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Chapter 441 The Investigation of the Third Branch

While Old Madam and Rui'an Great Elder Princess were arguing, Madam of Duke Xing was waiting in the wing room beside. After Rui'an Great Elder Princess entered the door, she, who was having a conversation with Old Madam, was sent out.

Their conversation was interrupted, and she could only step aside.

Sitting in the wing room and waiting, Madam of Duke Xing showed a trace of ferociousness and unwillingness on her face from time to time. She was just a step away from achieving her goal.

If Qin Yuru took Qin Wanru's place and entered Duke Xing's Mansion, she could make her do anything she wanted in the future, and Shao Yuanhao would be under her control. Even if Shao Yuanhao died, Rui'an Great Elder Princess would not make a last desperate effort to fight against Duke Xing's Mansion. After all, the suspected daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing's Mansion was still in Duke Xing's Mansion, wasn't she?

But now her plan was ruined by Qin Wanru. Madam of Duke Xing was sure that it must have something to do with Qin Wanru.

The reason for the visit of the middle-aged couple arranged by her was to make Qin Wanru's identity doubted. As soon as Qin Yuru's identity was doubted, Madam of Duke Xing released the couple so that they could claim that Qin Wanru was their daughter and thus to make it impossible for Qin Wanru to be related to the former Heir of Duke Xing.

It didn't matter that Qin Yuru was not the "daughter" of the former Heir of Duke Xing, but it couldn't be Qin Wanru.

However, it happened all of a sudden, and she wasn't fully prepared. The middle-aged couple wasn't supposed to come out to testify against Qin Wanru at this time. Thus, she failed on the verge of success.

Madam of Duke Xing didn't worry that the couple would give up her name, because she had sent someone to secretly contact them and ask them to pretend to be Qin Wanru's parents, and she had sent the person away recently. She didn't worry that the couple would testify against her.

Nanny Sheng pushed the door open and walked into the room quietly.

"How is it going?" Madam of Duke Xing clenched her fists and asked in a low voice.

"Rest assured, Madam. The clothes in the yard have been thrown away, and the clothes she brought have been too dirty to wear. The First Miss Qin had lived there, and everyone knows that those clothes belong to her. So it's reasonable to directly throw them out for washing," Nanny Sheng said.

"Didn't she doubt it?" Madam of Duke Xing asked after hesitating for a moment. The girl was cunning, so she had to make sure of it.

"She didn't doubt it. The First Miss of Qin's Mansion pretended to be the Young Lady of our mansion. The servants in our mansion have issues with her, so it's reasonable for them to throw out her package

at will. The old maid in charge has reported that she just asked about her clothes casually and then gave it up. Madam, you've given her some clothes, so she wouldn't really argue with us for a few clothes."

Nanny Sheng comforted Madam of Duke Xing. She had been serving Madam of Duke Xing since Madam of Duke Xing lived in Duke Xing's Mansion. Thus, she could naturally tell that Madam of Duke Xing was very uneasy and not as steady and decent as before.

"I'm not afraid that she will argue with us, but that she will turn to that person and then that person will argue with Old Madam again." Madam of Duke Xing sighed and looked towards the main room.

Nanny Sheng knew that she was talking about Rui'an Great Elder Princess. In this mansion, no one dared to mess with Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

In the past, although they didn't get along well with each other, at least they still maintained a peaceful relationship on the surface or simply avoided meeting each other. But now Great Elder Princess seemed to be watching Duke Xing's Mansion. Even a slight contradiction could lead to something terrible.

Incapable of winning in the argument, she was helpless.

Seeing that Madam of Duke Xing still frowned, Nanny Sheng fell silent for a moment and then said with a smile, "Madam, it's still not too late. If something really happens and is seen by so many people, it'll have nothing to do with you, and no matter how hard Rui'an Great Elder Princess tries to argue, she's alone. Although she's Great Elder Princess, she couldn't convince everyone."

"That's the only way. Have they got ready?" Madam of Duke Xing blinked, and said in an increasingly low voice.

There was no one else in the room except for her and Nanny Sheng, so her voice sounded low and weird.

"Rest assured, Madam. Everything has been arranged properly. After we fulfill the plan, we will find a husband for cousin Miss in the area south of the Yangtze River. It's far away from here, so no one will find out what has happened to cousin Miss. Moreover, even if someone finds out about it, it'll be no big deal with you as cousin Miss's backing!" Nanny Sheng comforted her with a smile.

"Will there be any accident?" Madam of Duke Xing kept feeling uneasy.

"Madam, it will be fine. No matter how smart she is, it is impossible for her to realize our plan this time." Nanny Sheng pointed at Qu Huan Yard and said.

"I hope so! This girl can't stay here, otherwise she will cause big trouble!" Madam of Duke Xing said with a gloomy face. Part of the sunlight from outside shone on her face through the window, making her face half bright and half dark. She looked extremely unsightly with a trace of weirdness on her delicate face.

"Madam, rest assured. Nothing will go wrong this time. She has just come to our mansion. Despite the two maids who can testify for her, no one will believe anything she says. Under the watchful eyes of everyone, can Rui'an Great Elder Princess say anything about it? As an aristocratic family, even if we spare her life, we'll make her spend her lifetime in a temple from now on."

Nanny Sheng gnashed her teeth and said.

"Okay, make it more elaborate. We must avoid any accidents." Madam of Duke Xing was satisfied, but still instructed Nanny Sheng.

She had set up a lot of things, and they seldom went wrong. But now things went wrong one after another, so she did not have much confidence in herself and worried that there would be another accident at the end.

"Madam, rest assured." Nanny Sheng nodded and left. When walking to the door, she asked two little maids to pay attention to Madam of Duke Xing's deeds, and then turned around and hurried to somewhere in the inner courtyard.

In the most remote corner of the mansion, there was a small yard where cousin Miss Wang Yishu lived. With not many servants, this corner looked a little desolate.

As Nanny Sheng entered the main room, a maid came over and lifted the curtain to let Nanny Sheng get in. After walking inside and seeing Wang Yishu lying on the bed with a pale face, Nanny Sheng hurriedly said with a flattering smile, "Cousin Miss, have you got better?"

Wang Yishu coughed in a low voice and covered her mouth with a handkerchief. It could be seen from her pale face that she was in poor health. She said, "Thank you for your concern. There's nothing serious now. The doctor said that I just need to nurse my body well!"

"That's good. Madam would be relieved to know that," Nanny Sheng said as she looked around.

"Are you looking for my brother, Nanny?" Wang Yishu said in a hoarse voice. If someone were here, he would definitely find that Miss Wang, who was in her blooming season, looked completely different from the girl she had been before. Her pale and dark face made her seem to be several years older all at once.

"Yes, has cousin young master come?" Nanny Sheng nodded and smiled. She reached out to pull a chair over, sat down in front of the bed and then waved.

Wang Yishu's maids looked timidly at Wang Yishu.

"All of you may leave now. I have something to talk with your Miss," Nanny Sheng said impatiently with a straight face.

The maids didn't dare to hesitate and hurriedly left. They had been treated coldly these days in Duke Xing's Mansion. Even Wang Yishu didn't dare to offend the intimate old maid of Madam of Duke Xing, not to mention they were just Wang Yishu's maids.

"Has cousin young master got ready?" As soon as the maids left, Nanny Sheng asked directly.

"Everything has been arranged properly... Will Second Aunt-in-law really let me go?" Wang Yishu raised her pale and haggard face and asked uncertainly.

"Cousin Miss, what are you talking about? Why wouldn't Madam let you go? Madam used to want the best for you, didn't she? Nevertheless, you've done so wrong in the palace. Thus, Madam has to keep you from exposing yourself in public so that you have to stay here. As long as we fulfill the plan this time, Madam will definitely find you a decent husband whose family is far away from the capital city."

Nanny Sheng's face was full of smiles, looking like a blooming chrysanthemum.

"Uh... What about my brother?" However, Wang Yishu just showed a faint smile.

"Cousin Young Master can suit himself. If he is willing to leave with you, Madam will arrange everything for him after he reaches the area south of the Yangtze River. If he is unwilling to go there, Madam will take care of him in the capital city. Even though he can't participate in the imperial examination now, Madam can recommend him for a post with personal guarantee. Madam would do it a few years later after people forget what he has done. The Duke is qualified to recommend him for a post with personal guarantee."

Nanny Sheng comforted Wang Yishu with a smile.

"Okay, I'll do whatever Nanny and second aunt-in-law ask!" Wang Yishu gnashed her teeth with a hint of viciousness in her eyes. She had fallen into such a wretched situation because of Qin Wanru. At the thought of this, she wished she could tear Qin Wanru apart.

Now that Qin Wanru was going to fall into her hands, how could she let her go?

Since Qin Wanru had pushed her into such a wretched situation, she would ruin her life. Qin Wanru wanted to be the noble lineal daughter of Duke Xing's Mansion? In her dream!

Nanny Sheng and Wang Yishu talked things over, while waiting for Wang Shengxue, Wang Yishu's brother, to come over. Meanwhile, the members of the third branch of Duke Xing's Mansion were also taking action secretly.

Leading a few maids and old maids, Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing, the third and fourth Misses of the third branch of Duke Xing's Mansion, had got out of the room of the Madam of the third branch a moment ago.

They didn't think much before, but intended to find a chance to argue with Qin Yuru, the First Miss of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion, at the thought that she had bumped into their mother. However, they found some clues in surprise. After a short discussion with their mother, they went to the open space, where the carriages were parked, with several henchmen.

Both Qin Wanru's carriage and Qin Yuru's carriage were parked in this open space.

"Third Miss, Fourth Miss, are you going out?" An old maid came up to them with a smile and asked.

Shao Caihuan looked the old maid up and down, but did not recognize her. She raised her head slightly and said haughtily, "Is Qin Yuru's carriage still here? I want to have a look at it."

"Third Miss, I'm afraid you can't do that. The carriage of Qin's mansion is indeed here. But now we haven't figured out the relationship between the two Misses of Qin's mansion and our mansion. We had better avoid any accident at this moment. Madam Dowager is perturbed now."

The old maid answered with a smile.

Old Madam had a good impression of the First Miss of Qin's mansion before, but didn't like the Second Miss of Qin's mansion. However, the fact surprised everyone. Qin Yuru intended to pretend to be Old

Madam's granddaughter, while Qin Wanru was her real granddaughter. This news had just been spread to the third branch.

If it weren't for this news, the Third Madam would not have sent her daughters here at once even if she was suspicious. Because of this news, she thought that Qin Yuru had planned it for a long time. So the accident on that day would not be simple.

Chapter 442 The Seed of Suspicion

The old maid threatened Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing with Old Madam. In the past, they would definitely walk away on hearing these words.

But now the old maid's words even made them more suspicious. Their Mother had been injured and still stayed in bed. The doctor said that she had to recuperate for at least half a year. Moreover, the foundation of her body had been hurt, which was likely to make her susceptible to diseases in future. Seeing their Mother suffer, the two sisters burst into anger. Now they had got a rough idea of Qin Yuru's plotting against their Mother.

With the evidence right in front of them, how could they give up?

"What if we insist on having a look at it?" Shao Cailing said insolently.

"It's inappropriate. Both Madam and Old Madam won't like it," the old maid said with a stiff smile.

"Pull her away!" Shao Cailing said with her gaze falling on a carriage behind the old maid. It was not the carriage of Duke Xing's Mansion, so it should be the carriage of Qin's mansion. The old maid happened to stand in front of the carriage.

The two maids behind her came over and pulled the old maid away on each side.

Shao Cailing stepped forward and reached out to lift the curtain of the carriage. After seeing what was inside clearly, she got so furious that her face turned pale.

"What is it?" Shao Caihuan also hurriedly came forward and poked her head to have a look. At the moment, she almost passed out due to rage.

"Let's go to meet Grandmother!" Shao Caihuan said angrily. She turned around and strode away.

Shao Cailing glared at the old maid and said sternly, "Bring her along. Since she kept trying to stop us from having a look, she must be an accomplice!"

No matter whether it was true or not, based on the fact that this old maid dared to stop them just now, Shao Cailing could tell that it had something to do with her.

"Third Miss, Fourth Miss, I've just been assigned here to manage the parking lot. I don't know anything. Just because Madam has told me to take charge of the parking lot and avoid any accidents, I came up to stop you. I know nothing else."

The old maid, who was under control, complained of being wronged loudly. She struggled from side to side and was about to free herself.

Shao Caihuan said in rage, "Two more maids come up to hold her down and take her away!"

