

## Medical Princess 461

### Chapter 461 A Weak Mind for Life

Chu Liuchen gave a meaningful chuckle.

"Thank you, Your Highness!" Shao Wanru stood up and bowed to Chu Liuchen respectfully.

Chu Liuchen elegantly waved his hand, pointed to the seat and gestured her to sit down. He said in a very easy-going way, "Our current relationship has been made clear, so helping you is helping me and I will not haggle over this! But..."

When saying this, he stopped.

Shao Wanru held the handkerchief in her hand and her heart was in her throat. She waited for the crucial turning point to come.

"I heard that Duke Xing has a good temper and seldom gets angry. Even if there is something wrong, he would just turn around and leave at most, so his reputation on the court has always been very good. I actually feel strange. Is Duke Xing's temper really so good? Did he get angry last night?"

Chu Liuchen smiled leisurely.

Shao Wanru thought for a moment and said honestly, "He got angry yesterday. It can be seen that he was really angry."

"Did he hit someone?" Chu Liuchen said with a smile.

"No, he didn't." Shao Wanru spoke frankly. Then, she added, "At least he didn't before I left."

"This kind of thing brought shame to the whole Duke Xing's Mansion. What's more, there were so many people who had seen it. It almost pointed straightly at Madam of Duke Xing, but Duke Xing did not lose his temper. If he is not a person who really has a good temper, he must have ulterior motives."

Chu Liuchen stretched out his slender fingers and gently knocked on the table twice, and said in a lazy way.

So he was either a loyal person or a traitor. Shao Wanru understood what he meant.

She had thought about it carefully. After rebirth, some things had become clear, and she had also seen them more clearly. Everyone said that her Second Uncle Duke Xing was a good-tempered person, and he also had a good-tempered look. He was chubby and always laughed before saying a word.

However, there were many people in this world whose appearances did not match their characters, just like this Prince Chen in front of her. If someone was confused by his sickly appearance, he would die without knowing how he had died.

After this elegant and sickly Prince Chen waved his hand, there would be blood flowing like stream in the palace and those strong opponents would kneel at his feet one by one.

In her last life, she had not seen Duke Xing, but rumors had been spread everywhere that he had good temper and got along well with Madam of Duke Xing. Many Misses from aristocratic families had

thought that they had no need to marry into wealth or to marry handsome people. It was fine to marry someone like Duke Xing.

There was no need to talk about the character of Madam of Duke Xing. She obviously showed happiness on the face with bitterness in her heart. Duke Xing got along well with her, but was it really because of his good temper that he could bear with everything? If so, she would not think highly of him, because those who could bear the great evil had no difference from great evil!

What's more, she always thought that this Second Uncle was not simple. The so-called good reputation was to show people, and he plotted to achieve something bigger, right?

"He must have ulterior motives!" Shao Wanru did not conceal this and spoke out what was on her mind with a straight face.

"If you return to Duke Xing's Mansion, help me find out who is behind him!" Chu Liuchen leaned back comfortably and said casually.

"Who do you think he had sought refuge with, Prince?" Shao Wanru could not help but ask. Since he said so, he must have some evidence.

"I'm not sure yet. Since you are mine, investigate this matter for me." Chu Liuchen was happy to see that this matter would cause Shao Wanru enough headaches.

"I'm afraid you have to wait three years for this." Shao Wanru hesitated for a moment and said.

"I can afford to wait three years!" Chu Liuchen raised his eyebrows and smiled. He seemed to be in a good mood, "You do not have to worry about it and you can deal with the matter in Yuhui Nunnery first. You have to pay attention to Pushan Nun, the painting teacher of Shao Yanru in Yuhui Nunnery!"

"What is wrong with her?"

"As for the specific problem, you just need to be careful. Don't feel that you cannot stand it only after staying there for a few days. Besides, your elder sister is now in the Yuhui Nunnery too. She is not a quiet person!"

Chu Liuchen said meaningfully.

It was hard for Shao Wanru to reply his words. No quiet in Yuhui Nunnery? Did this match what she was thinking?

"I am tired, too. You can walk around on your own!" Chu Liuchen held his head with one hand and closed his eyes slightly.

"Yes, Your Highness!" Shao Wanru stood up and bowed to him respectfully. Then she turned and left, followed closely by Yujie.

After a few steps, she suddenly found that she was still holding Chu Liuchen's handkerchief in her hand, so she turned back in a hurry.

In front of the table, Chu Liuchen slightly bowed his head and did not look well. He supported his forehead with one hand and covered his face with the wide sleeves of his robe as if he was sleeping.

Shao Wanru suddenly felt something wrong. The hand that was supporting his head trembled slightly. She took a quick step forward and grabbed his hand.

Following her hand, Chu Liuchen went limp.

Shao Wanru hurriedly reached out to hug him and she could not help but sit on the ground. Before she could sit up, she put her hand on the pulse on his right hand. She felt that the skin on his hand was as white as snow and his face was so pale that it was almost bloodless.

Although he had also looked pale when he had been sitting here and talking cheerfully and humorously just now, he had not been as pale and gaunt as he was now, as if he were a man made of ice and snow.

"Master!" Xiao Xuanzi screamed and rushed over.

Yujie grabbed him and said, "Don't move first. Let our Miss take the pulse for Prince."

"Our master has an old illness. How, how can we do? We have to go back to the mansion..." Xiao Xuanzi was so anxious that his forehead was sweating.

Yujie looked at Shao Wanru who was feeling the pulse and asked casually, "Isn't there an imperial physician in the palace? Why do you want to go back to your own mansion?"

"You don't understand. The imperial physicians in the palace can't treat my master. And the medicine is also unreasonable. Only the medicine in our mansion can treat him."

Xiao Xuanzi stamped his feet in a hurry. Suddenly, he grabbed Yujie and said, "You look after my master here first. I'll report it to the Empress Dowager, and then find a soft couch to carry him back to our mansion."

"Okay!" Yujie nodded and agreed.

Xiao Xuanzi left hurriedly to report to Empress Dowager.

Shao Wanru finished feeling the pulse, and her face was extremely terrible. She felt a little strange, but she did not dare to show it at this time. She held Chu Liuchen and wanted to get him up. Yujie quickly reached out to help her and the two helped him up again with difficulty.

At this time, Xiao Xuanzi had already finished reporting. He took a soft couch and came over. The Empress Dowager didn't have time to talk to Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam. She also hurried over.

When everyone lifted Chu Liuchen onto the soft couch and was about to carry him away, they realized that Chu Liuchen was holding Shao Wanru's hand tightly.

The Empress Dowager asked the palace maids and old maids to come forward a few times to separate them, but they failed to do it. She asked Xiao Xuanzi to take Shao Wanru with him in a hurry.

They walked directly from the palace to the Prince Chen's Mansion of Chu Liuchen through the side door.

Looking at Chu Liuchen's face and thinking of his pulse just now, Shao Wanru did not hesitate and followed the soft couch to the Prince Chen's Mansion.

Walking along the path, they walked very fast. But even so, Xiao Xuanzi was still so anxious that sweat broke out all over his head. He kept shouting "Hurry up", "Hurry up!"

The side door had already been opened. Shao Wanru saw two palace maids guarding at the side door and her eyes flickered.

The guards were usually the old maids in the palace. Why would they send two young and beautiful palace maids to guard the door?

When the soft couch entered the door, there was a half-squatted wheelchair which looked like a soft couch. Chu Liuchen was placed on a soft couch-style wheelchair. Xiao Xuanzi pushed it himself and hurried to the mansion.

They deftly turned a few intersections and came to the gate of a remote courtyard. Yujie went forward to push the door open. Xiao Xuanzi pushed Chu Liuchen in and shouted, "Doctor Qi, Doctor Qi, come here. Master fainted again."

The door in the middle of the house was pushed open, and a tall and slender middle-aged man appeared at the door, wearing a white cloth gown.

After listening to Xiao Xuanzi's words, he walked down in a hurry, glancing at Chu Liuchen, whose face was pale without any color, and said, "Carry him in!"

Xiao Xuanzi nodded and stepped to the front of the steps. Then he picked up the soft couch, which was much bigger than him, and directly lifted it up and sent it into the room.

Shao Wanru was dragged into the room.

When they got inside, Doctor Qi had turned back and took out a brown jade bottle. He poured out two pieces of medicine and sent them into Chu Liuchen's mouth. Xiao Xuanzi slightly raised his head. Although one of Shao Wanru's hands was pulled, the other hand was still enough to reach the table on the side.

There were teapots and teacups on the table. She took one and poured a cup of water into it. The temperature was suitable.

Two tiny medicine were fed to Chu Liuchen's mouth, and she also fed him a little warm water carefully. Then she put it down and wiped his mouth with a handkerchief.

Xiao Xuanzi put Chu Liuchen down, and Doctor Qi reached out his hand to feel his pulse, and his face looked very terrible.

After a long time, he raised his head and looked at Xiao Xuanzi, saying, "Did your Prince not take medicine again this morning?"

Xiao Xuanzi lowered his head at his question.

"How can he be like this all the time? Does he not treat his body as a body at all? Even if it were an ordinary illness, it would become serious. What's more, his illness started when he was born." Doctor Qi said angrily, "If he does this again, I won't treat him. He can do whatever he wants. If he doesn't think about treating his own illness, no one can save him!"

Doctor Qi was so annoyed that he scratched his head.

A thought crossed Shao Wanru's mind. She suddenly understood where her oddity came from. When she felt the pulse of him, she could sense that he was very weak. He was even weaker than he had been a few times earlier. It was as if his body had not been treated medicine appropriately.

He didn't want to live? He had nothing to live for?

Or it could be said that this future crown prince Your Highness had a weak will to live? Her heart throbbed for no reason!

"Doctor Qi, we really forgot this time. My master was in a hurry to go to the palace... to the palace..." Xiao Xuanzi sweated profusely as he explained. It could be seen that he was very guilty. Suddenly, he saw Shao Wanru whose face was full of surprise. He immediately reached out and said, "My master was in a hurry to find Fifth Miss, so he forgot to take medicine. Please forgive us, Doctor Qi."

"Meet her? You are trying to trick me again!" said Doctor Qi. He realized that Shao Wanru and her servants were still in the room. He looked her up and down and frowned. "If Prince continues doing this, he is going to die! Why don't I go back early now? I don't want to lose my life with your Prince some day!"

#### **Chapter 462 Prince Zhou, Who Must Pick More Assistants**

"It's true, Doctor Qi. This time is true. This is the future wife of Prince Chen. She was framed and going to become a nun!" Xiao Xuanzi explained eagerly.

Shao Wanru's face turned red immediately. Even though this was the truth, why did it sound so weird!

Yujie was also anxious, and she explained loudly, "What are you talking about? Who wants to be a nun? Our Miss wants to go to the nunnery to observe the filial piety of the former heir of Duke Xing's Mansion and Infanta Qinghua!"

"Yes, yes, she will go to the nunnery to observe the filial duty. That's what I mean." Xiao Xuanzi nodded repeatedly to agree.

Doctor Qi was suspicious. He looked at Chu Liuchen, who had not woken up yet, and then looked at Shao Wanru, who was small but beautiful. He sighed and said, "Your Prince really loves beauty even if he doesn't care about his life!"

"Doctor Qi, what are you talking about? This is the future princess determined by our Empress Dowager to our master. Who could care more about her than our master!"

Xiao Xuanzi said with a smile.

"Well, he can't be like this in the future." Doctor Qi looked at Xiao Xuanzi's lazy face helplessly.

"Of course. No one would go against his or her own life. Our master has thought it through recently. After you go back to the capital city, our master takes medicine regularly. He basically takes the medicine. He won't find it useless and even refuse to take the medicine when he loses his temper like before!"

Xiao Xuanzi bowed and scraped to say something nice to him.

"In the aspect of taking medicine, Prince is more conscious than before!" Doctor Qi said and then waved his hand impatiently. "Help your master go back and rest for a while. Later, I will make some medicine for him, and tell him to drink it well this time. Otherwise, let alone the future, he will lose his life now!"

"Yes, yes, how could he not keep his life? Every day counts, and the life is his. Am I right?" Xiao Xuanzi nodded repeatedly, with a bitter smile on his face.

At the thought of Chu Liuchen's illness and hearing Xiao Xuanzi's words, Shao Wanru's heart sank. The flush on her face faded away slowly and she sighed secretly.

Was this illness really incurable? How long had he lived since she died in her previous life?

But in her last life, he seemed to be living well when she saw him. Although his lips were paler than ordinary people's, they were just a little pale. He looked sickly handsome. But he was not really weak. He strode down the stairs and looked powerful!

