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Chapter 451 The So-called "Black Under the Light"

At night, the flames lighting up the sky shocked the entire capital city. Duke Xing's Mansion was on the street and it was still early, so most people were not asleep yet. People who lived nearby hurriedly helped to put out the fire, while those who lived farther away stood on higher grounds to watch the fire. When they found out that it was Duke Xing's Mansion that was on fire, they were all very surprised.

Such an aristocratic family which had existed for hundreds of years old often had good fire prevention measures in their mansion. Even if occasionally there were sparks in such mansions, the fire would not be so big. Such a raging fire was more likely to have been deliberately started by someone.

Did someone deliberately set fire to Duke Xing's Mansion? This thought sent chills down everyone's spines. In such a situation, why did someone set Duke Xing's Mansion on fire? What was the purpose? Was it really because of Duke Xing?

"Master, the fire is really strong!" Xiao Xuanzi, who stood on the top floor of a pavilion, retracted his neck. He really had to marvel at this delicate Second Miss Qin's courage. No, it was the courage of Fifth Miss Shao now. She dared to set fire to her own house in such a bold way. Even a man would not dare to do this, let alone an ordinary Miss from an aristocratic family!

Xiao Xuanzi thought that he would not have dared to do that, because this action would have made him known to the public.

Of course, Xiao Xuanzi knew that he was just a little eunuch and could not be compared with others. But Xiao Xuanzi thought that even though he was a eunuch, he was bolder than many other men. In this regard, Xiao Xuanzi did not think that he was worse than other men.

Most men were not braver than him, and they were not as brave as Fifth Miss Shao!

Chu Liuchen stood in front of the window, and the long gauzy curtain in front of the window had been put up, so he could see the fiery red in the distant sky and hear the noises coming from that place clearly. He could see that there were people everywhere, and could vaguely hear the sounds of people drifting to him in the wind.

This was indeed a time of great momentum!

He raised his beautiful eyes and said with great interest, "That yard in Duke Xing's Mansion seems to have been destroyed. I have heard that was the wedding room set by Madam of Duke Xing for her son. She has been preparing it for decades!"

"She has prepared it for so long? It is really a pity because it is all gone now!" Xiao Xuanzi said that it was a pity, but the smile on his face indicated otherwise. On the contrary, he smiled happily.

The losses in the courtyard that had been prepared for decades would not just be the equivalent of one or two ordinary yards. It was confirmed that all the good stuff had been delivered to the courtyard.

Now they were all gone! Even thinking about this would make people happy!

"I wonder if Duke Xing will still be so mild mannered. He has a reputation of having a good temper in this court! This will be rare, because I have never seen Duke Xing getting angry."

Chu Liuchen looked at the fire in the distance and squinted, with a smile in his eyes, as if he was in a good mood.

Duke Xing was a good person with a good temper and attitude. Even if he was angry about something, he would solve it gradually. In this aspect, the Emperor thought highly of him and thought that Duke Xing was a calm person and could work well.

The Emperor originally nursed a grievance because of a past misunderstanding between Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Duke Xing's Mansion, but now the grievance had been settled because of the current Duke Xing's attitude.

How could the Emperor not approve of such a good-tempered old man, who was also good at his work?

"Duke Xing will suffer internal injuries because he suppresses too much of his emotions!"

Xiao Xuanzi blinked his eyes and said this meaningfully.

Chu Liuchen smiled, but did not say anything. He continued to look at the scene of the fire outside. He was in a very high place, so he naturally could see farther than those who stood in the ordinary pavilions.

Xiao Xuanzi followed him to watch the scene in silence for a while and said worriedly, "Will Fifth Miss Shao be alright?"

"That little girl is smart. She wants to leave Duke Xing's Mansion? That is a good idea!" Chu Liuchen said lazily.

Xiao Xuanzi did not quite understand, but he was smart. He rolled his eyes and said, "Master, if Fifth Miss Shao leaves the Duke Xing's Mansion, what will happen to her marriage?"

The marriage of Fifth Miss Shao was related to his master's marriage, so Xiao Xuanzi was extremely concerned about this.

Originally, the marriage would have been arranged by her parents' order and the matchmaker's word rather than Shao Wanru herself. If she really left Duke Xing's Mansion, there would have been no elder to decide for her, and there would also be no engagement.

"Since the jade pendant is there, you don't have to worry about her marriage!" Chu Liuchen said leisurely, with his slender fingers lightly tapping the window a few times. At this time, the fire outside the window had eased a little and seemed to be under control, or else the place would almost have been burnt to the ground.

Everything that could be burnt had been burnt, and there was only things left that could not be burnt!

"Prince, Empress Dowager gave you that piece of warm jade and asked you to keep it with you so you can nurse your body. You gave it away to Fifth Miss Shao. I am afraid that Empress Dowager will not be happy when she sees this!"

Xiao Xuanzi started to worry. Why did he give the jade pendant away to Fifth Miss Shao?

He could give her anything but this jade pendant. It seemed that Prince was also going to ask Fifth Miss Shao to visit Empress Dowager with this jade pendant. This would definitely make Empress Dowager angry when she saw this!

"What do you think Imperial Grandmother's reaction will be when she sees Zhuozhuo wearing the jade pendant?" Chu Liuchen smiled gently.

Xiao Xuanzi felt as if his teeth were aching. His face twitched twice and he reminded him carefully, "Master, don't you really think Empress Dowager will be angry?"

"Yes, she will!" Chu Liuchen smiled.

"Then why did you give the jade pendant to Fifth Miss and asked her to carry it?" Xiao Xuanzi was stunned. He really did not understand what his master was thinking of. Wasn't it obvious that he wanted Fifth Miss to be hated by Empress Dowager?

Whoever in this world who was hated by the Empress Dowager was seeking his own death!

Even those who wanted to stay alive would not dare to offend Empress Dowager. It was hard to guess Master's intention.

"I do not want to get married soon, but I have to let Imperial Grandmother know about this. She will take back the jade pendant, but she will also discuss this with Rui'an Great Elder Princess."

Chu Liuchen said this very leisurely.

Therefore, although there was no engagement on the surface, would this mean that the adults of the two families had come to an agreement? Xiao Xuanzi could figure it out to some degree and was immediately overjoyed.

As for why Empress Dowager would discuss this matter with Rui'an Great Elder Princess instead of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, Xiao Xuanzi felt that since his master said so, it must be true. Moreover, this Old Madam was very partial. It was said that she was very hostile toward Fifth Miss and she had once said that she hated Fifth Miss vehemently, in front of everyone.

Xiao Xuanzi thought that having such a grandmother or not, was the same.

It was best if Empress Dowager could discuss Fifth Miss's marriage with Rui'an Great Elder Princess. As for Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, since she did not treat Fifth Miss well, she should not meddle in Fifth Miss's marriage. Anyway, it could not be said that Fifth Miss had no elder, because she still had Rui'an Great Elder Princess as her elder.

"That is great. Rui'an Great Elder Princess..." When he said this, Xiao Xuanzi's eyes suddenly widened. He stared out of the window at the flames that colored half the sky red and gasped.

He felt that he had really underestimated Fifth Miss!

This Fifth Miss, who looked delicate and weak and could almost be easily knocked down by a gust of wind, was indeed the best match for his scheming master. Originally, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was the most justified elder for Fifth Miss!

But what would happen after this incident? It was feared that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion could not make arbitrary decisions on Fifth Miss's marriage!

Wen Xichi, who was in the Deputy Prime Minister's Chambers was also looking at the scene of the inferno. He was standing on a rockery in his yard to watch it.

Deputy Prime Minister's Chambers was not far from Duke Xing's Mansion, in fact it was just next door to the mansion. In this position, he had a clear view of the people and also of the young girl who was in front of the crowd. She was being held back by several servants. Among such a large crowd, she was being pushed further and further away.

He also saw Madam of Duke Xing coming over hurriedly. She almost fainted as soon as she entered the door. Had it not been for the support of several servants, she would have slumped to the ground.

Later, Duke Xing came and led a large group of people to help put out the fire.

Such a big fire had set the whole yard ablaze. At first glance, one would know that someone had deliberately started the fire.

The news that Qin Wanru was now Shao Wanru, the daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing, had spread throughout the entire capital city. Of course, there was another rumor spread at the same time. It was said that First Miss of Qin's Mansion was vicious and greedy. After learning about Shao Wanru's background from her parents, she had tried to take the first step to be authenticated.

Fortunately, although Duke Xing's Mansion felt that the evidence she produced was correct, they still had some doubts. Then, they had Old Madam to take her as a nominal foster granddaughter first and then did some further checks.

After that, Shao Wanru produced the real evidence and some witnesses and First Miss of Qin's Mansion had left in shame. Then, Fifth Miss Shao could officially be recognized as part of the family.

Duke Xing's Mansion was very satisfied with the newly recognized Fifth Miss, so they opened up the ancestral hall to have her registered. Today, Duke Xing's Mansion was busy and lively as it had never been for a long time, so this must be the ceremony to register this Fifth Miss Shao into the family's records. Therefore, it was unexpected that someone had secretly set fire to this place in the evening.

This place must be the Fifth Miss Shao's new courtyard, right?

Now...

"Third Cousin, Third Cousin." A delicate voice came from below. Wen Xichi lowered his head and looked at his cousin who walked out of the shadows, with an obscure expression in his eyes.

"Third Cousin, what happened? I... Is the fire getting closer?" Gu Xishu was in a state of panic. Her face was pale and her hair was hanging messily over her shoulders. It was obvious that she had been in the bed and now she had been woken up by the noise. Her clothes were still a little askew, but even so, they still made her look weak, delicate and pitiable.

However, her gentleness was such that it seemed affected and superficial. She could not be compared to Shao Wanru, whose gentleness had some childish quality to it. A woman like that had an extremely seductive charm, but also a cold temperament, so she was not someone that Gu Xishu could compare with. After he had seen such seductive charm, it seemed that Gu Xishu who stood in front of his eyes was not good enough.

Wen Xichi suddenly felt that he was very strange. He had always been clear-minded, but why hadn't he seen through Gu Xishu who had pretended to be gentle for so many years? How could he still treat her so wholeheartedly as his own sister? He had thought that she was delicate and kindhearted, and that she would not be a schemer!

He had seen that both Gu Xishu and his second brother were alike. Whenever he looked at other people, he would study them carefully, which was in vain. He had complete faith in Gu Xishu and his second brother.

As the saying goes, "There is darkness under the light". This must be referring to him!

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"It will be fine. You can go back now!" Wen Xichi raised his eyes and looked at Duke Xing's Mansion again.

"Third Cousin, I am afraid. We are so close to the fire. What if it reaches us?" Gu Xishu said as she wiped her tears away pitifully and was about to step up the rockery. Since there was no one around and it was dark, she could throw herself into Third Cousin's arms.

It would be even better if someone saw this. Then Third Cousin would have to marry her.

Even if no one saw this, it did not matter, because Third Cousin should care more about her at this time!

"Cousin, there is no need for you to step up here. Eldest Brother and Second Brother will be here soon. You can go back and have a rest first!" Wen Xichi said indifferently, without looking at her.

Gu Xishu stopped and thought, "Will Second Cousin be here too?"

Second Cousin had always been jealous. If he saw her standing next to Third Cousin, he would definitely doubt her. Then he would not only criticize her, but also possibly ruin her plan.

Thinking about it, Gu Xishu felt that it would be better for her to leave first.

"Third Cousin, be careful. I will leave first. If there is anything wrong, I hope you will inform me beforehand." Gu Xizhao raised her head to look at Wen Xichi, with a frightened look.

This was Wen Xichi's courtyard, so she could not stay any longer.

"Okay, you go back first and have a good sleep. It is all right!" Wen Xichi said gently.

"Third Cousin, when Eldest Cousin and Second Cousin come over later, can you not tell them that I was so afraid that I had to come out to look for you? Because they will laugh at me."

Gu Xishu was affectedly bashful and said this with a slight flush on her face.

Wen Xichi lowered his gaze and looked at Gu Xishu's face. After a long while, he nodded slightly and said, "Okay!"

"Is she afraid that Second Brother will think too much, or that I will reveal her thoughts in front of Second Brother?" He sneered in the dark with the corners of his mouth silently raised. "It is really hard for her to act both ways. She is holding on tightly to Second Brother for the future, before I officially propose to her."

Seeing that Wen Xichi had agreed, Gu Xishu breathed a sigh of relief and bowed sideways to Wen Xichi and then left with a servant girl.

