is the former Heir of Duke Xing's lineal descendant, her dowry must be very elaborate and large."

As regards Rui'an Great Elder Princess, she had no real power actually even though she had this title.

Anyway, Empress Dowager now was unable to tell whether this matter was good or not. Thus, she had to ask about her grandson's opinion when this thing was over.

"Great! Since you find Shao Jiang's daughter, then just take her back!" Although the Emperor felt familiar with the name of this Second Miss of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion, he now didn't want to dwell on it. He smiled and asked, "It is a happy thing, but why do you have a quarrel with each other?"

"Emperor, please allow me to raise my own biological granddaughter because I don't believe Duke Xing's Mansion," Rui'an Great Elder Princess said directly.

"Emperor, if Qin Wanru lives in her mansion, then we will be humiliated!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion also hurried to say.

"Well, just stop quarreling with each other. I now basically understand your issue. Nobody wants to see that tragedy so it is improper to blame each other. Anyway, fortunately, since you now find her back, there is no need for you to fight about it. In my opinion, Qin Wanru can live in Duke Xing's Mansion for a while and if Princess you miss her, you can let her come to your mansion and stay with you."

Seeing they were going to fight about this matter again, Empress Dowager could do nothing but say.

"I sure appreciate, Empress Dowager!" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion felt exalted and hurried to bow and express her thanks to Empress Dowager.

"Empress Dowager, my granddaughter is weak and she has fainted. I still feel worried about her when she has to stay in Duke Xing's Mansion!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess choked with sobs while tears were sliding down her cheeks. She sounded pretty sincere and she even intended to kowtow to Empress Dowager and Emperor by holding her servants besides.

Empress Dowager hurriedly asked a servant to hold her and she said in a much softer way, "Great Elder Princess, Qin Wanru is a daughter of Shao Family after all. It is a bit inappropriate for her to live in your mansion. Don't you think so?"

"Great Elder Princess, you now have Hao'er! If you insist on taking Qin Wanru to your mansion, then what about us?" Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion said to Rui'an Great Elder Princess in an imploring manner. "Great Elder Princess, if you insist on blaming us for the tragedy, I can't stop you. However, since, since Qin Wanru is Jiang'er's biological daughter, Jiang'er would not rest in peace if she were unable to return to her paternal family."

Thinking of her son's look, Old Madam cried bitterly. She had always been proud of her eldest son. He was capable! Had he inherited the title of Duke Xing, the entire mansion must have a bright future! However, he died somewhere because of a woman and even lost his biological daughter!

Seeing Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion crying again, Empress Dowager took a deep sigh and turned to the Emperor. That was why she particularly sent her servant to bring the Emperor here.

Although Rui'an Great Elder Princess was pitiful, it was still inappropriate for Qin Wanru to live in her mansion. However, it was reasonable for Qin Wanru to stay with her for a time. Otherwise, Duke Xing's Mansion would be embarrassed.

"Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, you don't have to feel sad. I will investigate what happened to Shao Jiang that year. If it turns out to be an accident, then just let it go. But if not, I will not let go of the wire-puller! Before I figure out this matter, I think Shao Jiang's daughter had better live in Duke Xing's Mansion and you have to record her as your family member under Shao Jiang's name."

Thinking for a while, the Emperor said. He had to send someone to investigate the death of the former Heir of Duke Xing, Shao Jiang while Duke Xing's Mansion also had to write Shao Jiang's daughter's name down in their genealogy.

Hearing the Emperor's words, Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion immediately stopped quarreling with each other as these two things were very important.

They just heard about Shao Jiang's death from Qin Huaiyong. It was necessary for someone to get to the bottom of Shao Jiang's death.

"I will listen to you!" They answered together. It seemed that they finally reached a consensus on Emperor's arrangement for now.

#### **Chapter 437 Speed Is Precious in a War! Hurry up!**

Qin Wanru had been dreaming.

Every scene of her dreams was disordered and snatchy. The final scene was that Chu Liuchen stared at her when standing in the red imperial palace. Her stiff and contorted body was cut in half and they constituted a weird posture. There was blood everywhere.

However, a voice calling "Zhuzhuo, Zhuzhuo" suddenly sounded in the bloody scene.

It sounded desperate and painful, seeming that the whole world was going to be ruined.

She suddenly sat bolt upright, sweating heavily. She stared at a point in the air and felt everywhere was stained with her blood. The last scene in her dream was the place where she was killed...

"Zhuzhuo, are you okay? Do you feel uncomfortable?" A gentle but anxious voice sounded in her ears. The voice was true. It was different from those voices which sounded desperate and made her blood freeze in her dreams.

Turning her stiff neck, Qin Wanru looked aside and found it was Rui'an Great Elder Princess who looked worried.

"Zhuzhuo, are you okay? Do you need to see an imperial physician? I asked two imperial physicians to come here with me when I entered the imperial palace!"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess reached out and held her hands. Qin Wanru's hands were cold and sweating. When Rui'an Great Elder Princess realized that her granddaughter was sweating in an abnormal way, she looked worried and pale out of anxiety.

Qin Wanru first closed her eyes and then opened them after calming down. When she found where she was, she finally realized that she was not in the inner palace where she was cut in half in her last life and that there was nobody calling her in an extremely desperate way. Her mouth curved into a slightly ironic smile as she remembered what had happened before she lost consciousness.

"Grandma, I am fine. I just remembered something," Qin Wanru answered softly, holding Rui'an Great Elder Princess's hands.