Her heart suddenly trembled, and her eyes were filled with horror. Why did she suddenly think that he was running down the stairs? Shouldn't her last impression of him be seeing him standing on the top of the stairs?

How did she come up with such an idea all of a sudden?

She suddenly felt a sharp pain in her heart. It seemed that something had pulled her hard. She reached out her hand which had not been held and subconsciously covered her chest.

"Miss..." Yujie saw her abnormality and called her in a low voice.

She let go of her hand and gently shook it, indicating that she was fine. Then she helped Xiao Xuanzi to push out the soft couch made of the wheelchair.

The two old maid, who came from the imperial palace to help before, had already come in. They also gave a hand, and then they steadily carried him out of the room.

"You go back to the palace first!" After the person was settled, Xiao Xuanzi checked carefully and found that there was nothing wrong. Then he waved his hand and said.

After making a bow to Chu Liuchen, the two Nannies who came from the palace left respectfully.

When they arrived at the side door connecting the Prince Chen's Mansion and the palace, they also lifted the previous soft couch and went back to the Imperial Palace to report to the Empress Dowager.

"Fifth Miss, please come with me!" Xiao Xuanzi said while pushing Chu Liuchen.

The wheelchair was put flat and it was very long. Yujie was helping in the front, in case the back of the wheelchair was pushed in the wrong direction and it hit the corner of the wall.

Shao Wanru nodded. She really couldn't leave at this moment. Chu Liuchen's hand was still on her wrist, and he didn't want to let her go.

"Doesn't Your Highness like taking medicine?" Shao Wanru casually asked after walking a few steps.

"My master doesn't like to take medicine. When we were in Jiangzhou, Fifth Miss also saw that. On some days he would take while on other days he would not. Sometimes he extremely did not want to take medicine and said that it was useless to take that." Xiao Xuanzi's voice became low, and his face looked vexed. He said as he walked.

Shao Wanru bit her lips and said, "Then we could just let him do harm to his bodies?"

"Who could control our master? He used to live alone in the mansion and he was the only master in the mansion. If he didn't want to drink it, no one could control him. Sometimes, Doctor Qi got angry and wanted to leave. Then he heard it and drank medicine. When he entered the palace, my master didn't let us talk about it with Empress Dowager..."

Xiao Xuanzi's voice became faint and he said in a weak voice.

She was alone with the death of her parents. From this point of view, she was really similar to Chu Liuchen.

Because he was alone, he was in a bad mood, so he ruined his own health. His body was so poor that it was conceivable that if it went on like this, there would be no hope for him.

Her watery eyes fell slightly and fell on the face of the handsome young man who seemed to walk out of the painting. For some unknown reasons, she had some empathy for him because of their similar situation.

So what if he had the love that everyone envied in the world? He had no father, no mother, and this was destined to be a child's misery.

Before he was born, he had lost his father, and soon after he was born, he lost his mother. At that time, he was just a baby in swaddling. In this way, he seemed to be poorer than her.

Madam of Duke Xing was bent on harming her. And no one in Duke Xing's Mansion liked her. However, Chu Liuchen seemed to be more difficult than Shao Wanru!

In the royal family, except for the Empress Dowager who really loved him, even the Emperor's love for him was for some other reasons. As for his cousins, they were all like black-eyed chickens. They tried to kill him, or even if they didn't kill him directly, they wanted to plot his life to create a win for them.

It was his life that paved the way for them to success.

Under such circumstances, if he didn't want to die, he had to rise up.

In his last life, he was able to rush out of the encirclement without any help. It was obvious that he was not a simple person. He was also a poor man!

"Is he really sick again?" Chu Liuzhou sat in the main hall of the Empress, with only two confidants standing around. After listening to the news just now, he patted the table and said happily, "This time, it has nothing to do with me. Something happened in the Imperial Grandmother's palace. It has something to do with Duke Xing's Mansion and Rui'an Great Elder Princess."

"Did the Empress Dowager really marry him this newly appointed Fifth Miss Shao?" The Empress focused on another direction and her brows furrowed tightly. She had guessed it because many servants saw the Empress giving the jade pendant to Shao Wanru.

"Mother, no matter who he's engaged to, does it matter? Will he be able to survive until he gets married? Although Imperial Grandmother gave jade pendants, didn't Fifth Miss Shao say she was going to the nunnery to observe mourning for her biological mother? After three years of filial piety, it's hard to say whether the patient can still live. Look, he knows his own illness and doesn't want to live now and then. That's what happened."

In the past, such a thing had happened to Chu Liuchen in the palace. At first, the imperial physician didn't know it, and they were deeply troubled. But later, they gradually realized that Prince Chen didn't want to live at all, so he made such a scene.

Some people pitied him for his behavior, while some sighed for him. Everyone said that this Prince Chen Your Highness was incomparably handsome, but his fate had suffered a lot, and he might not be blessed.

He was so close to becoming the Crown Prince, but he was just a little short of it. Since he was born, he had been sick all the time. Even if he wanted to save his life, he might not be able to do it.

"You are right!" The Empress breathed a sigh of relief. Shao Wanru, who was newly found, did not know whether she could marry into Prince Chen's Mansion. Since she was not favored in Duke Xing's Mansion, even if she really had the opportunity to marry into Prince Chen's Mansion in the future, there was nothing to worry about. Duke Xing's Mansion would not stand up for the side of Prince Chen's Mansion because of her.

"Mother, you don't have to pay attention to this trouble-making patient who always courted death. I don't think you need to pay attention to him. I'm just afraid that someone will kill him and hurt us by making us the scapegoat. You should just pay some attention to him to let him not get too close to me. But Chu Liuyue is not easy to deal with recently."

Chu Liuzhou sneered and banged his hand on the table heavily. He said, "It is a tradition to establish the legitimate son rather than the older son. He is just the eldest son of a concubine. Does he really think he is noble?"

At the thought of someone saying so in the court, Chu Liuzhou felt very angry. His eyes were full of anger.

"It's not just Chu Liuyue. You should also pay attention to Prince Cheng!" The Empress reminded her son as she saw more of it.

"Mother, you're worrying too much. Look at Prince Cheng. He is still not willing to get married. What else can he think? Even if he's fighting for the throne, what can he do? If he doesn't get married, he won't even have children. Don't you see how he is trying to get rid of the marriage bestowed by Father? It's as if he's really going to become a monk."



Chu Liuzhou waved his hand disapprovingly. He remembered seeing all kinds of Miss from aristocratic family in Prince Cheng's Mansion that day. They not only failed to attract Prince Cheng, but also made him try his best to get rid of them.

He even took the disgraceful daughter of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion as an excuse to escape again.

Was it really so hard to get married? Wasn't it a good thing?

Not only could he marry a beautiful woman who he liked, but he could also get the support of the beautiful woman's family. He reached out and pinched his chin. Chu Liuzhou thought that he must choose the most suitable woman. Prince Cheng didn't want but he wanted.

Not only did he want them, but he also had to pick a few more!

Who would complain about too many assistants?

"Prince Cheng is not simple. Zhou'er, don't take it lightly. If he really has no desire, why did he sneak to the capital city on that day? In such a lively day, shouldn't he guard the Buddha statue more peacefully and recite more heart sutras? Why did he sneak down the mountain? Besides, you said he has no child. It's very easy for him to have children. He is not much older than you. He can directly take in three palaces and six yards. It doesn't matter how many children he wants to have!"

Seeing Chu Liuzhou's indifferent look, the Empress's face became more and more serious. She had thought about what had happened to Prince Cheng several times, and she became more and more alert!

"It's true! Mother, I'll send more people to keep an eye on him. Does he really want to wait until father is dead and let him be the successor? He does not have the same ability as father!" Chu Liuzhou sneered.

The brother succeeding the course of his father was a joke. Father had so many sons, how could he need a younger brother?

"Don't think so much. Let's see which family do you like. These are the candidates I pick for you." The Empress did not say much since she saw her son taking it into consideration. This thing was not urgent. It's okay if he took it seriously. She gave him a stack of paintings. Now they needed to focus on the marriage of her son.

She had to choose a marriage that would help her son...

### **Chapter 463 Be Tough, And See What Would You Do?**

"Selecting a good marriage will be of great benefit to you, Your Highness. Today, Empress Dowager Queen gave a jade pendant to Fifth Miss of Shao's Mansion. I also heard that Prince Chen was in the side palace hall and was asked to meet her. Maybe Fifth Miss Shao is reserved for Prince Chen, so it will be the other Princes' turns. Prince, I have sorted out for you the information on the marriageable Misses from each mansion, please take a look at it and make a good choice!"

In Prince Yue's Mansion, Mr. Liu, who sat opposite Chu Liuyue, asked Xiao Qizi to hand him a pile of documents. Although there were no portraits on the documents, Chu Liuyue had seen most of them before.

Even for those whom he had not seen before, there were some rumors about them, so the information related to these rumors was handed over as well.

Choosing a suitable wife was extremely important to Chu Liuyue.

Chu Liuyue casually looked through several of them and put them down without interest. The breeze from outside filled the whole room which was light and elegant, with fragrance.

Chu Liuyue sighed in a low voice and walked to the window with his hands clasped behind his back. Looking at the scenery outside the window, he muttered to himself, "The duckweed floating to the left and the right, borne about by the current.... It is just what I want but..."

Mr. Liu smiled as he waved his hand to ask Xiao Qizi to go, then he said, "Prince, in your position, you can have all kinds of women, so why should you worry about a woman? Moreover, I think this First Miss does not have much affection for you!"

"It is too much to say that, Mr. Liu! She is just a girl in the boudoir." Chu Liuyue frowned unhappily. He turned around, walked to the table and sat down again with an unhappy look on his face.

"Yes, yes, yes, you are right, Prince. I am wrong, but do you think this is the right time to marry this First Miss? Prince, not to mention that First Miss Shao has not said that her heart is set on you, even Duke Xing's Mansion has not officially chosen you. It is not good for you to give the position of the legal wife to someone who is not your match, Prince!"

Mr. Liu smiled mildly, but he despised First Miss Shao in his heart.

In Mr. Liu's view, this First Miss Shao was a schemer. On the one hand, she kept a respectful distance from the Prince. On the other hand, she hinted about things and wrote to the Prince, as if she was bashful about speaking about it. It seemed that she wanted to seduce the Prince on purpose, but she did not tell him exactly what she wanted.

He was not Chu Liuyue. Although Chu Liuyue already had his own mansion, he was still a teenager and had only seen a few women. It was reasonable for him to be confused by his passion.

This kind of attitude of giving out subtle invitations was the most common ploy among those prostitutes who performed in the brothels. Such women of loose morals did not let go or revealed the truth and they were always hanging around someone.

Also, Duke Xing's attitude was also unclear. He seemed to be hesitating and seemed to have something else as an alternative. Mr. Liu did not know exactly what it was, so he could only observe it slowly.

Chu Liuyue picked up the documents at hand and pored through them once again. He looked calm and nodded. "You are right. Let us pick a few pieces to look at first. Imperial Grandmother will choose a legal wife for me. I can put the matter of First Miss Shao away first, but I cannot let Chu Liuzhou choose her!"

He could choose not to marry Shao Yanru now, but he would not let her marry into Prince Zhou's Mansion.

"Don't worry, Prince. Although Empress Queen also prefers the family background of Duke Xing, she still has her parents' family to take care of. She has several good nieces and they will also be chosen this time. It is necessary to choose a legal wife to maintain the glory of Empress's parents' family. First Miss

Shao really has a good reputation, so if she becomes a concubine instead of the wife, the legal wife will not be able to suppress her."

Mr. Liu said calmly.

There was more to his words than what he meant on the surface. In his opinion, whoever married her, would have the peace of their family disrupted, because she did not want to show any substantial power, but she just wanted to occupy a high position.

She as the legal wife would not have any intention of helping her husband, while she as a concubine would be bent on getting a promotion. Finally, she would stir the whole family into a tempest and also fish for fame and credit like those refined scholars. So she was not a suitable person for marriage.

Chu Liuyue nodded repeatedly and felt relieved in his heart. Although he was unwilling to let Shao Yanru go, he did not have to marry her now. As long as she had the intention, he would have plenty of opportunities in the future.

"Then I will do what you say, Sir. Let us pick someone first!" Chu Liuyue picked up another document and carefully reviewed it this time.

When Shao Wanru left, she walked through the gate of Prince Chen's Mansion and was sent to Rui'an Great Elder Princess' Mansion by Chu Liuchen's carriage.

However, someone stopped her in front of the gate of Great Elder Princess' Mansion.

"Fifth Miss, Old Madam is waiting for you!" An old maid stood respectfully in front of the carriage and said.