She walked very quickly and after leaving the courtyard, she took a shortcut, which was an extremely difficult road to walk. There were many flowers and plants along the way. They were not in full bloom and were not very visible in the darkness. They were bound to damage Gu Xishu's clothes, but her clothes had been intact just now.

Even though she had been so scared when coming over, she had not taken the shortcut. When she went back, she had no need to panic, but she hurried to take the shortcut. Was she afraid of being seen by Second Brother?

It was evident that the relationship between Gu Xishu and Second Brother was something out of the ordinary!

Or maybe she and Second Brother might have sworn an eternal vow that they would not marry anyone else except each other!

Even so, she still wanted to have a relationship with him. How shameless she was!

Wen Xichi looked up again and his eyes fell on that delicate figure at the Duke Xing's Mansion. He frowned and felt that Shao Wanru seemed to know him as well as he knew himself. She was so familiar with the matters in his mansion and even knew that he had not noticed the darkness under the light. Why was she so interested in him?

A trace of disgust flashed in his eyes inexplicably. He really disliked this woman who was so familiar with him, but whom he never could figure out.

Shao Wanru had reminded him to be careful about his Second Brother and cousin, but how could she know about that?

Qin Huaiyong had come to his mansion before and wanted to make a connection through marriage with his mansion. So at that time, had Fifth Miss Shao, who had been Second Miss Qin at that time, been investigating him?

As a person who had much fame at a young age, he did not feel good to be seemingly seen as someone who knew nothing!

An idea somehow flashed through his mind. Shao Wanru was the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion now, so they could be a couple as they both came from families of equal status. But it was unknown what his mother would even think about this.

They were of equal status, but after all, she was still an orphan without parents...

His mind floated far away now. Although he was looking at the big fire in front of his eyes, his mind was in a state of confusion. When a gust of cold wind blew, he suddenly became sober and looked livid. How could he have been thinking about this just now?

This made him very uncomfortable.

He was grateful to Shao Wanru, but he did not want to be too involved with her. He just felt that she knew too much about him!

He shifted his eyes and his gaze fell on Shao Wanru once again. This time, he actually saw Shao Wanru turning around. It was unknown whether she noticed him, but she smiled in his direction, which made him frown.

Was Shao Wanru conspiring against him?

This feeling became more uncomfortable, as if a person who was supposed to be trustworthy had betrayed him.

In fact, Qin Wanru did not see Wen Xichi and she even did not know that the Deputy Prime Minister's Chambers was next to them. The smile that he saw was actually a forced smile, because she saw Rui'an Great Elder Princess coming over hurriedly, with a panic stricken face. There was a trace of palpitating fragility on her majestic face.

She wanted to force a smile to comfort Rui'an Great Elder Princess!

"Zhuzhuo, are you alright?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess came over after hearing the news. She grabbed Shao Wanru and looked at her from head to toe, fearing that she might have gotten hurt.

"Grandma, I'm fine. I'm really fine!" Shao Wanru's eyes were red and she was really touched.

She had been here for a while. Whether it was Madam of Duke Xing or Duke Xing, their initial focus was on this courtyard after they came. No one came to ask if she was frightened or injured.

Old Madam, who lived in the backyard, also sent people to inquire about the matters of the courtyard. She also asked people to put out the fire quickly to protect the courtyard and the things in the courtyard. She did not ask about Shao Wanru at all.

Duke Xing's Mansion completely ignored her, and they even attached more importance to a yard which was given to that First Young Master, than to her.

Seeing the concern on her grandma's face, Shao Wanru felt wronged, although she did not feel it before. She threw herself into Rui'an Great Elder Princess's arms and cried.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess hugged her hurriedly and could feel that her slender body was limp in her arms. She cried and twitched and her heart ached. She had always been strong and never shed tears in front of others. Every time she appeared in front of others, she always straightened her back, but now she could not help crying.

"Someone. Call Duke Xing to come over here!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said angrily.

Now everything was in a mess. Duke Xing's voice could be heard, but no one could see him.

A few old maids answered and squeezed their way out. After a while, Duke Xing was invited over. He looked a little embarrassed. His robe was black, and there was a scorch mark on his cuff. His hat was also tilted, and his voice was more hoarse than usual. This was because he had been shouting as he directed the people to put out the fire.

"Greetings, Great Elder Princess!" Duke Xing went forward to greet her.

"What happened? Why were the other places not burnt, but only the place where Zhuozhuo stayed? Did anyone want to burn her to death? I said earlier that Zhuozhuo should be with me. It is not safe for her to live in your Duke Xing's Mansion!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess was impolite and immediately scolded him angrily.

Her words almost insinuated that Duke Xing's Mansion wanted to kill Shao Wanru.

Duke Xing's eyebrows furrowed. Looking at everything in front of him, he almost could not control his temper, which tended to be good and gentle.

But he knew that this was not the time to get angry. Things would not end when the fire was put out. The fire was so fast and so strong that it could be seen at first glance that it was not something that happened randomly.

"Don't worry, Great Elder Princess. I will definitely find out the truth," Duke Xing suppressed his temper and said slowly in a low voice.

"Find out the truth? If it were not for the fact that Zhuozhuo had something to ask the servant girl, and did not take a bath first, she would have been trapped in the fire. Even if she escaped, there were so many people here, and she would be too ashamed to survive. Duke Xing, Is your mansion against Zhuozhuo? Or there are too many people who want her life?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess said angrily.

She did not stand on ceremony with Duke Xing at this moment. She recalled the scene that Shao Wanru had told her just now. She was so angry that Shao Wanru had almost been burnt to death when she was taking a shower.

They fought for the right of bringing up Zhuozhuo with her in front of the Empress Dowager. But after they got it, they did not cherish her. It seemed that they intended to kill Zhuozhuo. In this respect, Rui'an Great Elder Princess did not believe Duke Xing's words at all.

It was impossible to achieve a conclusion!

It was obviously the work of Madam of Duke Xing and Old Madam!

It was no wonder that Rui'an Great Elder Princess was so arbitrary. Both the Old Madam and Madam of Duke Xing of Duke Xing's Mansion had ulterior motives. If it were not for these two people, her daughter and son-in-law would not have been left with only two poor children.

"Great Elder Princess, don't worry. There will be an investigation." Duke Xing frowned and said. He felt that Rui'an Great Elder Princess was really unreasonable. It seemed as if he was willing to burn this courtyard.

If others did not know, how could he not know? This courtyard was a wedding room prepared for his son by his wife. Moreover, she had prepared it for more than ten years. It took a lot of effort. Even if he wanted to burn the place, he would not have burnt the courtyard.

However, he could not tell this to Rui'an Great Elder Princess. So he could only say it in a vague manner.

"When you are investigating, I want to listen in with the others. I must know who is against Zhuozhuo." Rui'an Great Elder Princess touched Shao Wanru's head, who was no longer crying, and said to Duke Xing forcefully.

She was really angry. Looking at the people brought by Rui'an Great Elder Princess, Duke Xing had to compromise. "Okay, okay, I will let you sit in later."

He also wanted to know who had done this today.

Shao Wanru, who was lying in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's arms, pursed her pink lips silently. In this trap of traps, Madam of Duke Xing could not get rid of her guilt. What's more, were there some clues?

In fact, it was easy to find from the traces of the water from the lake, and the elders were not completely useless...

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The elders were also not good-for-nothings. Soon, they caught the woman who had a secret date with Wang Shengxue.

Looking at this woman's face, Shao Wanru felt that it was really a joke. The beautiful servant girl in front of her was actually the personal servant girl of Ning Xueqing, who was related to Wang Shengxue in her last life and in this life. She seemed to be called Dong Xing.

In her last life, the servant girl named Dong Xing and Ning Xueqing knelt on the ground in the hall of Duke Xing's Mansion. They cried in front of all the guests and told them about the affection between her Miss and Wang Shengxue. They were so close that they would fight for each other's sake. However, Shao Wanru was so vicious because she liked Wang Shengxue and came up with a plan to separate them.

Originally, the lovers would eventually be married to each other. But now, it turned into her ruining their marriage. Obviously, the two of them were in love with each other, and the two families had agreed to their marriage, but she had ruined it.

For a woman like her who had destroyed her Big Sister's marriage, and now came to destroy other people's marriage, her heart was malicious. With the act put on by Ning Xueqing and her servant, her reputation naturally became worse.

Today, the servant girl named Dong Xing knelt again in the hall of the Duke Xing's Mansion. But her situation was completely different from that of hers in the previous life. She was shivering and her face was pale. She was trembling violently. The clothes she wore were the same as Shao Wanru's and they were dripping with water. Even though someone had thrown a blanket to her, she still shivered because of the intense cold.

In the middle of the lobby sat Rui'an Great Elder Princess and the host was Duke Xing. The elders were sitting on both sides and Madam of Duke Xing was sitting behind Duke Xing. At this time, she and Dong Xing were in a similar situation. Her face was also pale and her body was trembling.

Of course, her current state was not because she was cold, but because she had an intense heart ache.

Shao Wanru witnessed that a good part of the yard had burned down. What was left were things that could not be burned. It was really clean. Chu Liuchen's kerosene was really good. It was definitely not the kind of kerosene that could be easily bought outside. In this respect, Duke Xing's Mansion had only themselves to be blamed.

Although they could not buy it outside, it did not mean that Duke Xing's Mansion did not have it.

Shao Wanru was sitting next to Rui'an Great Elder Princess. Rui'an Great Elder Princess felt sorry for her granddaughter and she let her lean against her. Feeling Shao Wanru's thin body, Rui'an Great Elder Princess's face became more and more livid, and her cold eyes fell on the couple who were kneeling.

Not only was Dong Xing there, but Wang Shengxue was there too.

However, she did not speak. At this time, she listened. Before she had enough evidence, she did not want to speak out first.

"What the hell is going on between you two?" After hearing what the elders said and looking at the couple kneeling before him, Duke Xing's face turned green with anger, and he banged the table and shouted angrily.

"Second Uncle, I... I..." Wang Shengxue was in a panic. He did not know how things had changed so much. It was Shao Wanru who should be questioned. It was also Shao Wanru who should have been caught by others. Why was Dong Xing caught instead? Why did Shao Wanru's yard catch fire so coincidentally? Should it not be the time for her to bathe and change her clothes?

As long as she changed her clothes, he could say whatever he wanted.

However, the fire started and Dong Xing did not dare to go to the yard. She turned to another direction and found a random place to hide. She wanted to dry herself before she ran out to see what was going on. She did not expect that she would be caught and Shao Wanru escaped from the fire in the same clothes.

Two sets of clothes, one dry and the other wet, were exactly the same. It was very obvious!

"Who is this?" Duke Xing suppressed his anger and asked.

"I... I don't know..." Wang Shengxue stammered and said this subconsciously. All he wanted to do now was to distance himself from Dong Xing.

"She does not belong to our mansion!" Nanny Sheng's voice coming out behind Madam of Duke Xing, confirmed this fact.

The reason why she dared to say so was because this incident had indeed not been arranged by her. Or it could be said that this woman was not someone she had arranged to do the deed. She only asked

Wang Shengxue to find a woman to pretend to be Shao Wanru. But it should not be a person from Duke Xing's Mansion. As for who the woman was, it was up to Wang Shengxue.

The girl was brought in by Wang Shengxue, so the accident had nothing to do with Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Who are you? If you don't tell us who you are, we will send you to the government for the crime of stealing and setting the place on fire." Duke Xing said coldly. His round face became longer at this time and held a trace of maliciousness. He looked very scary.

The elders looked at each other and did not dare to speak for a while.

Duke Xing was obviously really angry.

"When I passed by your mansion today, I saw that it was very noisy, so I sneaked in to take a look. I did not intend to do anything. After dinner, I walked around casually and met this child. I did not expect that he would stop and kiss me when he saw me. After I was discovered, I jumped into the lake and tried to escape. I really don't know anything. Please let me go!"

Dong Xing burst into tears. If she was sent to the government with these two accusations, she would really lose her life!

"You just happened to be passing by and sneaked into the mansion? Then you met Shengxue when you were walking around?" Duke Xing repeated what she said with a gloomy face.

"Shengxue, who did you think she was? Why did you block a woman you did not know without thinking?" Madam of Duke Xing reacted quickly and asked him sharply, wiping away the tears in her distressed eyes.

Who did he take this woman for?

Everyone with eyes could see that Shao Wanru's dress was the same as the woman's. They were embroidered in the same way, was of the same color and even the details were exactly the same. The two sets of clothes were identical.

If he treated this woman as someone else, there could be no one else other than Shao Wanru. Could it be that Wang Shengxue had been waiting for Fifth Miss Shao at that time?