This little girl was in sweat while her hair fell around her shoulder casually with several strands of hair hanging over her forehead which was bedewed with sweat. Her watery and shimmery big eyes made her look much more pitiful. Rui'an Great Elder Princess didn't notice this before and now when she saw her eyes, she felt much sadder as Qin Wanru's eyes did remind her of her daughter. Her eyes were quite like her mother's.

She felt extremely heartbroken when she was watching her eyes.

Taking a towel from a servant girl, Rui'an Great Elder Princess helped Qin Wanru tuck her hair bedewed with sweat behind her ears and wiped away her sweat gently. She said very softly, "Don't worry. I am here with you and nobody will dare to hurt you even though now your family name is Shao. If they mess with you, you can take my name."

Rui'an Great Elder Princess now thought that had she been much stronger, Shao Jiang might have married into their mansion and lived with his bride's family and the tragedy would not have happened. Moreover, her grandson and granddaughter could have taken her family name and it would have seemed that they had nothing to do with the partial and snorty old woman of Duke Xing's Mansion!

Certainly, Rui'an Great Elder Princess felt that it might be quite difficult for the Heir of Duke Xing to be willing to marry into their mansion but maybe he would love to!

However, she could only think about this matter in her mind now.

"Grandma, did my father like writing? Did my mother love planting flowers?" Qin Wanru held Rui'an Great Elder Princess's hand hurriedly and asked anxiously.

"Yes, they did." As Qin Wanru's words reminded her of her daughter and son-in-law, Rui'an Great Elder Princess got red-rimmed eyes. What a good couple they were! They were made for each other. However, why did the crude old woman dislike them? Why did she drive them away and even push them to die in their prime?

Given this point, Rui'an Great Elder Princess knew that she would never live in harmony with Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion all her life.

"Did my father have a scar on his left thumb? Did, did my mother have a little red spot between her eyebrows?" Qin Wanru choked with sobs. Two lives! For the first time, she saw things clearly in her dreams. Was that couple with a little daughter her parents?

"YES! YES! YES! THEY DID! How did you know?" A lump came into Rui'an Great Elder Princess's throat.

It seemed that their voices sounded in her ears and their faces appeared in her sight.

"Grandma, I was dreaming..." answered Qin Wanru, softly with her red-rimmed eyes. The delicate girl just sat on the bed with her tear-stained and sweat-stained face, which made her look quite pitiful.

"My dear!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess suddenly held Qin Wanru in her arms. When she patted on her back lightly, she also began to cry.

She now hated Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion more. Without her, her daughter and son-in-law would not have died and her lovely granddaughter would not have left her family and have suffered a lot in the past. Now she could only meet her parents in her dreams.

She knew she was the polar opposite of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

When Qin Wanru cried silently, she heard Rui'an Great Elder Princess's weeping. Reaching out and patting on Rui'an Great Elder Princess gently, she comforted her softly, "Grandma, I am fine."

In her last life, she didn't find her origin and return to her true family, while Qin Yuru took her identity. Her plan was the same as that in her last life; Duke Xing's Mansion didn't accept her as the former Heir of Duke Xing's biological daughter as Rui'an Great Elder Princess would not care about this kind of ceremony to accept a nominal miss. However, did Qin Yuru do nothing to Rui'an Great Elder Princess?

A trace of darkness flashed upon in her eyes when Rui'an Great Elder Princess didn't notice that.

Even though she was accepted by Duke Xing's Mansion as a nominal miss, she acted in a way that she was the former Heir of Duke Xing's biological daughter, which would definitely convince Rui'an Great Elder Princess that she was her granddaughter. Since Rui'an Great Elder Princess would send people to investigate her, then Qin Yuru must have something which belonged to her in her last life. Although Rui'an Great Elder Princess was dubious, she would think that Qin Yuru was her biological granddaughter to a large extent.

If Qin Yuru said something or did something, Rui'an Great Elder Princess must consider her as her granddaughter. In her last life, Qin Yuru might somehow lead to the matter that Rui'an Great Elder Princess decided to become a nun.

Without Hao'er and Rui'an Great Elder Princess, she could do nothing to save the situation even if she knew who she was in the end.

After Madam of Duke Xing got rid of her family and people she relied on step by step, she then aimed at her in the end.

She suddenly figured out those questions she didn't understand before. Madam of Duke Xing did want to kill her because only in this way could she remove the source of the trouble. However, as she feared that her plan would be so obvious, she chose to implement her vicious plan step by step and pushed her into the hell.

The death of her and all her family members had proved that how malicious Madam of Duke Xing was in her last life!

"Good girl, it is good to know you are fine! I will protect you!" Gently pushing Qin Wanru away, Rui'an Great Elder Princess checked her countenance and found she had stopped crying. Even though she still looked pale and her face was still tear-stained, she smiled, which made people feel heartbroken.

Her smile was so delicate and tender, which made Rui'an Great Elder Princess feel sad. However, fearing that her sadness would be delivered to Qin Wanru, she hurried to answer her when wiping away her tears casually with her handkerchief.

She asked Nanny Gao to bring Qin Wanru a mat and put it behind her. Then she helped Qin Wanru recline on the mat.

Qin Wanru reclined against the mat obediently. Taking her handkerchief from Yujie, she wiped away her tears and asked when looking around, "Grandma, where am I?"

Her question made Rui'an Great Elder Princess look sulky. She scowled and said a little angrily, "Duke Xing's Mansion. I have asked Empress Dowager and Emperor to allow me to raise you in my mansion. However, they said that it is much appropriate for Duke Xing's Mansion to raise you and write your name down their family tree before the Emperor knows the truth of your father's death and whether your father died by accident."