Since the old maid was suspicious, they would certainly not let her go.

Another two maids came over, gagged the old maid, put her hands against her back, fixed her by twisting her body and dragged her forward.

Along the way, the old maid was still struggling, but she was seized and couldn't make a sound.

A group of people came to Old Madam's courtyard noisily. As soon as they entered the courtyard, Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing covered their faces with their handkerchiefs and went to the main room tearfully.

When Madam of Duke Xing came out of the room and saw them, she said with her face darkening, "Caihuan, Cailing, why do you make such a scene? Great Elder Princess is still in Madam Dowager's room!"

Seeing a large group of maids and old maids standing at the door, Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing did not dare to cry anymore. They immediately sobbed in a low voice with their handkerchiefs in their hands, but ignored Madam of Duke Xing's words.

"Get out of here. We can talk about it later. At this moment, your grandma is not available." Ignored by her two nieces, Madam of Duke Xing looked increasingly displeased and rebuked them.

She had a noble status in Duke Xing's Mansion, and was in charge of the affairs of the inner court. Even Old Madam had delegated powers to her. She had always been the most authoritative person in the inner court of Duke Xing's Mansion.

Unexpectedly, her two nieces gave her a cold shoulder. In addition, she was upset. So she had shown impatience on her face.

As the door curtain of the main room was lifted, Rui'an Great Elder Princess walked out with her head high, followed by Old Madam, who was seeing her off. Seeing Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing wiping their tears in the courtyard, both of them were stunned.

"Grandma, I beg you to uphold justice for my Mother. My mother was trapped by someone." Seeing Old Madam come out, Shao Cailing, who was quick-witted, immediately pounced on her.

She was the youngest in the mansion. Although she was not as favored as her Big Sister, she still found more favor with Old Madam than other sisters. She dared to do something that others didn't dare to do.

At this moment, she pounced on Madam Dowager, while crying loudly.

Old Madam was sullen. She had been at a disadvantageous position when discussing with Rui'an Great Elder Princess a moment ago, so she was furious at the moment. Seeing this little granddaughter whom she usually liked, she was impatient and felt disgraced in front of Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Why do you make such a scene? Isn't your mother lying in bed?"

It sounded like their mother was fine and just lying in bed for a rest.

"Stop it, Caihuan, Cailing. Your grandma is tired and listless now. You may go back now!" Madam of Duke Xing said with a gentle face, came over and sighed and reached out to pull Shao Cailing.

"Second aunt, are you the one who trapped my mother?" Shao Cailing leaned back and opened her eyes wide, while saying with tears in her eyes.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess was going to leave, but she stopped at this moment and stood aside to watch them.

"Stop talking nonsense. Have I been too kind to you in the past so that you lack due regard for priority in seniority now?" Madam Dowager burst into anger and shouted harshly.

"Grandma, someone intended to hurt my Mother. It's a premeditated accident that the carriage of the First Miss of Qin's mansion bumped into my Mother's carriage. She did that on purpose and claimed that she saved my mother. But in fact, she intended to do that in order to make you admit her identity." Seeing her sister rebuked, Shao Caihuan hurriedly came over and said tearfully.

"Grandma, someone intended to hurt my mother. Please save my mother!" Shao Cailing was young, so she immediately burst into tears pitifully on hearing her sister cry.

"Grandma, someone intended to hurt my mother!" Shao Caihuan also cried.

Both of them cried, distressing Madam Dowager.

Madam of Duke Xing's face darkened in a place where no one noticed, and her hands hidden in her sleeves trembled slightly. The carriage, Qin Yuru's carriage!

In fact, she had thought that there might be something wrong with the carriage. However, things happened one after another at this time, so she didn't have enough mental and physical strength to check it out, and even Nanny Sheng did not have time to go to have a look.

She had mentioned it before and Nanny Sheng said that she would send someone to have a look. Now it seemed that not only there was something wrong with Qin Yuru's carriage, but also it had been discovered by the third branch.

The thing became a little tricky.

"Second aunt, my Mother wanted to go out before. She was not supposed to get in that carriage. However, you said that the carriage was good, and there was something wrong with the shafts of the carriage my Mother was supposed to get in. So my mother got in the carriage you mentioned. Unexpectedly, after the carriage walked to the street, the coachman deliberately made the carriage fetch a compass and claimed that they were taking a shortcut. But in fact, it was not close to my mother's destination. The coachman obviously did that on purpose."

Shao Cailing said angrily.

Third Madam had told her two daughters about what had happened before she went out. She didn't feel anything abnormal at that time, but she realized a lot of doubtful points when thinking back.

In particular, it was under the circumstances where Qin Yuru had been prepared.

"How could there be anything wrong with the coachman? Maybe he didn't know the way. It hasn't been long since this coachman served me." Madam of Duke Xing was anxious, but she didn't dare to show it.

She smiled and dragged Shao Cailing. "Keep cool. Great Elder Princess is still here and watching us. Don't embarrass us in front of Great Elder Princess."

"I don't consider it embarrassing, but I realize that it's weird that the First Miss of Qin's mansion bumped into the Third Madam of your mansion at that time. Besides, I heard that the First Miss of Qin's mansion saved the Third Madam of your mansion, didn't she?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess didn't intend to leave. She even showed some surprise on her face at this moment, as if she was really curious about it!

"She didn't save our Mother at all. After her carriage bumped into our mother's carriage, she just attended to her own safety. I don't know who spread the news that she saved our mother. She obviously meant to bump into our mother and thus to enter our Duke Xing's Mansion and pretend to be grandma's granddaughter. There is evidence in the carriage." Shao Caihuan wiped her tears and said angrily.

As soon as Shao Caihuan returned to the mansion, she heard that Qin Yuru's carriage bumped into her mother's carriage and Qin Yuru saved her mother. She had a good impression of Qin Yuru at once. Unexpectedly, it was nonsense, and Qin Yuru obviously did that on purpose.

Qin Yuru was a member of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion, so it was impossible for her to arrange this. If she really did it on purpose, she must have an accomplice in Duke Xing's Mansion cooperating with her in secret.

Moreover, this person was quite influential in Duke Xing's Mansion.

Madam of Duke Xing was the first person Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing thought of. After all, when their mother was about to go out, she changed the carriage in Madam of Duke Xing's suggestion. After that, she changed the coachman, and the coachman took a detour. These were both related to the changed carriage.

If there was anyone in the mansion who had the guts and the ability to plot against their mother, they didn't expect anyone else except for Madam of Duke Xing.

Nevertheless, they didn't dare to speak bluntly, and could only doubt the coachman.

"Caihuan, Cailing, stop crying. Let's talk about it when your grandma is available. It's not the time to indulge in emotions now." Madam of Duke Xing said gently, while instructing some servants to help Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing up, behaving like an elder comforting her children.

In the past, she could coax the two sisters to stop crying by saying that, but now she failed. At the thought of her mother lying in bed weakly, Shao Cailing pushed away the maid, who came to help her up, and cried loudly, "Grandma, Third Sister and I went to check Qin Yuru's carriage just now, but this old maid tried every effort to stop us. She must be afraid of being found out. Grandma, you must uphold justice for my mother. She's seriously injured, and her arms probably..."

"Grandma, you must uphold justice for our Mother!" Shao Caihuan continued saying, while wiping her tears with a handkerchief.

Hearing their words, everyone looked towards the old maid who was pushed over. The maids of the third branch pushed the old maid hard to Madam Dowager.

Madam Dowager felt a sharp pain in head and a "buzz" all over her head. She almost couldn't hear their voices, so she pressed her head hard.

Seeing that she seemed to feel uncomfortable, Nanny Yu beside her hurriedly reached out to help her and asked in a low voice, "Madam Dowager?"

"I'm fine. Let them in!" Old Madam struggled to turn around and walk inside. She was afraid that she would pass out if she kept standing.

Nanny Yu cautiously helped her walk in. After she sat down in the chair, Nanny Yu hurriedly instructed a maid to serve tea. After taking a sip of tea to calm herself down, she became clear-minded again.

"Tell me, what happened?" Old Madam asked Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing who came in behind her.

"Grandma, I got evidence." Seeing Old Madam's pale face, Shao Caihuan also panicked. But as she thought of her Mother's miserable situation, a surge of anger rose in her heart and suppressed her concern for Madam Dowager.

"Tell me!"

Chapter 443 The Truth in the Carriage

Old Madam asked after hesitating for a while. Glancing over Rui'an Great Elder Princess who had returned to the room, she really wanted to drive her away. She was at a disadvantageous position when arguing with Rui'an Great Elder Princess just now, so at this moment she was more reluctant to see Rui'an Great Elder Princess listen to the affairs of their mansion.

However, Rui'an Great Elder Princess was sitting there, not seeming to leave soon. Moreover, they had mentioned that Qin Yuru intended to pretend to be the Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion during their conversation. Even if she insisted on staying, it was reasonable. Knowing that Rui'an Great Elder Princess would definitely stay and listen to their conversation about what had happened today, Old Madam became sullen, but had to ask.

"Grandma, there are several cotton quilts in Qin Yuru's carriage!" Shao Caihuan gnashed her teeth and said.

Everyone was stunned for a moment and did not understand what she meant.

"What? Quilts?" Old Madam asked, but she suddenly understood, sat upright and said, "Have you seen that clearly?"

"Grandma, if you don't believe me, you can send someone to check it out. When Fourth Sister and I intended to have a look just now, the old maid stopped us. After that, we saw more than one cotton quilt in the carriage," Shao Caihuan said with hatred.

There were cotton quilts in the carriage?"

Such a situation was almost impossible. No one would put a few cotton quilts in the carriage no matter she was going to a banquet or on a trip. She was not a patient. Qin Yuru went to Prince Cheng's Mansion and Duke Yong's Mansion, and on her way back her carriage finally bumped into the carriage of the Third Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion which was going out.

The quilts could be useful in an accident. If someone bumped into the carriage wall directly, she would probably be injured. But what if there were several cotton quilts in the carriage? She would only bump into the quilts at most in the accident, but wouldn't be injured!

"Grandma, if Qin Yuru didn't intend to bump into my mother's carriage, how could she prepare a few quilts?" Shao Cailing cried, "Grandma, Qin Yuru planned to bump into our mansion's carriage, but who told her when my mother would go out? Moreover, the coachman happened to drive to the path! I beg you to uphold justice for my mother!"

Shao Cailing knelt down as she spoke. Shao Caihuan next to her also knelt down.

"Grandma, I beg you to find out the truth!"

Qin Yuru had prepared several quilts, but both places she had visited before had nothing to do with Duke Xing's Mansion. How could she have happened to bump into Duke Xing's Mansion's carriage?

Qin Yuru had a fake bluegrass seal, and had taken it out to show it and thus to win Old Madam's favor. What had happened in Prince Cheng's Mansion even made her reputation more terrible. So she urgently needed this fake identity. Coincidentally, her carriage bumped into the Third Madam's carriage which occasionally went out, and later it was found out that she had known it before.

Old Madam looked towards Madam of Duke Xing in shock. She was not really muddle-headed. Qin Yuru was just an unmarried Miss, and it was impossible for her to have connections in Duke Xing's Mansion. If there were anyone capable of providing her with information, the most suspicious person in Duke Xing's Mansion would be Madam of Duke Xing.

"Mother, do you think it suspicious? I think so, too. Someone in our mansion is in collusion with this First Miss Qin!" Madam of Duke Xing frowned and said.

Hearing that she said so bluntly, Old Madam thought that she might have doubted the wrong person. Was it someone else in their mansion?

"Go and find out who dares to plot against our Duke Xing's Mansion," Old Madam said after falling silent for a while. There were so many doubtful points that she had to check it out. Both Madam of Duke Xing and the third Madam were her daughters-in-law, and they both married her biological son. Thus, she couldn't be biased in front of so many people.

In fact, Duke Xing's Mansion included a total of five branches. The first, second and third branches were headed by Madam Dowager's biological sons, while the fourth and fifth branches were headed by the sons of other concubines. Madam Dowager didn't want to see the sons of other concubines and their family members, so she found an excuse to separate the two branches and make them live apart, so that all family members of Duke Xing's Mansion were biologically related to her.

Of course, she didn't like the third daughter-in-law as much as she liked the second daughter-in-law, but compared with Infanta Qinghua, the third daughter-in-law was still in more favor with her. What was more, Old Madam had to be impartial in front of Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Okay, Mother. I'm going to inquire about it. I'll inquire the coachman first. It hasn't been long since he began to work in our mansion. I considered him fine, so I let him drive my carriage. I didn't expect such a thing!" Madam of Duke Xing said to Madam Dowager.