"Let us get off and have a look!" Shao Wanru immediately understood who this so-called Old Madam was. She got off the carriage with Yujie's help. As expected, she saw that a carriage of Duke Xing's Mansion was parked at the side of the road. She smiled slightly and showed a hint of ridicule. Then she restrained herself and walked over slowly.

"Come up and have a talk!" Before she could give a greeting, a cold voice came from the carriage.

A servant girl had already come over and put down a small stool. Shao Wanru held Yujie's hand and entered the carriage.

The curtain of the carriage was lifted and she saw Old Madam sitting in the middle of the carriage, her cold eyes falling on Shao Wanru and her face was gloomy.

Shao Wanru went in and bowed to Old Madam.

"Sit down first. You do not need to be so polite in the carriage!" Old Madam said coldly.

"Yes!" Shao Wanru sat down obediently on one side. Then she lowered her head and waited for Old Madam to speak.

Old Madam was satisfied with Shao Wanru's obedience and said, "You are the Miss of our Duke Xing's Mansion, not of Great Elder Princess' Mansion. If you really live in Great Elder Princess' Mansion, some

words will be easy to say but will not sound good and they will even affect the reputation of Great Elder Princess and Duke Xing's Mansion."

Old Madam said.

Shao Wanru nodded slightly but did not say anything. Old Madam would not only be saying these, because Shao Wanru was only living there temporarily and she would be going to Yuhui Nunnery in a few days.

"It is indeed a great filial action for you to observe mourning for your parents for three years in Yuhui Nunnery. But after three years, you must return to Duke Xing's Mansion. No matter how strong Great Elder Princess will be, this matter is not negotiable." Old Madam said coldly. She felt depressed when she thought about how she had been restrained by Great Elder Princess in front of Empress Dowager Queen.

"I will do as you ask, Old Madam!" Shao Wanru said in a low and gentle voice.

"It is excellent that you can understand this. After all, you are the Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion and the only daughter of my elder son, so I will not treat you badly. As for your marriage, it is still early, but it will be a little late to talk about it after three years. However, there is no other way, because your marriage cannot be discussed during the mourning period."

Speaking of this, Old Madam was also very depressed. Just now, in front of Empress Dowager Queen, Rui'an Great Elder Princess actually robbed her of the right to discuss this engagement. She was Shao Wanru's biological grandmother, but in the end, she failed to compete with Rui'an Great Elder Princess, who unexpectedly had some right of speech on this matter.

It was hard for Shao Wanru to answer, so she just lowered her head and pretended to be obedient. She twisted the handkerchief in her hand and then loosened it. She knew that Old Madam did not want her to answer this, so Old Madam obviously came to inform her about this!

As expected, Old Madam paused for a moment and said, "Have you been engaged before? If you have, you can wait for a few years before getting married."

"I am still young, so I have not been engaged yet!" Shao Wanru said in a low voice.

"It is good that you did not get engaged. Your previous identity is not as good as your present one, so your previous engagement cannot be good either. I will ask your second aunt to choose a new one for you in the future. I heard that you had once fought with First Miss of Qin's Mansion for a husband when you were in Jiangzhou. Such a thing is not allowed to happen in the future. It is okay if you did not know the rules in the past. But if this happened in Duke Xing's Mansion, you would have been given a length of white silk to end your life."

Old Madam warned her sharply.

Shao Wanru sneered in her heart, "She says that my status is higher now, but she also says that my previous engagement will also not be recognized if I had any. It is obvious that she wants to just let me marry anyone casually. Fortunately, I will be outside for a few years, otherwise something bad might happen."

As for the self proclaimed rules that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion boasted of, she also felt that it was ironic. In her previous life, the decent First Miss Shao of Duke Xing's Mansion had always been doing something not decent. After becoming the favorite concubine of the Emperor, she had an affair with Chu Liuyue and really thought that no one would find out about their relationship.

It seemed that Old Madam's so-called rules were targeted at her.

"Old Madam, you can ask someone to investigate into the matter in Jiangzhou Prefecture. Justice naturally inhabits people's hearts. I believe that everyone in Jiangzhou Prefecture can prove it for me!"

The insinuation in Old Madam's words was obvious. Shao Wanru slowly raised her head and explained with a cold expression in her eyes.

"You... How dare you speak to me like that!" Old Madam was very angry.

"Old Madam, do you mean that I should admit to such matter that will harm my reputation? What is the benefit for Duke Xing's Mansion if I do that?" Shao Wanru was not swayed and said.

It was okay for her to pretend to be obedient, but it was impossible for Old Madam to pour dirty water on her head. She stopped her carriage and poured all the dirty water without demurring. If Shao Wanru did not say anything this time, there would be much more dirty water which would be poured on her in the future!

The fact that Old Madam disliked her had already been spread out, so Old Madam would not go too far. Besides, she had her grandmother to back her up.

After hearing Shao Wanru's words, Old Madam was so angry that her face changed and said, "Are you trying to offend me?"

"I dare not, but I am just telling you the truth. Even if this matter is exposed to Empress Dowager Queen, I will also ask Empress Dowager Queen to investigate it!"

Shao Wanru said this in a neither servile nor overbearing manner.

"You... well... well, well, you are so strong that I cannot control you, right?" Old Madam reached out and said angrily to Shao Wanru.

"Please don't get angry, Old Madam. If I admit to such a negative incident, will you be happy and not be angry?" Shao Wanru tilted her head innocently and said seriously.

These words almost made Old Madam want to spit out blood. Even if she had such an idea, she would not really say so.

"Old Madam, don't be angry. Fifth Miss is also explaining what happened in Jiangzhou and she is afraid that you will misunderstand it, so don't worry. It seems that the matter had nothing to do with Fifth Miss and it is not what you heard outside. It is good because it was not true and you should be happy." Nanny Yu came out and said with a smile.

It sounded as if Old Madam really cared about Shao Wanru.

She tugged on Old Madam's sleeve as she spoke, hinting that Old Madam could not be angry at this time. It was because Old Madam had something important to tell Fifth Miss and that was why she had secretly stopped Shao Wanru.

#### **Chapter 464 Guarantee! Will Your Body Get Better?**

"Even if I believe you for the time being, tell me what happened last night? How could these messy things happen? Duke Xing's Mansion has always had a good reputation for so many years. Why did such a thing that would tarnish our reputation happen to you on the day you just got back?"

Old Madam tried to suppress her anger and asked in a low voice, with a serious look on her face.

Shao Wanru was so angry that she felt it was really ridiculous. How partial Old Madam was that she thought all the trouble had been caused by her last night. Everyone had seen clearly that someone had wanted to frame her, but in Old Madam's view, it was Shao Wanru who had created trouble and ruined the continuous good reputation of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Old Madam, please investigate into this matter clearly and seek justice for Wanru!" Shao Wanru raised her shimmery eyes and looked at Old Madam directly. "Who does not want me to find my origin? Who has such a big feud with me and wants to kill me? Who can come and go freely in the Duke Xing's Mansion and scheme against me?"

Shao Wanru spoke in a low voice. Her bright eyes were clear. She looked straight at Old Madam as if she could see through her.

"You are presumptuous!" Old Madam was so angry that her face turned livid and her hands were trembling.

"Old Madam, don't be angry. You cannot get angry. Be careful!" Seeing that, Nanny Yu was shocked and patted her lightly on her back to help her get her breath. Then, she chided Shao Wanru lightly, "Fifth Miss, how can you speak to Old Madam in this way? It is for your own good that Old Madam wants to warn you of something important!"

"For my own good, is it to ask me to shoulder all the responsibilities of this matter? Or do I have to say that I plotted against myself? Is it because I was not clear-minded that I thought so?"

Shao seemed unhurried as she said this.

These words made Nanny Yu speechless, because she knew Old Madam's thoughts very well. This was the reason why Old Madam stopped Shao Wanru today and it was true that she wanted Fifth Miss to take some responsibility. In this way, it would be easier for Duke Xing's Mansion to explain and it had no need to take on too much responsibility.

However, after hearing Shao Wanru's words, besides Nanny Yu, even Old Madam could not say anything.

She patted the wall of the carriage repeatedly and said angrily, "Okay, okay... Great Elder Princess will protect her, so she turns her nose up at Duke Xing's Mansion. Let her do as she wants. Let us go!"

They could not agree with each other, so were they going to drive her away?

Shao Wanru stood up and bowed deeply to Old Madam. Then she got off the carriage with Yujie's help and disbelief appeared in Old Madam's eyes. Shao Wanru bowed respectfully to the carriage and said, "Old Madam, Wanru asks for leave!"

Old Madam, who was in the carriage, shouted angrily, "Go! Go away!"

Shao Wanru naturally turned around and got on to the carriage of Prince Chen's Mansion, then entered Great Elder Princess's Mansion.

"Old Madam, Old Madam, don't be angry. Take care of yourself!" Looking at Old Madam's pale face, Nanny Yu comforted her anxiously.

"You see. Such a bad temper. She is the same as her mother, it makes me sick to see her. She shows no respect to her elders. Not only does she contradict her elders, but also dares to make that face. What a girl! The mother and the daughter are all the same, and neither of them is a good person!"

Old Madam scolded her.

"Old Madam, don't be angry. We are in front of the gate of Great Elder Princess' Mansion." Nanny Yu became anxious, because Old Madam's voice became a little loud. They were at the side of the road and many people might hear this. Someone had said before that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion disliked her new granddaughter and secretly plotted against her. Now Old Madam behaved in this way, which would give more cause for gossip.

"I..." Old Madam also knew that it was not appropriate to say this at this time. There was a gust of anger stuck in her chest which could not be moved and made her feel very uncomfortable.

"Go back to the mansion first!" Old Madam took a deep breath. Her face gradually calmed down and then she said in a cold voice.

Seeing that Old Madam finally calmed down, Nanny Yu breathed a sigh of relief. She was really afraid that Old Madam's old illness would recur. If something really happened, she, as a servant, could not bear this burden.

Suddenly, she remembered that Fifth Miss had helped Old Madam previously when she met with an accident, so she did not know what to say for the moment and could only sigh in her heart. After all, there was no fate of a grandparent and grandchild relationship between Old Madam and Fifth Miss.

She ordered the carriage to turn in the direction of Duke Xing's Mansion. It was quiet in the carriage. After a long time, Old Madam asked coldly, "What do you think we should do?"

At this time, she also calmed down and frowned. She had been so angry when she had to give an explanation. Now even Empress Dowager Queen had known about this.

"We can only investigate it carefully!" Nanny Yu said vaguely, "Old Madam, you are quite old. Let Madam check it out! Madam has always been competent, so there will be a conclusion!"

"It is the only thing we can do now!" Old Madam patted the carriage wall with resentment and rebuked, "If she can take part of the responsibility, the whole Duke Xing's Mansion would not be pushed into the midst of the storm. Anyway, she did not grow up in Duke Xing's Mansion. You see, she is as selfish as her!"

"Yes, Old Madam, you are right. You can teach her slowly in the future!" Nanny Yu said with a smile.

"Teach her? How can I teach her? I wanted to ignore her for a while before teaching her, and then such a thing happened, you see? She is really a troublemaker. Duke Xing's Mansion has been peaceful and decent for so many years with a good reputation. It has only been a day since she came back, but she has badly ruined the reputation of the whole Duke Xing's Mansion!"

Old Madam said angrily.

"When you go back, ask Madam to come here and find a few people to take responsibility for it. If one does not work, you can find two. Just say it is a coincidence." Old Madam said.

"Don't worry, Old Madam. I will call Madam here as soon as I go back!" It was easy to answer. Nanny Yu answered quickly and sighed in her heart. In fact, she still sympathized with Fifth Miss. But she could not help her. After all, she was just a servant. Even if she wanted to speak up for Fifth Miss, she did not dare to!

Shao Wanru originally wanted to go to the Yuhui Nunnery early tomorrow morning, but Rui'an Great Elder Princess did not allow her to do so. She also said that she had to prepare something for her and asked the reverend of the Yuhui Nunnery to prepare a courtyard. These things could not be completed so quickly. Since she would live there for three years, the courtyard could not be such a simple one.

The Yuhui Nunnery needed to prepare the courtyard and Great Elder Princess had to send someone to check it. Though she was going to experience the religious life, she was not going to be an ascetic nun. It was necessary to redecorate the place. There were many Misses from aristocratic families in the nunnery, such as Shao Yanru. But no one would be there for three years.

The girls' time were limited as they were in their prime now. How could they be delayed for three years? Even though the engagement was a little early for Shao Wanru at her age, it would be best if they became familiar with each other for one or two years and wait a year or two after they became adults.