Thinking of this, Rui'an Great Elder Princess regretted that she hadn't let her son-in-law marry into her mansion. Otherwise, she could have the right to raise her biological granddaughter.

She didn't believe people of Duke Xing's Mansion because, in her mind, everyone was malicious there.

"Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion dislikes me, doesn't she? Why does she agree to let me live in Duke Xing's Mansion?" Raising eyebrows, Qin Wanru asked in surprise.

"Well, does she dare to say no? A timid and malicious old woman!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered. Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was a coward! Especially when Qinghua married Shao Jiang, she didn't dare to say no in public even though she disliked Qinghua. However, when Qinghua lived in their mansion, she then began to torture her. Thinking in this way, Rui'an Great Elder Princess felt much more worried.

"Will Wanru be fine in Duke Xing's Mansion? No, I have to send someone to help her here."

"I will send four old maids to you. If someone tries to hurt you, you can ask them to catch the guy and inform me. I will come to you soon and see who dares to bully you!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said angrily.

When Qinghua was alive, she refused her offer. She even didn't know she was bullied in Duke Xing's Mansion because of that! Then as she couldn't bear to stay in Duke Xing's Mansion anymore, she then left.

This time, she would not let them play the same old trick.

"Thank you, grandma." Qin Wanru nodded. In Duke Xing's Mansion, she only had Yujie whom she believed while others didn't stand by her side so she needed to have people on her own side. She would not live in Duke Xing's Mansion for a long time, but just for several days. Thus, she needed to come up with a plan to leave Duke Xing's Mansion first.

She was too young so it was easy for others to handle her.

"Grandma, when will they write my name down the genealogy book?" asked Qin Wanru.

Before she left, she had to make sure that Duke Xing's Mansion wrote her name down the family tree. When she came back, she would take those things they owed her back. However, first she had to defend her honor.

She would let them pay for what they had done to Hao'er and her!

"It should be in the near future." Rui'an Great Elder Princess answered in an unanimated way. The problem related to her granddaughter's family name always reminded her of her regret that she hadn't let her son-in-law live in their mansion. Otherwise, her dear granddaughter was able to take her family name.

"Grandma, can they get faster? Maybe tomorrow? I hope they can open the ancestral temple and write my name down the genealogy book." Thinking for a while, Qin Wanru said. It would be better for her to launch a blitz when asking them to do this thing as fast as possible.

"Tomorrow?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess was shocked.

"Yes, grandma. I'd like to do it as soon as possible." Qin Wanru took Rui'an Great Elder Princess's hands. Her little hands were as pale as jade, which made Rui'an Great Elder Princess feel sad.

"Fine, I will try. If they refused, I will take you home and say that they don't want to write your name down their family tree." Standing up, Rui'an Great Elder Princess replied.

She now was going to confront Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

#### **Chapter 438 Sarcastic! They Were Blood-related!**

When Rui'an Great Elder Princess left, four strong old maids guarded the door.

Since her granddaughter hoped they would finish this task faster, then Duke Xing's Mansion must hurry up. Otherwise, if they wanted a problem, then she would give them one! It was different from what they had reached a consensus on, it would be reasonable for her to say Duke Xing's Mansion was reluctant to accept her biological granddaughter as one of their family member.

Seeing Rui'an Great Elder Princess leaving, Qin Wanru looked at Yujie. The latter then looked at four strong old maids outside the room and found they were obedient and were all standing outside the room. There was a distance between them and the room. It was perfect as they would not hear their conversation in the room while they could protect Qin Wanru.

They were reliable! They knew the drill.

Taking a few steps forward, Yujie lowered her voice and said, "Miss, Qing Yue says that First Miss Qin will marry Childe Di in a month!"

Before Qin Wanru lost her consciousness, she had made sure everything was in order. She had known she would not return to Qin's Mansion when she accomplished this task. Thus, she especially let Old Madam Qin bring Qing Yue here and then asked her to return to Qin's Mansion with Old Madam Qin again with the excuse that she wanted Qing Yue to bring something for her. She also asked Qing Yue to inform her of any message in Qin's Mansion.

Even though she didn't expect that she would black out suddenly, it was fortunate that Yujie and Qing Yue were clever and Qing Yue had delivered messages to them.

"Tell me," Qin Wanru said impassively.

Given the relationship between Di Yan and Qin Yuru, it was hard to imagine that they would marry each other soon. Besides, the whole capital city now should know the matter that Qin Yuru tried to impersonate Rui'an Great Elder Princess's granddaughter. Why did Duke Yong's Mansion still insist on letting Di Yan marry Qin Yuru?

"According to Qing Yue, the general flew into a volcanic rage after he went back to Qin's Mansion. He first reprimanded First Miss Qin and then went to visit Madam Dowager. When he came back, he sent people to invite Duke Yong and Childe Di to come to Qin's Mansion. Nobody knew what they talked about. When they finished the talk, it was very late so general asked people to prepare dinner for them. Childe Di was drunk and went to take a rest. When First Miss knew that, she came to him with hangover remedy. Then, they spent the night together."

Yujie said in a low voice.

It was totally a scandal, which led to a disorder in Qin's Mansion. The general was to break off the engagement with Duke Yong's Mansion. Now it was obvious that they could not cancel the engagement but even had to let them get married as soon as possible.

"Miss, you might be surprised that Childe Di even slapped First Miss Qin in her face when he left and said that she did it deliberately." Yujie continued to say, chuckling.

She felt delighted as she finally found First Miss Qin who had always tried to plot against her miss now was extremely embarrassed.