After that, she came over, reached out to help Shao Caihuan and her sister up in person and said with distress, "You should stop kneeling. Your Mother is still lying in bed and needs you to take care of her. Third sister-in-law will feel distressed at the sight of your wretched look. Go to take care of your mother. I'll handle this. I'll definitely find out the background of the coachman and the old maid, and won't let your Mother suffer for nothing!"

She said in an extremely gentle tone, as if she really cared about them. Besides, she was calm and didn't cover up the coachman's and the old maid's deeds.

Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing exchanged glances hesitantly.

Could it be possible that it had nothing to do with their second aunt?

"Madam of Duke Xing, since you have the time to talk, it's better to catch the coachman as soon as possible, lest he run away after getting the news!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said coldly.

"I'll send someone to catch them right away!" Madam of Duke Xing said with a flattering smile, and then instructed an old maid behind her. After that, the old maid left in a hurry.

"Madam Dowager, you should also give me an explanation for this matter. The First Miss of Qin's mansion has been in touch with someone in your mansion for a long time. Obviously a coachman is just a lackey. A coachman couldn't be in collusion with the First Miss Qin and help her plot against Duke Xing's Mansion and pretend to be my granddaughter, right?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked up at Madam Dowager with coldness and dignity in her eyes.

Qin Yuru pretended to be Shao Jiang's daughter, but this bluegrass seal obviously belonged to Infanta Qinghua. So Rui'an Great Elder Princess actually made sense. If they were talking about Shao Jiang's daughter, Old Madam could claim that it had nothing to do with Rui'an Great Elder Princess. However, if they were talking about Infanta Qinghua's daughter, it must be related to Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Great Elder Princess, rest assured. We will give you an explanation," Madam Dowager said and became increasingly sullen.

"Well, just do it quickly. Take this old maid away!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess stood up and said.

The two old maids behind her went over and held down the old maid who had been pushed into the room before.

"Great Elder Princess, what do you mean by doing that?" Madam Dowager said with a sneer.

"I didn't mean anything. Since the coachman is in your mansion, I should interrogate this old maid guarding the carriage. It has something to do with Qinghua and her husband, so I think it reasonable for each of us to keep a suspect!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said indifferently.

Old Madam trembled with anger. The suspects were found in Duke Xing's Mansion, but before Duke Xing's Mansion interrogated them, Rui'an Great Elder Princess took one of them away and claimed that she should keep one of them. She obviously didn't trust Duke Xing's Mansion.

Nevertheless, Rui'an Great Elder Princess actually made sense by saying that. After all, Qin Yuru intended to pretend to be the daughter of Shao Jiang and Infanta Qinghua.

"Great Elder Princess, you can do whatever you want!" Old Madam almost said through clenched teeth.

"Okay, I'll leave now. Old Madam, please open the ancestral hall tomorrow and record Zhuozhuo in the pedigree. If you still think there's something suspicious about Zhuozhuo's identity, I can actually bring Zhuozhuo back to my mansion." Great Elder Princess looked at Old Madam with sharp eyes, as if she didn't see Old Madam's angry face.

After that, she took the old maid away.

The captured old maid of Duke Xing's Mansion intended to ask for help, but she had been gagged with a handkerchief and carried out by two old maids.

Old Madam got so furious that her face turned livid. She beat the table so hard that an apple fell from the fruit bowl, rolled to the corner of the table and fell heavily to the ground.

"Go to check it out. You must find out who intend to plot against our Duke Xing's Mansion." Old Madam almost said these words through clenched teeth. Although she said to Madam of Duke Xing, she indignantly watched Rui'an Great Elder Princess leaving.

It was her Mansion of Duke Xing, not Great Elder Princess' Mansion. Rui'an Great Elder Princess just ignored her, but the matter seemed to be related to Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Mother, rest assured. I'll go to check it out now!" Madam of Duke Xing also watched Rui'an Great Elder Princess leaving with fear and secretly wiped her cold sweat.

Fortunately, she had followed her daughter's advice to select new servants to perform tasks, and didn't directly send her servants to assign them tasks, for fear of getting involved in this. Moreover, these two servants just did their jobs.

The old maid taken away by Rui'an Great Elder Princess was really in charge of the carriage and prevented anyone from approaching the carriage. It happened all of a sudden, so Madam of Duke Xing had no time to handle it.

Although she supposed that Qin Yuru should have prepared something. Otherwise, it was impossible that the Third Madam was so seriously injured, while Qin Yuru had just sprained her neck. However, she had no time to check Qin Yuru's carriage at that time, and later things happened one after another. So she sent an old maid to find the old maid, who had just begun to work in the mansion, and told her to guard the carriage. She just told the old maid to prevent anyone from checking the carriage of Qin's Mansion.

Of course the reason was that the carriage belonged to the other mansion.

From this point of view, what she did was right.

After thinking this out, Madam of Duke Xing felt relieved. She bid farewell to Old Madam and hurried to find the coachman. She had already dealt with the coachman, and believed that he should have left the capital at this time. She had paid him a large sum of money and instructed him to bump into the carriage of Qin's Mansion.

She had handled it and arranged a route of retreat, so there would be no traces left. But even so, she still had to inquire about it seriously and look for the coachman.

"Madam, Madam, bad news. The coachman ran away. I went to ask other servants, and they said that he has gone after returning yesterday." As soon as Madam of Duke Xing arrived at the door, she saw the old maid she had sent out rush over with her face changing dramatically and report to her breathlessly.

Chapter 444 The Witness Could Be Handed over to Someone Else!

"He's gone? Chase him and capture him dead or alive!" Old Madam also heard it in the room. She got so furious that her face turned livid. Didn't Rui'an Great Elder Princess mean it?

"Yes, Mother, I'll send some servants to look for him right away," Madam of Duke Xing said anxiously.

Watching Madam of Duke Xing leaving in a hurry, Old Madam thought with her face darkening that she might have been too kind to this daughter-in-law so that now she did wrong repeatedly.

"Grandma..." Shao Cailing said in a choked voice.

Old Madam waved impatiently and said, "Go back and take care of your mother. Your second aunt will find out the truth."

Seeing Old Madam was angry, the two sisters exchanged glances helplessly and didn't dare to say anything else. They could only leave with grievances and hurried back to the Third Madam's courtyard.

"What? He ran away yesterday, and no one discovered it?" Lying in bed, the Third Madam showed anger on her pale face after hearing her two daughters' words.

She was not stupid, and was more thoughtful than her two daughters. The servants of Duke Xing's Mansion had always stuck to rules. Shouldn't the missing of someone be reported to Madam of Duke Xing as soon as possible? How could they find that the coachman had gone till now? Shouldn't such an important person have been locked up and interrogated yesterday?

She had just been suspicious before, but now she was almost sure that it had something to do with Madam of Duke Xing.

However, she had always been no match for Madam of Duke Xing and in less favored with Old Madam. Compared with Madam of Duke Xing who was Old Madam's niece and had been raised by Old Madam since her childhood, the Third Madam was considerably inferior to Madam of Duke Xing.

What was more, now the entire Duke Xing's Mansion was in the hand of Madam of Duke Xing. The third branch was much more inferior to the second branch, and her husband was less capable than Duke Xing and just held a nominal position of an intermediate rank at present.

"Mother, does it have anything to do with Second Aunt? Did Second Aunt deliberately let the coachman go?" Shao Cailing said indignantly.

Shao Caihuan didn't say anything, but her expression suggested that she had the same thought.

The Third Madam clenched her teeth and thought for a moment. Lying in bed, she reached out to shake her hand with difficulty and said, "Caihuan, Cailing, it has nothing to do with you. Since your Second Aunt has begun to check it out, just leave it to her!"

Not to mention her two daughters, even the Third Madam had no confidence in herself when confronting her second sister-in-law. So she wouldn't let her two daughters argue with Madam of Duke Xing.

Otherwise, they could be blamed for disrespecting their elder before explaining the matter. The marriages of her two daughters were going to be discussed, so their reputation couldn't be damaged at all.

She could only keep this in mind now and see what she could do later.

The chief branch had a daughter whose identity had been admitted by Rui'an Great Elder Princess. Based on Rui'an Great Elder Princess's persistence in protecting the kid, she could tell that Rui'an Great Elder Princess would definitely support the kid. Although the Third Madam did not see the scene in person, she had struggled to send someone to inquire about the whole story just now.

The Second Miss of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion seemed to be a delicate girl.

However, as an orphan, she defeated the First Miss of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion who had the support of Duke Yong's Mansion and was even in collusion with Madam of Duke Xing, which indicated that she was unusual.

The second branch had always been overbearing, including Madam of Duke Xing and her two children. Now the chief branch had the support of Rui'an Great Elder Princess and the wise girl Qin Wanru. It seemed that Duke Xing's Mansion would become lively. That was good. She decided to do nothing for the time being and just wait for the opportunity.

"Mother, I think it has something to do with Second Aunt. If she begins to check..." At the thought that her mother had been deceived, Shao Cailing held her mother's hand and said.

"Shut up. What are you talking about?" the Third Madam said with a serious face. She had made up her mind to avoid getting her daughters involved in this matter. Let alone her two daughters, even the three of them were no match for the Second Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion for the time being.

Shao Cailing was startled. Seeing her mother's face turn pale due to rage, she immediately panicked and said tearfully with grievances, "Mother..."

"Huan'er, teach her a lesson and make her understand how to respect elders. Since your second aunt has intervened in this matter, you two should stay away from it." The Third Madam turned to her elder daughter and said with difficulty.

"Mother, I understand!" Shao Caihuan also had doubts, but seeing that her mother was really angry, she didn't dare to talk back and hurriedly dragged Shao Cailing to stop her from talking.

Hearing her Mother's and sister's words, Shao Cailing felt both angry and aggrieved. At the thought that she considered everything for her mother but was blamed by her mother, she stood up and ran out with tears.

Seeing her little daughter run away in anger, the Third Madam intended to get up. However, she was not only weak, but also strained her wound. So she fell on the bed again because of the pain.

"Mother!" Shao Caihuan screamed and hurriedly came over to help her.

"Go... to watch your sister. Don't let her get into trouble." The Third Madam gasped and said. At this moment, the entire mansion was in a mess, so Old Madam must be very upset. She was afraid that her naive little daughter would really go to Madam of Duke Xing's courtyard and say something. In this case, Old Madam would definitely not help her daughter.

"Okay, Mother. I'll go right away!" Shao Caihuan also understood it and hurriedly chased after her sister.

When Rui'an Great Elder Princess found Qin Wanru, she had freshened up with the help of two maids and put on a suit of clothes Madam of Duke Xing sent here for showing her kindness.

The clothes were beautiful of an appropriate size.

The gorgeous patterns, which were almost embroidered with gold threads, made the clothes not only beautiful but also eye-catching. Two flying wide half-sleeves were even more striking.

Seeing Qin Wanru dressed in this clothes, Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked less sullen. Her granddaughter should be dressed in such gorgeous clothes.

Seeing Rui'an Great Elder Princess come in, Qin Wanru, who was sitting in front of the dressing table and having her hair stirred by Qu Le, stood up and bowed to Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Do you still have a headache? Why did you wash your hair just now?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess dragged her aside, sat down, looked at her beautiful black hair and asked.

"It's warm in the daytime and gets cold at night, so it's easy to catch a cold and feel uncomfortable. I don't have a headache now. I'm fine?" Qin Wanru said with a smile, and her eyes were filled with tenderness and gentleness.

She had delicate features. She had not fully grown because of her young age, so her petite figure and childishness made her less striking than those bright Misses. Nevertheless, her sweet look was unique.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess felt her heart melted when stared by her watery eyes.

Qin Wanru was such a pretty and sweet girl. She wondered what the old woman of Duke Xing's Mansion was thinking and what made her pleased with the First Miss of Qin's Mansion while displeased with Qin Wanru!

"That's good. Just now I went to Duke Xing's Mansion and told Old Madam to ask the clan elder to open the ancestral hall tomorrow. She agreed. But I heard that the First Miss of Qin's Mansion bumped into the Third Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and it was a premeditated accident. There were several quilts in the carriage."

Rui'an Great Elder Princess said with her face darkening.

"There were several quilts? Does it mean that she was prepared to bump into the carriage? How could she have such powerful connections?" Qin Wanru was shocked and said to herself in surprise.