However, Shao Wanru was now going to enter the nunnery to carry out her filial duty. Great Elder Princess felt sorry for her and she scolded Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion for being partial.

After she asked Shao Wanru to stay for a few more days, she asked someone to get everything ready within the next few days. Then, she would ask Shao Wanru to go to Yuhui Nunnery.

It was set after the 15th of the first lunar month.

It had taken her a lot of effort to get her granddaughter back, but she was being forced to go to the nunnery. Great Elder Princess was distressed and angry, but she also knew that this was the best way.

Duke Xing's Mansion was a dangerous place for her granddaughter. It would be better if she could leave.

There was one more thing that Great Elder Princess was very concerned about. After Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion left, Empress Dowager Queen also told her directly that the jade she gave Shao Wanru was the one meant for the future Princess Chen. That was to say, she had made an engagement for Shao Wanru and Chu Liuchen for the time being, but she did not make it public at the moment.

She wanted her to take care of her as well.



From this statement of Empress Dowager Queen, Great Elder Princess had mixed feelings. She quite liked Chu Liuchen. It could be said that this time she was able to be reunited with her granddaughter because of the discreet help of Chu Liuchen. But when she thought of Chu Liuchen's health, Great Elder Princess felt sad. How many years could he live with such a body?

When that happened, wouldn't her granddaughter become a widow?

Fortunately, the Empress Dowager Queen also said that if Chu Liuchen could not live longer, their relationship would not be made known to the public. In this way, Shao Wanru's future would not be ruined. However, if Chu Liuchen was in good health, Shao Wanru would be engaged to Chu Liuchen. This matter had to be settled first.

It seemed that this was the only way. Now Great Elder Princess did not even know whether she hoped that something would happen to Chu Liuchen or she hoped that he would be fine all the time?

The most important question, however, was whether he would get better?

Because of her concern, Rui'an Great Elder Princess specially went to Prince Chen's Mansion. She wanted to check his complexion using the excuse of visiting Chu Liuchen due to his illness. When he went back yesterday, he was lying down all the time. At the thought of this, Great Elder Princess's heart was in her throat.

She had a hard life, and her daughter also had a hard life. But her granddaughter, who was just recognized, might also have a hard life.

Chu Liuchen met Rui'an Great Elder Princess in his study. When he saw her coming in, he stood up and greeted her respectfully and then invited her to sit down.

"How is your health?" Great Elder Princess was none too polite. She put down the teacup in her hand and asked with a frown.

"I am fine now and I am dealing with it slowly," Chu Liuchen replied gently, looking very at ease and contented.

"Weren't you recuperating all the time? It did not work, did it?" Great Elder Princess knew it was hurtful, but when she thought of her poor granddaughter, she had to ask.

"Before, Doctor Qi cured me. And now I have Mingqiu Nun. She is taking care of the part that Doctor Qi was not good at before." Xiao Xuanzi explained with a smile.

A thought came to Great Elder Princess's mind. She stared at Chu Liuchen and asked after a moment of hesitation, "Will your body get better?"

"Don't worry, great-aunt. I will get better!" Chu Liuchen smiled leisurely, looking elegant and handsome.

"Why did you faint yesterday?" Great Elder Princess's eyes were sharp and her hands trembled slightly. She was a little excited.

"When I entered the palace in the morning, I did not take the medicine, and it happened that the medicine could be replaced!" Chu Liuchen said slowly, as if he had already guessed Great Elder Princess's question.

"Will you get better?" Great Elder Princess repeated, and her hope was raised, "I heard that you have always given up on yourself before!"

A patient who was bent on seeking death, even the gods could not save him!

"I will be fine. I will not indulge in self pity anymore!" The answer was very positive, which made Great Elder Princess's hopes which had been raised, come crashing down.

### **Chapter 465 Leaving Temporarily and Entering the Monastery**

Shao Wanru knew that Great Elder Princess visited Prince Chen's Mansion, but she didn't know what Great Elder Princess had said to Chu Liuchen. She only knew that Great Elder Princess left with worry. But when she came back, she was calm and gentle and the smile on her face had increased.

She asked about Chu Liuchen's condition in a subtle way and knew that he was taking medicine now and he seemed to be in a good mood, so she was relieved.

After that, she went back to her yard to deal with some business in the Yuhui Nunnery. Shui Ruolan came with Madam Dowager once and brought all the things that Shao Wanru used to take with her to the capital city.

Shui Ruolan was very happy that Shao Wanru could return to her family. But she was also worried about Shao Wanru. She heard that people in Duke Xing's Mansion didn't like Shao Wanru. She thought that she also met such kind of relatives after she returned to her family. She was even forced to go to the nunnery. Shui Ruolan felt sad and sobbed in Shao Wanru's yard.

Later, she was persuaded to stop.

Madam Dowager looked much tougher. She only asked Shao Wanru about her health with concern, as well as her plans for the future. She heaved a few sighs and was about to speak, but stopped on second thought.

"Grandmother, don't worry. I'll take care of myself. Besides, the Yuhui Nunnery is different from other nunneries. Everything will be all right. If you miss me, you can come to see me anytime!"

Shao Wanru comforted her with a smile. Even though she did not have any blood ties with Old Madam Qin, in her heart, Old Madam Qin, who had always doted on her, was still her real grandmother.

As for the other one, she didn't know how to address her. She usually called her Old Madam. Obviously, that person also had some ideas about Shao Wanru. And she also thought the address of Old Madam was good.

"Child, your status is different now. Grandma can't come to see you at any time!" Old Madam Qin sighed and reached out to touch Shao Wanru's head.

By her side, Shui Ruolan wiped away her tears and forced a smile. "Mother, you don't have to be sad. With Great Elder Princess's protection, Wanru will be fine."

"That's right, Grandmother. I will be fine. I have Grandmother to protect me!" Shao Wanru shook Old Madam Qin's hand and said cutely as she usually did.

Looking at the lovely little girl in front of her and her little white and tender face full of admiration, Old Madam Qin's eyes turned red. She really didn't want to hand over the little girl, whom she had raised for so many years.

She really wanted to support her for the rest of her life!

"Grandmother, don't be sad. I'm still your granddaughter. Even if I have other relatives, Grandma and Mother... Aunt Shui are also my relatives."

Shao Wanru paused for a moment and changed the way to address her. She didn't care about how she called the Old Madam Qin. In fact, she really raised her up. Without the protection of Old Madam Qin, she couldn't have lived a peaceful life under Madam Di's hands for so many years!

However, she could not address Shui Ruolan in this way. Duke Xing's Mansion and Great Elder Princess would not agree to this.

"Good child, it would be fine if you can be good in the future!" Old Madam Qin leaned to one side, wiping away her tears slightly, and then turned around with a smile.

"Grandmother, I'll give you a prescription later. You can go back and take the medicine for a while, then your old illness will slowly improve," seeing that Old Madam Qin was still sad, Shao Wanru changed the topic and said with a smile. Just now, she had felt Old Madam Qin's pulse and found that she was much better than before.

"I'm fine. You just need to observe mourning in the nunnery for them. Your father and mother are also poor. A good son of an aristocratic family has fallen into such a bad situation. It's reasonable for you to keep filial duty for them."

Old Madam Qin sighed. How could she not understand the personality of this little girl who she brought up?

"Mother, Wanru is fine, and you can rest assured. The next time you think of Wanru, I will go to the Yuhui Nunnery with you." Shui Ruolan also comforted Old Madam Qin.

"You don't need to go out now because of your poor health." Looking at Shui Ruolan's pregnant belly, Old Madam Qin's face became gentler and gentler.

"Aunt Shui, stay at home and don't go anywhere. Qin Yuru is going to marry into Duke Yong's Mansion. Don't meddle in it. Only let father... General Qin deal with it. If you don't do it well, no one else can help you." Shao Wanru warned her anxiously.

"About Yuru... It's indeed inconvenient for me to get involved. But her mother is like this now. If I don't get involved, it'll be another mess."

Shui Ruolan said with a headache. She didn't want to intervene in Qin Yuru's marriage at all.

However, given the current situation, she had no choice but to get involved in it. As a man, Qin Huaiyong had a lot of things he couldn't take care of.

"Let General Qin decide everything. Aunt Shui only has to do some things that he has decided to do. After that, let General Qin have a look at them."

Shao Wanru thought about it and reminded Shui Ruolan with her eyes sweeping over Shui Ruolan's belly. Shui Ruolan would have something to rely on after she had this child. As for whether Qin Huaiyong was partial and wanted to give Qin Yuru more dowry, Shao Wanru felt that it was not a big deal. Even if Qin Yuru took away the entire General's Mansion, it could be slowly saved up in the future.

Shui Ruolan had always been obedient to Shao Wanru's instructions. When she heard Shao Wanru's words, she kept nodding her head and kept it in mind.

Shao Wanru accompanied Old Madam Qin and Shui Ruolan for lunch, then Old Madam Qin left with Shui Ruolan.

Before leaving, Shui Ruolan secretly pulled Shao Wanru aside and asked about the lady surnamed Liu, who was First Young Master Qian, Qian Youcai's wife. She was trapped in her backyard.

This person had been trapped for so long, and she seemed to be much smarter. She followed Shao Wanru's order and asked the two old maids who guarded her to talk about Qian Youcai's gossip outside from time to time. The lady surnamed Liu was very angry at first, but now she listened calmly. She was not angry at all, as if she was listening to other people's business.

Shao Wanru asked Shui Ruolan to lock her up for a while longer. After publishing the result, she would let her out. Then, she would have nothing to do with what would happen next.

The person was locked up by Qin Huaiyong, and he had to agree to let her go. Shui Ruolan would not show up. It was the old maids who were gossiping. It could be said that the whole thing had nothing to do with Shui Ruolan.

However, it also shocked Qian Youcai and the lady surnamed Liu so that they dared not speak casually in the future. If they really irritated Qin's Mansion, the two of them would not be able to survive. If they could release them today, they could also kill them someday. After suffering losses, the lady surnamed Liu would not be so stupid as to be shield! Now she wanted to deal with Qian Youcai and her sister, and she dared not to provoke Shui Ruolan again.

In the next few days, they packed things up almost every day. After seeing the carriage taking away the things, they continued to pack up.

She heard that the yard in the Yuhui Nunnery had been cleaned up. Nanny Gao went to see it in person and said that the place was very quiet and safe, which made Great Elder Princess feel at ease. She even whispered something to Great Elder Princess, who nodded again and again and finally approved of that place.

In addition to sorting out the things, they spent the rest of the time accompanying Great Elder Princess and Hao'er. The grandmother and the grandchildren had a simple but warm life.

The night of the 15th of the first lunar month was very lively, but Shao Wanru didn't go out. Although she also wanted to see what it was like on the 15th of the first lunar month in the capital, it was not convenient for her to go out in this situation. She could only stay in the mansion of Great Elder Princess.

Fortunately, Great Elder Princess also thought that both of them were young, so she specially asked people to decorate the mansion. There were all kinds of lanterns in the garden, which were beautiful

and bright. Hao'er was so happy that he almost went crazy. He held Shao Wanru to go around and tell riddles and pick up lanterns at the same time.

It was so late at night that he went back to have a rest under the order of Great Elder Princess. At the same time, he asked several servants to hold the Victory that he had just guessed and shouted, "Sister, you must come to see Hao'er tomorrow."

Shao Wanru's heart softened when she heard that. She only managed to coax him back to his room after many words of agreement.

Early in the morning of the next day, Shao Wanru said goodbye to Great Elder Princess and got in an ordinary carriage at the gate with Yujie and Qu Le, going to the Yuhui Nunnery.

Shao Yuanhao didn't wake up by the time when Shao Wanru left. He had enjoyed himself so much last night that he was still sleeping.

Great Elder Princess watched her granddaughter leaving alone, and her tears couldn't stop falling. It was her daughter who was forced to leave in the beginning, and now it was her granddaughter.

After being persuaded to stop, she cleaned up again and went to Duke Xing's Mansion in a carriage with Nanny Gao. She couldn't get rid of her anger.

Madam of Duke Xing received Rui'an Great Elder Princess and led her to the yard of Old Madam.

"Madam of Duke Xing has always been intelligent. You should have investigated clearly about the fire of Zhuozhuo's house, right?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked while walking inside.

"This matter has been basically cleared up. It was caused by the two servant girls who served the Fifth Young Lady at that time. They are still being interrogated," Madam of Duke Xing said with a smile.

"Servant girls? Are the two servant girls jealous of Zhuozhuo, who just came to your mansion, and they hate her so much that they could not eliminate the hatred? They even risked their own lives to kill Zhuozhuo?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered and squinted at Madam of Duke Xing.