So she set a trap for Di Yan to force him to marry her? When Di Yan was sober, he must know he was totally on the hook. Di Yan must slap her in the face out of rage and of hatred!

However, usually Qin Yuru would be grounded if she did something wrong. However, it was quite dubious for her to be able to bring hangover drugs to Di Yan.

It seemed that Duke Yong's Mansion bit the bullet and promised to let Di Yan marry Qin Yuru.

On the one hand, Qin Yuru had spent a night with Di Yan together. On the other hand, it must be Qin Huaiyong who dominated this event.

Given the current situation, it was the best end-result for Qin Yuru!

In her last life, Qin Huaiyong had never given her a hand when she was involved in troubles. This time, when Qin Yuru got into troubles, Qin Huaiyong then tried his best to help her. They were blood-related! A trace of coldness appeared in her eyes while her long eyelashes fluttered, overshadowing her eyes.

Paused, Qin Wanru raised her head and asked, "Is there any rumor about the event which happened in Prince Cheng's Mansion?" Yujie passed her a cup of tea and she sipped.

The temperature of tea was perfect and even made people feel warm. After taking a sip of tea, she felt her hands and feet bedewed with sweat were getting warm again. Then she took another sip of tea and passed the cup to Yujie.

"Yes. According to Qing Yue, the whole city today now knows the event. Well, exactly, it is spread out yesterday evening. Since First Miss got hurt and saved Third Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, the saying was still tactful. However, today, rumors about First Miss Qin are spreading everywhere! Some people say that how dare she seduce Prince Cheng when she has been engaged while others say that she took another girl's identity and tried to become the lineal miss of Duke Xing's Mansion."

Yujie replied in a very pleasant way.

It was Qu Le who told her in the morning. Qin Wanru sent Qu Le to spread rumors earlier this morning for even though someone intended to stop her, it was too late.

Qin Wanru smiled. She was pretty, so even though she now was a bit tired and weak, she still looked charming. Although she was young, she was like a peerless beauty now.

"Where is Qu Le now?"

"As you ordered before, I asked Qu Le to send gifts to Third Madam when she came back and let her tell Third Madam that it was from Madam Dowager to apologize to her for First Miss Qin's mistake."

Yujie responded gently.

Before Qin Wanru lost her consciousness, she had told her servant girls that they had to make sure everything was in order, even though she fainted. Thus, not long after Qin Wanru blacked out, Qu Le went directly to send gifts to Third Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and Madam of Duke Xing were both in the Flower Hall and nobody would care about the things of inner courtyard. Thus, nobody would expect that Qin Wanru would send people to find Third Madam who got hurt.

The timing was perfect. When the drama was on in the flower hall, the inner courtyard knew nothing about that. Third Madam's servant girl seemed to not know what happened in the flower hall.

As for why they didn't send gifts to Third Madam yesterday, it was because someone stopped them by saying that Third Madam was too weak to be able to meet them. Thus, they supposed she would be better today, then they sent Qu Le to visit this Third Madam.

During their talk, Qu Le was back. Those four old maids at the entrance quickly stopped her.

"I want to see my miss." Rolling her eyes, Qu Le answered with a smile as she thought these four old maids served Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

Since they now were in Duke Xing's Mansion, they could not offend this Old Madam.

Hearing there was a noise at the door, Yujie came out. When she found it was Qu Le, she hurriedly talked to two of these old maids with a smile, "Could you please allow Qu Le, my miss's private servant girl, to come in? She is asked to bring some clothes for my miss and she is a bit late!"



Knowing she was Qin Wanru's private servant girl, these old maids quickly made way for her.

When Qu Le came in, she hurriedly went to Yujie and asked anxiously while walking into the room, "Does our miss wake up?"

Qu Le asked when she walked. Since she now knew her father's identity, she cared about Qin Wanru much more. As her father also served this family before, she would also do her best to serve this family.

"Don't worry! Miss is awake." Yujie smiled and then they both entered the inner room.

When she saw Qin Wanru sitting on the bed in good condition, she felt relieved because her miss looked good even though her face was paler than usual. Taking a step forward, she bowed to Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru waved her hand to let her get up.

"Have you seen Third Madam?" When Qu Le stood up, Qin Wanru asked.

"Don't worry. I have seen her and told her what you asked me to say. She is hurt badly. She not only gets hurt because of the impact of the terrible collision, but even broke her arm. Thus, she needs to take a rest for a time. Third Miss Shao and Fourth Miss Shao were there. When they saw me, they were extremely angry."

Actually, without Third Madam Shao's words, Third Miss Shao who seemed to have a bad temper would have hit her.

Third Madam Shao had two daughters and they were her biological daughters.

"What did Third Madam say when you said that you want the carriage?" Qin Wanru smiled as she had guessed how Third Madam Shao would react.

Although it was said that Qin Yuru's carriage collided with Third Madam's and Qin Yuru even tried to save her. However, Third Madam was clear about the truth. Given Qin Yuru's nature, she would not save Third Madam but would feel relieved when knowing she was fine.

Although it seemed that she did try to save her, it was just a formality. There were servant girls and old maids with Third Madam and how could they let Qin Yuru alone come to save their madam. Given Qin Yuru's neck, it was obvious that she could not meet anyone. Even though Qin Yuru who had a stiff neck, had a plan to pretend to save Third Madam, she would not implement it actually.

It was real for her to hide and look on aside.

It was definitely not an accident yesterday. Because of the event of Prince Cheng's Mansion, Qin Yuru was forced to come up with an idea. How could she figure one out so quickly? She must tell something to Duke Xing's Mansion while Third Madam was plotted against by Madam of Duke Xing coincidentally.