"Exactly. Not to mention her, even Ningyuan Army general is incapable of extending his connections to Duke Xing's Mansion. It hasn't been long since they moved to the capital city. Duke Xing's Mansion isn't a place where anyone can extend his connections," Rui'an Great Elder Princess said with a sneer, and her face became increasingly gloomy.

She had seen it clearly. Madam of Duke Xing was definitely involved in this.

Afraid that Qin Wanru would be anxious, Rui'an Great Elder Princess comforted her, "Take it easy. Nothing to be achieved rashly. The two daughters of the third branch of Duke Xing's Mansion went to check the carriage, but they were stopped by an old maid. The old maid is here at this moment."

"An old maid stopped them from checking?" Qin Wanru raised her watery eyes and looked at Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Yes, an old maid dared to do that with no master's order!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess snorted. She certainly did not believe an old maid could be so bold.

However, Qin Wanru didn't say anything. After thinking for a while, she grabbed the hand of Rui'an Great Elder Princess and said in a sweet tone, "Grandma, let's hand the old maid over to Third Madam!"

"The third branch of Duke Xing's Mansion?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess frowned in confusion.

"Think about it. The old maid just received an order to guard the carriage over there and prevent others from checking it. Although it's Qin Yuru's carriage, she can claim that it's the other mansion's carriage and shouldn't be checked by others. Otherwise, no other mansion will dare to come to Duke Xing's Mansion."

Qin Wanru said with a sweet smile. Her eyes were carefree, and her fluttering long eyelashes covered the slight darkness in her eyes.

"That's true. But there were quilts in Qin Yuru's carriage. The one behind the old maid must be afraid of being found out!" After thinking for a while, Rui'an Great Elder said seriously.

"But the old maid must know nothing. She just received the order to do this job well. Even if you find out the person giving the order, she didn't do anything wrong, because she just instructed the old maid to guard the carriage of the other mansion and not allow others in their mansion to check it."

Qin Wanru continued saying with a pleasant smile.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess fell silent for a moment and nodded. Qin Wanru was right. No mansion would allow anyone in their mansion to check the carriages of other mansions at will.

"So this old maid is useless although you've brought her back!" Qin Wanru said softly with a smile.

"So I should just let her go?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said reluctantly.

"Of course not! Since we've caught her, we can't just let her go. You can hand her over to the Third Madam. If there's anyone else who can get some clues out of her, it should be the Third Madam. Besides, she's the victim, so it's reasonable for her to inquire about the situation!"

Qin Wanru explained.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess was not familiar with Duke Xing's Mansion. Although she caught the old maid, she would find out nothing in the end. However, the situation was different when it came to the Third Madam. Although she could not compare with Madam of Duke Xing, after living in their mansion for so many years, anyway she had some connections enabling her to find out something.

It could be said that the old maid must be useless in the hands of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, but she was not necessarily useless in the hands of the Third Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. Moreover, it didn't matter even if she was useless. She was an idle chess piece, and it was not the time to turn it.

Chapter 445 Was She Waiting or Hiding in Her Dream?

It would definitely cause mutual resentment between the second and third branches of Duke Xing's Mansion.

Although the Third Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion only had two daughters, she was capable of holding her position, so she must not be simple.

Qin Wanru didn't want to see Duke Xing's Mansion as solid as iron when she came back in the future!

Staring at her thoughtful granddaughter, Rui'an Great Elder Princess, who had been tough for a lifetime, reached out to stroke Qin Wanru's hair compassionately with her eyes turning red.

There were still water stains on her hair, and below her hair was a raised little white face. She looked at Rui'an Great Elder Princess with a longing smile, increasing Rui'an Great Elder Princess's affection for her.

Her daughter, Qinghua, was much older than Qin Wanru at that time, but Qinghua was less sensible than Qin Wanru with her support. Her granddaughter, Qin Wanru, had no parents and had been subjected to endless bullying and humiliation. If it weren't for her intelligence, Qin Wanru would have lost all standing and reputation and even been killed.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess had known everything since she met Shao Huai. Her granddaughter's life had almost been ruined step by step in Jiangzhou. Madam Di and Qin Yuru trapped her again and again, and Qin Huaiyong indulged them again and again. All of these made her feel deep sorry for her granddaughter.

The child was forced to grow up. As long as she thought of this, Rui'an Great Elder Princess felt heartbroken. Her granddaughter should have enjoyed tons of favor during her growth.

"Zhuozhuo... you have grandma from now on. I'll never allow anyone to bully you anymore!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said in a choked voice and reached out to hold Qin Wanru in her arms, even ignoring Qin Wanru's wet hair.

"Grandma!" Qin Wanru murmured, and felt a lump coming into her throat. During her two lives, she finally got a family member, and was no longer alone and helpless.

Beside her grandma, she also had a younger brother. At the thought of this, she bit her lip with her eyes turning red.

Although she was strong, she couldn't help bursting into tears at this moment. With increasing tears, she couldn't help calling "Grandma".

Seeing them cry on each other's shoulder, the maids beside them hurried over to console them and manage to separate them.

"It's up to you. Come and send the old maid to Third Madam!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess wiped her tears with a handkerchief and said decisively.

"Okay, I'll ask someone to do it now!" Nanny Gao responded. She then turned around, walked out of the room, and instructed the two servants holding down the old maid of Duke Xing's Mansion outside.

The two servants dragged the old maid of Duke Xing's Mansion and left.

When Nanny Gao returned to the room, both of them had calmed down and wiped the tears on their faces.

A maid rushed over and said, "Great Elder Princess, our Madam Dowager invites you to have dinner."

"It's my pleasure, but I'll stay and have dinner with your Fifth Miss!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said impatiently. She was extremely unwilling to see the face of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Yes, Your Highness!" The maid didn't dare to say much and left.

After a while, the kitchen sent sumptuous lunch here. After having lunch with Rui'an Great Elder Princess, Qin Wanru instructed someone to remove the dishes.

"Grandma, you can go back to your mansion now, and come over tomorrow morning!" Qin Wanru said softly.

She knew that Rui'an Great Elder Princess didn't like Duke Xing's Mansion and stayed here at this moment to keep her company.

"I feel worried about leaving you alone here. Why don't you go to my Mansion with me and come over with me tomorrow?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess thought for a while and said.

"Grandma, it's not in line with etiquette!" Qin Wanru comforted her softly, "Don't worry, it will be fine. I'm not in good health now, so they dare not provoke me and will talk with me over opening the ancestral hall tomorrow at most."

They should prepare for opening the ancestral hall today. Although the elders were coming tomorrow, they should prepare some necessary things today and would even need her to do something.

"Okay, okay, anyway I don't have the patience to see them get prepared for it!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess thought for a moment and said. Although she was unwilling to part with Qin Wanru, she involuntarily submitted to Qin Wanru's wish at the thought of the hardships Qin Wanru had suffered from since childhood.

"Grandma, you should pay more attention to Hao'er's safety!" After thinking for a while, Qin Wanru said with her face becoming slightly cold.

"They will hurt Hao'er?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said, and her face changed dramatically.

"Maybe. In the past, Hao'er was alone with a bad reputation for being derelict in duty, disagreeable and arrogant, and the chief branch of Duke Xing's Mansion had a mere nominal existence. But from now on, both Hao'er and I belong to the chief branch." Qin Wanru implicitly reminded Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

She had thought that Hao'er had an accident when he was missing last time. However, after recalling several times, she remembered the exact time when Hao'er was missing.

Qin Wanru always felt that she was not clear about what had happened in her last life. The disconnected fragments reminded her that some of her memories were missing.

In the last life, Hao'er had an accident after Qin Yuru entered Duke Xing's Mansion with a specious identity, and Rui'an Great Elder Princess had an accident later.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess immediately understood, and said with a bit of fierceness on her face, "I got it. I will instruct some servants to protect Hao'er. Your father was supposed to be the heir of Duke Xing. Although your father passed away, with your younger brother here, the second branch is unqualified to inherit the rank. I've fought for it for your brother, but didn't keep an eye on the situation in the palace. I thought that your brother was still young, Before he inherits the rank, I should make sure that he could grow up safely."

"I didn't expect that it has enlarged some people's ambition and made them think that the rank of Duke Xing belongs to the second branch. Ask to assign the heir? Haven't they thought whether they are qualified!"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess remembered that the Emperor had told her that Duke Xing's Mansion asked to assign the heir again. At that time, she had no ideas, but just wanted to make Hao'er grow up safely. So she didn't say anything.

"Grandma, please send someone to investigate what happened to my father and mother. Was what happened to my father really just an accident? Why did my mother come back to Duke Xing's Mansion? Both my parents scattered in rebel forces. Accompanied by only a few maids, my mother was less conspicuous than my father. Why did they find my mother in the end but didn't find my father? Who were sent there by Duke Xing's Mansion at that time? How did they find my mother?"

Qin Wanru thought for a moment and said.

Her mother got separated, and then her father had an accident. If they looked for her father after finding her mother, would the result be totally different?

As she raised questions one by one, Rui'an Great Elder Princess was astounded!

Staring at the delicate granddaughter in front of her, she suddenly felt that she had really neglected numerous details. In an instant, she was overcome by the feeling of sorrow. Clenching her teeth and swallowing the sorrow in her eyes, Rui'an Great Elder Princess nodded and said, "Zhuzhuo, rest assured. I will definitely check it out. If it really has something to do with the second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion, I will fight with them desperately!"

Seeing Rui'an Great Elder Princess understood, Qin Wanru showed a trace of smile on her face, but her eyes became increasingly gloomy.

Who benefited the most from the death of her parents? Needless to say, it was the second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion. Her second uncle became Duke Xing, and the person setting her mind on trapping her became Madam of Duke Xing. After that, they intended to spoil her brother. In addition, she died in

the hands of Shao Yanru, the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion in the last life. All of these made her draw a conclusion that her parents were probably plotted against by the second branch.

After Rui'an Great Elder Princess left, Qin Wanru sat in front of the window and continued having her hair stirred by Qu Le. The delicate face of a girl in the dressing mirror was a little gloomy or even sinister.

Neither Yujie nor Qu Le dared to speak. They just gently combed her hair and then helped her walk to the bed for a rest. However, Qin Wanru did not sleep well this time. She seemed to be both awake and asleep all the time. In her dream, she saw a scene when she was in the palace.

She, who had just entered the palace, was very timid, and panicked when noticing any sign of disturbance. She seemed to hide behind a cluster of blooming flowers and even bump into someone. After that, she saw a pair of cold eyes, but heard a gentle voice calling her, "Zhuzhuo, Zhuzhuo..."

But why did she have to hide? Although she was hiding, she was not afraid at all.

She looked around, seeming to be waiting for someone. However, she saw no one, but only heard the voice coming from her ears.

Qin Wanru felt very uncomfortable. She thought that she had fallen into a dream of the last life. She wanted to wake up, but she felt weak all over and seemed to be even incapable of moving her fingers. Nevertheless, she just knew that she was in a dream.

She wanted to wake up and stop dreaming!

She exerted every ounce of energy just in order to move her fingers and scare the dream off. However, she was still like an onlooker, watching herself crouching behind the flowering shrubs, panicking and looking around expectantly. She was wondering whether she was hiding or waiting for someone.

Wait? Who was she waiting for? There suddenly came a loud bang in her ear. Something was broken. She felt relaxed, because her dream was broken.

"Miss, Miss!"

This time she heard it clearly. It was in her ear. She slowly opened her eyes. Looking at Yujie's concerned face in front of her, she moved her hands with difficulty. Although it was difficult, she could move them obviously. She had escaped from the dream.

"What's the matter?" She had just woken up, so she talked in a hoarse voice and felt uncomfortable.

"Prince Chen is here!" Yujie reached out to help her up and said.

Chu Liuchen? Why did he come here at this time? Qin Wanru was slow in thought. The thing had developed into this, but it seemed to have nothing to do with him. What did he come here for?

"Prince Chen said that he has something important to ask you and he's on behalf of the Empress Dowager. Now he is waiting in the front hall. Duke Xing and Madam of Duke Xing are waiting outside with him."

Qu Le also came to help Qin Wanru up. The two maids helped her, who was still sleepy, walk to the dressing table and freshen up.

The maid sent by Madam of Duke Xing was still waiting at the door. She had implicitly indicated that Prince Chen was extremely noble and reminded them to hurry up.

In the lobby, Chu Liuchen was sitting at the head of the table. He was dressed in a purple robe, with a few golden edges embroidered on the cuffs and neck opening. Under the purple gold crown, there was a handsome and gentle face. In addition to his pale face which made him look weak, Prince Chen's appearance was almost flawless.