"Great Elder Princess, don't make fun of me!" Madam of Duke Xing said dryly, but she was trembling in her heart. Although Rui'an Great Elder Princess didn't guess it completely, her meaning was roughly the same. Now she had to explain it.

"One of the two servant girls is the daughter of the old maid who guards the warehouse, and the other is the servant girl who just serves the Fifth Young Lady. The reason is that the servant girl brought by the Fifth Young Lady rebuked the servant girl. Then the servant girl has bad ideas and wanted to frighten the servant girl of the Fifth Young Lady. I didn't expect that such a big thing would happen by chance!"

"By chance?" Great Elder Princess stopped and looked at Madam of Duke Xing sharply.

"It's a coincidence. The servant girl didn't know that the purified kerosene was so powerful. She had a good relationship with the daughter of the one who guarded the warehouse. So she specially asked for some, but she didn't know that she would cause such a great disaster."

Madam of Duke Xing said with a smile.

"Your mansion intends to take the servant girls to solve this problem?" Great Elder Princess sneered and went inside again.

Seeing that Great Elder Princess didn't continue to ask after saying this, Madam of Duke Xing breathed a sigh of relief and felt proud in her heart. She said that this matter was only done by the servants. Great Elder Princess could not press her head and make her admit the crime.

But the next moment, Great Elder Princess's face turned black.

"I'm here today to find your Old Madam to tear this matter up from the beginning to the end. My granddaughter almost died. It's just a matter between two servant girls. Your Duke Xing's Mansion wants to take all the benefits in this world!"

#### **Chapter 466 Going into the Palace Again, Duke Xing's Mansion Lost!**

When they were talking, they arrived at the yard of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. Rui'an Great Elder Princess was very familiar with it, so she walked into the yard without even asking Madam of Duke Xing to lead the way.

Madam of Duke Xing's forehead began to sweat. She knew that this matter was not easy to deal with. But if this was not the case, what could she do? Would she recommend a master? What's more, she still did not know who had done this.

Who could not get along with Shao Wanru and her and was looking for trouble? Thinking about the incident that happened in that yard, Madam of Duke Xing was extremely sad.

However, not only Old Madam, even Duke Xing was also asking her whether she did it. If she did so, wouldn't it be like stabbing her own heart?

Shao Wanru was not so important that Madam of Duke Xing would put a knife into her own heart and burn down the courtyard that she had prepared for her son for so many years.

After a short pause, she hurried inside.

In the main room, Great Elder Princess had spoken with Old Madam. Judging from Elder Princess's aggressive manner, it was obvious that Old Madam had suffered a setback again.

"Great Elder Princess, you can't be so unreasonable. We can't find out the truth. It is the work of two servant girls. Do you really want us the whole Duke Xing's Mansion to take up this responsibility? No one had any idea this would happen to Fifth Miss. Our mansion also lost a lot of things and the yard had been carefully prepared!"

Old Madam did not look well. Early in the morning, she thought she could sleep peacefully, but she had been rudely awakened. When the Great Elder Princess came over, she was interrogated again. No one would be in a good mood after this.

She was even more certain that Shao Wanru was a trouble maker and created a lot of problems for their home.

It was better not to recognize this granddaughter and let her be stranded in the outside world.

"Do you want to compensate my granddaughter's life with that of the two servant girls?" Great Elder Princess said with a gloomy face and then she stood up. "In this case, let us report this matter to the Empress Dowager Queen now."

"Great Elder Princess, this is a private affair in my manor. Your granddaughter is the Fifth Young Lady of our manor. Don't I care about her? Will I just watch her being bullied by the maids? I have already sent the two servant girls to the yamen. The two girls admitted that they were the ones who started the fire. Even in front of the Empress Dowager Queen, I would say the same thing."

Old Madam Dowager stared at Great Elder Princess and said this with confidence.

Sending them to the officials meant that Duke Xing's Mansion was being magnanimous. How this matter would be dealt with was entirely up to the officials and no one could find fault with it. Although everyone thought that this matter had something to do with Duke Xing's Mansion, now it was handled by the officials.

"Good... good... good, you actually pushed this matter to the officials. There is someone who is not managing the family well in the mansion, right?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess knew the twists and turns of this matter clearly. She was angry at the shamelessness of this mother-in-law and daughter-in-law of Duke Xing. At this time, she did not intend to just sit down and have a good talk, so she turned to go out.

They had embarrassed her granddaughter to such an extent. No matter what, she would not let them off so easily.

"Great Elder Princess, what happened between you and our mansion has been a continuous problem for the Empress Dowager Queen. Aren't you afraid that Empress Dowager Queen will find it troublesome?" Seeing that the matter was going to blow up again, Old Madam severely stabbed Great Elder Princess with words.

However, Rui'an Great Elder Princess ignored her and left angrily with her servants. Madam of Duke Xing chased after her for a few steps, but did not catch up with her. Then she helplessly stomped her feet and came back to discuss with Old Madam.

"Mother, what should we do? If Empress Dowager Queen asks about it, what should we say?" Madam of Duke Xing was in a panic. Because she had never been strong before Great Elder Princess.

In the beginning, it was for the sake of Princess Qinhua and now it was for Shao Wanru. It seemed that Rui'an Great Elder Princess had a bad relationship with Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Let her go. We will say that this matter has been investigated by the authorities and it has nothing to do with us. Even though it seems a little odd for two servant girls to plot against a new master, it is common in the Vast Thousand Worlds. It is not impossible for this to happen."

Old Madam said coldly while raising her eyebrows.

"Yes, mother, I know. But Empress Dowager Queen will think that we are causing trouble time and again..." Madam of Duke Xing was still worried and said hurriedly after pacing up and down a few times.

"What should we do? We are not the ones creating a scene in front of the Empress Dowager Queen. It is the Great Elder Princess who is stirring up trouble and always going to the palace. She should be blamed."

Old Madam said this confidently.

"You are right, mother. But the relationship between Empress Dowager Queen and Great Elder Princess has always been good. In addition to the things happened in the past... She always sides with Great Elder Princess. Maybe she will call us into the palace again in a while!" Madam of Duke Xing said with a look of fear and panic on her face.

Seeing this, Old Madam became increasingly angry. She thought that Rui'an Great Elder Princess had gone too far. It was originally such a small thing and she had blown it up to be like this, which would make Duke Xing's Mansion the laughing stock in the capital city.

"Come on, let us go to the imperial palace!" Old Madam stood up with a gloomy face and snorted. "She is going to look for the Empress Dowager Queen. We will look for the Empress Queen."

Seeing Old Madam's rage, Madam of Duke Xing hurriedly said, "Yes, mother, please get ready first. I will order the carriage!" She took a few people back to her courtyard first and then asked someone to get the carriage ready to enter the palace.

The Empress Queen was a relative of Old Madam. Although they were distantly related, at least the Empress Queen still recognized Old Madam and she used to be very polite and respectful to Old Madam.

The Empress Queen received the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law in the side hall. She looked sympathetic after hearing what had happened, "Is it in the government's hands now?"

"Yes, they have already been sent to the government. The government will inform us when they find out the truth." Madam of Duke Xing respectfully reported. Of course, she would not say that the conclusion was made only yesterday and had been reported to the government last night. The servant girls admitted their mistakes so they were directly interrogated. She had thought about the details and was able to answer the question.

"Since this matter is being investigated by the officials, although your mansion seems to be shirking the responsibility, it is reasonable. Great Elder Princess cannot be so unbending."

The Empress Queen smiled gently and said. She was standing on the side of Duke Xing's Mansion.

Madam of Duke Xing secretly breathed a sigh of relief and her face relaxed a little.

"You are right, Queen. But Great Elder Princess does not like our manor. No one wants whatever that had happened in the past to take place. Something happened to Princess Qinghua and my son also got into trouble. Who can be blamed? Great Elder Princess hates our manor because of what happened at that time. If there is any trouble, she will make a big deal out of it. I hope Empress Queen can deal with it justly."

Old Madam pretended to be wronged and wiped away her tears. She wanted the Empress Queen to give her a definite answer.



"Don't worry, Old Madam. Since I already know about this, I still have to listen to the Empress Dowager Queen's question." The Empress Queen said with a smile, trying to comfort her. However, what she said was not certain, so there was some difference between Old Madam's expectation and the Empress Queen's words.

Old Madam was disappointed and wanted to say something, but a palace maid came in and reported in a hurry, "Empress Dowager Queen invites the Empress Queen, Madam of Duke Xing and Old Madam to come."

"Empress Queen..." Madam of Duke Xing looked at the Empress imploringly.

"Since we have been summoned by the Empress Dowager Queen, let us go there together!" The Empress stood up gracefully and led the others out.

Old Madam and Madam of Duke Xing looked at each other and had to follow her.

In the Empress Dowager Queen's Palace of Benevolent Peace, Rui'an Great Elder Princess sat beside her angrily and glared at Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and her daughter-in-law.

The few of them curtsied and the Empress Dowager Queen asked them to take a seat.

The Empress Queen sat down by the Empress Dowager Queen's side. She looked at the Empress Dowager Queen who did not look well and asked with concern, "Does Empress Dowager Queen not feel well? Have you asked the imperial physician to examine you? Why do you look so sick?"

"What do you think about the matter of Duke Xing's Mansion?" The Empress Dowager Queen waved her hand, indicating that she was fine. She glanced at the face of the Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion with a poker face.

"Empress Dowager Queen, since this matter has been dealt with by the government, just leave it to the government. You are not in good health, so you do not have to worry about this thing!" The Empress Queen smiled softly and touched the Empress Dowager Queen's teacup to check the temperature. Then she picked up the teapot and poured some hot water into the cup for Empress Dowager Queen.

"Does your mansion have nothing to do with this matter?" The Empress Dowager Queen did not care much about the attentive behavior of the Empress Queen, and her eyes fell on the face of the Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"So... I am also..." Old Madam did not expect that Empress Dowager Queen would be so direct this time. She was stunned for a moment and then stood up in panic.

"Forget it. We can't figure out this matter now. Both you and Great Elder Princess should give way to each other. Even if this matter is solved in this way, it is ok for the officials to show up. However, Duke Xing's Mansion need to apologize to Great Elder Princess. You should be responsible for the crime of lax supervision. How can such a thing happen as soon as the daughter of the greater branch comes back?"

The Empress Dowager Queen's face became even more cold. She had arrived at a conclusion directly without asking Old Madam to speak more.

Her words made Old Madam of Duke Xing totter and Madam of Duke Xing hurriedly reached out to hold Old Madam.

"What is wrong? Do you think it is serious?" Empress Dowager Queen frowned and looked at Old Madam, whose face had changed greatly.

Old Madam bowed her head to hide the anger in her eyes and replied respectfully. "I dare not... When I get back, I will prepare a gift as an apology to Great Elder Princess!"

The Empress Dowager Queen's face softened and she said earnestly, "That is good. You two are in-laws and now you have Shao Wanru. You will also have a close relationship in the future. How can you enter the palace and quarrel from time to time? What will the officials and dignitaries say?"

There were already servants who came to help the trembling Old Madam of Duke Xing sit down.

"Such a good girl. Just by looking at her, you can tell she is so adorable. If I have such a granddaughter, I will definitely wake up with laughter even in my dreams. She is so healthy, beautiful and bright!"

The Empress Dowager Queen sighed and rubbed her forehead and her face looked tired. Thinking of Prince Chen fainting again, Old Madam suddenly understood.

#### **Chapter 467 The Willful Empress Dowager**

Old Madam quickly held back the grievances in her heart and even showed a kind smile on her face. She said soothingly, "Empress Dowager Queen, don't be sad. Children and grandchildren have their own blessings. Prince Chen will slowly get better. You see, Prince Chen is getting better all these years, isn't he?"

"This child's body..." Empress Dowager Queen could not bring herself to continue. She truly loved her grandson. When she went to see this child last night and saw him seemingly so listless, she felt very sad and her heart ached.

Later, when she talked about Shao Wanru, the child perked up a bit. He even occasionally echoed what she said. Although his voice was very weak, she could see that he was in a better mood.

This was also the reason why the Empress Dowager Queen flew into a rage when she heard that Duke Xing's Mansion had treated Shao Wanru badly this morning.

If the Fifth Miss of Shao's Mansion could make Chen'er a little more livelier and interested in the future, she would definitely protect this girl well and never allow others to bully her.

"Don't be sad, Madam Dowager Queen. We have to take it slowly. Prince Chen will gradually get better. We just need him to be obedient for the time being."

Rui'an Great Elder Princess sighed. Just now, the Empress Dowager Queen had mentioned to her about the conversation between the grandparent and grandchild last night.