The fact should be that this Third Madam intended to go outside while Madam of Duke Xing did something to her, which made her carriage happen to collide with Qin Yuru's and even let Third Madam get hurt. Qin Yuru must have known these things would happen.

She could know that from Qin Yuru's carriage.

As regards the clue, Qin Wanru then left it to Third Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"I told her that First Miss Qin left Duke Xing's Mansion in a hurry by taking Madam Dowager's carriage. Thus, she wanted her carriage back. I said that I hope Third Madam can allow me to finish this task and get the carriage back while I can let the coachman drive it back to Qin's Mansion. Although Third Madam said nothing, Third Miss Shao refused and said they had to investigate the accident with the carriage. Then I begged her to let me take the carriage back for several times, and Third Miss was much more determined that she would not let me take the carriage."

Qu Le adored her miss much.

The reason why Third Miss refused her suggestion for the first time was that she, as a servant of Qin's Mansion didn't apologize to Third Madam as soon as possible while First Miss Qin hit her. However, since she kept begging them to allow her to take the carriage back, Third Miss felt doubtful and even Third Madam who was lying on the bed also looked at her in a very suspicious way.

She now had let Third Madam pay attention to the carriage so nobody could get that carriage.

How clever her miss was! She just sent First Miss Qin's carriage to Third Madam Shao by this means.

Things in the carriage could prove that someone planned this "accident" that First Miss Qin's carriage collided with Third Madam Shao's. The fact that First Miss Qin tried to impersonate the lineal miss of Duke Xing's Mansion indicated that someone sent First Miss Qin to Duke Xing's Mansion deliberately. The saying that First Miss Qin saved Third Madam Shao also proved this.

The sequence and flow of events had been carefully laid out. These things were used to prove First Miss Qin was a lineal miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. But now, with these pieces of evidence, those malicious plans would be proven.

The carriage played a very important role in this plan...

#### **Chapter 439 Stained Clothes Could Not Be Worn**

Qin Yuru's carriage had been left in Duke Xing's Mansion, which was a flaw left here!

At that time, after Qin Yuru's true feature had been revealed, all the people of Qin's Mansion left. Old Madam had come on her own carriage. In that case, she naturally had no face to stay in Duke Xing's Mansion, so Old Madam definitely took Qin Yuru to leave together on her own carriage. At that moment, no one would care about the carriage that Qin Yuru had taken to come here before.

Of course, even if she had thought of the carriage, she would not have the face to mention the previous one.

That carriage would be bound to leave in Duke Xing's Mansion. This was another reason why Qin Wanru had asked Old Madam Qin to come here. She could take away Qin Yuru, whose true feature had been exposed at that time.

Everything had been closely linked, and Qin Wanru had almost anticipated all the people's reactions. Then the next thing to do was to send this carriage to the third branch of Duke Xing's Mansion.

Third Madam Shao had been badly injured and could not get up until now, which meant that she had not conspired with Qin Yuru and Madam of Duke Xing. In other words, she had been injured by Qin Yuru

and Madam of Duke Xing. In addition, there were rumors that Qin Yuru was said to have saved Third Madam Shao.

Even if it was really an accident, the third branch of Shao's Mansion could not calmly accept this, not to mention that there might be some scheme to be found out.

Qin Wanru was seizing the opportunity. Madam of Duke Xing would be so busy to deal with troubles that she would have time to plot against her or could not plan carefully in a hurry. She knew that Madam of Duke Xing would take action before she had a firm foothold in Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Who is there?" Suddenly, an old maid's voice came from outside.

"I come to send clothes to Second Miss," a servant girl said timidly.

The old maid looked up and down at the two servant girls and then she looked at the clothes and ornaments in the tray in their hands. She did not find anything strange, so she let them in.

Two servant girls came in one after the other.

When she saw Qin Wanru leaning against the bed in the room, the servant girl hurriedly went up to salute her and said, "Dear Fifth Miss."

There were four Young Misses in Duke Xing's Mansion, and they were all older than Qin Wanru. In this way, Qin Wanru was the Fifth Miss Shao in Shao's Mansion.

Qin Wanru had not been officially recorded in the Shao pedigree yet, but everyone knew that this was just a matter of time. Everyone in the mansion calling her in this way first was also to make a good impression on Qin Wanru.

"What's the matter?" Qin Wanru asked calmly.

"Hearing that Miss woken up, Madam asked me to send Fifth Miss some clean clothes," the leading servant girl answered respectfully. There were several pieces of clothes on the tray in her hands, and they were all new.

The latter servant girl held a smaller tray in her hands, on which there were three exquisite jewelry boxes. Obviously they were some accessories.

Yujie answered, "Our Miss has brought her own clothes!"

"Our Madam says that Fifth Miss is the Miss of lineal descent in our mansion. This is a different status, so she naturally needs to wear some new clothes. These clothes were taken directly from the tailor shop by our Madam according to Miss's figure. That shop is the best one in the capital city."

The servant girl answered.

"How could she get ready-made clothes so quickly?" Qin Wanru was secretly shocked. It could almost be said that after she had exposed Qin Yuru and spoiled the plan made by Madam of Duke Xing, Madam of Duke Xing immediately danced to another tune and prepared ready-made clothes for her. All these happened at a very fast speed.

"Thank your Madam for me!" Qin Wanru said softly.

Although people in Duke Xing's Mansion called her Fifth Miss because of politeness, she did not have to call Madam of Duke Xing "Second Aunt" first!