After thinking about it in this way, they felt that it seemed to make sense.

Although the elders dared not talk nonsense because Rui'an Great Elder Princess was here, they all whispered to each other.

Shao Wanru sneered in her heart. At this time, Madam of Duke Xing was still trying to slander her.

She raised her shimmery eyes and calmly looked at Madam of Duke Xing, "Second aunt, I know you don't like me, but you can't slander me like this. The clothes I wore were given by you, and the clothes I brought before were stained by your servants. Today, I had to wear the clothes you sent. There are many people who wear the same clothes in the world, but there must be only a few who can wear the same clothes like this and also in the Duke Xing's Mansion."

Today, she came here for the purpose of ruining their relationship.

She was still young. If she did not expose this matter today, she would be specifically pulled and manipulated from now on.

Today, it was better to make it a big scene. The bigger it was, the better it would be. So she was not really afraid that Madam of Duke Xing would slander her.

"Wanru, what are you talking about! The clothes you brought were wet. The servants who cleaned the courtyard thought these clothes were your Big Sister's!" Madam of Duke Xing was stunned by Shao Wanru's words. She never thought that an eleven-year-old child could speak in such a manner, especially after such a frightening experience. In particular, she brought up the matter about not being able to wear the clothes she brought with her.

That had been done flawlessly. How did Shao Wanru find out?

"They thought it was my Big Sister's. So they deliberately wet my clothes so that I don't have any clothes to wear. Can you tell me why there are two sets of the same clothes?"

Shao Wanru asked in an unhurried manner.

"Fifth Miss, I was the one who prepared those clothes. Madam said that we needed to prepare better clothes for you before, so I bought some clothes from the clothing shop based on my judgment. The two sets were very beautiful. Although they were the same, they were uncommon. I thought that you might like them, so I bought one more set. After I came back, I was scolded by Madam who said that you did not need two sets of the same clothes. So I put the other one in my room!"

Nanny Sheng took a step forward and said this.

Her words were flawless, so everything she said seemed to be just a misunderstanding!

Shao Wanru's lips curled as a hint of coldness flashed in her eyes. If she did not know Dong Xing, she might have been deceived by the words. When she saw the elders nodding, she knew that they would listen to Nanny Sheng's words.

Although the elders could not compare with Duke Xing, so many people standing here were Duke Xing's biggest barrier!

"Since it is Nanny Sheng's fault, why did Second Aunt let child Wang say that he thought this woman was someone else? Who else is wearing the same clothes in this room, except me? Second Aunt, if you want to say something, just say it clearly. Grandmother is sitting here. If Second Aunt is right, I am innocent even if I have to die for my guilt today."

Everyone was shocked by Shao Wanru's words. No one had expected Shao Wanru to be so fierce as to say such things in front of so many people. Furthermore, her expression was calm as if she was talking about something else. The elders hesitated for a moment and felt that Shao Wanru did not feel guilty.

Was it really arranged by Madam of Duke Xing?

But how could it be possible? Madam of Duke Xing was always gentle and dignified, and she treated her clansmen kindly. How could she do such a vicious thing?"

Madam of Duke Xing blushed and glared at Shao Wanru angrily.

How could she dare to say something like this? She just entered the mansion a few days ago. She even dared to say such resolute words in front of so many clan elders. She was not scared that in the end, she would not be able to find any evidence and would use her life to prove it!

She breathed deeply and held the rail of the chair with her trembling hands. Up to now, she had not recovered from the pain of the yard being burned.

"Wanru, Second Aunt said the wrong thing just now. I was misled by this girl and this matter will be investigated into. Don't worry!"

Her words were very gentle. Everyone could see that Madam of Duke Xing was in a bad situation. Even in such a situation, she could still appease Shao Wanru and admit that she had said something wrong. In any case, Madam of Duke Xing in front of them was worthy of respect. But this Fifth Miss, at a young age, had a bad attitude toward her elders.

"Thank you for your understanding, Second Aunt. Just now I almost thought that I was going to be burned to death in the house. I just found my own relatives, and I am going to be burned to death in it..."

Shao Wanru's eyes became red and her voice was choked with sobs. What happened earlier was indeed too dangerous. She was almost burned to death. Everyone could tell now that someone was trying to hurt her. After all, she was just an eleven-year-old girl.

Thinking of this, the elders felt that it was reasonable for her to blame Madam of Duke Xing directly. After all, she was only such a small girl.

She had the advantage of her youth. Shao Wanru could say something she wanted to now, but she could not say it three years later...

Chapter 454 Painsstaking Efforts

Madam of Duke Xing didn't expect that Shao Wanru could immediately reverse the elders' opinion with just a few words. Watching the elders listen to her and nod with their faces full of pity, Madam of Duke Xing was so angry that she almost lost her temper.

"Madam, please wait a moment!" Nanny Sheng said in a low voice and looked towards Dongxing. Now the situation was unclear. Even if they could neither directly ruin the Fifth Miss's reputation nor kill her, they could at least make her suffer the disgraceful reputation as a girl of easy virtue. Wang Shengxue could insist that he had mistaken Dongxing for someone else. Regarding who he thought it was, he would certainly keep his mouth shut.

As long as he kept his mouth shut, Rui'an Great Elder Princess couldn't intervene in it, but everyone could figure it out. With so many elders around, if the news went out, it would be a scandal.

Madam of Duke Xing nodded. It was not the end. However, in the next moment, the calmness she feigned froze.

"Great Elder Princess, I know this person!" Yujie's voice was particularly clear in the room.

Madam of Duke Xing grabbed Nanny Sheng's hand and trembled slightly.

"Madam, even if they find out that it has something to do with us, cousin young master won't give up your name." Nanny Sheng also felt bad, but now she had to comfort Madam of Duke Xing, so she said in a low voice.

"Who is she?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked coldly.

"She is the maid of the Second Miss of Ning's Mansion. The Second Miss of Ning's Mansion has an unusually close relationship with Childe Wang. When we were in Qin's mansion, my master investigated Ning's Mansion because of the First Miss. So I know there are two Misses in Ning's Mansion. The First Miss has a close relationship with the heir of Duke Yong, while the second Miss has a close relationship with Childe Wang. It's known to all the stores around Ning's Mansion!"

Yujie pointed at Dongxing and testified loudly.

She had just received a hint from her master to reveal Dongxing's identity. Yujie did know Dongxing. She found it out and got evidence of what she said when Shao Wanru asked her to investigate Ning's Mansion. Under the circumstances at that time, it was reasonable for her to investigate Ning's Mansion because of Qin Yuru.

What had happened between Di Yan and Ning Caixian was a big scandal serial in the capital city, and almost everyone knew it. Qin Yuru made a big scene in Ning's Mansion, and then Ning Caixian trapped Qin Yuru and damaged her reputation. After that, Ning Caixian knelt at the gate of Qin's mansion and begged to marry Di Yan as a concubine, and she was sent to the government office by force later. In the end, Ning Caixian died, and Di Yan was still Qin Yuru's fiancée.

It was said that Di Yan was really infatuated with Qin Yuru. Even after Qin Yuru tried to hook up with Prince Cheng, this heir of Duke Yong's Mansion still set his mind on marrying her and even intended to hold the wedding earlier than scheduled.

Of course, some people considered Di Yan extremely silly. No one knew how many green hats were on his head, and he kept wearing them tightly regardless of sweat. (The green hat has always symbolized a cuckold in Chinese culture.)

Of course, his sweat was also green!

Di Yan had an affair with Ning Caixian at that time. What about the Second Miss? It seemed that she also had an affair with Wang Shengxue.

Those who knew the master of Ning's Mansion could not help shaking their heads. Ning's Mansion had raised two indecent daughters, and deserved to be despised!

"Tell me, who do you think this girl is?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked towards Wang Shengxue, who was dumbfounded, and shouted harshly.

"I... I thought she was... the Second Miss of Ning's Mansion..." Wang Shengxue was covered with sweat, but he had to say so. Rui'an Great Elder Princess stared at him with murderous intent in her eyes. As long as he said a word against Shao Wanru, he would probably end up in tragedy.

Wang Shengxue had thought that his Second Aunt would support him. However, seeing Madam of Duke Xing slightly trembling with a pale face, he felt extremely desperate. So he had to give up Ning Xueqing's name and did not dare to mention Shao Wanru at all.

It was easy to check out the relationship between him and Ning Xueqing and inquire about Dongxing's identity.

Hearing Wang Shengxue's words, Madam of Duke Xing almost passed out and glared at him resentfully. Since he didn't mention anything about Shao Wanru, it meant that it had nothing to do with Shao Wanru. After plotting for so long, she failed to do any harm to Shao Wanru. She felt so reluctant.

"In that case, Duke Xing, just send him to the government office! It should be easy to investigate the matter that the maid pretended to be her master and met him secretly!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked up at Duke Xing and said coldly.

She couldn't get her granddaughter involved in this disgraceful thing, so she had to let it go.

It was not difficult to deal with Wang Shengxue and a maid, but she was afraid to get her granddaughter involved in it. Now it would be the best solution if she could make her granddaughter stay out of it.

"Great Elder Princess, it's, it's no big deal. Shengxue is just easy in his morals. Since they have an affair, I think the maid could be his concubine. Regarding the second Miss of Ning's Mansion, she could be a concubine as well!" Duke Xing sighed and helplessly begged Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

Shao Wanru didn't get involved in it, so strictly speaking, it was indeed a private affair. It was reasonable for Duke Xing to settle the problem in this way.

Even the elders sitting here could not say anything about it, because it had nothing to do with the Shao clan. Both Wang Shengxue and the Second Miss of Ning's Mansion had nothing to do with the Shao clan.

In that case, they all thought it fair to do Duke Xing a favor. So they all nodded at the moment.

"He's easy in his morals indeed, but having a concubine is a matter of indifference." "Having a concubine is no big deal. The Second Miss of Ning's Mansion can only be a concubine now!" "A lady legally marrying a man should be considered a wife, and a lady eloping with a man should be considered a concubine. It's acceptable for her to be a concubine!"...

Shao Wanru coldly observed everyone's reactions, and then looked at Dongxing, who was curling up on the ground as motionless as a wooden image. With her eyes suddenly darkening, she dragged Rui'an Great Elder Princess's sleeve and said prettily, "Grandma, please spare this maid's life. Since she and her master are going to marry the same man as concubines, just spare their lives!"

The maid and her master were going to marry the same man as concubines. In the last life, the maid had helped Ning Xueqing trampled her into a quagmire. In this life, she would like to see how the maid treated her master loyally.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess obviously understood Shao Wanru's words. She reached out to touch her hair and nodded. "Do as Duke Xing said. But we should make a thorough investigation of what happened to Zhuozhuo today. Who was capable of setting Zhuozhuo's yard on fire? I've ordered someone to check it out, and find that the person used high-quality kerosene. In this mansion, who could use high-quality

kerosene, pour it in Zhuozhuo's yard without detection and wait for it to burn when Zhuozhuo was having a bath?"

After finishing speaking, Rui'an Great Elder Princess beat the table violently and said with obvious fierceness, "In Duke Xing's Mansion, who intends to trap Zhuozhuo? Who leaves no room for Zhuozhuo here? Who hates Zhuozhuo so much and even intends to kill her?"

Duke Xing heard Rui'an Great Elder Princess's increasingly sharp words, and his forehead began to sweat.

Ordinary people couldn't afford high-quality kerosene, but Duke Xing's Mansion happened to have some. However, something dangerous like kerosene was not available to everyone. Except for the several senior masters of Duke Xing's Mansion, even the younger generation could not use it at will.

Duke Xing wanted to look back at Madam of Duke Xing, but he was afraid to be discovered by Rui'an Great Elder Princess. So he could only cough in a low voice.

"The Empress Dowager heard it in the imperial palace. The Old Madam of your mansion said that she hated Zhuozhuo very much. Today after such a big accident, she didn't come out to show her concern for Zhuozhuo. It can be seen that she hates Zhuozhuo a lot. Even if Zhuozhuo is killed in the fire, it has nothing to do with her, right?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess said sternly before Duke Xing said anything.

Shao Wanru fell into the arms of Rui'an Great Elder Princess and cried in a low voice. Anyone would feel sad and aggrieved if her grandma hated her so much that she didn't even care about her safety.

The Fifth Miss Shao was indeed pitiful. She had lost her parents, and was treated shabbily by her grandma. When you thought about it carefully, you would be overcome with horror. Someone set a fire today exactly when the Fifth Miss Shao was taking a bath.