"Great Elder Princess' words are very reasonable. Do not be in a hurry at this time. Prince Chen needs to rest and take care of his state of mind. If there is anything, just do according to what he wants first."

Old Madam agreed with Great Elder Princess without any traces of grievance and her look made people feel as if she was a kind old lady. "We, as grandmothers, are old. We don't have much expectations, we just look forward to the younger generation getting better. Otherwise, what else can we do?"

These words touched the Empress Dowager Queen and she repeatedly nodded her head.

The Empress Queen quietly glanced at Old Madam of Duke Xing and frowned slightly. But when she saw Great Elder Princess looking over, she immediately switched to a smile.

“You are right. Let us respect his choice!” Empress Dowager Queen sighed. She had already made up her mind. Yesterday, he had said that his brothers were about to be engaged. And with his current situation, he could only do this. He was so lonely that the Empress Dowager Queen agreed to his request, at his bedside.

His brothers would not be in a hurry to get married. They were still young and the royal family had always chosen carefully. How could they get married at such a young age? If they married the wrong person, they would suffer a lot.

After coming back, she felt a little regretful. She was indeed ready to choose wives for these brothers and the news had already spread. However, she was so distressed that she said such words.

Now what Old Madam and Great Elder Princess said resolved her doubts. Chen’er’s health was such and he was sometimes in despair, so she could not make him agitated.

After thinking about this, the Empress Dowager Queen lifted her eyebrows a little and talked with Rui’an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam. Although Great Elder Princess was not very willing, she still listened to her and promised that as long as the matter of Duke Xing’s Mansion was handled fairly, she would forgive them.

Old Madam Dowager promised to apologize immediately to Great Elder Princess when she got back. In fact, they had not supervised this matter well, since they were not aware that the servant girl in the mansion had evil intentions.

This was a kind of truce. Looking at the Empress Dowager Queen’s tired face, Great Elder Princess, Old Madam and Madam of Duke Xing decided to take their leave.

The Empress Queen also wanted to take the opportunity to leave, but she was stopped by the Empress Dowager Queen. “Empress, please stay here. I have something to tell you.”

“Yes, Empress Dowager Queen!” The Empress replied and sat down again.

When Great Elder Princess and the others left the main hall, Empress Dowager Queen stretched out her fingers and rubbed the space between her eyebrows. “We have said before that we will set engagements for Lian’er, Zhou’er and the others. Let us put this matter aside for now. They are still young and can’t select for the time being. We will just pick for them slowly and wait until they are 17 or 18 years old before they formally get engaged. That is just what we need to do!”

“Mother, won’t it be too late?” The Empress Queen could not believe her ears. She looked up and said in shock. She had already prepared the candidates, but according to the Empress Dowager Queen’s words, it would take another two to three years. The Empress Queen felt that she could not wait any longer.

These two or three years were the best years. How could it be wasted?

"It is not just a matter of time. Of course, we should be careful when it comes to the marriages of the royal family members. Otherwise, if something really happens, it will not affect just one single family!"

The Empress Dowager Queen said this unhappily, as her face darkened.

The Empress Queen hurriedly added, "Empress Dowager Queen is right. It is not suitable for the royal children to get married too early, but it is possible to start choosing slowly now, isn't it?"

Although the smile on her face was calm, her heart was full of anxiety. They had discussed it well before, but she suddenly felt that it was inappropriate.

She was so upset that she could not remember what Duke Xing's mother-in-law and Rui'an Great Elder Princess had said to Empress Dowager Queen earlier.

"Of course you can look at them now, but you don't have to make a formal choice. You can't restrict the good ones from marrying others. A girl can't wait for so long." Empress Dowager Queen said slowly, because the Empress Queen's gentle face looked a little better.

Unless the interested girl was too young like Shao Wanru as she would still not come of age even after three years. The Empress Dowager Queen became even more satisfied with Shao Wanru.

Otherwise, it would not be a big deal for the Empress Dowager Queen to let her grandson hold on to one for such a long time after three years. Even if her grandson was satisfied, the Empress Dowager Queen would not be satisfied with it.

At this time, she was thinking about Chu Liuchen's health and marriage wholeheartedly. She thought that it was not bad if the others were to follow Chu Liuchen in this way.

It was not late to marry girls who would be adults in three years. Chu Liuyue, Chu Liuzhou and Chu Liuchen were of the same age. Now they were only fifteen years old. There was no need to hurry. As for Chu Liuxin, the youngest one, he was only a child. A thirteen-year-old child would not know how to choose a concubine.

"It's too early!"

"What about those girls we looked at before?" The Empress Queen's face turned pale. She had met them secretly for a few times, and then secretly passed messages to them.

"Those you favored before were inappropriate because they will be too old in a few years! Now those who were not at the marriageable ages are more suitable!" The Empress Dowager Queen waved her hand. She would not forget the banquet that she held previously for her grandson to choose wives. But most of the people who came were only interested in Chu Liuyue and Chu Liuzhou, which made her very angry.

Her grandson was so good, but he had been rejected by others. The Empress Dowager Queen even had an idea that since they did not like her favorite grandson, then they should not even think of marrying into the royal family.

At that time, those who came to the palace were all the young ladies from aristocratic families. There were none who were too young. It would be better to weed out this group of women who were not interested in her grandson.

"But there are a few who are really good..." The Empress Queen was shocked by Empress Dowager Queen's willfulness. She stammered for a while before she said it clearly, "If there are some really good ones, they will be suitable for Prince Yue and Prince Zhou."

"If they are willing to wait, then let them wait. But even if they wait, they may not be chosen!" Empress Dowager Queen waved her hand impatiently. "You can leave now. I have to rest for a while!"

Then she stood up with the help of the palace maid and went to rest in the inner hall.

Only the Empress Queen stayed in the hall in a state of panic. She stomped her feet and turned around to leave. She had to find the Emperor. What the hell? It was not the royal family's style to go back on their words. How could the Empress Dowager Queen be so willful?

In the imperial study, the Emperor put down the official booklet in his hand when he heard that the Empress Queen wanted to see him. He said, "Let the Empress Queen come in."

The Empress Queen was quite law abiding and followed the rules. She would not come to the Imperial Study on her own if she had no cause to.

A eunuch went out to usher her in. After a while, the Empress walked in respectfully. She curtsied to the Emperor before she stood up.

"Please take a seat, Empress." The Emperor said calmly, "Is something wrong?"

"Thank you, Emperor. I have something important to discuss with you." The Empress was not in the mood to sit down and talk about family affairs at this time, so she said this urgently.

"What happened?" The Emperor asked with a frown.

"Prince Yue, Prince Zhou and Prince Chen are now 15 years old. Although Prince Xin is young, he is already 13 years old. This is a good time to choose their wives. This kind of thing cannot be done so soon. There are rules for choosing a period of time. It will at least be one or two years after the selection, engagement and other procedures."

The Empress said with a serious look.

The Emperor did not understand the Empress's meaning. His face darkened and he said unhappily. "Shouldn't you discuss this with my mother? What is the use of talking to me about it?"

"Your Majesty, this matter was originally discussed with our mother. She also said that they would be chosen in good time. I have already taken a fancy to some of the girls and secretly sent people to inquire about them. I was afraid that it would not be good if they got engaged too early. But our mother just said that it was too early and we would not talk about it until a few years later."

The Empress said in an aggrieved manner.

What she meant was that since she had spread the news, it would not be appropriate for her to go back on her words, which would damage her reputation as a member of the royal family.

"Mother wants to put it off?" The Emperor pondered for a moment and asked.

“Yes, she just said that it will be postponed. What our mother meant was that even if we had chosen earlier and we had already chosen before, it does not mean that we are done with the selection.”

In order to highlight the seriousness of the situation, the Empress Queen brought up the previous concubine selection banquet.

She had indeed chosen and more than once. Previously, she had selected for Chu Liuchen himself, but after that, she had chosen for all the princes.

Unfortunately, something had happened to Chu Liuchen at that time, so the imperial concubine selection banquet also ended up with nothing definite. In the end, no one was selected.

With these examples, and suddenly no choices being made, the Empress Queen believed that the Emperor would definitely think about it carefully. The royal family’s credibility could not be questioned.

After thinking for a while, the Emperor picked up the booklet and continued to read it. Then, he said casually, “Since that is the case, let’s do it again. Tell them, if they are not selected, they can wait until we choose a wife for the princes after a period of time!”

The Empress Queen was so angry that she almost could not catch her breath...

#### **Chapter 468 The Pattern of the King Couldn’t Be Seen**

“Your Majesty, how can you deal with this matter in this way!” the Empress said urgently as she shook her body.

As soon as she finished speaking, she knew that something was wrong.

The Emperor threw the booklet in his hand on the table and it made a loud noise. It was silent in the imperial study. The eunuchs and palace maids all shrunk their necks nervously.

“What do you mean, Empress? What do you think we should do? What’s your plan?” The Emperor raised his head and set his cold eyes on the Empress’s face.

The Empress was so frightened that she knelt down on the ground with a plop, and her back seemed to be covered with coldness.

“Your Majesty, I’ve made an indiscreet remark. I’m afraid that we will dampen the morale of all officials.”

“Empress, there are so many things you have to think about. You think about almost everything on my behalf. You rejected the Empress Dowager’s will, and then refuted me. You even can be the Empress Dowager and the Emperor!”

The Emperor’s eyes were sharp and he looked at the Empress with scrutiny.

The Empress cried out sorrowfully and her eyes turned red. “Your Majesty, I don’t dare to criticize you and the Empress Dowager. Only God can testify to my feelings for you and the Empress Dowager. How... how can you say this!”

The Emperor did not speak, but only fixed his eyes on the Empress’s face. The Empress did not dare to move. She only trembled slightly and felt her heart in her mouth.

After a long while, she heard the Emperor's calm voice, "Get up. Don't gossip about my mother anymore."

The servants by the side, who were trembling with fear, stood up and helped the Empress up.

"Your Majesty, I made an indiscreet remark today!" The Empress stood up and lowered her head, without caring about her legs.

"Get out of here and hold another banquet. You don't need to pick the right person. We'll check it out after a time. If you like someone, you can observe her in private. Then report it to me the next time we pick!"

The Emperor returned to his work on the booklets and waved his hand.

"I'll take my leave!" The Empress retreated step by step. She didn't turn around and walk out until she reached the door. When she got out of the door, she suddenly felt weak. Fortunately, a palace maid was quick to hold her up so that she could stand firmly.

Taking a deep breath, the Empress suppressed the fear in her heart. Just now, she really crossed the line. She crumpled the handkerchief in her hand and finally loosened it slowly. She couldn't do anything for the time being...

"Queen..." Her personal maid saw that her face was still pale, so she hurriedly whispered with concern.

The Empress dragged her legs, which were a little weak, then went forward slowly. She was so hasty just now that she acted out of her normal behavior. The selection of consort could be made after two or three years! She could secretly contact those who she preferred. Even if she couldn't choose one's position to marry into Prince Zhou's Mansion, she could still arrange for concubines to marry her son in another position.

Of course, some of them would be a little older at that time. She could choose some of the younger ones in their manor.

After thinking about this, she felt that it was not irredeemable. So she went to her palace with several palace maids and eunuchs. She had to discuss some details with her son.

The last banquet should be more wide-ranging. Girls from 11 to 15 years old could be checked, with the focus being on those who were about 11 years old.

Shao Wanru seemed to have left without making a sound, but it caught many people's attention.

The news that Duke Xing's Mansion had taken back their granddaughter, who was the daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing and Princess Qinhua, spread in the aristocratic family. Many people were waiting for the newly recognized Miss Shao to show up in public for the first time. However, they were told that she was filial and was going to visit the Yuhui Nunnery for her deceased father and mother for three years.

For a moment, all the aristocratic families in the capital praised Miss Shao the Fifth.

However, there was another piece of news that caused many aristocratic families to be caught off guard and disrupted many people's plans. As a result, many people no longer cared about the other families' matters.

The Empress and Empress Dowager were going to hold the biggest banquet, which was said to be for selecting imperial consorts for the princes. However, someone said secretly that it was just a formality and all of them might not be able to get selected. They said that the Emperor's children were too young and it was not appropriate for them to get married at this time.

After hearing this rumor, many young ladies of the same age, as well as their parents, were extremely anxious. Many of them set their sights on Prince Yue's and Prince Zhou's mansions.

The two of them were most likely to be the leaders. As for Prince Chen's Mansion, everyone felt that they should avoid him as far as they could. Originally, his identity was embarrassing and he would definitely not get benefits. In addition, he was so sickly that he couldn't live long, so no one was willing to send their daughter into a fire pit.