The handsome man was unparalleled in this world. Madam of Duke Xing only thought of these words to describe him. Although she had often got in and out of the Imperial Palace, she was not familiar with Prince Chen, seldom met him and wouldn't even expect him to come to her mansion one day.

"Madam of Duke Xing, why do you keep staring at me?"

Chapter 446 What Did Duke Xing Mean?

Chu Liuchen looked at Madam of Duke Xing with a gentle smile, as if he was just talking casually. But Xiao Xuanzi, who was standing behind him, immediately stared at Madam of Duke Xing with a pair of gloomy eyes.

The master was an unparalleledly elegant young man, while the servant was as dark as a viper. Such feelings made the smile on Madam of Duke Xing's face a bit stiff. She hurriedly saluted and said, "Your highness, please forgive me. It is just that I rarely meet Prince, so I am shocked for a while!"

"It is due to your own ignorance, Madam of Duke Xing!" The smile on Chu Liuchen's face was still there, and it even became more gentle and elegant, "But Madam of Duke Xing pays so much attention to me, this will make me think that you are taking a look personally at me!"

His tone was extremely frivolous, which should not have been said by such a gentle and elegant young man. Madam of Duke Xing blushed and felt ashamed and resentful.

How could her daughter marry this patient? And he was a worthless patient.

She twisted the handkerchief in her hand and answered in a hurry, "Prince, you must be joking. You are the noblest Prince. No one can have a fantasy to you!"

No one would want a dead man who had no future and was not even alive.

"Other people cannot, but people in Duke Xing's Mansion can have fantasy. I heard that First Miss is not only good-looking, but also..."

Chu Liuchen's words became more frivolous. It was hard to believe that he would say such words. He was like a young man who came out of an ink landscape, and was so beautiful that he seemed to be a person in a painting. However, his words sounded so uncomfortable that they even made people feel that they were inharmonious with his image.

It was said that this First Miss Shao was the most educated and polite girl in the capital city, but his words about First Miss Shao was almost frivolous, as if he was just mentioning an ordinary girl without any respect.

"Prince, you must be joking. Your Highness, you come here this time. Are there any orders from Empress Dowager?" Duke Xing had to ease the situation on the side. If he allowed Chu Liuchen to continue talking about this, his daughter's reputation would be damaged.

Compared with his son, he also placed great expectations on his daughter. He could not let his daughter have any flaws.

"Duke Xing, you are so bold. Our Prince has not finished his words and you dare to stop him." Xiao Xuanzi sneered and said.

Chu Liuchen did not speak, but put the teacup heavily on the table with cold eyes. The smile on his face had been as elegant as the spring breeze in March, but it immediately disappeared.

"Duke Xing, what do you mean? Couldn't I say something about First Miss of your mansion? Is First Miss of your mansion not going to marry into the royal family? Well, I will ask my Imperial Grandmother to casually bestow a marriage on First Miss of your family. Any family will be OK, as long as it is not royal family!"

The young master, who had been smiling just now, became gloomy in a short while. On his handsome and delicate face, there was a trace of gloom and cunning in his slightly raised eyes.

What he said shocked Duke Xing and his wife even more. They had devoted even more effort on this daughter than that on their son. How could she be ruined by Chu Liuchen, a damned patient?

Duke Xing glanced at his wife, and Madam of Duke Xing immediately understood. She knelt down in a hurry and said, "Your Highness, how could I dare to say that? Whether the person is good or not, choosing what kind of person is the grace of the royal family and I dare not to have any excessive thinking. Just now I was worried that Empress Dowager might have some orders, so I was so anxious that I showed no respect to you. Please forgive me, Your Highness!"

Duke Xing clenched his hands behind his back tightly with veins on them, but a clear smile appeared on his face. He followed to apologize, "Your Highness, it is my impoliteness. If Prince wants to punish, please punish me!"

"How dares he bully me like this? He is just a dying patient!"

However, this was what Duke Xing thought in his heart. He hid it deeply and did not show any of this on his face. He just showed a trace of panic.

At this time, he had to admit his mistake. He thought that this patient wouldn't go too far and he was an important official in the imperial court, so this patient couldn't deal with him easily. He was afraid that the damned patient couldn't deal with him and then turned to deal with his daughter.

This was what Duke Xing was most afraid of. His daughter was brought up in great care, and would live a noble life in the future, so Chu Liuchen could not have a fantasy to her.

As expected, Chu Liuchen's face became gentle and kind, and a gentle smile as a warm jade appeared on his face again. This made him look like a noble and unsullied young man again, as if the cold and cunning young master just now was not him.

"Imperial Grandmother just asked me to come and see Fifth Miss who just found her origin. In order to comfort Rui'an Great Elder Princess, she also said before that she would ask someone to come and see her." Chu Liuchen stretched out his slender fingers and gently knocked on the table with a gentle and calm look.

It turned out that she was just invited by Rui'an Great Elder Princess to do a favor to have a visit. Madam of Duke Xing secretly wiped off her cold sweat.

"Madam, please stand up!" Chu Liuchen said with a smile.

Xiao Xuanzi came out from behind him, which meant that he was going to help Madam of Duke Xing stand up in person.

Madam of Duke Xing dared not to let Xiao Xuanzi help her. She stood up in a hurry and bowed to Chu Liuchen again. "Your Highness, thank you for not blaming us."

"Is Qin Wanru really the Fifth Miss of your mansion?" Chu Liuchen became curious and shifted his attention from First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion to Qin Wanru, as if he was interested in her.

Duke Xing breathed a sigh of relief. He was afraid that Chu Liuchen was interested in his daughter. This was also an important reason why he had deliberately sent his daughter away from the capital city to Yuhui Nunnery outside the city.

His daughter could not marry this patient, but he was afraid that this patient would have a fancy to her daughter. Duke Xing knew clearly about how much Empress Dowager and Emperor valued this patient, so he did not want to have any relations with Chu Liuchen at all. If Chu Liuchen's attention can be drawn from his daughter to Qin Wanru, Duke Xing thought it was very good.

He suddenly had a good idea and remembered that Chu Liuchen had saved Qin Wanru at the gate of the palace. If he could make good use of this, would he be able to make them into a couple?

If they became a couple, their daughter would be safe.

They were both the daughters of lineal descent in Duke Xing's Mansion, so it was impossible for them to marry the same person or let the situation happen that one became the main wife and the other was a concubine. Besides, her daughter was the most distinguished eldest daughter of lineal descent.

After thinking it through, Duke Xing hinted at Madam of Duke Xing. They had been married for many years, so they had a good tacit understanding.

"Of course, Wanru is the child of our mansion. She is the daughter of our elder brother and Infanta Qinghua, which is unquestionable. Rui'an Great Elder Princess and my mother-in-law both say so, thus it is obviously true. This girl is a poor child. Her appearance is excellent, but she has been left outside. If she had been raised in the capital city, she must be more outstanding than Ru'er!"

Madam of Duke Xing wiped the corner of her eyes with her handkerchief and became sad.

"Is she really the daughter of your mansion?" Chu Liuchen asked again, as if he could not believe what he had heard.

"Yes, she is." Madam of Duke Xing immediately admitted it. After she had failed to frame Qin Wanru by sending two people, Qin Wanru's origin had already become a verdict. She could not do anything about it. It was better to admit this straightforward now so that people would not suspect her.

If Chu Liuchen insisted on marrying the daughter of Duke Xing's Mansion, then this daughter would be fine. It would be perfect that one dying patient was matched with another illegitimate child.

"Duke, Madam, Fifth Miss is here!" An old maid came in and reported.

"Please come in! Please come in!" Madam of Duke Xing's eyes lit up and she said repeatedly. She finally breathed a sigh of relief in her heart. She was afraid that her daughter would get involved in Chu Liuchen's marriage.

Qin Wanru slowly walked in with Yujie. After she entered the inner room, she first saluted to Chu Liuchen, and then to Duke Xing and his wife. Then she stood aside in a well-behaved manner, without saying a word.

For a moment, the room was eerily quiet, and they did not know what to say.

Madam of Duke Xing was quick to react. She coughed softly and went forward with a smile and said, "Wanru, Prince Chen comes to visit you in the name of the Empress Dowager."

"Thank Empress Dowager!" Qin Wanru was not sure what Chu Liuchen was doing here, so she answered in a soft and respectful voice.

"Madam of Duke Xing and Duke Xing, can you leave for a while? I have some questions that Imperial Grandmother wants to ask Fifth Miss in private, " Chu Liuchen said with an elegant smile.

"Yes, we will take our leave!" Duke Xing said in a hurry. He and Madam of Duke Xing looked at each other and then left together.

The two of them did not suspect anything else. Empress Dowager might want to ask Qin Wanru about some specific details, which was obviously for the sake of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, because the sister-in-law relationship between Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Empress Dowager's was extremely harmonious.

Of course, if Qin Wanru and Chu Liuchen liked each other, they were also very willing to see this.

They stepped back to the wing room on the side without hesitation, waiting for them to finish their words.

Only Chu Liuchen and Qin Wanru, together with their servants, were left in the hall. Chu Liuchen pointed to the chair beside him and said, "Come and sit down!"

Qin Wanru sighed helplessly and could only sit on the chair. She raised her watery eyes, and there was still a hint of ignorance because she had just woken up, which made her look very gentle.

Of course, she looked gentle, but Chu Liuchen knew that there was a sharp claw behind her gentle appearance.

But he liked this!

"Prince, why do you come here today?" Qin Wanru did not believe that Chu Liuchen really came here for Empress Dowager. Who was he? Even if Empress Dowager had no one for her to order, she would not order him to do so.

"Of course I am here to see your condition. The Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion?" Chu Liuchen narrowed his eyes and said in a light voice, "Do you want to live in Duke Xing's Mansion?"

"I do not want to and I will not live here either!" Qin Wanru did not hide anything and shook her head directly.

"Oh, tell me, why?" Chu Liuchen seemed to be interested in this. He squinted at her and smiled more brightly. Obviously he was in a good mood.

"I am still young, so if I stay here, I will be limited in many aspects. Not only am I not free, but I might even be in danger!" Qin Wanru's eyes turned slightly, and her eyes were as clear as water, which made her snow-white face even more beautiful.

"Then where do you want to go?" Chu Liuchen was not surprised at all. He chuckled in a little cold but extremely elegant way.

Chapter 447 The Shield Should be Alive First

"Leave Duke Xing's Mansion!" Qin Wanru gently bent her lips and said.

"Do you need me to help you?" Chu Liuchen smiled lazily, but did not ask her how to leave Duke Xing's Mansion.

Now that she had recognized her ancestors, as she was an unmarried girl, it was impossible for her to leave Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Should there be kerosene in Prince's mansion?" Qin Wanru tentatively asked. She preferred kerosene. She had planned to let Yujie go back to Qin's Mansion and secretly let Shui Ruolan find some.

Chu Liuchen glanced at her with his delicate lip hooked up. He reached out his hands and knocked on the table. Taking for granted, he said, "I naturally have that. But what do you use to change for it?"

"What does Prince want?" Qin Wanru thought, and asked carefully. She could not get the idea of this prince. He was full of fantasy and moodiness. No one knew what his next thought was.

Although she didn't tell him about her things, Qin Wanru had a feeling that he knew almost all of her tricks, or even if he was not completely clear, he would know 70% to 80%. In front of this person who was as experienced and astute as foxes, Qin Wanru felt that it was easier to ask directly.

Seeing that she asked frankly, Chu Liuchen laughed, and his pale lips tickled. His smile was leisure. "Qin Wanru, what else can you bet with me?"

Bet? Qin Wanru quickly calmed her mind and became more sincere in her attitude. "If Prince needs me to be the shield, I should be alive so that I can better shield for you. So you need to help me to live first."

Looking at her seriously open watery eyes that indicated that she was seriously considering for him, Chu Liuchen almost laughed out. This girl was clearly saying her intention that he could be better only if she could be better.

Although she looked obedient, actually she was grinding her claws in the corner!

That girl bullied the world with a weak face. But he liked her!

"How much kerosene do you want?" Chu Liuchen snorted softly and said leisurely.

"I don't need much. Just enough to start a fire and burn a house. It should not be put out easily. I also want to borrow a guard," Qin Wanru said impolitely and she felt relieved.

It was much safer to get kerosene from Chu Liuchen than from Shui Ruolan. Although the host of Qin's Mansion was Shui Ruolan, Qin Huaiyong was also a shrewd person, and it would be troublesome if he checked a little clue.