When the fire started, if the fifth Miss Shao wanted to survive, she must escape in the nude. But if she did that, there were so many people outside and her reputation would definitely be ruined. In this case, how could she survive? Even with Rui'an Great Elder Princess as her backing, it was useless. Reputation was the most important thing for a girl, and the Shao clan attached most importance to etiquette and rules.

There seemed to be no one capable of doing this in the inner yard of Duke Xing's Mansion except Old Madam. But when some people saw Madam of Duke Xing's pale face, they suddenly thought that she might also be capable of doing this.

With her face changing dramatically, Duke Xing suddenly stood up and deeply bowed to Rui'an Great Elder Princess, "Great Elder Princess, please choose your words cautiously!"

"What's the matter? You don't allow others to talk about your mother's deeds? Even the Empress Dowager knows your mother's grudges against Zhuozhuo. From the current situation, I can tell that the fire should be set by one of the masters of your mansion. Duke Xing, who do you think is most likely to trap Zhuozhuo?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said, reluctant to give in.

With the sweat streaming down his face, Duke Xing complained about his mother in his heart. How could she say that in front of the Empress Dowager?

"Great Elder Princess, my mother hasn't been in charge of domestic affairs for many years. She's old and befuddled. She doesn't mean it when saying she hates someone." Duke Xing had to explain.

"She hasn't been in charge of domestic affairs for many years, so Madam of Duke Xing has been in charge these years. Madam, tell me, who is capable of trapping Zhuozhuo and hates her so much? I heard that when my daughter was in Duke Xing's Mansion, you had been on bad terms with her."

Rui'an Great Elder Princess took the opportunity to shift the subject to Madam of Duke Xing.

Shao Wanru involuntarily shouted "Bravo!" in her heart. Her grandma deserved to be the elder princess. Her words were overwhelming and sharp. Nevertheless, her grandma's identity and her current situation made her grandma's words sound righteous.

"Great Elder Princess, how, how would I..." Madam of Duke Xing turned pale with fright. She suddenly covered her face with a handkerchief and cried, "Great Elder Princess, Wanru is my niece. I even gave up the best yard for her in order to make up for the hardships she has suffered these years. Why would I want to burn her to death? I've made painstaking efforts to build the yard."

Shao Wanru, who was nestled in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's arms, sneered in her heart. Painstaking efforts! That was true. If Shao Wanru died in the fire, the yard she had made painstaking efforts to build could be left to her eldest son...

Chapter 455 Forced to Make Her Exit

"If you are not the one behind it, who else could it be? Madam of Duke Xing, you've been in charge of the inner yard of Duke Xing's Mansion and enjoyed a good reputation. Why can't you explain it clearly today?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered. Even if Madam of Duke Xing was not the one behind what had happened today, she would make her take the blame.

On hearing her words, Madam of Duke Xing became speechless. She flushed in embarrassment and wiped her tears with a handkerchief, "Great Elder Princess, I, I really don't know what happened. Although I'm in charge of most of the domestic affairs, there are some things that I don't know."

"Madam, do you mean that those things that you don't know were done on instructions from Old Madam? Old Madam is your mother-in-law, so her deeds are out of your reach, right?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked in an aggressive manner.

"How, how could it be Old Madam..." Madam of Duke Xing was so flustered that she didn't even have time to wipe her tears.

"Now that it has nothing to do with Old Madam, whom does it have something to do with? Madam of the third branch? Because of her grudges against the First Miss Qin, she vented her anger on Zhuozhuo, trapped her with sinister tactics and intended to kill her?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said in an increasingly harsh tone.

Her aggressive words made everyone in Shao's Mansion stand gazing at one another and did not dare to say anything else. Did Great Elder Princess get her eye on Duke Xing's Mansion?

Compared with what had happened to the fifth Miss Shao, the affair between Wang Shengxue and the maid was just a minor matter. Everyone's attention was caught up in the conversation between the two of them.

According to the meaning in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's words, someone in this mansion intended to trap the Fifth Miss Shao. Was it Old Madam, Madam of Duke Xing, or Madam of the third branch?

Thinking of this, everyone present got butterflies in the stomach. If it was found out to be true, the entire Shao clan might be implicated.

Everyone stared fixedly at Madam of Duke Xing.

Duke Xing coughed in a low voice and came out to ease the situation, "Great Elder Princess, rest assured. We will definitely check it out. We will hand over anyone we find out to you for interrogation."

"What if you fail to find out anyone?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess slightly lifted the corners of her mouth and said coldly, "Aren't there numerous intricate cases without clues that the officials failed to find out the truth and left them unsettled in the end?"

Others might not know about the hidden rules of the official circles, but Great Elder Princess knew clearly.

The officials usually shifted the responsibility and left the cases unsettled in the end.

"Great Elder Princess, we will try our best to check it out!" Duke Xing said with uneasiness.

"How long will it take to check it out?" With her face turning cold, Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked.

Duke Xing became speechless. He looked at Madam of Duke Xing, who felt aggrieved with a pale face, and then looked at Shao Wanru, who was still nestled in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's arms. Knowing that he had to answer, he could only brace himself to say, "Great Elder Princess, rest assured. I will check it out as soon as possible!"

"As soon as possible? Can't you tell me the exact time?" With her face turning cold, Rui'an great elder princess said with gloomy eyes.

"Uh... it's hard to tell the exact time." Duke Xing said with a sweaty forehead.

"Duke Xing, don't you think that you are shirking your responsibility deliberately? You said that you would check it out, but you don't know when you can do that. Perhaps Zhuozhuo will get killed in your mansion before you check it out. It hasn't been long since she entered your mansion and was recorded in the pedigree of your clan, but she almost got killed and was trapped with such sinister tactics. If the one behind it could prepare in secret for a few more days, will Zhuozhuo have any chance to survive?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess raised her voice to say and glanced coldly at all the elders of the Shao clan present. "When the elders are here today, the one behind it plotted against Zhuozhuo with a series of setups. What happened before is also part of it. What profound hatred makes the one unable to tolerate Zhuozhuo's existence?"

Although Shao Wanru didn't get involved in what happened before, everyone was smart enough to tell that obviously the one behind it was supposed to get Shao Wanru involved in it.

What profound grudges the one bore against a girl who had just entered the mansion?

If there was someone bearing grudges against Shao Wanru, it should be Old Madam and Madam of Duke Xing. It was said that both of them didn't like and even hated the fifth Miss Shao. It was rumored in the capital city that Old Madam liked the First Miss Qin. Now although the First Miss Qin was proved to be the fake fifth Miss Shao, did Old Madam still dislike the real fifth Miss Shao?

But even if she disliked Shao Wanru, she wouldn't be so vicious, would she?

The elders did not dare to speak and could only continue sitting there and watch them helplessly. Some of them even regretted that they had come here today. It was obvious that this was not a good thing!

"I promise it won't happen again!" Duke Xing promised Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Duke Xing, are you the one setting Zhuozhuo's yard on fire?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered.

"How, how could it be possible!" Duke Xing forced a smile and said, "What makes you think so!"

"Since you are not the one behind it, what makes you think that it won't happen again?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said with contempt.

Duke Xing couldn't answer for a while. Madam of Duke Xing felt resentful in secret and wanted to answer, but she was afraid of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, so she could only gently push Nanny Sheng and motion for her to speak.

"Great Elder Princess..." Nanny Sheng had to speak, but was interrupted by Rui'an Great Elder Princess directly, "I'm talking to your masters. You are unqualified to interrupt as a servant. Is it the way the servants of your Duke Xing's Mansion show their good manners?"

With his fat face turning red dramatically, Duke Xing stared at Nanny Sheng harshly. Duke Xing's Mansion had always been known for their good manners. Today they were totally disgraced.

Nanny Sheng lowered her head in a hurry and dared not speak again, extremely ashamed. As a servant, she certainly couldn't interrupt in front of Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

Shao Wanru lifted her head slightly and took out a handkerchief to wipe her tears, while sitting up straight. Her tiny body was still twitching slightly, indicating that she was too sad to speak.

In fact, she shed no tears at this moment. Under the handkerchief, her eyes were slightly red and filled with coldness. She sneered in her heart. If it weren't for her grandma's presence today, even if she got evidence, Duke Xing and his wife would have explained away the matter in the end. After all, they were her elders.

At this point, she couldn't be as aggressive as her grandma!

"Duke Xing, please tell me how to check it out and protect Zhuozhuo at present. Is your mansion really safe?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess continued asking after scolding Nanny Sheng.

"Uh..." Duke Xing couldn't think of a good way at the moment, and didn't dare to promise that it would be all right.

"Since your mansion is not safe at the moment, I'll take Zhuozhuo to my mansion where she can live for some time. We'll talk it over after you find out the truth, lest something like this should happen again." Rui'an Great Elder Princess stood up, took Shao Wanru's hand and said.

"But..." Madam of Duke Xing became anxious and wanted to stop them.

"What else do you want to say, Madam of Duke Xing? You want Zhuozhuo to stay here and get killed?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked sideways at Madam of Duke Xing, completely showing no respect for her.

Madam of Duke Xing didn't dare to look towards Rui'an Great Elder Princess. She bit her lip and could only look at Duke Xing. She didn't dare to ask Shao Wanru to stay.

If the news of Shao Wanru's leaving went out, it would do harm to the reputation of Duke Xing's Mansion. There were plenty of elders present. Madam of Duke Xing was sure that as soon as Shao Wanru left, there would be all kinds of rumors against Duke Xing's Mansion in the capital city tomorrow.

"Great Elder Princess, since you miss your granddaughter Wanru, we'll trouble you to take care of her for a few days!" Duke Xing sighed helplessly. Although he knew that Shao Wanru's leaving would do harm to the reputation of Duke Xing's Mansion, he had to give in.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked him to find out the one setting the fire at once. However, he was incapable of doing that at the moment, so he had to make a concession.

Nevertheless, Duke Xing did not dare to consent to her request, so he just agreed that Shao Wanru could live there for a few days.

"Duke Xing, I hope that you could find out the truth as soon as possible. I'm going to take Zhuozhuo to the Imperial Palace and meet the Empress Dowager tomorrow!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess glanced at everyone coldly and said.

The faces of Duke Xing and Madam of Duke Xing changed dramatically. They couldn't suppress this matter even if they wanted to. They had to talk with Madam Dowager over the countermeasure later.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess took Shao Wanru's hand and went out. After they took a few steps, Shao Wanru suddenly broke away from Rui'an Great Elder Princess's hand, went back up to Duke Xing and Madam of Duke Xing and bowed to them gracefully. "Farewell, second uncle and second aunt!"

She showed great respect. Even with the support of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, she didn't show any arrogance at all. The elders of the Shao clan nodded secretly.

The Fifth Miss Shao was very polite. Bearing no grudge after suffering such a great shock and grievance, she was a good child.

"Wanru, just go to Great Elder Princess's mansion and live there for a few days. If you need anything, just send someone back to fetch it," Duke Xing said with a guilty look.

"That's right. Wanru, just tell us what you want. Your Second Uncle will find out the truth and won't let you suffer any grievance!" Madam of Duke Xing also adjusted her mood at this moment. She looked at Shao Wanru with pity in her red eyes. She looked so gentle and reluctant to part with Shao Wanru, as if she were Shao Wanru's real mother.

Shao Wanru calmly glanced at Madam of Duke Xing, who behaved like a loving mother, and then glanced at Duke Xing, who showed a gentle look. After that, she nodded slightly, turned around and walked towards Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess took her hand and left.

Yujie and Qu Le followed them closely. Everything had been burnt, so they had no luggage.

They were followed by the four inferior old maids left to Shao Wanru by Great Elder Princess.

Watching Rui'an Great Elder Princess and others leave, Duke Xing made a bow with hands folded in front of all the elders present and said with a bitter smile, "I've incurred ridicule by what happened in our mansion today. Elders, I hope that you could excuse us. I should make an investigation now, so I won't keep you!"

"Duke, it's very kind of you to say so!"

"We are tired and should go back now!"...

They were sharp-eyed enough to realize that it was a serious matter and Duke Xing was not in the mood to receive them at this moment, so they stood up to leave successively.

They left, leaving Duke Xing, his wife and a group of servants, as well as Wang Shengxue kneeling aside and Dongxing curling up in the corner.

"Clap!" A violent slap threw everyone off their guard. They looked blankly at Duke Xing, who had always been good-tempered, and the entire hall fell silent at the moment.

Chapter 456 Discuss with Grandma and Tell Her the Truth!