And the last, Prince Xin, completely had a child's temperament. It seemed that he might not have any thoughts about the throne even if he grew up. Or even though he had thoughts, it was impossible for him to get the throne. However, it could not be wrong to be an idle king for a lifetime. At least there were some better things, like steadiness.

This was the last chance for many young ladies of aristocratic families who were at the age of marriage. Since it was their last chance, they had to seize it. For a time, the clothes and ornaments that were related to women's decoration in the capital city were all scarce at once, making many shops in this area thrive.

The Butterfly Clothing Shop had also started a brand through this wave of business.

When the news reached the mountain, Shao Wanru was wearing a black robe with Mingqiu Nun. She was sitting and listening to scriptures, with her eyes and palms closed, looking very peaceful.

Yujie came in and gently pulled her sleeves. Shao Wanru opened her eyes slightly. Seeing that Yujie winked at her, she stood up slowly, walked out of the Buddha Hall, and then stood in a corner.

Yujie turned her head to the east and said, "Miss, they're going down the mountain!"

That direction was Shao Yanru's. It was in the opposite direction of Shao Wanru's house to the west. There was a long distance between the two courtyards. However, this did not hinder Shao Wanru from meeting the maid sent by Miss Shao on her first day here. She said that Miss Shao was thinking of a painting and had been staying in the quiet room for the past few days. However, Miss Shao would meet up with Shao Wanru when she left the room.

Her words were extremely polite, and she also brought gifts. She said that in the next period, the two sisters would help each other in the nunnery.

But until now, the two sisters hadn't seen each other, and now they hurried down the mountain.

Since they were destined to confront each other, Shao Wanru previously sent Yujie to keep an eye on Shao Yanru.



“What’s the emergency?” Shao Wanru asked calmly. She was not surprised by the result!

Shao Yanru was never an easy person to deal with!

Shao Wanru’s present dress was extremely simple. From the outside, she looked like a nun who was cultivating with hair. Her long hair was tied up with an ordinary white jade hairpin. Her eyes blinked as she looked to the east.

“It is said that the Old Madam in the mansion is seriously ill. She is called to go down the hill!” Yujie reported in a low voice.

The Old Madam in the mansion was ill, and seriously ill? If that was the case, she would not be the only one to be summoned.

“Have you asked when she will come back?” Shao Wanru asked softly.

“Maybe she won’t come back. I heard that she had moved everything away, including the painting in the quiet room. She said that she would take care of Old Madam and was not sure of the returning time. Maybe she would not come back. So she took everything she needed with her!”

Yujie had secretly inquired about it from several nuns who were helping to deal with the miscellaneous things.

Shao Wanru smiled gently. As soon as she went up the mountain, Shao Yanru’s departure was inevitable. Both of them were daughters of Duke Xing’s Mansion. She went to the nunnery to keep her filial duty for three years. As for Shao Yanru, she came here to learn painting. It seemed that she would stay in the nunnery for at most half a year.

In order to say that she was devoted to learning painting on the mountain, she deliberately built a quiet room in the yard on the mountain and spread it out that she would not go down the mountain until she had learned something.

However, there was a big gap between the fame of learning to paint and filial piety.

If Miss Shao continued to stay, others would think that she was at a disadvantage and even talk behind her back. After all, Shao Wanru’s parents were her aunts and uncles.

Her younger cousin was in mourning, she was still in a good frame of mind to sit here and paint leisurely.

Sure enough, she couldn’t insist on more days and find a reason to go down the mountain!

Shao Yanru hadn’t left the mountain until summer in her last life, so she didn’t leave in a hurry at this time. Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion was sick, but if she was nursed well, she couldn’t get ill suddenly and had to wait for Shao Yanru to take the medicine to her bed.

Shao Yanru chose to avoid the crisis temporarily, and Wanru happened to have the same idea. It was not the best time for them to meet each other. The capital city was in chaos now. Shao Yanru would not be able to stay peaceful after she left the Yuhui Nunnery.

It was impossible for her to maintain her image as an outstanding talented woman like that in her last life. In the end, even though she became a favored concubine in the palace, she still gave others a feeling of pride and unparalleled beauty.

Shao Wanru reached out to tug at her gown as she narrowed her eyes. She smiled lightly and said, "I heard that her room was built very well. Go ask if I can use her empty room."

Shao Yanru's courtyard was the best courtyard in the entire Yuhui Nunnery. It had been rebuilt and remodeled after the original foundation of the nunnery had been repaired.

Just like the one she lived in, it was Rui'an Great Elder Princess who helped refurbish and design it for her, so that she could live in it. It was different from other ordinary rooms, and far away from other pilgrims' temporary rooms.

Because Rui'an Great Elder Princess was in a hurry, she only remodeled it a little. As for Shao Yanru's yard and the quiet room inside, it was said that they took a full month or two to build.

It was said that this Miss Shao suddenly decided to learn painting because of admiring Pushan Nun's painting skills. However, it was actually well-prepared before Miss Shao went up the mountain.

Her courtyard and her quiet room were the best ones in the entire Yuhui Nunnery.

Yujie was in a dilemma for a while and said, "I'm afraid that Pushan Nun will not agree."

"What are you doing here? Since Fifth Miss went up to the mountain to practice filial piety, how can you ignore it? If you came here only for an empty title and didn't really have filial piety, you had better go down the mountain!" Before Shao Wanru spoke, a cold snort suddenly came from the corner. A nun in gray stood in front of them with sarcasm on her face.

#### **Chapter 469 The Rush Cushion That Knocked Over a Hall**

Huiqing, the eldest disciple of Pushan Nun, came out from behind the wall!

She was in her 20s and very thin. She was looking at Shao Wanru with hostility. She had been picking on Shao Wanru ever since Wanru came up the mountain.

Seeing that she was rude to her miss again, Yujie was about to get angry. But Shao Wanyu reached out and grabbed her, indicating that she should step back.

"Huiqing Nun, I'm asking my maid about my eldest sister. I heard that she went down the mountain because of my grandmother's illness, so I couldn't feel at ease for a while. That's why I missed listening to the scripture," Shao Wanru said softly.

"Don't make an excuse, you actually didn't listen carefully. Fifth Miss went up the mountain for filial piety, not to travel through the mountains and rivers. I will punish you for not having lunch later. Clean up this hall!"

Huiqing raised her head and scolded her sharply.

Yujie was so angry that she wanted to jump. This person named Huiqing was obviously finding fault with her deliberately. "Our Fifth Miss is so petite and you don't give her food, so she has no strength to work."

"You still dare to talk back. Don't think that I won't do anything to you just because you are the servant girl of Duke Xing's Mansion. At that time, all the girl servants of Miss Shao were very well-behaved. It can be seen that the servant girls are of the same kind as their master. My words are the orders of my master. If you feel that you can't stay here any longer, you can go down the mountain! The front gate is over there, and you can reach it in a few steps!"

"Bah!" Huiqing sneered. After she said that, she left unsteadily without paying attention to the master and the servant.

She had only taken a few steps when she suddenly stopped. She turned around to look at Shao Wanru and said mockingly, "Fifth Miss, if you're not patient, don't try to fish for fame here!"

After that, she turned around and left.

Yujie was so angry that her whole body trembled, and she almost wanted to rush over and scratch Huiqing's disgusting face. She grew up in the nunnery, but she had never seen such a hateful nun.

Huiqing said that Shao Yanru's servant girl was good, while Wanru's servant girl was not a good one. Who was she scolding?

Shao Wanru carelessly pulled Yujie's sleeves and said with a smile, "Well, there is no need to be angry with her. She is just instigated by others."

"Has she listened to First Miss Shao's instigation?" Yujie gritted her teeth and took a deep breath. Of course, she knew that she couldn't make trouble on the mountain at this time.

"Of course it wasn't Shao Yanru herself who ordered her to do it. Those good servant girls could have done better, and they didn't let others suspect that she did it!"

Shao Wanru said calmly, "Go inquire about the quiet room first. You can ask Pushan Nun directly. You don't need to ask about her disciples of the Hui generation."

She couldn't see through this nun who seemed to be noble. But why did such a noble person take in such mean and harsh disciples?

Not only Huiqing, but also her other disciple, Huiming, was said to be not good. She had grandiose aims but puny abilities. She flattered powerful people and stepped on people who were weak. So her reputation in the Huixin Nunnery was not good.

Although Yujie had not been here for a long time, she still inquired about this matter clearly. Her original identity in the nunnery gave her a lot of advantages.

"I'll go and listen to it immediately, and I'll bring you a steamed bun secretly later," Yujie said proficiently, and then warned worriedly, "When the preaching is over, they're all gone. Miss, you don't work first, wait for me to do it!"

Since they entered the Yuhui Nunnery, Huiqing and Huiming had picked on her Miss many times. They didn't give her Miss food sometimes. Young Madam was in the stage of growing up, so she could not withstand hunger.

"It doesn't matter. You can go first!" Shao Wanru smiled and nodded.

Then the two separated. Yujie went to inquire about Master Pushan. Shao Wanru went into the main hall and continued to listen to scriptures. This time, the directing nun of the Yuhui Nunnery was talking about the Buddha dharma. By the time she finished, one hour had passed and the nuns had left one after another.

Shao Wanru, Qu Le, and Mingqiu Nun were left there.

Shao Wanru stayed here and didn't leave. Qu Le went to the place where the preaching just happened and folded up the rush cushions one by one. Mingqiu Nun's face darkened.

"What's going on? Are you going to be punished again?"

Shao Wanru smiled unconcernedly and stood up to help Mingqiu Nun up. "It's me who went out to inquire about the matter of First Miss Shao and violated the rules of the nunnery. She asked me to stay and clean up!"

Mingqiu Nun now stayed in this nunnery. It was Chu Liuchen's arrangement.

Although she was a newcomer, all nuns of the Yuhui Nunnery did not dare to look down upon her. She moved in because of her excellent medical skills, and she had the reason to cure Prince Chen. Even this matter was agreed upon by Empress Dowager. If she were not a nun, she would not have been arranged to the Yuhui Nunnery.

"Mingqiu Nun, that Huiqing is really detestable. Together with Huiming, she often causes trouble for Miss and looks as if she wants to drive Miss down the mountain. Miss is here to observe mourning and has agreed to do this for three years. If Miss is driven down the mountain at this time, she'll be too ashamed to meet anyone in the future. Even if they cause trouble at the Yuhui Nunnery, it'll be inconvenient to be seen by others," Qu Le said angrily.

She also disliked Huiqing and Huiming for a while, but she also knew that they could not make trouble. When she heard the question of Mingqiu Nun, she couldn't suppress her anger anymore.

If not for the fact that her Miss did not allow her to speak, she would have already complained to Mingqiu Nun about it.

"Making trouble with your young madam?" Mingqiu Nun asked in confusion. She was also a person who had cultivated in seclusion for many years. Although she had not reached a deep level of cultivation, it was basically impossible for her to be easily irritated by others, so she was much calmer.

"That's right. I heard that Huiqing and Huiming have a good relationship with First Miss Shao. They always came and said that First Miss Shao was a good person."

Qu Le complained defiantly.

“Well, I’ll deal with it. I’ll talk to the Abbess about it!” Mingqiu Nun understood and immediately said. It seemed that the matter was not handled by Huiqing’s and Huiming’s teachers, so it was more appropriate to see the Abbess directly.

“Nun, you don’t have to bother the Abbess. I heard that this Abbess is a nun who is devoted to Buddhism and would occasionally tell the nuns of the Yuhui Nunnery about scriptures. The rest of her time is spent studying the Buddha dharma and mantras. She doesn’t care about the various incidents that have happened in the Yuhui Nunnery.”

Shao Wanru smiled and reached out to tug on Mingqiu Nun’s robe. She shook it and said, “Don’t worry. They won’t be arrogant for long.”

Although the people in the nunnery did not dare to offend Mingqiu Nun, she was the one who stayed here. Shao Wanru did not want Mingqiu Nun to offend someone here.

“I can see the abbess of the Yuhui Nunnery!” Mingqiu Nun had always treated Shao Wanru very well and she really regarded her as her successor. What’s more, it was Shao Wanru who saved the whole Jingxin Monastery after the accident happened there. She heard from Xiao Xuanzi, who was Prince Chen’s servant, after she went to the capital city.

From this point of view, Mingqiu Nun was grateful to Shao Wanru.

Jingxin Monastery was also the place where she became a nun. For many years, she had seen Jingxin Monastery as her home and had already regarded the nuns in the nunnery as her family.

Shao Wanru said with a smile, “Don’t worry, nun. If I need your help, I will definitely ask for it!” Under her limpid eyes, she couldn’t hide her charm and beauty even though she wore a very light robe.