Although it seemed that Qin Huaiyong had only ignored her so far, and this indifference was because Qin Yuru was his biological daughter. Even though he was a little partial, and it might be unreasonable for him to conceal some mistakes for his own biological daughter repeatedly, it was understandable from his love to her.

But Qin Wanru felt skeptical. Did Qin Huaiyong really know nothing about what Madam Di and Qin Yuru do? Did he really discover them afterwards?

As for the guards, taking one would be better than none. And it was also convenient to dispatch them.

"Come here!" Chu Liuchen suddenly waved to her.

Qin Wanru blinked her eyes and looked at him with puzzlement.

"Do you want me to invite you?" Chu Liuchen stretched out his hand.

Qin Wanru stood up helplessly and walked slowly to him, but Chu Liuchen grabbed her slender hand suddenly. She was startled. "Prince."

Chu Liuchen ignored her, reached out his hands and took a piece of jade from his arms. He tied it around her bundled slim waist, and then patted her slim waist. "Remember to keep it with you ever since!"

Qin Wanru consciously reached out to get that jade pendant but was held by his hand. The handsome boy raised up his face and was indisputable. "If this jade pendant lacks a horn, Qin Wanru you should take your life to change it!"

Qin Wanru was shocked and stretched out her hands to hold the jade pendant. The warm jade showed a warmth different from this cold weather, which made her involuntarily hold it tighter.

"Prince, what does this jade pendant mean?" Qin Wanru didn't dare to really think that this was just a jade pendant. It felt warm in hand. The warmth was not from Chu Liuchen but was with this jade pendant naturally.

She had heard of this kind of jade, natural warm jade, which was of great benefit to the human body when worn. But she just heard of it without really seeing it.

There was such a saying, but there were very few people who had really seen it. The value of such a jade pendant should be equal to a city!

"Take this for me!" Chu Liuchen held Qin Wanru's hands without letting her go. He leaned back, which made Qin Wanru close to him. And she almost fell on his body. She hurriedly reached out a hand to hold a corner of the table so that she didn't directly rush into Chu Liuchen's arms.

"Do you want me to hide it?" Qin Wanru asked cautiously, feeling that she still had to ask the question clearly at this time. Who knew what did he think? It would be better to do as he wishes.

"You don't need to hide it. Just hang it every day no matter where you go." Chu Liuchen smiled wickedly, then he stood up, reached out and patted her head. He said in a boring way, "You'd better grow up quickly. If my shield does not grow up, what use it'll have!"

These words were reasonable, but it made Qin Wanru want to vomit blood.

"Someone will send you kerosene tonight, and you can keep him as your guard. Would it be late?" Chu Liuchen's next sentence immediately diverted her attention, and the original pink face immediately became serious.

"It's not late, just the right time!" Qin Wanru nodded and said.

Chu Liuchen looked down at the girl's pink and delicate face, suddenly smiled, and saying nothing more, strode out. Xiao Xuanzi smiled at Qin Wanru, and quickly followed.

But when he walked to the door, Chu Liuchen suddenly turned back, and the sunshine at the door shone on him. But when he turned around, there was a long shadow, which happened to cover his handsome eyes. This made Qin Wanru not see the meaning in his eyes.

"Qin Wanru, why don't you go directly to my mansion? I can actually put the shield in the bright place early!"

"This ... is too early!" Qin Wanru's face flushed red.

Chu Liuchen laughed in a low voice. "Then I will wait a while. If the time is ripe, I will not care when!"

"Everything is at the command of Prince!" Qin Wanru stunned for a while, and finally said helplessly.

Seeing Chu Liuchen coming out, the couple of Duke Xing hurried out from the wing to send him. After telling them a "farewell", Chu Liuchen glanced at Qin Wanru ambiguously and turned away.

Qin Wanru returned to her residence, and Duke Xing followed her all the way.

Madam of Duke Xing stood on the spot, looked at the direction of Chu Liuchen, and looked at Qin Wanru's back. Her smiling face became cold.

"Madam, let's go back!" Nanny Sheng reminded her.

Madam of Duke Xing nodded, but her brows were wrinkled tightly. She was unwilling to see the situation now.

After a few steps, she said to Nanny Sheng, who closely followed her, "Do you feel that Prince Chen Your Highness seems to like Qin Wanru?"

"This ... I feel really hard to say. It seems to be like this. It seems not to be like this!" Nanny Sheng felt inaccurate. If there was something between the two, this Prince Chen Your Highness and Qin Wanru didn't have much interaction. And just now when they were there, Nanny Sheng did not find anything unusual.

But if there was nothing between them, she heard that before at the palace gate, this Prince Chen Your highness almost didn't wake up after saving Qin Wanru.

She didn't know they happened to meet each other or had something else.

Nanny Sheng didn't dare make a conclusion.

"We can't let her be related to Prince Chen!" Madam of Duke Xing's face froze. Her eyes flickered, and she looked in the direction that Qin Wanru left.

Although she also felt that when Qin Wanru was there before, she could attract Qin Wanru's attention and her daughter could get away very well. But this time she had another idea.

Although Chu Liuchen had no great achievements, or his way forward was absolutely cut down. But if Qin Wanru really had a relationship with Chu Liuchen, she was related to the current Empress Dowager and Emperor. Even if Chu Liuchen had something wrong later, as long as Empress Dowager and Emperor were still there, Qin Wanru was not so easy to deal with.

"Madam, don't worry. We will have results in these two days." Nanny Sheng looked around and saw that all the servant girls and old maids were far away from them, and then she lowered her voice to remind her.

"What if this cheap girl doesn't die?" Madam of Duke Xing said with cold eyes.

"Madam, this is the matter of our Duke Xing's Mansion. The elders of Shao Family can see it clearly. This matter is related to the decent reputation of Shao Family and the future of girls of Shao Family later. And it is still in the evening. We could just kill her. If it doesn't work, we can put her in the firewood house and then kill her. When night comes..."

Nanny Sheng did not finish her words. But Madam of Duke Xing understood it. She breathed deeply, showing a bit of cruelty on her face. She could not let this cheap girl live.

This would be the best!

"Madam, rest assured. Everything is ready, and I will wait for the elders coming tomorrow. I have sent a message to Old Madam, and she would definitely come over tomorrow." Seeing that the eyebrows of Madam of Duke Xing loosened, Nanny Sheng continued to appease her.

"That's good! We can't let this cheap girl live. Otherwise, if later... If later she knows it, there will be more trouble!" Madam of Duke Xing felt anxious and fearful and said.

"Madam, it's not good to keep her over there anyway? We have to come up with an idea to kill her!" Nanny Sheng was a little afraid to take these words. But she had to take them when she saw the cold

eyes of Madam of Duke Xing. When she finished these words, she felt cold and sweaty. She would die if she knew much about these things.

"Humph, cheap girl!" Madam of Duke Xing's beautiful face was almost deformed. After scolding fiercely, she walked forward with an extremely vicious look.

Nanny Sheng cautiously kept up, but she dared not to speak again for fear that Madam would talk to her about it again. She really did not want to talk about it at all. She always felt like walking on the edge of a cliff. She didn't know when she would be killed by Madam or the Duke.

She even hated why she was curious to follow up that day, only to see that scene...

Chapter 448 A Sincere Apology?

The next day in the morning, the elders of the Shao family went into the mansion in ones and twos. The official ceremony to record Qin Wanru into the family history would take place in the afternoon, and they had to worship their ancestors at noon.

Because time was limited, all of Duke Xing's Mansion was busy preparing a lot of things. Fortunately, it was still the Spring Festival and a lot of things had been prepared during that time. Before the Spring Festival, they had worshiped their ancestors, so some things were still around and they had no need to find more.

A lot of people from the Shao Clan came there; the elders of the clan along with some of their clansmen.

10 feasts were held in Duke Xing's Mansion at noon.

There were many doubts about Qin Wanru's identity. They all felt that the daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing came out of nowhere, and they had never heard of her before. Could she be fake?

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and Madam of Duke Xing authenticated this again and again, and Rui'an Great Elder Princess also brought Shao Yuanhao to authenticate this at noon. Thus, the people of the Shao Clan slowly stopped talking about this matter and dared not casually say anything more.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess came over with Shao Yuanhao for a while and only let Shao Yuanhao meet Qin Wanru. Then Rui'an Great Elder Princess left, leaving Shao Yuanhao alone to follow Qin Wanru.

In the afternoon, it was the ceremony of the Shao Clan to worship the ancestors, so it was not convenient for Rui'an Great Elder Princess to stay here.

Shao Yuanhao followed Qin Wanru like a little tail. Since he knew that Qin Wanru was his elder sister, he had been smiling happily.

He did everything that Qin Wanru asked, and looked very obedient. In addition, he had been taught in Rui'an Great Elder Princess' Mansion for a while, so Hao'er behaved politely, which surprised all the elders who had seen Shao Yuanhao before.

In the past, this Master Hao was the little devil in the Duke Xing's Mansion. He could do whatever he wanted at any time without any limitations.

The clansmen secretly had shaken their heads and sighed before. Someone had even said that fortunately the former Heir of Duke Xing had left, otherwise the Shao family would be destroyed if the whole Duke Xing's Mansion was handed over to this Master Hao in the future.

From this point of view, it was a good thing that the former Heir of Duke Xing had left.

But now, it seemed that this young master was not only well-behaved, but also polite. Was he really the unruly Master Hao? The clansmen were very surprised and began to talk about him in private.

There was a rumor outside that Duke Xing's Mansion wanted to destroy the only offspring of the former Heir of Duke Xing by spoiling him. People of the Shao family had not taken it seriously before. Many people had seen Master Hao before, who was just a brat. Old Madam spoiled him like this because she felt pity for him as the offspring of the former Heir of Duke Xing.

However, in this situation, the clansmen began to wonder. "If Master Hao is really incorrigible, why did he become so polite now?"

People in Duke Xing's Mansion were very busy, but Qin Wanru was not very busy. She only attended the banquet at noon and met a few respected elders of the clan. Then she took Shao Yuanhao's hand and went back to her courtyard.

The banquet had almost finished at this time. A few Misses of the Shao family began to enjoy the flowers in the garden.

Many people came here, and they were not the Misses of aristocratic families like before, so they had no need to behave themselves all the time. The figures of the Shao girls could almost be seen everywhere.

The girls were quite happy to have such a chance to come to Duke Xing's Mansion and take a walk.

"Cousin Wanru!" A figure suddenly appeared from the rockery, which scared Qin Wanru to stop in her tracks. Shao Yuanhao raised his little face and looked at Qin Wanru. When he was about to speak, he saw Qin Wanru stretch out her white tender finger and shake it. He immediately stopped, but still pouted and unhappily stared at the figure in front of him.

"Cousin Wanru, it's me!" The man raised his head and smiled bitterly with a haggard face. It turned out to be Wang Shengxue, but this time, he was very polite and did not try to approach Qin Wanru.

"Childe Wang, what's the matter?" Qin Wanru raised her eyebrows slightly and asked calmly.

Wang Shengxue was indeed her cousin now, but she did not want to talk about the old days with him.

"I hope Cousin Wanru can forgive me for what happened between me and my sister before!" Wang Shengxue bowed deeply to Qin Wanru.

"If you want to say something about the past, just forget it. It is all in the past, isn't it?" Qin Wanru said with an unchanging look.

In this life, Wang Shengxue and his sister Wang Yishu had a grudge against Qin Wanru. It was said that Wang Yishu was still unconscious in bed. As her older brother, Wang Shengxue must have hated Qin Wanru to the marrow.

"Cousin Wanru, do you think it is strange for me to come and apologize now?" Wang Shengxue raised his body and looked at Qin Wanru. His smile became more bitter and even a little unwilling.

Before Qin Wanru could ask further, he answered his own question, "Cousin Wanru is now the daughter of Uncle and also the granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess. If I still had any bad ideas, I'm afraid that I couldn't stay in the capital city anymore!"

Such an unwilling and bitter look indicated that he had no choice but to come and apologize. Things were different now. The change of Qin Wanru's identity made it so that he no longer had the opportunity to seek revenge on Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru quietly looked at Wang Shengxue and said with a slight smile, "Childe Wang, you are too polite. Please go ahead!"

As she said that, she was going to pass by him and leave.

Seeing that Qin Wanru was going to leave, Wang Shengxue was anxious and took two steps forward. It seemed that he subconsciously wanted to reach out to pull Qin Wanru, but he was pushed away by Shao Yuanhao off to the side. He staggered a few steps and then stood firm.