"Yes, I'll leave!" The two servant girls handed the trays in their hands to Yujie and Qu Le respectively and left.

Seeing the two servant girls disappear at the door, Qin Wanru frowned slightly and turned to look at the two trays of clothes and accessories.

Yujie put the tray on the table, took out a piece of clothes from it and shook to unfold it. Even though she had prepared mentally, when she saw the embroidery pattern on it, she could not help but praise it.

It was a beautiful set of clothes with pale pinkish purple, which was also in line with Qin Wanru's usual style of dressing. The yellow flowers dotted on the corner of the skirt formed an uneven lace pattern, which made people feel that it had a girlish cuteness. It was indeed the style that the young girls liked at the moment.

The next several sets were all like this.

There were four sets of clothes in total. Each of them was extremely beautiful, and the size was suitable.

For some women who were good at making clothes, they could make clothes with almost perfect sizes only by taking a few glances. There must be some women who were skilled at making clothes and working for Madam of Duke Xing. Such women had seen Qin Wanru before, so they could pick out such appropriate ready-made clothes.

"What about the clothes I wore before?" Qin Wanru frowned and asked.

"These... should be in the previous courtyard!" Yujie hesitated for a moment and said. After coming here, they had lived in the courtyard near the Chuihua Gate with Qin Yuru. Now they were still in the wing room near the flower hall.

However, this was only a temporary place to rest. After all, they could not really live here.

"Let's go back first." Qin Wanru lifted the quilt and got out of bed. Qu Le came over and crouched down to help her put shoes on.

Qin Wanru stood up straight with Yujie's help. She composed herself and felt that her condition was not bad, so she nodded to the two servant girls.

There was nothing else in the room that needed packing up. The master and two servants just took the two trays of gifts and went out.

Seeing Qin Wanru coming out, the four old maids saluted to Qin Wanru in a hurry, and then followed Qin Wanru to the inner courtyard.

Now all the people in Duke Xing's Mansion knew that the Second Miss Qin was the daughter of the former heir of Duke Xing. Those who saw them on the way would naturally step aside to salute her.

Qin Wanru together with a group of people stepped into Chuihua Gate and came to the yard where they had lived before.

When she pushed the courtyard door open, she saw a few old maids and servant girls who were tidying up in the courtyard. She was immediately stunned, because there had been no servants in the courtyard when she had left.

"Fifth Miss, why do you come back?" An old maid in charge came over in a hurry and asked in surprise.

"Shouldn't I come back?" Qin Wanru asked softly.

"This is just a guest yard. How can we let Fifth Miss live here? Madam has arranged another place for Fifth Miss to live. I'll take you there right now," the old maid in charge said enthusiastically to flatter her.

"Madam of Duke Xing has already prepared a courtyard for me?" Qin Wanru's expression became strange.

"Yes, she has been prepared it early. This guest yard is so shabby that we cannot let Fifth Miss live here. Fifth Miss, please come with me."

"Yujie, take the clothes that we brought before!" Since everything had already been arranged in a reasonable manner, it was obviously not convenient for Qin Wanru to refuse, so she ordered Yujie at once.

Two old maids from Great Elder Princess's Mansion took the trays from Yujie and Qu Le, and politely retreated behind them.

"Do you still have clothes left here, Fifth Miss?" The face of the old maid in charge turned pale with shock, and it was obvious that something bad had happened.

"Our Miss comes here to accompany First Miss, so she naturally brought clothes here," Qu Le said unhappily.

The old maid in charge started panicking. She pointed to somewhere and said anxiously, "We come to clean up the courtyard and find some clothes. We think they belong to the First Miss of Qin's Mansion, so we throw them out. We do not know that Fifth Miss's clothes are also in them. Please forgive us!"

Everyone looked over in the direction of her finger. When they saw the pile of clothes clearly, Yujie's face turned pale with anger.

It was indeed the clothes that Qin Wanru had brought to Duke Xing's Mansion before. The clothes had been wrapped in a package, but now a few corners of the package were torn. The package was thrown in disorder and the clothes and other things inside also fell out.

The people in the courtyard were cleaning. It was unknown whether it was because they thought that these were Qin Yuru's clothes. No one cared about those clothes and they got wet from the water used for cleaning up, which made them look like a pile of garbage.

Seeing that things were not going well, the old maid in charge rushed over and did not dare to open the package directly. She just stuffed the clothes that had fallen outside into the package and said in a hurry, "Fifth Miss, I do not know that this is yours. Fortunately, it is only a little wet now. Everything inside should be fine and can still be used."

After stuffing all the clothes into the package, the old maid in charge came over with a sad face and carried several packages. Looking at the old maid's hands, which seemed to be stained with dirty water in cleaning, Yujie's face turned livid.

She stretched out to pull the packages from the old maid's hands. Looking at the few big black handprints on them, she was so angry that she could not say a word.

She knew that the clothes and other things inside had been stained with no need to look inside.

"Are you airhead? When our miss came yesterday, she said that she would live here." Yujie's face changed out of anger.

Qin Wanru's eyes fell on the supervisor's face. Although the old maid looked respectful and a little panic on her face, her eyes were very flexible and she was a clever old maid at first glance. Then Qin Wanru looked at the helpless servants in the courtyard with the corners of lips slightly raised.

Sure enough, the trouble was waiting for her here.

"Where is the newly arranged yard?" Qin Wanru narrowed her eyes with a trace of coldness flashing in her shiny eyes.

"Yes, yes, I'll take you there right now!" Seeing that Qin Wanru did not pursue the matter anymore, the old maid in charge flattered her excitedly and then led the way in front of her.