Madam of Duke Xing covered her face with her hand and glared at Duke Xing in rage, "Duke, why did you slap me?"

After twisting his round face slowly, Duke Xing calmed down slowly, looked up at Madam of Duke Xing coldly and said, "You've managed domestic affairs well!"

Despite his cold voice, he had eased his tone. Obviously he had calmed down rapidly.

"I..." Madam of Duke Xing clenched the hand not on her face, and then relaxed it slowly and took a deep breath.

Duke Xing interrupted her and said, "Deal with them. I am going to see my mother!"

After that, he turned around and left, leaving the servants and Madam of Duke Xing in the room.

Glaring at Duke Xing's receding figure, Madam of Duke Xing suddenly picked up the teacup at her hand and smashed it violently on the ground, while cursing. She seemed to be furious. Smashing a teacup was not enough to vent her spleen. She kicked the tea table beside her, and the tea table fell to the ground with a loud noise.

"Madam, Madam, cool down. Duke just had a slip of the hand. He didn't say anything after that, right?" Nanny Sheng came over in a hurry to console her. She held Madam of Duke Xing's sleeve and pulled her into a chair beside them, while whispering to comfort her.

"Madam, too many things happened today. Duke was furious at the moment. How could he be so out of control in the past? What happened to the Fifth Miss is still unsettled, and she may enter the palace tomorrow. Duke blamed you because he was upset. Look around here, you are his dearest wife. Who else could he blame except for you?"

"His dearest wife? I can't compare with that person..." Madam of Duke Xing was so angry that her face turned pale, and her eyes looked dark and sharp, almost overflowing with hatred.

"Madam, stop saying that. This, this..." Nanny Sheng interrupted her in a hurry and said with her hands and feet trembling.

Madam of Duke Xing took a deep breath and suppressed the anger in her heart. This time she did not say anything, and the living room fell silent again all of a sudden. The maids beside her had nothing else in their mind, for fear of attracting Madam of Duke Xing's attention. Anyone attracting her attention would get into trouble.

Wang Shengxue looked at Madam of Duke Xing in horror. He had heard Madam of Duke Xing curse. Despite her low voice and slightly vague words, he could tell that Madam of Duke Xing was cursing a woman.

After being slapped by his second uncle, she not only lost her usual dignified demeanor, but also cursed an unknown woman. Could it be that his second uncle had a mistress outside?

Everyone in the capital city knew that his Second Uncle and Second Aunt were the most affectionate couple. They almost grew up together since their childhood, and got married afterwards. Except for the concubine promoted from his Second Uncle's maid, his Second Uncle had no other concubine. In this case, whom did his Uncle's aunt curse?

If his Second Uncle really had a mistress outside, that would be a stick with which to threaten his Second Uncle. At the thought of this, Wang Shengxue couldn't help getting excited! But he suppressed his emotion immediately.

Wang Shengxue had never seen Madam of Duke Xing act like that before.

The evil look was ferocious and a bit gloomy, making him involuntarily terrified. Seeing Madam of Duke Xing look towards him, Wang Shengxue hurriedly called her in a flattering tone, "Second Aunt!"

He was afraid that Madam of Duke Xing would notice the strangeness in his eyes!

"I'll bring Miss Ning and her maid over for you tomorrow morning!" Madam of Duke Xing waved her hand and said. At this moment, she was not in the mood to deal with Wang Shengxue's affair. Her plot was ruined, and so many unexpected things happened. Besides, Duke Xing slapped her violently in front of the servants, completely disregarding her feelings.

It would be strange if she was in a good mood now. She even felt sick of seeing those in front of her, because they reminded her of the slap Duke Xing gave her in public a moment ago.

"Okay, thank you, Second Aunt!" Wang Shengxue was sharp-eyed enough to notice that, so he said respectfully in a hurry.

"You two can leave now!" Madam of Duke Xing said coldly.

Wang Shengxue stood up and staggered. He felt his legs went weak after kneeling for a long time. Fortunately, he didn't have other injuries. After standing firm, he pulled up Dongxing, whose face and nose had been battered, and took her out.

Dongxing was frozen stiff on the spot and fell to the ground after being pulled.

Madam of Duke Xing frowned in disgust and said, "Someone come here and help take her out. Don't let her die here and stain the ground!"

"Okay, okay, Second Aunt. I'll take her away right away!" Wang Shengxue bowed and said.

Two maids came over and helped him take Dongxing away on each side of her.

Nanny Sheng shook her head secretly. Even if this girl could survive, her health would be totally ruined. Even a man probably couldn't bear to jump into the water in winter.

Nevertheless, it had nothing to do with them. Wang Shengxue was the one who asked her to do that. Even if she died, no one could blame Madam for it.

"Let's go inside and have a look!" Madam of Duke Xing had recovered at this moment. She calmed herself down, stood up and gave orders.

"Okay, Madam!" Knowing that she was concerned about the negotiation between Duke Xing and Madam Dowager, Nanny Sheng nodded hurriedly.

After instructing the maids to clean the living room, Madam of Duke Xing left for Old Madam's yard in a hurry. When she passed the yard which had been burned out, she immediately remembered that she had prepared it for her son and felt extremely distressed. However, she could do nothing about it at the moment, so she clenched her teeth with hatred, ignored it and went straight to the backyard.

If she could find out the one setting the courtyard on fire, she would definitely tear the one to shreds.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess took Shao Wanru back to Great Elder Princess's Mansion.

The courtyard had been prepared long before. Exactly speaking, the courtyard had been fixed up and prepared when Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Shao Wanru recognized each other, so that Shao Wanru could live here when visiting Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion.

There had been only one master in Great Elder Princess's Mansion, but now there were three.

When Shao Wanru returned to the main room after freshening up, Rui'an Great Elder Princess was still sitting there and drinking tea with only Nanny Gao beside her to serve her.

Shao Wanru sat down opposite to Great Elder Princess. Yujie served tea and retreated into the shadow of the lamp aside.

Great Elder Princess put down the teacup in her hand and asked, "Did you get hurt?"

"Grandma, rest assured. I'm fine. I didn't get hurt!" Shao Wanru said softly with a smile. The longing affection in her watery eyes softened Great Elder Princess's heart and made her wish she could take out her heart.

However, she pulled a long face and snorted. "Tell me what happened today? Why did you do that?"

"Grandma..."

"It's useless even if you talk to me in a sweet tone. I want to hear your true thought so that I can say something complied with your thought to the Empress Dowager when visiting the imperial palace tomorrow!"

Great Elder Princess said with rage on her face, "You are such an audacious little girl. If something terrible really happens to you, how could Hao'er and I face it? Hao'er finally got you as his sister, and I finally got you as my granddaughter. Do you have to put yourself in such a dangerous situation?"

Great Elder Princess was not stupid. Based on what had happened before and Shao Wanru had sent someone to tell her that she must come over if something happened in Duke Xing's Mansion in the evening, she could tell that it was part of Shao Wanru's plot, although she had not figured out how Shao Wanru did it.

She entered Duke Xing's Mansion with only two maids and some spare clothes. It was impossible for her to take something like kerosene with her. Great Elder Princess didn't know how this girl did such a dangerous thing.

Apart from other masters of Duke Xing's Mansion who could find out her bathing time, Shao Wanru could take a bath at an exact moment. She could take a bath anytime she wanted to, or delayed it with an excuse if she didn't want to.

"Grandma, don't be angry." Shao Wanru reached out to hold Great Elder Princess's hand, shook it and said in a sweet voice.

"How could I not be angry? Have you ever thought about what should we do if something terrible really happened?" Looking at Shao Wanru, her pretty granddaughter, Great Elder Princess suddenly became furious with a stern face.

She, who talked in an aggressive tone, became so furious at this moment that Shao Wanru didn't dare to look straight at her.

Nevertheless, her rage made Shao Wanru feel warm. She had never seen this sincere concern and rage on others before. Her eyes turned slightly red at the moment.

"Grandma, I'm fine. It's really part of my plot!" Shao Wanru shook Great Elder Princess's hand and said obediently, "Grandma, I can't live in Duke Xing's Mansion, but it's unrealistic for me not to live there. If I just live there now, I might be trapped in a few days. After all, I'm still too young! So the fire crash today is part of my plot."

It was secretly planned by her. She didn't want to tell Great Elder Princess the truth, for fear that Great Elder Princess would feel worried.

However, she mentioned it at this moment.

"If you don't want to live there, I can bring you back and you can live here. How can you execute such a dangerous plan?" Seeing that she had told the truth, Great Elder Princess looked slightly relieved.

"Grandma, without a justifiable explanation, I can only live here for a few days at most. You should have asked a favor of the Empress Dowager for bringing Hao'er back, right?" Shao Wanru sighed lightly and said.

She was not Hao'er. She knew that something was a knotty problem for Great Elder Princess, such as bringing Hao'er or her back.

It was originally unjustifiable for Hao'er to live here. As a descendant of Duke Xing's Mansion, how could Hao'er make a long stay in Great Elder Princess's Mansion? Nevertheless, Hao'er was in a special situation. On one hand, Hao'er was willing to live in Great Elder Princess's Mansion and be close to Great Elder Princess. On the other hand, both what Duke Xing's Mansion had done and the fact that Hao'er had become increasingly obedient made others suspect that Duke Xing's Mansion had indulged Hao'er purposely.

The contrast between them, coupled with the request of Great Elder Princess and the Empress Dowager, and Duke Xing's Mansion was in the wrong, so Great Elder Princess suppressed Duke Xing's Mansion and managed to raise Hao'er in Great Elder Princess's Mansion.

However, Great Elder Princess couldn't do this again. It was unreasonable for Great Elder Princess to make Shao Wanru stay before Duke Xing's Mansion showed any grudges against Shao Wanru.

"You want to make others think that Duke Xing's Mansion plot against you and harbor malicious intentions against you, and then leave Duke Xing's Mansion, right?" After pondering for a while, Great Elder Princess looked up and asked seriously.

Chapter 457 Being Known for Talents or Filial Piety, Which One Was Better?

"Grandma, it's not the right time for me to stay in Duke Xing's Mansion. I'll leave the mansion and live in another place for three years!" Shao Wanru said in a soft voice, but looked very serious. She stared fixedly at Rui'an Great Elder Princess with her watery eyes full of persistence and firmness.

She showed no intention of hesitating or shrinking back, as if she did not know that she had said something extremely shocking.

No one had heard of a Miss of an aristocratic family who left the backyard and lived in another place for three years.

"What are you thinking?" Great Elder Princess didn't refuse her directly and said in a soft voice. She loved her granddaughter dearly, but also knew that this child was smart. Although plenty of things had happened in Jiangzhou Prefecture, this child managed to come to the capital city anyway.

Just because of this, Great Elder Princess would not really consider that she was being childish.

"Why did the First Miss of Shao's Mansion leave home and live in another place?" Shao Wanru said slowly after sorting out her thoughts.

The First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion known for her talents? Rui'an Great Elder Princess frowned. She didn't like Duke Xing and his wife, so certainly didn't like their son and daughter either.

She heard that both of them were outstanding, but they went out to study and were not at home. The First Young Master went down to the south of the Yangtze River to study. He only returned home once in a while, and was basically not at home.

The First Miss was in the Yuhui Nunnery in the suburbs of the capital city. It was said that she set her heart on learning painting from a nun in the nunnery, which was equivalent to meditating in the Yuhui Nunnery. Because of this, she even got a better reputation.

"You want to use Shao Yanru's excuse?" Great Elder Princess frowned in disagreement. As the first one coming up with this, Shao Yanru could be considered ambitious, well-mannered and elegant. However, if Shao Wanru did the same thing with the same excuse, she would be considered exposing herself to ridicule by imitating Shao Yanru and losing her own individuality.

"Grandma, I'm not going to do the same thing. I'm different from her. She intends to meditate in the mountain like an ancient virtuous lay Buddhist, learn painting skills from the well-known nun Pushan and thus give an impression of being pure and elegant and not being stained by the mortal world. So she left home for a period. People describe her as a naturally elegant girl with extraordinary spirit when speaking of her."

Shao Wanru smiled slightly and said with slightly gloomy eyes.

In the last life, Shao Yanru was the same. She seemed to be free from worldly cares without being stained by dust, and everyone considered her as unsullied as jade, as pure as snow in the sky. At that time, everyone thought that she was going to marry into Prince Yue's Mansion. Unexpectedly, the Emperor took a fancy to her for some unknown reason, so she married into the imperial palace.