"Cousin Wanru, please forgive me and my sister!" Wang Shengxue stood still and did not dare to approach again. He looked at Qin Wanru and begged her. "My sister and I are living in Duke Xing's Mansion now. If Cousin Wanru does not forgive me, I'm afraid that we will be driven away after the matters in Duke Xing's Mansion are finished. How can my sister leave in this condition? Without the imperial physician from the Imperial Institute of Medicine to treat..."

When getting to this part, Wang Shengxue could not go on, looking sad.

As for the current situation of Wang Yishu, it was said that she was neither dead nor alive. She had always relied on medicine to maintain her life, and from time to time, needed the imperial physician from the Imperial Institute of Medicine to take her pulse. If Wang Shengxue and his sister had to leave, all of these would be gone, and then Wang Yishu might lose her life.

At least, she was still alive. There was a glimmer of hope as long as she remained alive.

After Qin Wanru thought about it, it was also reasonable for Wang Shengxue to apologize to her now.

No matter how much Wang Shengxue hated Qin Wanru before, the change of her status now made it impossible for him to seek revenge. Even for his own future and his sister, it was justifiable for him to have to plead with Qin Wanru.

Wang Shengxue had lost his qualification for participating in the metropolitan examination in the spring because of Qin Wanru, so he definitely hated her. This kind of hatred of cutting off people's future was almost the hatred of breaking their family apart. But now, Wang Shengxue had to make concessions, not only for his sister, but also for his own future. Without the support of Duke Xing's Mansion, he could not have a good future.

"Childe Wang, do you want to beg for my forgiveness? And you want to stay here?" Qin Wanru's watery eyes turned toward him slightly, without a glimmer of a smile in them.

"Cousin Wanru, my sister and I were wrong. Since you are broad-minded, please forgive us, Cousin Wanru. We have been punished now!"

Wang Shengxue apologized again quickly, took out a delicate box from his arms, and handed it to her.

"This is just a token of my gratitude. Let me give it to Cousin Hao to play with!"

"What? Is this for me?" Shao Yuanhao could not understand their sophisticated chat. When he saw Wang Shengxue's ingratiating look, his heart softened. When Wang Shengxue had seen Shao Yuanhao in Duke Xing's Mansion before, he had always flattered him and brought some gifts to make friends with him from time to time.

"It is for Cousin Hao. I chose it from overseas and it has just arrived. It's a boat. I promised you before, Cousin Hao, but after I found it, you had gone to Rui'an Great Elder Princess' Mansion, and then I had no chance to give it to you!"

Wang Shengxue smiled.

Speaking of this, there was another reason. In the beginning, when Wang Shengxue had brought an imported good to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, she liked it very much. Shao Yuanhao liked it even more and had asked Wang Shengxue for it. In order to please Shao Yuanhao, Wang Shengxue had also promised him. Then because of a series of changes, this matter had been delayed.

Now, Wang Shengxue took it out, and it was related to the previous matter.

Shao Yuanhao pitifully raised his head and looked at Qin Wanru's face. He shook her hand carefully and asked with a puppy face, "Sister, can I accept this?"

"Thank you, Childe Wang!" Qin Wanru nodded.

Yujie stepped forward, took the box, and stepped aside.

"Then I will take my leave now!" It seemed that because Qin Wanru took the gift, Wang Shengxue breathed a sigh of relief and raised his head with a gentle smile.

This meant that the grudges between Qin Wanru and the Wang brother and sister had been resolved.

Qin Wanru nodded.

Wang Shengxue was overjoyed and bowed to Qin Wanru again, and then he turned and left. After a few steps, he seemed to think of something and looked back, but he hesitated for a moment and continued to leave.

Seeing that Wang Shengxue had left, Qin Wanru continued to go back with a group of people. It seemed that this scene was just an interlude, and no one took it seriously.

Shao Jie'er was sitting in a pavilion not far from the place where they had spoken. She was admiring the scenery with a few sisters of her family, but they had seen what had happened just now. They could not hear their conversation because of the long distance, but they could see clearly that Wang Shengxue had left reluctantly. At that moment, a Miss could not help asking her, "Second Miss, is... is this an underhand dealing?"

"I don't think so. Something might have happened," Shao Jie'er wiped the corner of her mouth with a handkerchief and said casually.

"How could it not be? I saw it clearly just now. He not only gave a gift, but also left with loving eyes. This... this kind of thing..."

Another girl of the Shao Clan could not help speaking up.

"That's right. How could she do that?"

"Yes. It is inappropriate to secretly meet a man. Our Shao family is the most well-behaved. How can we let such a girl who does not follow the rules enter our family?"

"Had she hooked up with him at an earlier time? I have heard before that this Second Miss Qin's reputation is not very good."

The fact that Qin Wanru had become the daughter of the Heir of Duke Xing all at once made the Misses of the Shao family jealous. When they saw this scene, they talked about it one after another, but the more they talked about it, the more exaggerated it became.

Shao Jie'er took out her handkerchief and pressed the corner of her mouth to wipe the complacency from her lips. She completed the task that her mother had asked her to do...

Chapter 449 A Secret Meeting in the Mid-Lake Pavilion at Midnight!

The ceremony to record Qin Wanru into the family history went well in the afternoon because everyone had been clear about this before they arrived. Now Duke Xing's Mansion and Rui'an Great Elder Princess had authenticated this, and it was even said that Empress Dowager had also sent someone to authenticate her. Thus, they all believed that Qin Wanru was indeed the lineal daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing, who had been left outside.

After Qin Wanru had been officially recorded in the family history, she changed her name to Shao Wanru.

She was recorded in the name of the former Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua, and she ranked as the fifth Miss in Duke Xing's Mansion.

There were three branches in Duke Xing's Mansion, and they were all lineal sons of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. There were only Shao Wanru and Shao Yuanhao in the first branch now. One ranked fifth and the other ranked third.

The second branch was the legal wife of Duke Xing, who had two daughters and one son. There were a lineal son and a lineal daughter, as well as a non-lineal daughter. The two daughters were ranked first and second respectively, and the son also ranked first.

In the third branch, Madam had two lineal daughters and a non-lineal son. The two daughters were ranked third and fourth respectively, and the son ranked second.

Those non-lineal relatives had been separated early, so that the whole Duke Xing's Mansion was the offspring of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, and there were not many people in Duke Xing's Mansion. There were no parents in the first branch, which seemed to be smaller in scale.

There were only a son and a daughter left in the first branch, and they were both young.

The ceremony to record Qin Wanru into the family history went on for a long time. When the ceremony was completed, it was getting dark, and in the winter, it got dark earlier than usual.

At this time, of course, the banquet had to be held. The banquet in Duke Xing's Mansion had been prepared, and the fragrance of wine filled the air for a while.

The women finished their dinner quickly, and after that, they wandered around casually. Most of them came here with their fathers and brothers. They could not leave before their fathers and brothers had finished.

They had wandered for a while in the afternoon, so many women were unwilling to wander again and they stayed in the banquet hall to drink tea and chat. But there were some lively people who did not want to sit down and continued to wander in the garden.

Some Misses went farther and farther, and then even lost their way. They could not find anyone for a while, so they could only go forward in the direction of the street lights, and were ready to look for the servants of Duke Xing's Mansion to ask for directions before going back.

Along the way, the more they walked, the darker the sky got. The lights to lead the way were set every few steps, but now only one appeared almost after a certain distance. The distance was getting farther and farther, and part of the road was dark. Fortunately, there were many women walking together, and they were not so afraid after emboldening each other.

Suddenly, a woman with sharp eyes pointed to the front and said excitedly, "There's someone up ahead!"

There was a lake in front of them, and in the middle of the lake was a waterside pavilion. There was a pavilion outside the waterside pavilion, in which there was a lamp, and someone seemed to be there.

"Let's go over and ask the way. We finally see someone!"

"Yes, yes. Let's go there right away!"

Everyone could not help breathing a sigh of relief. If they continued to go on without encountering anyone, these girls would also be panicked.

The light in front of them was no less than a savior to them.

Everyone hurried to the lakeside. When they got closer, they saw clearly that there was a man in the pavilion, which made them slow down again.

In such a dark place, there was only a light on in the pavilion on the lake. Was it impolite for them to disturb him like this?

As they were hesitating, someone said in a low voice, "Look, someone is going there!"

"Who?" Everyone's gaze followed the direction that she pointed in. There was indeed a woman coming over from the waterside pavilion. She was wrapped in a cloak, which made it unable for them to see clearly who she was. It was only a vague figure of a woman.

At this time, she, dressed like that, went to meet a man. All the people looked at each other, stopped, and even hid behind the trees.

The woman with a cloak walked slowly along the waterside pavilion to the pavilion. The man who was originally sitting in the pavilion stood up excitedly. He originally faced in another direction with his back to the group of girls. As soon as he turned around, those with sharp eyes immediately recognized that he was Childe Wang, Wang Shengxue, who lived in Duke Xing's Mansion.

One reason why everyone present knew him was that he had been there today when Shao Wanru had been recorded into the family history and entered the Shao family. He became the object of discussion among many women because of his good looks and they had asked who he was. The rumors spread quickly. As women are capable of spreading rumors, most people knew his identity immediately.

Another reason was that some of the people present had witnessed the scene when Wang Shengxue had stopped Shao Wanru.

When Wang Shengxue saw the woman coming over, he reached out to hold her in his arms and untied her cloak with the other hand. The cloak was thrown aside and fell to the ground, but no one paid any attention to it.

The young man and woman hugged tightly. From their angles, they could only see that Wang Shengxue lowered his head and began to kiss the woman. Thus, all the girls were stunned.

"Is she the newly recognized Fifth Miss Shao?" someone in the dark said.

"It seems to be true. That dress. Yes, it's her." Other people's attention immediately fell on the girl. She had her back turned to everyone, so they could not see her clearly.

But those exquisite and gorgeous clothes, as well as the unique embroidery and beautiful color, immediately caused a discussion among the crowd.

They didn't know without talking about it. But the more they talked, the more it looked like her. These were exactly the clothes that Shao Wanru had been wearing today.

Shao Wanru was an important person in today's ceremony and also the focus of everyone's attention. The focus of the women was also on her gorgeous and enviable clothes. Every piece of her clothing was bright, and they envied and hated it in their hearts. They wanted to replace her and become the daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing.

Such beautiful clothes, such beautiful embroidery, how could they not attract people's attention?

At this time, after a careful identification, everyone was sure that the woman in front of them was Shao Wanru, who was the fifth Miss newly recognized by Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Shameless! Really shameless!"

"I don't want to see this!"

"She is really cheap!" The women scolded her in a low voice. Wang Shengxue and the woman were still hugging and kissing, and they looked like they couldn't be separated. The situation of the two of them became more and more hot. It was obvious that this was not the first time that they had done this.

"She's now the daughter of the Shao family. Her actions will damage the reputation of the daughters of the Shao family. Let's go and invite the elders to take a look right now." Someone suggested sternly.

"Yes. Go to find them right now! Right now!"

After a discussion, they had four women go back the way they came before. Then they would quickly come to catch Shao Wanru in the act. They would put her into the swine cage. How could such a cheap woman enter the family history of the Shao family?

Previously, they only wanted to go forward, but now they realized that they could retreat. The four women went back to call for help, and they walked very fast. What's more, they happened to meet the servant girl of Duke Xing's Mansion, who took them to a shortcut, and soon returned to the hall.

The elders were almost drunk by this time and were talking happily. When they suddenly heard such news, they immediately became furious.

They didn't know where Duke Xing had gone. At this time, there was no master of Duke Xing's Mansion. A few elders, who were almost drunk, took the lead to catch Qin Wanru. They followed several women who had taken a shortcut to catch Qin Wanru red-handed.

For fear of being discovered by the other party, no one spoke. When they arrived at the place guarded by the previous women, they looked up and saw a couple embracing each other in the pavilion on the lake.

"It's true that it's the new Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion." Some people also recognized the dress. This kind of dress could not be possessed by any ordinary people. And everyone had seen it before.

The two people in the pavilion became more and more intense. The man sat down with the woman in his arms and kept kissing her.

"Drown that woman in the swine cage."

"We must drown her. The reputation of the daughters of our Shao family can't be spoiled."

"Just drown her before Duke Xing finds out. We all have seen it. Don't be afraid!"

"That's right. That's the idea. It's for all the girls of our Shao family."