Qin Wanru turned around and followed her calmly.

"Miss!" Yujie stamped her feet angrily. She felt that Qin Wanru should not generously let this old maid leave.

"Let me take a rest first. I am tired!" Qin Wanru reached out to touch her head, and then closed her eyes.

Seeing that she was so weak, Yujie dared not to make any more trouble. She quickly reached out to hold her and followed the old maid in charge of the inner courtyard in a hurry.

It seemed that this time the yard would not be next to the entrance of Chuihua Gate.

She was also very curious about another courtyard that Madam of Duke Xing had prepared for her. To judge from the old maid's words, the new courtyard was not a yard for guests but a yard that had been prepared early. Was it because of Qin Yuru?

In her last life, she had heard that Qin Yuru's courtyard in Duke Xing's Mansion was beautiful and magnificent. It had been said that it was one of the main courtyards of Duke Xing's Mansion. She did not know whether it was the one where Qin Yuru had lived in the last life. If so, she knew something about it!

#### **Chapter 440 Mighty Rui'an Great Elder Princess**

The three bright characters at the entrance of the "Qu Huan Courtyard" were extremely quaint and natural. At a glance, you can see the strength of the calligraphy.

Standing at the door, she looked at the size of the courtyard, which was about half larger than that of Old Madam Qin when she was in Qin's Mansion. She could tell that this was one of the main courtyards.

"Who originally lived here?" Qin Wanru asked after standing still.

"Nobody lived here before. They originally wanted to arrange for First Miss to live here, but First Miss didn't like to be too far away from Madam. So this yard is vacant." The old maid in charge explained cleverly.

Qin Wanru walked into the yard, and there were two servant girls in the yard. When they saw Qin Wanru coming in, they hurriedly saluted.

A group of people walked to the open main house and entered the house, where they saw exquisite mahogany furniture and carved cases.

Qin Wanru had also been to Duke Yong's Mansion before, and felt that the layout in front of her was almost the same as that of Old Madam in the Duke Yong's Mansion.

Although Duke Yong's Mansion had fallen, the house of Old Madam of Duke Yong was very well decorated. And it was not something that ordinary people could arrange.

The layout of Old Madam Qin's house was also the best in the entire Qin's Mansion. But many things were newly bought. There were very few things that can only be taken out from the aristocratic family which had hundreds of years. But the set of mahogany furniture in front of her and other layout in this room were all elaborate and had ancient charm.

This was not an ordinary yard.

It was also not like the courtyard where Qin Yuru lived in the last life. The house was so magnificent and fine-decorated. It was definitely the real master of Duke Xing's Mansion who could live in it. She looked at the curtains hanging on both sides, and the hanging screen made by round pearls at the door. Qin Wanru raised her eyebrows.

She actually knew there was such a yard.

The person who lived in the courtyard in the last life was not Qin Yuru but the First Young Master of Duke Xing's Mansion, who was also the heir of a duke later. The reason why she remembered so clearly was that once a time Qin Yuru came back angrily. Her face was slapped. She was scolding people while saying the name of Qu Huan Courtyard.

At that time, Qin Wanru happened to meet her at the intersection and was pushed down to the ground by Qin Yuru rudely and reprimanded by her fiercely. Her words contained the name of Qu Huan Courtyard frequently.

First Young Master Shao, Shao Hua'an's yard, but now it had not been his! This should be the wedding room prepared for Shao Hua'an. In the last life, the person who slapped Qin Yuru was the wife of the First Young Master Shao. But it was not clear why she would have a conflict with Qin Yuru and even slapped her.

It was really generous for Madam of Duke Xing to give the yard which was arranged for Shao Hua'an to get married to her.

This behavior was unblamable even as the grandmother!

Stepping inside, she sat down on the chair in the middle, and the old maids in the princess's house placed the tray on the table at the door and politely retreated.

The old maid of Duke Xing's Mansion pointed at the layout inside the house with a smile. "Fifth Miss, these are all arranged by our Madam. Many of them are taken from the dowry of our Madam. We hope you can like them!"

"These are good. I like them very much!" Qin Wanru nodded and said softly.

The faces of Yujie and Qu Le also looked better. And they were no longer irritated by the matter about clothes just now.

No matter how they looked at it, this yard was not of the same grade as the former temporary yard. From this they could also see the sincerity of Madam of Duke Xing.

"You can go back first." Qin Wanru waved her hands and said.

"Yes, I will retreat right now. The supervisor old maid in charge of this yard will report to Fifth Miss later." The supervisor old maid smiled and said. Then she saluted to Qin Wanru and reported to retreat.

Seeing the old maid in charge leaving, the arch eyebrows of Qin Wanru deeply frowned.

Madam of Duke Xing would be so kind as to give the courtyard that she prepared for her son to her early? It was impossible even if she wanted to show it to her grandmother!

Considering Madam of Duke Xing's personality, she was not like the person who would do such a thing!

But if not, why did she give such a yard to her? But since she had given her, Qin Wanru could naturally live in it and after that Madam of Duke Xing could no longer blatantly snatch it from her.

There were contradictions that made people very uneasy.

Although Qin Yuru lived well in the last life, it was not here. In this life, things had changed, and she became the Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. And she even lived better. This was not compensation!

Qin Wanru could be sure of this. In the last life, Qin Yuru lived in the courtyard where she could live for a long time. Although it was very good for outsiders, it was ordinary for the people from Duke Xing's Mansion.

As Qin Yuru's identity at that time, it was best to live like this.