However, although she married into the imperial palace, she was the emperor's favorite imperial concubine. Afterwards, she even colluded with Chu Liuyue to kill Shao Wanru.

Others only described her as pure as cloud, but they did not know that she was so vicious. All of the hardships Shao Wanru had suffered in the imperial palace at that time were almost brought by her.

Going to the Yuhui Nunnery to learn painting brought her a noble and pure reputation and the simple mind different from that of other Misses of aristocratic families, as if wealth and honor were nothing but floating clouds to her.

She had learned painting in the Yuhui Nunnery for half a year. After that, she became the most elegant and outstanding noble Miss in the capital city with a painting she presented to the Empress Dowager for her birthday.

Counting the time, Shao Yanru was still in the Yuhui Nunnery located in Mount Donghua. Reluctant to have her meditation disturbed by others, she even didn't go down the mountain on the Spring Festival. Others only said that she was strong-willed, but only she knew whether it was true.

Shao Wanru was sure that on the eve of the Spring Festival, Shao Yanru not only went down the mountain, but also met Qin Yuru and might have given her some "implicit" advice!

Mount Donghua was a small mountain outside the capital city. Although it was similar to Mount Hua, it was not the real Mount Hua and was quite far away from the real Mount Hua.

Mount Donghua was very famous, and the most famous site on Mount Donghua was the Yuhui Nunnery. It was the largest nunnery around the capital city and had once been a nunnery bestowed by the imperial family.

Nun Pushan was a Miss of an aristocratic family around the south of the Yangtze River when she was young. Afterwards, she shaved her head and became a nun because of something and became extremely famous in the capital city for her painting skills. Numerous aristocratic families wanted to invite her to teach their daughters, but they were all rejected, for she said that the disciple she accepted must meditate with her.

Shao Yanru gave up the wealth and rank of Duke Xing's Mansion and really learned painting from Nun Pushan, which became a story passed on with approval at once. People became increasingly appreciative of this First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. Nowadays, how many Misses could bear the tranquility in the nunnery and get up early in the morning and do morning classes with a group of nuns?

Some madams and Misses had met this First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion in the nunnery. Speaking of this First Miss Shao, they only described her as a fairy who had come to the mortal world by chance with a great blessing.

"In this case, how can you leave home in a justified way?" Great Elder Princess asked in confusion.

"Grandma, do you think that Duke Xing's Mansion can find out the truth of yesterday's fire crash and give us an answer?" Shao Wanru asked gently with a slight smile.

Great Elder Princess shook her head after thinking for a while. Seeing that her granddaughter seemed to have a ready plan in her mind, she knew that it was extremely difficult or even impossible to check it out.

Up to now, she hadn't figured out how Shao Wanru got the kerosene and found such a good opportunity to ruin Wang Shengxue and Dongxing's plot and trapped the entire Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Do you think they will suspect me?" Shao Wanru asked again.

"Of course they will. I heard that the courtyard was prepared for the marriage of the First Young Master of Duke Xing's Mansion. He once said that he wanted to live in Qinghua and your father's courtyard and clean the screen wall where your father practiced calligraphy!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said angrily.

When Hao'er came over in tears and told her that, She was so angry that she wanted to go to Duke Xing's Mansion and argue with Old Madam immediately, but was stopped by Nanny Gao.

"They want the yard which has been burnt down today. They also want the old residence of my parents. These years they might have meticulously decorated the yard with not only some pieces of stuff of their mansion but also some pieces of stuff of my mother. So they won't allow me to live there. Besides, the yard where my parents once lived is a symbol of identity. The one living there could be considered the legitimate heir!"

Shao Wanru said coldly.

"They are outrageous! How dare! Hao'er is the heir of Duke Xing's Mansion!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess became furious. She beat the armrest of the chair and said angrily, "If it weren't for their aggressiveness,

your parents wouldn't have been forced to leave Duke Xing's Mansion. It's all their fault. How could they have the cheek to bring this up now?"

As long as she thought of what had happened at that time, Great Elder Princess would be furious. Over these years, every time she woke up from her dream, she felt extremely distressed. If she had known that her daughter would end up like this, she would have tried every means to prevent her daughter from marrying into Duke Xing's Mansion and prevent the emperor from giving the edict.

"Grandma, let's talk about it later. According to the current situation, Hao'er can be the heir, while the First Young Master can also be the heir. After all, the current Duke Xing is his father, while my father is only the former heir of Duke Xing's Mansion."

Seeing that Great Elder Princess was so angry that her eyes turned red, Shao Wanru comforted her hurriedly.

Great Elder Princess let out a sigh of relief. She knew that it was true, but she couldn't get over it. Why could they inherit Duke Xing's Mansion after trapping her daughter and son-in-law, while her daughter and son-in-law died, left only a pair of orphans and even left Zhuozhuo outside for such a long time?

Thinking of this, she wished that today the fire could be fierce enough to burn down the entire Duke Xing's Mansion.

Great Elder Princess knew that her thought was a little too extreme. Nevertheless, she just found it difficult to cool her anger.

"Grandma, let's take it slow. I'll spend three years outside. After three years, I'll grow up and have the right to speak. When the time comes, they can't treat me as a child any more, and we can think of a way to seek justice for my parents. But in these three years, you should prevent Duke Xing's Mansion from determining the heir!"

Shao Wanru comforted Great Elder Princess. She had planned this long before. Although she didn't like Duke Xing's Mansion, she would get Hao'er back what belonged to him.

Although being known for talents was admirable, what about being known for filial piety? No one could say anything about it.

In the confrontation between talents and filial piety, she wondered which one was more useful!

"I know. They didn't succeed in determining the heir in so many years, and they won't succeed now!" Great Elder Princess nodded. Duke Xing had presented the memorial for determining the heir again and again, but she had tried every means to make the Empress Dowager and the emperor turn it down every time.

Hao'er had been young and ignorant before, but now he became sensible. When the time came, she would show the members of Duke Xing's Mansion that her grandson was promising and didn't grow into a profligate child from a little bully.

Unknowingly, Great Elder Princess began to follow Shao Wanru's train of thought.

"Duke Xing's Mansion can't find out that I have something to do with the fire crash, but everyone saw that I almost got killed. The high-quality kerosene, the fact that I've just been recorded in the pedigree

on that day and the time when I was about to take a bath, all of these could prove that someone in Duke Xing's Mansion intended to plot against me and trap me."

Shao Wanru took Great Elder Princess's hand and analyzed the situation.

Great Elder Princess nodded repeatedly as she heard that. She held Shao Wanru's hand and looked at her clear and sharp eyes. Although Great Elder Princess had always been tough, she couldn't help shedding tears at this moment.

If it weren't for being in a dangerous situation all this time, such a little girl would have only done some embroidery in her bedroom now!

But now, she was plotting like a little adult. It was all because of Duke Xing's Mansion!

Clenching her teeth and swallowing the tears in her eyes, Great Elder Princess looked increasingly determined. No matter what her granddaughter wanted to do, she would support her and never let her be bullied again.

She squeezed Shao Wanru's slender hand with a little force, as if she could give her strength by doing that.

Sensing the strength from Great Elder Princess's hand and seeing the unreserved love in her eyes, Shao Wanru felt warm in her heart and became increasingly determined. She almost said word by word, "If I mention that I want to go to a nunnery and observe mourning for my parents for three years at this moment, what do you think of it?"

Chapter 458 Exchange a Jade Pendant for a Jade Pendant

"What? Go to a nunnery and observe mourning for her parents for three years?" The Empress Dowager was dumbfounded and almost dropped the string of beads in her hand. Rui'an Great Elder Princess clearly saw that the string of beads was presented by the master of the Yuhui Nunnery and had been consecrated. The Empress Dowager usually liked to put them in her hands and gently stroke them.

"Your Highness, do you think this child can live in Duke Xing's Mansion? She almost got killed on the first day she entered Duke Xing's Mansion. The one perfectly seized the opportunity and intended to ruin Zhuozhuo when she was taking a bath. What's more, where did the high-quality kerosene come from?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess, whose eyes were red, wiped her tears with a handkerchief and said angrily.

She had always been on intimate terms with the Empress Dowager. On one hand, she had got along well with the Empress Dowager before she got married. On the other hand, she was in a miserable situation after her husband and her only daughter died. But even so, she stayed tough in front of others, and only exposed her weakness in front of the Empress Dowager.

Knowing that this child was of extraordinary significance to her, the Empress Dowager couldn't bring herself to say anything against it.

"Your Highness, there is a small ancestral hall behind my courtyard, and I also use it as a Buddha hall. Wanru can observe mourning for her parents there." Madam Dowager of Duke Xing's Mansion thought for a while and said cautiously.

She still didn't want to let Shao Wanru leave. Last night, she had spent a long time discussing with her son and daughter-in-law, but failed to come up with any reasonable conclusion. She thought that as a little girl, what could Shao Wanru do? Even with Rui'an Great Elder Princess as her backing, it was unjustifiable for Shao Wanru to live in another place.

She could live in another place for a few days, but she couldn't live outside forever.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess became furious. She glared at Old Madam and said angrily, "You burned Zhuozhuo's courtyard and intended to kill her. After that, you intend to send her to the family temple? What are you up to? You've hounded this child's parents to death. Are you going to hound her and her brother to death as well?"

There was another saying that the Madams and Misses, who had made a mistake, would be sent to the small Buddha Hall or ancestral hall of the mansion where they should live for a period. This was almost an unwritten rule in aristocratic families.

The Empress Dowager was also displeased. She snorted and said, "Madam Dowager, do you mean that Shao Wanru has made a mistake?"

"Of course not. Since she insists on observing mourning for her parents, she can do that in our mansion. As an unmarried Miss, it's inappropriate for her to live outside!" Old Madam said with worry on her face, as if she really cared about Shao Wanru.

"Since you're worried about her living outside, the First Miss of your mansion has been living outside for a period, why are you assured to let her do that? Is the First Miss nobler than Zhuozhuo so that she can live wherever she wants to live?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess said in an aggressive manner.

"Ru'er does that for learning painting..." Madam Dowager blushed and explained.

"Is learning painting more important than observing mourning for parents? Old Madam, you only pay attention to something romantic and don't really care about the true filial piety." Rui'an Great Elder Princess mocked her.

Learning painting was actually not something romantic, but it was indeed a literary pursuit. Hearing Great Elder Princess's description, even the Empress Dowager considered the First Miss Shao extremely immature and restless. She lived outside just for learning painting and didn't care that her family would worry about her.

"Filial piety is naturally superior. Learning painting is certainly not as important as filial piety." The Empress Dowager began to be partial.

She had forgotten that she had praised the First Miss Shao repeatedly when hearing of her deeds. At that time, she said that the First Miss Shao was a good girl and could be considered one of the most talented girls in the capital city, and Duke Xing's Mansion had done a good job in raising such an elegant and dignified girl.

Old Madam blushed, but she couldn't defend herself. During their discussion yesterday, they didn't expect that Shao Wanru would make such a request and didn't think of a way to deal with it. She was even more speechless when Great Elder Princess mentioned Shao Yanru just now.

In the confrontation between filial piety and literary pursuit, everyone could instantly figure out the answer that filial piety was more important.

"Why don't you find out the one setting the yard on fire in the next few days and then take Zhuozhuo back?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered.

Old Madam became increasingly speechless. She had suspected that her daughter-in-law was the one setting the yard on fire yesterday. However, Madam of Duke Xing swore to God in her room, cried and claimed that she didn't know who was behind it and it had nothing to do with her. Otherwise, she wouldn't have burned that yard. Burning that yard meant catastrophe to her.

Hearing her words, Old Madam immediately believed her. But if it wasn't her daughter-in-law, who would it be? Old Madam didn't figure it out after thinking for a whole night, but she knew that it was not easy to check it out.

"You are killing my granddaughter by asking her to live in your mansion before finding out the truth and the one behind it. Old Madam, is it your real intention?" Great Elder Princess stared fixedly at Old Madam and asked harshly.

"Since it'll take you some time to check it out, it is unsafe indeed for Shao Wanru to live in your mansion. It is reasonable for her to live in the Yuhui Nunnery in the name of observing mourning for her parents. Well, it's settled. We'll claim that she's going to observe mourning for her parents for three years. Let's talk about other things after three years!"

Seeing that Old Madam was chocked by Great Elder Princess's words, the Empress Dowager helped them make a decision.

Since they argued in front of the Empress Dowager, they naturally intended to ask her to make a decision. Since the Empress Dowager said so, Duke Xing's Mansion had no reason to refuse it. Duke Xing's Mansion was in the wrong about yesterday's arson. Unless they could find a person admitting that he/she was behind the arson last night with valid evidence, they had no voice in this matter.