The words came out of their mouths one by one, and those who were drunk became excited. In this way, the discussion was settled, and a few elders of the family and a large group of people rushed to the pavilion.

However, when a large group of people rushed out, it immediately alarmed the people in the waterside pavilion. The two people saw the crowd rushing on the water bridge and panicked.

The path had already been cut off. At this moment, the only way out for them was the lake in front of them. The woman had actually jumped into the water with a splash.

Wang Shengxue also seemed to want to jump, but he was timid. After trying a few times, he didn't dare to jump down again. He just watched the woman swimming away from him.

It was actually not far from the other side of the lake.

The people of the Shao Clan did not expect that the woman would dare to jump in. After a moment of hesitation, some people ran back, but the way they went was not a direct route. It was farther away to run from where they were to the opposite side of the lake. When some people finally got over there, they only saw a line of water.

The people in the pavilion had already caught Wang Shengxue.

Under the light, he could clearly be seen. It was indeed Wang Shengxue.

After tying Wang Shengxue up, they took him around the pavilion. When they arrived at the opposite bank, they saw a clear line of water on the ground. It was clear that someone had come ashore right there and escaped.

"Go after her!" The elders discussed this matter and felt that it could not be settled amicably. Then they continued to chase after her. They had to capture Fifth Miss Shao, who had ruined the reputation of the Shao family, and drown her in the swine cage!

If people knew that the Miss of the Shao family was secretly dating a man in the garden, how could the women of the Shao family get engaged or married in the future? What would people think of the Shao family?

The elders became clear-headed at this time, and they felt that this was the best way. Duke Xing was still not here, which was a better opportunity. They would catch Shao Wanru and directly drown her in a swine cage. Even if Duke Xing found out about that and came here, it would be too late.

For the sake of the reputation of the entire Shao Clan's women, it was right for them to do so!

A large group of people detained Wang Shengxue and chased after her. But they didn't expect that after they took a few steps, they would suddenly see a fire in front of them shooting up into the sky. Smoke was billowing, and the fire was surging. It was on fire!

The flames alerted the people of Duke Xing's Mansion. All the servants carried buckets and water-filled objects and ran over there. They shouted, "Put out the fire!" The whole place was in chaos...

Chapter 450 Fire against Water

Qin Wanru came back before the banquet began. There were so many clansmen, and her status was much lower than those of Duke Xing's Mansion. So she didn't need the master of Duke Xing's Mansion to accompany her. Only a few important people who were close to her sat aside. Duke Xing stayed there to talk to her, and none of the women needed to accompany her.

Qin Wanru's current name was Shao Wanru. By the time she returned to her room, it was getting late.

Shao Yuanhao was sent back, but Rui'an Great Elder Princess was worried that he would stay there. As soon as the ceremony was over, she sent someone to take him away. As for Qin Wanru, there were still four rough old women with her.

When Shao Wanru returned to the room, the dinner had already been served, but it was not eaten yet. It was said that Old Madam had invited her, so Shao Wanru went to Old Madam's place with some people.

Old Madam had left very early, so she asked about what had happened after she left. Then she asked Qin Wanru to go back.

When she returned to her courtyard, it was already late. The servant girls prepared dinner. It was a little cold now, and Shao Wanru had no appetite. After taking a few bites, she asked several servant girls and old maids to take some and eat it.

"Miss, the hot water for bathing is ready. Do you want to take a bath now?" Yujie came in and asked. The hot water was indeed brought by the servants of Duke Xing's Mansion and had been prepared already.

Shao Wanru nodded and entered the inner room. She sat down by the side and did not enter the bathtub. The smell of kerosene in the room was thick, but when the door was closed, no one could smell it outside.

Yujie went to the back window, opened it, and looked at the darkness outside. A black shadow suddenly appeared in front of her, which scared her so much that she took two steps back.

It was a guard in black clothes, looking grave. He briefly repeated what had happened.

"We found Wang Shengxue and a woman dressed in the same clothes as Fifth Miss's secretly meeting at a pavilion. The woman was discovered and jumped into the lake. She went ashore and headed this way. A large group of elders from the Shao family was chasing after her. They looked as if they were going to drown Fifth Miss in the pond to protect the reputation of the Shao family's daughters."

"Fire!" Shao Wanru stood up, and her eyes were cold and calm.

Although the situation was a little different from what she had guessed, it was still very close to what she had guessed. They really wanted to kill her.

Yujie hurriedly pulled her out of the room. The guard took out a match from his arms. With a wave of his hand, the match was lit. He threw it on the big carved bed in the room. Immediately, the fire rose into the sky. He took advantage of the opportunity and set fire to other places. Then he moved out of the window. The thick fireworks had lit up the sky.

Standing at the back window of Madam of Duke Xing, Nanny Sheng looked in the direction of Qin Wanru's courtyard and said in a low voice, "Madam, wait a little longer, and she will die!"

There was no one else in the room except for her and Madam of Duke Xing, who was lying on the couch. Hearing Nanny Sheng's words, her face showed a bit of complacency.

"That's the courtyard for An'er to get married in. After so many years of preparation, how can I really let that bitch live there?" She smiled mockingly. She just wanted her to stay for a while so that Rui'an Great Elder Princess could see her affection for Shao Wanru. After the matter was settled today, this courtyard would still be Shao Hua'an's.

"It's a pity that because of her living there the room has gotten dirty!" Madam of Duke Xing pressed a handkerchief to her face and sighed slightly.

"Of course. After this matter is settled, Madam can slowly adjust it. After First Young Master's marriage is discussed, there will be no one mentioning Fifth Miss again after a period of time!" Nanny Sheng said with a smile.

They were all waiting for news of Shao Wanru.

After today's incident, there was no Fifth Miss in Duke Xing's Mansion. After the secret meeting between Fifth Miss Shao and a man, she had lost her reputation. That she was sunk had nothing to do with Duke Xing's Mansion. When the incident happened, the masters of Duke Xing's Mansion were all absent. And the members of the Shao Clan settled this thing. So what if Rui'an Great Elder Princess showed up?

In the end, this matter would not be settled. Could it be false if so many people had witnessed it?

They saw Fifth Miss Shao meeting a man secretly. They saw Fifth Miss Shao jump into the lake and run into the courtyard along with the water stains on Fifth Miss's clothes. Then, they would see Fifth Miss Shao, who had changed her clothes. All sorts of signs indicated that the woman was Fifth Miss Shao. For the sake of the reputation of women in the family, they would have to punish the daughter of the family who had ruined their reputation. This kind of thing would make sense wherever it was put.

Moreover, the most important thing was that this matter had nothing to do with Duke Xing's Mansion. It was the members of the clan who had acted on their own initiative. Because of the wine, few of the members were sober, and some people would secretly make things more serious. It was bound to be successful!

By now, Shao Wanru must have freshened up and changed her clothes. There was no difference between the wet clothes after bathing and the wet clothes when she jumped into the water. Several servant girls in the courtyard had been waiting for Shao Wanru to change her clothes so they could get her clothes wet. Then, the members of the Shao family would find her.

"Madam... Madam... Madam..." Nanny Sheng, who had been staring at Shao Wanru's yard from the window, suddenly screamed.

"What's the matter? Why are you in a panic?" Madam of Duke Xing sat up unpleasantly. She stood up, and walked to the back window. "Did they make the trouble?"

When the fuss was made, it meant that the matter had been done. She had to sleep and rest here, so she couldn't be woken up by others. Today, there were many things to do. As the Madam in charge of internal affairs, she fell asleep early, which was reasonable.

"Fire, it's on fire!" Looking in the direction of the blazing fire, Nanny Sheng broke out in a cold sweat. It looked like the courtyard that Madam had prepared for the First Young Master's wedding. It was the residence of Fifth Miss Shao now. If the fire really broke out, Madam's years of painstaking efforts would be gone.

The furniture there had been saved by Madam for many years and had been slowly accumulated. It could be said that it had been saved for about 10 years. The things inside were also carefully selected by Madam. If it was really burned, Madam would vomit blood.

"What, it's on fire?" Madam of Duke Xing also saw the fire at this time. The fire was so thick in the sky that she could see it clearly even through the window.

"It's on fire. Madam. It seems to be the courtyard where Fifth Miss lives," Nanny Sheng said with a crying voice.

"It's on fire? It's on fire! How could it be..." Madam of Duke Xing swayed and almost fell down. She grabbed Nanny Sheng's sleeve and almost gnashed her teeth as she asked, "How could this happen?"

"I... I don't know. Madam, please... hurry up and put out the fire!" Nanny Sheng stammered, feeling that something unexpected had happened.

"Let's go and have a look!" Madam of Duke Xing turned around and walked out. At this time, she had to look at the fire and the source of the noise, which all indicated that this matter had been made big.

Because she was in a panic, when she walked to the door, Madam of Duke Xing tripped over the threshold and fell to the ground. Nanny Sheng saw that it was not good and hurried to help her up. She said hurriedly, "Madam, Madam, don't be anxious. Maybe it's not there. Let's go and have a look."

"Let's go!" Madam of Duke Xing gasped heavily, pushed Nanny Sheng away, and stumbled out. That courtyard was filled with things that had taken her painstaking efforts to obtain, and it was the best courtyard in all of Duke Xing's Mansion. It was even better than Old Madam's courtyard. All the things inside it were valuable and dignified.

Some of them were selected from Princess Qinghua's dowry. They were all very precious and couldn't be lost!

When several servant girls and old maids outside heard that Madam of Duke Xing came out, they hurried to follow her and went to the place where the fire was raging.

The elders of the Shao Clan were all stunned on the spot. They looked at the courtyard in the firelight in shock. They were all stunned. Was the heavily burnt courtyard in front of them the courtyard where Fifth Miss Shao lived?

"Is that Fifth Miss Shao standing at the gate of the courtyard and anxiously asking the servants to pour water?"

The clothes were still the same ones as in the daytime. And the clothes that the woman in the pavilion had on shared the same butterfly patterns on the sleeves with hers. However, the Shaos knew that this one they saw now was not that one from earlier.

The woman jumped into the water, and her clothes were wet. Even if they were dried, they could not be dry in such a short time. As for Fifth Miss Shao, her clothes were neat and dry, and her whole person was clean. She was definitely not the messy one they had imagined.

"It's not her?"

"Not her!"

"It can't be her. Someone is wearing the same clothes as her!"

"But this... How could it be possible? How could someone wear the same clothes as Fifth Miss's? These kinds of clothes are not worn by ordinary people."

After the shock, they were at a loss. There were so many people from the Shao family who came to catch her in an aggressive manner, but now they found that they couldn't catch her at all. The biggest suspect was Fifth Miss Shao, and it was impossible for her to be the one they were looking for.

Then who was that person?

"The clothes she was wearing were so beautiful, and she dressed like Fifth Miss Shao. Could it be the Miss of Shao's Mansion?" Someone could not help suspecting.

"It's possible. It's very possible!" Many people immediately answered. Not only did they find that they had chased the wrong person, but they also seemed to have been led by someone. All the elders felt ashamed and lost face. They were determined to find such a person to prove their clarity.

"First Miss is not here. Second Miss is here. Third Madam is heard to be ill. Third Miss and Fourth Miss are taking care of her. So the most likely one is..." Someone tried to exclude people. After this, they found that it was Shao Jie'er, Second Miss Shao, who was the most suspicious one.

"That's right. It must be like this. Second Miss Shao saw him talking to Fifth Miss Shao before, and they were in the attic." A woman suddenly remembered things in the afternoon and suddenly realized.

"Yes, yes, yes, it must be like this. It must be Second Miss Shao. When we came here just now, did you find it? The water trail disappeared." Someone proposed a new question.

Seeing the soaring fire, they couldn't help running over. They didn't know when the water trail from the clothes had disappeared.

"Some of you, help put out the fire, and find some people to go back to the original place to look for traces of the water, and find the one by following the water traces!" An older clan elder, who was quite clear-minded, made a decision at once, and everyone immediately agreed.

The Shao Clan split up into two parts. Most of them went to help the people of Duke Xing's Mansion to put out the fire, and a small number of them went to look for that woman.

Seeing such a group of people coming over, Shao Wanru, who was standing in the crowd, hooked her lips slightly and glanced at Wang Shengxue, who was caught. Her eyes were cold and fierce, like a blade, which made Wang Shengxue's face look more and uglier.

If someone looked closely, they would find that he was shaking and almost paralyzed on the ground.

There were only two words in Wang Shengxue's heart now: "It's over!" He didn't even know how to end it now...