Mingqiu Nun sighed and touched Shao Wanru’s head. Then she stood up and walked out.

The child had her own ideas and she seemed to be very confident now. Then let her go. Mingqiu Nun would ask someone to take care of her in case the child would suffer losses.

Not long after Mingqiu Nun left, Yujie came back. She had gone to the kitchen first to take several steamed buns, now she took them out and gave them to Shao Wanru.

Qu Le poured her a cup of warm water.

Looking at her Miss eating steamed buns, Yujie’s eyes turned red. Although made of white bread, they were just steamed buns, and they were secretly brought here. They would have to stay here for three years. If Huiqing and others made trouble for her for three years, how could she survive?

She and Qu Le didn’t care about the food. They were originally born into poor families. Although her Miss didn’t eat very well in the past, she couldn’t only eat steamed buns every day. It seemed that she even had no steamed buns to eat.

Shao Wanru took a steamed bun and took a bite. Then, she stood up.

Yujie picked up the small parcel with steamed buns and asked, “Miss, where are you going?”

“To the front. I heard that there are a few rites in the front today. Let’s go and see if there is anything that needs help!” Shao Wanru smiled slightly, as if she didn’t see Yujie’s reddish eyes.

“Miss, you can go after you finish eating. Besides, here... We haven’t cleaned up yet!” Qu Le also stood up, looked at the unwashed hall, and said angrily, “In a while, Huiqing and Huiming will come to trouble us again. Maybe they won’t even give you dinner.”

Remembering that Yujie once failed to steal a steamed bun and Miss really starved for a whole night, Qu Le was furious. They were so harsh and were not afraid of being blamed by Buddha.

Because of too many taboos, Miss Shao almost always listened to their words and received punishment almost every time, which made them forget who they were. Qu Le felt that her Miss had done something wrong. She should have warned them when she came. Then she would not be bullied like this.

Her miss was not so weak before!

“We won’t pack up, we’ll go outside to help! We’ll find a big one!” Shao Wanru wittily winked at Qu Le and kicked a rush cushion aside. She said to Yujie, “Let’s kick this place out of order before we go!”

After that, she also kicked the other one in a mess.

There were many nuns who listened to the scriptures just now. When they left, they put their cushion here and did not move all of the cushions aside. Some of the cushions had been put away by Qu Le, and some of them had not. The nuns listened to the scriptures in neat rows, which were arranged in good order. However, Shao Wanru kicked them and they were in a mess.

Shao Wanru glanced at the two servant girls and said with a smile, “Qu Le, Yujie, kick over some rush cushions and throw a few pieces of paper with steamed buns here. Then let’s go out and help them with the rites.”

It would be three years. She didn’t want to be under Shao Yanru’s control for three years...

#### **Chapter 470 Young Master Zhang Has an Eccentricity of Collecting**

As for playboys in the capital city, one would never forget Prime Minister Zhang’s son, Zhang Lanjue.

It did not mean that Young Master Zhang was bullying men and women, fighting in the streets, or something like that. Young Master Zhang had a special hobby. He liked to collect strange things, but he did not like antique calligraphy or paintings. Sometimes, he even went to brothels to collect the round fans of the women there.

It was said that he was currently collecting the round fans that the Four Courtesan Belles in the capital city used to hold when they fought for the champion.

With such a hobby, this handsome childe of the Premier was defined as a rich playboy.

Today was the day when his mother was doing a ritual for his deceased grandmother. They especially chose a big hall. Madam Zhang, together with her son and daughters, chanted with the nuns and knelt respectfully from time to time. Only this Young Master Zhang turned his eyes a few times and focused

on an incense burner in front of the Buddha platform. He was so anxious that he scratched his ears and cheeks. He had been collecting incense burners recently.

And it was an eight-horned censer from the olden days.

The small censer supporting the Buddha platform was just right. It was about the same size as what he had collected before. If he took it back, he would definitely be able to put 10 together. It would be perfect.

It was very quiet in the main hall, and only the singing could be heard. Everyone was bowing respectfully. If he made any noise now, he would be punished by his mother.

Of course, Zhang Lanjue did not dare to move. Although he looked forward to taking the censer back secretly, he could only look at it eagerly.

It was not easy for him to hold on until noon. He persuaded his mother to go to the side hall to rest, where a vegetarian meal had already been prepared.

Madam Zhang and Miss Zhang bowed for the whole morning. They were also very tired, so they didn't eat, but only took a few sips of tea to rest.

When Madam Zhang saw that her son was going out, she fell her face and asked, "Where are you going?"

Of course, she knew about her son's strange hobby. Judging from his looks, it was not a good thing.

"Mother, take a rest first. I will burn some incense sticks for grandmother. When we left just now, I saw that the incense sticks were going to go out!"

Seeing that he was discovered, Zhang Lanjue answered seriously and sincerely, as if he really couldn't bear to see the incense sticks in front of his grandmother go out.

"Brother, this is the Yuhui Nunnery. Don't mess around!" His sister, Miss Zhang Qilan, did not believe that he would do something good, so she warned him.

"Sister, what are you saying? Of course, I know this is the Yuhui Nunnery, which is full of nuns. A gentleman from an aristocratic family like me has to avoid getting involved with the nuns." Zhang Lanjue became more and more serious, and he looked a little aggrieved because of his sister's suspicion.

Madam Zhang was not fooled by her son. She looked up and continued asking, "You'll only go to the hall on the side?"

"Of course. If not, where else could I go? Mother, don't worry, I know. Nothing will happen to me. Rumors about what happened have spread in the circle of young masters in the capital city. They all regard it as a joke. I'm afraid it is not true. That is just for fun."

Zhang Lanjue knew what his mother was worried about and quickly said.

"What is the matter? Big brother, tell me about it!" Zhang Qilan's eyes lit up and she immediately became interested in it. She wanted to know if there was any rumor outside that was related to the nunnery.

“Nothing serious. It was said that a noble young master came to the Yuhui Nunnery and took a fancy to a nun there. They were seen dating secretly. After that, the nun followed the noble young master and returned to the secular world! How could such a thing be true?”

Zhang Lanjue’s voice was full of disregard.

Hearing him say such things in front of his sister, Madam Zhang was so angry that she picked up the cushion on the chair behind her and threw it at him. She scolded him, “Is this what you can say to your sister?”

Zhang Lanjue deftly avoided the cushion and said with a bitter expression, “Mother, I didn’t want to say it. It was Sister who wanted me to say it. I said it, then you hit me. You should hit Sister.”

“Big Brother, I’m just asking. Who told you to say that?” Zhang Qilan rolled her eyes and blamed it all on her big brother. Although she was really interested in it, she could not reveal it in front of her mother. Otherwise, her mother would ask her to copy the Women’s Precepts and Daughter’s Warns later!

For her brother messing around all day, he was punished only by kneeling down and cursing. She could not come out of her boudoir every day, and even if she spoke a little too much, she would be confiscated. Thus, Zhang Qilan thought that men were better. If she were a man, she would be much more promising than her own brother.

At least, she would not be a well-known playboy. The entire Zhang family’s face was lost by her big brother.

Zhang Lanjue saw that his sister was so cunning that she wanted to push the blame to him, so he said hurriedly. “Hey, it’s me again...”

“If you want to go, go there quickly. Don’t mislead your sister.” Madam Zhang saw that he was going to say more, so she immediately shouted, fearing that he would say something stupid again.

This was the Yuhui Nunnery, where many people come in and out. She could not let anyone listen to her son’s strange words.

Seeing his mother letting him go, Zhang Lanjue was overjoyed. He hastily waved his hand and said. “Yes, yes, yes. Mother, Sister, I’ll be right there. If you are hungry, then eat first. I’m not in a hurry.”

He was afraid that Madam Zhang would stop him, so he strode to the side door.

It was very quiet in the hall. The people of the Zhang family and the Yuhui Nunnery all left. In front of the big Buddha statues, there was not only a big incense burner, but also a small incense burner. From the big incense burner, smoke was curling up, and the small incense burner was also foggy. However, to Zhang Lanjue’s surprise, the small incense burner he had taken a fancy to was not there.

How could it have disappeared? He had been keeping an eye on it just now, and it had always been there.

Zhang Lanjue did not believe it anymore. “In such a short time, even if it flew away, there would still be traces to be found!”



He squatted at the position where the censer had been, turned over the yellow cloth, and started to search carefully. There was no censer, but there were some ashes and the trace of the censer being put down. The ashes were still on the way. Someone took the censer that he had chosen at his family's ceremony!

This thought made Zhang Lanjue fly into a rage. In the past, he was the one who collected other people's things; there was no one else who collected his things.

Following the traces of incense ashes, he turned to the other side door. Suddenly, he heard a woman's voice inside. Although Zhang Lanjue was a scoundrel, he knew that there was a difference between men and women. It was not convenient for him to go in at this time, but he did not want to lose this censer. The censer would be perfectly formed soon, so how could he bear to leave?

In fact, today's hall was reserved by the Zhang family. One side hall was used as a place to rest. His mother and sister were still having a rest. The other side hall was the place to put the thing that the ritual required. There were various kinds of things there.

Zhang Lanjue had come here to check on the situation. At this moment, the people of his family were resting in another side hall. Was a nun of the Yuhui Nunnery here?

Suddenly remembering the previous rumor, Zhang Lanjue did not dare to be reckless. If he was asked to take a young nun back, his mother would break his legs!

That man was so hungry that he took a fancy to a nun and had a private date with her. In Zhang Lanjue's heart, he felt that the rumors were not credible. He had pondered and felt that maybe the little nun was not at ease with the Buddha. She took a fancy to the young master and took the initiative to scheme against him, so the man had to take her down the mountain.

While Zhang Lanjue thought about this, his heart trembled. He did not dare to push open the side door that led to the side hall, even though the door was half-closed.

"Have you finished tidying up?" A beautiful voice of a girl came from behind the door, making him feel a sense of relief.

"Everything has been packed up. Miss, don't worry. It is all in order. Even if Huiqing comes to check, she can't say that we don't work hard." It was the voice of a servant girl. It seemed that Huiqing was the name of a nun.

He did not understand why a young lady from an aristocratic family was so afraid of a nun, and it seemed that this nun had been looking for trouble with the lady inside.

"We came to the mountain for self-cultivation, but we can't go against the monks' wishes. Only those who are well-behaved can guard filial piety for their parents."

The girl's voice was very elegant, which let people know that she was a well-educated and polite young lady.

"Miss, you have suffered a lot in order to cultivate in peace. But look, Huiqing and Qingqing don't intend to let you cultivate in peace. They not only deliberately blame all kinds of things on you, but also find all

kinds of excuses to drive you down the mountain. They say that you are making a fool of yourself. Obviously, they don't want to see you!"

"Miss, I'll go back and tell Old Madam. Let's see if they dare to bully you in the future!" The voice of another servant girl was slightly different from that of the previous one.

"Forget it, if this matter blows up, the reputation will not be good!" The Miss's voice was gentle and calm.

One of the servant girls said angrily, "Miss, you are so kind. You are always trying to settle the matter peacefully without hurting them. That's why they're so insatiable."

"Qu Le, stop talking and let Miss have a bite of steamed bun first. The steamed bun has been baked on the censer for a while and it's a little warm. It's just right to eat now! If Miss doesn't eat all the time, the body cannot bear it."

The other servant girl sighed and said with some sadness.

Zhang Lanjue, who was listening from outside, felt that he had understood everything. He could not help getting angry. How could there be a nun like that? It was obvious that she was sure of the fact that the Miss did not want to ruin her reputation of cultivating in the mountains. That was why she was trying to deal with the Miss.

The Yuhui Nunnery had a good reputation outside, and it was the largest nunnery in the capital city. There were always some young ladies who liked to stay here for 10 days or half a month as a form of self-cultivation.

Zhang Qilan, the younger sister of Zhang Lanjue, had lived quietly on the mountain for half a month. When she came back and saw the meat on the table, she ate two bowls of meat continuously.

At that time, he thought that the Yuhui Nunnery treated his sister badly and said that he wanted to argue with the nunnery. Later, he was stopped by Zhang Qilan, who put down the rice bowl. She said that she only ate steamed buns and vegetarian dishes every day on the mountain, so she ate more meat this time.

His younger sister was full and went down the mountain like this. Yet this young lady here did not even have food. Such a big grudge!

"Fifth Miss, you have done nothing. You only know to eat, eat, eat. Why do you practice here? You had better go down the mountain!" Zhang Lanjue had not figured out what to do when he heard that the door of the side hall was pushed open heavily, and then he heard a sharp and mean voice...