Since the Empress Dowager said so, Madam Dowager had to agree.

Shao Wanru, who was standing at the bottom of the stairs, heaved a sigh of relief. She had finally received the Empress Dowager's approval for it.

"Come here!" The Empress Dowager looked up at Shao Wanru. After measuring her with the eye, the Empress Dowager looked at the jade pendant on her waist and waved to her kindly.

A palace maid came over and helped her up.

Shao Wanru slowly walked up the stairs and stood in front of the Empress Dowager.

"Sit down here. I really like such a filial child like you!" the Empress Dowager said gently.

A palace maid hurriedly moved a chair over and placed it next to the Empress Dowager.

Shao Wanru sat down with good manners and felt uneasy. Shouldn't she be allowed to leave since the matter had been settled at this moment? Why did the Empress Dowager keep her here?

"This jade pendant is nice. Where did you get it from?" The Empress Dowager glanced at her and then suddenly looked towards her waist. "Let me take a look!"

Shao Wanru hurriedly reached out to take off the jade pendant and presented it respectfully.

The Empress Dowager picked up the jade pendant and looked at it carefully. Sensing the warmth on the jade pendant, she looked at Shao Wanru with increasing darkness in her eyes.

Shao Wanru lowered her head nervously and looked down at her toes. She could sense that the Empress Dowager kept looking at her and felt profoundly regretful of bringing the jade pendant into the imperial palace.

She did that in case of encountering Chu Liuchen. He had told her to bring the jade pendant with her. If he saw that she didn't bring it, he would probably make trouble again. Therefore, she decided to bring it obediently just in case.

Unexpectedly, she didn't encounter Chu Liuchen, but attracted the Empress Dowager's attention. The Empress Dowager must have found that this jade pendant belonged to Chu Liuchen.

Thinking of this, she blushed.

"This jade pendant is nice. Where did you get it?" The Empress Dowager looked over the jade pendant a few times and asked calmly.

Hearing the Empress Dowager's question, Shao Wanru knew that the Empress Dowager probably would not reveal the secret. She heaved a sigh of relief in her heart and hurriedly answered, "Reporting to Your Highness, this is a gift from a friend!"

"Friend?" The Empress Dowager looked at Shao Wanru with a faint smile.

With her heart skipping a beat, Shao Wanru hurriedly composed herself. After that, she became calm immediately. Speaking of the jade pendant, she actually had a clear conscience. Chu Liuchen insisted on giving it to her, and she didn't ask for it.

"I like this jade pendant. Maybe I can exchange another piece of jade pendant for your jade pendant. What do you say?" Seeing that she calmed down so soon, the Empress Dowager nodded in secret, but did not leave Shao Wanru any chance to answer and continued asking.

"It's my pleasure. Your Highness, if you like it, we don't have to exchange jade pendants!" Shao Wanru said cautiously.

There was no need for exchange, because it belonged to Chu Liuchen.

"I won't take anything from a child. Someone brings me a piece of jade pendant." The Empress Dowager leaned back, smiled gently, and pointed at a chair by the side.

Shao Wanru stepped forward obediently and sat down.

A palace maid behind her had brought a piece of jade pendant. The Empress Dowager placed the jade pendant in her hands onto the tray held by the palace maid, took out the jade pendant from the tray and handed it to Shao Wanru with a smile after taking a look at it. She said with gentle and amiable eyes, "I can't take your jade pendant for nothing. I'll exchange this piece of jade pendant for yours!"

"Thank you for your reward, Your Highness!" Shao Wanru said with her long eyelashes fluttering several times. She didn't know what was going on. Did the Empress Dowager take a liking to Chu Liuchen's jade pendant?

She even had an absurd thought. Could it be possible that the Empress Dowager had taken a liking to Chu Liuchen's jade pendant long ago, but it was not convenient for her to "exchange" with him, so she immediately exchanged for it at the sight that it was in her hands?

"Bring this piece of jade pendant with you from now on. This piece of jade pendant of mine is very nourishing. I've been in possession of it for many years and have never granted it to anyone. It is rare that I feel pleased at the sight of your jade pendant. So I exchange this piece of jade pendant for the jade pendant you like." Watching a slightly ignorant girl sitting in front of her blankly with delicate features which were pleasing to the eye, the Empress Dowager showed a more cheerful smile.

Shao Wanru was a good girl. She had thought that there was a problem with her identity, but now Shao Wanru seemed to be a perfect match for Chu Liuchen with her identity. She didn't need to play the villain anymore. She had been in a bad mood because of the bad reputation of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion, but now it had gone. Thinking about this child's family background, she found her really pitiful. At this moment, Shao Wanru looked cute and likable with such delicate features. She felt so satisfied with her.

The brat dared to give away the warm jade pendant for nourishing his body. She would definitely criticize him fiercely...

Chapter 459 Looking for a Concubine Named Xiurong

The Empress Dowager had a lot of thoughts in her mind, but she kept a smile on her face. It seemed that she was in a good mood.

Shao Wanru seemed to be at a loss and didn't understand why the Empress Dowager was so kind to her.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess knew that the Empress Dowager really liked Shao Wanru, so she was very happy. She hurriedly asked Wanru to thank the Empress Dowager for her reward. "Change" was just a word, no one would take it seriously.

As for the fact that the Empress Dowager said she liked Shao Wanru's jade pendant, no one would think that it was true. Great Elder Princess and Old Madam had never touched this jade with their own hands. Of course, they did not know that this jade was the most precious warm jade. It was warm all year round and was good for Chu Liuchen's illness.

Chu Liuchen was in poor health and rarely appeared in public. Even if he occasionally went into the palace to meet the Empress Dowager, he might not encounter these two people. They did not know that the jade pendant of this warm jade was owned by Chu Liuchen. At this time, no one thought that he had something to do with this matter.

Old Madam frowned and looked at Shao Wanru. She didn't like the scene in front of her at all.

How nice it would be if the favored one was her eldest granddaughter!

Originally, the eldest granddaughter was the most outstanding one in the whole mansion and was favored by her. But why did this little granddaughter get the first one?

When Rui'an Great Elder Princess glanced at Old Madam, she found that her face was not good, so she asked with a sneer, "Doesn't Old Madam like Wanru being favored by Empress Dowager?"

"Of course I like her. For Wanru to be favored by Empress Dowagers is the blessing of the entire Duke Xing's Mansion!" Old Madam explained with a smile on her face.

"Then why did you frown just now?" Great Elder Princess disdained Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, so she spoke more impolitely.

"Great Elder Princess, why are you so aggressive? What else do you want us to do? No one wants the affair of Qinghua and Big Boss!"

Old Madam's eyes turned red, and she spoke with a grievance. Then with the handkerchief in her hands, she wiped the tears from the corner of her eyes.

She was saying that Rui'an Great Elder Princess was focusing on the past and making trouble for no reason. Shao Wanru lowered her head and showed a trace of irony on her face. Her grandmother would also pretend to be pitiful in the face of the Empress Dowager.

"Well, well, Rui'an, it's really not anyone's fault. No one wants this to happen. Forget it, it's over. Now that I see my lovely granddaughter and grandson, I don't want to argue about it anymore. Otherwise, how can they take it away?" said Empress Dowager, unable to bear it.

Great Elder Princess still wanted to say something. But Shao Wanru reached out and pulled her sleeves.

"Empress Dowager, I don't care. I just want to see them well, and that kind of thing won't happen to them again." Rui'an Great Elder Princess stopped competing for victory and just lowered her head bitterly.

"Don't worry, there won't be such things anymore. The two children will grow up safely. If such things happen again and force the two children to run away, I will make the decision and give them to you."

The Empress Dowager made the final decision.

"Thank you, Empress Dowager!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess was very happy. She stood up and bowed to the Empress Dowager.

The Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion looked a little terrible. It was not because she didn't want to give up Shao Wanru and her brother, but if such a thing really happened, the whole Duke Xing's Mansion would be shamed. Her grandson and granddaughter wouldn't be safe in their mansion, and they were forced to be given to their grandmother. What a disgrace!

"Empress Dowager, don't worry. They won't be in any danger. I'll definitely treat them like treasures."

Madam Dowager had to stand up and respectfully made a promise to the Empress Dowager.

The Empress Dowager stretched out her hand and gestured to indicate that they should do away with the etiquette. Then, she asked them to sit down again. She looked back at Shao Wanru's face and said with a smile, "I still want to talk to your two elders. You can go to the side hall and sit there. If you feel bored, you can go to my palace and have a look!"

Shao Wanru looked at Rui'an Great Elder Princess with hesitation.

Great Elder Princess nodded to her with a smile. "Quickly express your thanks to Empress Dowager!"

At this time, she indeed had things to do. She had to snatch the rights of Shao Wanru's marriage from the hands of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. It was not good for Zhuozhuo to listen here.

"Thank you very much, Empress Dowager!" Shao Wanru stood up and said softly.

The Empress Dowager nodded with a smile. A palace maid came over and led Wanru to the side hall.

Seeing the tacit communication between Shao Wanru and Rui'an Great Elder Princess, the face of Madam Dowager of Duke Xing became more and more gloomy. She was the real elder, but not a patch on Grandma. She felt wronged and disgusted and increasingly felt that Shao Wanru was the same as her mother. They didn't know who relatives were and who they should be close to.

The Empress Dowager was here, so Old Madam couldn't say anything. She even forced a smile on her face.

The Empress Dowager's side hall was very big. There was the door of the main hall in front. The door on the side came from the main hall. It was much smaller than the main entrance.

As soon as they entered the door of the side hall, the palace maid who led the way made a deep bow to the handsome young man sitting there.

"You go back first!" Xiao Xuanzi winked at the palace maid. The maid stepped back quickly and left. She even closed the side door when she left.

"So had Chu Liuchen been waiting for her here for a long time?" Shao Wanru thought helplessly.

"Come here to drink tea. Imperial Grandmother doesn't have much. I heard that they were planted at the back mountain of the Yuhui Nunnery. It is said that the tea has the smell of Buddha, and it is good for people!"

Chu Yuchen poured a cup of tea for Shao Wanru and pushed it to her.

Shao Wanru had no choice but to come over and sit down. She picked up the teacup and took a sip. Suddenly, her eyes lit up. The taste of the tea was not strong and it had a very light scent. It was even fainter than the usual tea taste.

Shao Wanru used to drink light tea but she didn't drink much of it. She would just put a few pieces of tea to produce a hint of green in the tea soup.

The flavor was very in line with her taste. The taste was mild at the beginning, but the aftertaste was mellow.

"Is there such kind of tea in the back mountain of the Yuhui Nunnery?" Shao Wanru blinked her long lashes and asked in surprise. In her last life, she only knew that Shao Yanru had learned painting in the back mountain of the Yuhui Nunnery. Later, she heard that Rui'an Great Elder Princess became a nun there.

"The Yuhui Nunnery is not an ordinary one. Although it cannot be compared with Huaguang Temple, which is considered as a royal temple, it is also extraordinary. If the Emperor dies, all the imperial concubines in the harem who have no children will all stay in the Yuhui Nunnery. And there have been princesses who stayed there as nuns before."

Chu Liuchen picked up the teacup in front of him, took a sip, and put it down. His body was not good, so he also drank this kind of light tea and enjoyed it.

Shao Wanru thought for a while and asked with a slight change in her expression, "Did the late Emperor's imperial concubines also stay in the Yuhui Nunnery?"

"Of course. Although there were not many imperial concubines before, there were still some. They were all sent to the Yuhui Nunnery, but it was somewhat different from the real nuns' residences." Chu Liuchen slightly lowered his head, and blinked his black eyelashes on his pale and handsome face. Then he slowly raised his head and narrowed his eyes slightly. He spoke calmly, as if he were talking about other people's affairs.

Shao Wanru knew that the so-called imperial concubine was his father's. It was said that his mother passed away after being depressed because of his father's death. Everyone would be sad when speaking of such a thing!

However, when he said this, it seemed deliberate for him to change the topic.

Shao Wanru thought for a while, turned the teacup in her hand, and asked, "Is the Yuhui Nunnery big?"

"Yes, the entire Mount Donghua is included in it." Chu Liuchen looked up, and his long and narrow eyes were shining with flickering light, which looked a little gloomy and deep.

The beautiful young man, who was like a painting, looked a little evil at this time.

"Is there anything you want inside?" Shao Wanru thought for a while and asked bluntly. She slowly put down the cup in her hand and sat down with her slim body straight. Since they were talking about serious matters, she had to listen carefully.