But now she lived here, almost robbing the residence of the son of Madam of Duke Xing. This kind of residence should be picked for a long time. It would be constructed early and arranged a bit by a bit. It could not be arranged like this without several years of effort.

After spending so much effort, how could Madam of Duke Xing watch her living in it?

Another thing that made Qin Wanru doubtful was the First Young Master of Duke Xing's Mansion. Looking at this way, he would inherit the position of the heir of Duke Xing's Mansion, and living in such a courtyard also matched his identity.



What did it mean for her to live in it? Would this make others doubt the position of heir of a duke of Shao Hua'an?

If this yard was just gorgeous and splendid, Madam of Duke Xing would be able to endure it. But if others would doubt the position of heir of a duke that First Young Master would get, Madam of Duke Xing would never endure it.

There must be another reason.

"Miss, you can't wear any of these clothes!" Qu Le's voice came over, and it sounded very angry. Qin Wanru hid her thoughts and looked at Qu Le.

Seeing the clothes shaken out on the table, she stood up and walked over.

"Miss, the clothes bag has not been opened, but the clothes can hardly be worn, and there are stains on all of them."

Yujie also helped her to tidy them up. When she shook off a piece of clothing, she said that how such clothes could still be worn.

Qin Wanru did not take many clothes. She only took three sets because she didn't plan to stay here for a long time.

Picking up the clothes in Yujie's hands and looking at it, she found there were large and small water stains. And then she thought about the cleaning in the yard just now. The stains on the clothes were definitely dirty.

"Fortunately, a few sets of clothes have been sent here before. Otherwise, Miss would have no clothes to wear now!" Qu Le grumbled unwillingly.

Qin Wanru's heart missed a beat. The clothes that had been prepared long ago? The clothes that she could not wear in front of her now?

There must be something special in it...

"Tomorrow she will recognize the ancestors?! That would be too anxious!" Old Madam was sitting in the house. Her brow furrowed tightly, and she did not look happy.

She didn't sit in the first place. She just sat on the left side of the house, and on the right sat the Rui'an Great Elder Princess, who ignored the courtesy.

Between them there was a tea table, on which there were tea cups and dim sums. It seemed to be peaceful. However, the atmosphere in the house was tight. Rui'an Great Elder Princess's face was cold and she looked at Old Madam with sharp sight.

Maybe it was because that her husband had passed away early, Rui'an Great Elder Princess tended to be sharper on her manner than other women. At this time, she stiffened her face which made others feel her coldness between her eyes and eyebrows. The crowd of servants in Duke Xing Old Madam's room all squatted quietly, and they did not dare to breathe.

As for the imposing manner, Old Madam was far behind Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"If you don't recognize Zhuozhuo tomorrow, I will take her away so that it could save your time for finding various reasons to doubt Zhuozhuo's identity." Rui'an Great Elder Princess impolitely stared at Old Madam and said.

She meant that if there were a disagreement, she would take her away and things would be pushed to Duke Xing's Mansion.

Old Madam was very unhappy, and her face had been somber since Rui'an Great Elder Princess entered the door. "Great Elder Princess, Wanru is the granddaughter in our mansion. How could we let her go with Great Elder Princess?! If Great Elder Princess really wants her, please let Hao'er come back."

"Hao'er doesn't want to come back. He still wants to live with me!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess directly refused.

She said that she just took him to her place. Within a few years, she had no idea to let Hao'er come back. Duke Xing's Mansion had no good intentions for Hao'er, nor did they send anyone to teach him carefully. In that case, she would find someone to teach him.

"Great Elder Princess, this is unreasonable!" Old Madam's face grew darker.

"There are more unreasonable things in your mansion. Just take Madam of Duke Xing in your mansion as an example. She has her parents but was raised in your mansion early. She decided to marry to my son-in-law but she did not and she marries to the present Duke Xing. I don't know whether it is elegant or unreasonable if I tell it out?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered. She had a distinguished status, and now she had nothing to care much about, so she naturally said what she thought.

The words made the face of Old Madam become red, blue, and pale...

Speaking of this kind of thing, of course, the entire Duke Xing's Mansion was embarrassed. At first, she meant that the current Madam of Duke Xing should marry her eldest son. She didn't expect her eldest son to ask for a marriage. So she had to let her marry her second son.

Speaking of this matter, it was also a secret in Duke Xing's Mansion. Linking to the two brothers would damage her reputation. But at the time, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was so angry. She let Madam of Duke Xing marry her second son because she wanted to make Infanta Qinghua angry.

To be honest, this matter was extremely disrespectful and unruly. If it broke out, the entire Duke Xing's Mansion would also be embarrassed. Especially at this critical time, Duke Xing's Mansion's reputation could not be destroyed.

"Okay, just as what Great Elder Princess says. But if it is in a hurry, the courtesy might not be good enough. And the number of people invited may not be enough!" Old Madam gritted her teeth and her attitude softened.

It was a big event to be recorded in the genealogy, especially Qin Wanru's biological father was Shao Jiang, who was the former heir of a duke of Duke Xing's Mansion. Qin Wanru's returning represented the fact that Shao Jiang did not only have a disobedient young son but also a daughter.

For so many years, Duke Xing's Mansion had been blurring the existence of Shao Yuanhao. But the emergence of Qin Wanru nowadays made them unable to blur the existence of the generation of the former heir of a duke.

"That would bother Old Madam!" Since the goal was achieved, Rui'an Great Elder Princess's face became soft.

Next were the two discussing whom they should invite tomorrow, what to prepare, and the impolite requirements of Rui'an Great Elder Princess to watch the courtesy...