"Yes!" Chu Liuchen smiled and bent his pale lips. His lips were very light, and his thin color made him look weak. However, this kind of lip color suited him very well, which was extremely delicate and beautiful. It seemed that this kind of person would only appear in paintings.

Of course, Shao Wanru, who had confronted Chu Liuchen several times, did not think that he was really otherworldly. He was trying to fool others with his gentle appearance. He seemed to be pale but was very poisonous actually.

Since he said yes, Shao Wanru did not dare to ignore him. She thought about it and asked uneasily, "Prince, what do you want? If I have the chance, I will definitely find it for you."

She didn't dare to promise it easily. She didn't know what kind of good thing Chu Liuchen would bear in mind constantly.

"Look for someone for me!" Chu Liuchen said leisurely, resting his chin on his hand.

"The nuns in the Yuhui Nunnery? Or the imperial concubine who was locked up?" Qin Wanru asked more carefully. It was obvious that this matter was difficult to deal with, otherwise, it would not be her turn.

"The concubines who have been locked up are all in the same place. There is a wall separating it from the Yuhui Nunnery, which is equivalent to separating several gardens in the Yuhui Nunnery. The people who live inside are those who are locked up. The gate to the Yuhui Nunnery is locked and the key is naturally in the hands of the nunnery owner. You have to find a way to go in and find an imperial concubine named Xiurong! I have something to ask about those years!"

Shao Wanru was flustered. She bit her lips and moaned in her heart. However, she had no choice but to agree. "Prince, you can rest assured. If there is a chance, I will definitely look for her."

She could tell that this was not a good thing, and it might even have something to do with Chu Liuchen's "big deal".

"Go to the Yuhui Nunnery with Nanny Zheng. She knows the imperial concubine named Xiurong. You can take two servant girls with you. Others are unneeded. Mingqiu Nun happens to be there as well, so she will take care of you when you get there." Chu Liuchen seemed to have made all the preparations for her, which made Shao Wanru more speechless.

"Prince, have you long since thought that I would go to the Yuhui Nunnery?"

"If you want to leave Duke Xing's Mansion, the Yuhui Nunnery is indeed a good place, but you should pay attention to a person!"

"Who is he?" Shao Wanru tightened her heart and asked with her watery eyes wide open.

Chu Liuchen's handsome face suddenly moved closer, and his beautiful eyes rolled. Suddenly, he asked an unrelated question, "Where is my jade pendant?"

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There was a big leap in his words, so Shao Wanru seemingly failed to keep up with him for a moment. She lagged in response and then stretched out her hand to take out the jade pendant that Empress Dowager had given her.

"Empress Dowager has changed it!" She reached out her hand and handed the jade pendant to Chu Liuchen.

The previous jade pendant was his, and now the so-called exchanged jade pendant was certainly his.

"This is not my jade pendant!" Chu Liuchen slightly narrowed his eyes, in which there was a sense of danger, and he looked not very happy.

"Empress Dowager said she liked your previous jade pendant, Your Highness," Shao Wanru said helplessly. She did not understand what this grandmother and grandson were doing. She rolled her watery eyes and glanced at Chu Liuchen. She did not believe Chu Liuchen did not know that Empress Dowager would "exchange" the jade pendant.

He had asked her to wear it all the time, which meant that he had already anticipated this scene, right?

"I gave you my jade pendant, but you lost it and took out such a jade pendant. Don't you think that I should punish you?" Chu Liuchen shook the teacup in his hand, seeing the ripples on the tea, and said very casually.

Shao Wanru was worried and asked obediently, "What do you want to do, Prince?"

Even if it was a trap, she had to jump!

"Since Imperial Grandmother has given you this jade pendant, don't lose it in the future. This jade pendant was used by Imperial Grandmother to find a wife for me."

Chu Liuchen suddenly laughed, and looked extremely lazy and pleased with himself.

He put down the cup in his hand and leaned back in a pleased and lazy way. His face was pale but vivid and there was less darkness on his face that was hidden in his heart. Chu Liuchen was really a beautiful young man who was like a man walking out of a painting.

Shao Wanru's hands shook and she almost broke the jade pendant. She reached out hurriedly and held it tightly.

"What does Empress Dowager mean?" Shao Wanru felt a little uneasy. The agreement with Chu Liuchen was one thing, but Empress Dowager seeing it and giving her a jade pendant was another story.

She had a bad conscience of being caught by an elder.

"Imperial Grandmother obviously means that she will accept you. Although I have not made a formal engagement with you yet, this matter is also considered to be put on the table."

"Your Highness, this is not appropriate, isn't it?" Shao Wanru hesitated as she held the jade pendant in her hand. She wanted to send it back but remembered that this jade pendant was from Empress Dowager. She would have to return it to Empress Dowager if she wanted to do so.

"Why is this not appropriate?" Chu Liuchen gave her a sidelong glance with an unkind look.

"I'm going to the nunnery to observe mourning for my parents for three years. If Prince takes a fancy to someone else in the next three years, it will be no good for you to give me this jade pendant first!"

Shao Wanru spoke as she thought about the wording. She frowned slightly and looked a little pitiful.

Chu Liuchen was very satisfied and said, "You will stay in the nunnery for three years, but not be locked up. You can still go out for a walk if you want. When the weather is good, you can also go around to enjoy the scenery. If I have time, I can also go there to take a walk. I heard that there is a peach forest behind Yuhui Nunnery, which is very elegant. If I am free, I will go to enjoy the scenery and visit you by the way!"

Shao Wanru was stunned at Chu Liuchen. What did he take Yuhui Nunnery for? A backyard garden? And he would go to walk around and visit her by the way if he was free?

"You'd better stay in the capital city, Prince. There are nuns in the Yuhui Nunnery, so it is inconvenient!" Shao Wanru said implicitly after thinking for a while.

"What? You don't want to see me?" Chu Liuchen's face darkened and he was unhappy.

"How could it be? It is just because that is the nunnery!" Shao Wanru felt that her reminder was clear enough. The nunnery was a place full of women. Why would he, a man, come to the nunnery?

"I am in poor condition. Mingqiu Nun in the Yuhui Nunnery has excellent medical skills, so Imperial Grandmother has allowed her to treat me." A lazy smile reappeared on Chu Liuchen's face. He sat up and poured himself a cup of tea elegantly. Then he raised his head and asked Shao Wanru, "Do you want a cup?"

"Thank you, Prince. I have got one!" Looking at the full tea in her teacup, Shao Wanru said helplessly. She put the jade pendant on the table and asked, "Your Highness, what about this jade pendant?"

"I have given it to you, so it is naturally yours. Do you want me to take the jade pendant back? Since I have set my heart on you, I will not contradict myself to take back the jade that Imperial Grandmother gave you!" Chu Liuchen took the jade pendant and looked at it. He waved it in his hand with satisfaction and then pushed it in front of Shao Wanru.

"This is the jade pendant used to engage a legal wife for me."

"Prince, don't you think it's inappropriate?" Shao Wanru frowned and asked.

"It is fine! Although you are quite young and seem not to be very useful, you are still more useful than others." Chu Liuchen looked her up and down with dislike and said.

His words made Shao Wanru speechless. After a moment of silence, she carefully kept the jade pendant in her sleeves. Since she had promised him before, she had to cooperate with him no matter what Chu Liuchen would do.

Although it was a little early to let Empress Dowager know this now, she thought that Chu Liuchen might be pushed too far on his marriage by Empress Dowager. The messages had already been spread a lot that Empress Dowager was going to choose concubines for these princes.

"Then I will keep it for you first. If you need it at some time, just ask me for it!" After thinking for a while, she felt that it would be better to make it clearer, lest many things would happen when Chu Liuchen fell in love with someone else. It was better to leave her words here, which made everything simple and clear.

"Okay, okay, if I want it, just ask you!" Chu Liuchen waved his hand impatiently and did not want to talk about the jade pendant any more.

He sulked when seeing that she carefully put away the jade pendant and pretended that she just wanted to keep it for you first and then to give it to someone suitable someday.

He was in a bad mood!

Since he was in a bad mood, looking a little unhappy, he glared at Shao Wanru and ask, "Tell me what happened in your mansion yesterday."

After the guards left, she retold the whole story to him.

"They must want to plot against me and ruin my reputation. No one saw the face of the woman in the pavilion, but they can guess it might be me, because they saw the same clothes. In addition, the water wave directed at my place and I have taken a bath and changed my clothes. Even though it was not me, it must be me! It is hard to explain!"

Shao Wanru blinked twice with her long lashes and said in a low voice.

"Duke Xing's Mansion can't tolerate you to such degree?" Chu Liuchen asked slowly, "Didn't they say they are your blood relatives? Is there any blood feud between you?"

His words made Shao Wanru's heart miss a beat. She thought for a while and said in distress, "Prince, if I help Hao'er to take the position of the Heir of Duke Xing's Mansion, do you think this can be counted as a blood feud?"

There were some things that she still had some doubts about. At this time, she could not help but take them out and ask Chu Liuchen.

Was it really just because of the position of the Heir of Duke Xing?

In her last life, something had happened to Hao'er, and she had also been killed in the plot of Duke Xing's wife and daughter.

"To cut the weeds and dig up the roots?" Chu Liuchen suddenly smiled in a pleasant but cold voice.

It seemed that something had viciously sliced through Shao Wanru's heart and shattered her weak defense. Her fingers trembled slightly before she held on the teacup by her hand and took two big gulps of it.

She choked because she drank in a hurry. For a moment, she tilted her head to the side and coughed in a loud voice. The water she had just drunk also choked out, causing tears to flow down.

Suddenly, a white handkerchief with nobleness appeared in front of her eyes, on which there were lightish squares.

She coughed hard twice, raised her misty eyes to look at the handkerchief. Following the handkerchief, she looked at Chu Liuchen's hand and then Chu Liuchen.

Chu Liuchen seemed to be amused by her reaction. He raised the corner of his lips and put the handkerchief into Shao Wanru's hands and said lazily, "Have you guessed it? Or have you been thinking about it long since?"

If she had not guessed this a long time ago, she would not have had such a big reaction.

Shao Wanru lowered her eyes and her long lashes lay tiredly on her pale face. She sighed softly and said, "I have guessed this before."

"Then go and find it out. No matter who it is, it is perfectly justified that blood will have blood!" Chu Liuchen seemed to be extremely satisfied with her straightforwardness. His beautiful eyes slightly raised, with a bit of warmth different from the past, but his words still made people feel cold in the heart.

However, at this moment, these words went into Shao Wanru's heart.

"Prince, could you lend a few people to me?" Shao Wanru lifted her eyes and asked as she held the handkerchief in her hands.

"Why do you say that?" Chu Liuchen asked gently.

"I want to send someone to investigate what happened in the past and to find out every detail of what happened after Father and Mother had left," Shao Wanru said seriously.

"Even if you can make it clear, aren't you afraid?" Chu Liuchen asked with interest.

"I'm not afraid. If I find out it is really someone who harmed my parents, then an eye must be for an eye, and blood must atone for blood!"

Shao Wanru said very calmly, but her beautiful eyes were full of blood-thirsty killing intent, which clearly revealed in front of Chu Liuchen.

She had crawled out of the bloody hell, so she did not need to fear!

She would not obviously say these words in front of others, but she felt that there was nothing she could not say to Chu Liuchen!

He only looked ill and weak, but in fact, he was the most ruthless and bloodthirsty. More than half of the people in the imperial palace had been killed by him and they were all beautiful women.

"Even against the entire Duke Xing's Mansion? Do you know that they can be seen as your relatives now?" Chu Liuchen looked at her and asked with a faint smile on his face.

"My relatives are not Duke Xing's Mansion!" Shao Wanru said with contempt. Such contempt and disregard of all rules did not conform to the norms and could even be said that she challenged all the etiquette.

The bloodline represented family affection from the beginning, as well as the most reasonable combination of interests!

"Clap, clap, clap!" A gentle clap came from Chu Liuchen's hands, which brought Shao Wanru back to her thoughts. She looked up at Chu Liuchen's handsome and gentle face and she did not understand what he was doing.

"Zhuzhuo is right. The so-called family affection and blood ties are nothing. If he wants to harm you, he will not be restricted by blood ties. Since then, why should you care too much about the so-called blood ties?"

The cold words seemed to come from Jiuyou Hell. With the gentle smile on his face, they made people tremble in their hearts for no reason, as if something had been released.

Yujie had always been bold, but now she could not help hiding behind Shao Wanru.

"I have people and I can help you!"