

## Medical Princess 511

### Chapter 511 Surprise, Met Younger Brother Again

"There are three more days for the religious rite. In the next three days, I will stay temporarily on the mountain and then leave after the rite is over. During those days, you need to stay in the Buddha Hall every day and prepare the materials for worship. Anyway, they are your biological parents, so you should give more attention to this rite!" Old Madam reprimanded.

Her words meant that Shao Wanru had not paid much attention to it before. Hearing this, Yujie was so angry that her feet jerked and she wanted to step forward to defend Shao Wanru.

Usually, the rite was more formal during the last few days. It was impossible for someone to keep a close watch over the rites for ten days or half a month. One would be exhausted by such an immense task.

Old Madam had sent someone before to inform her that she just needed to take care of the rite first and then check on it every day. Now she meant that Shao Wanru needed to not only take a look, but also had to guard it all the time.

A faint sneer appeared on Shao Wanru's lips. She reached out and waved her hand slightly, indicating that Yujie should not act rashly. With her eyes sweeping around, Shao Wanru looked up and said, "I did not know that this religious rite needs someone to be on guard here every day for more than ten days. In the past, when I was in Jiangzhou, probably because it is a small place in the countryside, the relatives in my family said that I only needed to stand guard for the last three days."

Her voice was gentle with no trace of displeasure, but the meaning behind her words was like a slap in Old Madam's face, which made Old Madam so angry that her face turned blue.

This was not only Jiangzhou's rules, but also the capital city's. Old Madam was so intent on scolding Shao Wanru that she forgot this point. When she heard what Shao Wanru said, she immediately knew that she had made a mistake. She was so ashamed and angry that she almost could not help smashing the teacup next to her.

Sure enough, Shao Wanru had the same origins as Rui'an Great Elder Princess. It was annoying to look at her.

Shao Yanru hurriedly smiled and said on behalf of Old Madam, "Grandma, you are too anxious about the matters of Eldest Uncle and Aunt. You even forgot this point!"

Old Madam nodded and leaned back. She looked at Shao Wanru coldly and said, "I cared too much about this, so I did not think it clearly."

Shao Yanru covered her mouth and said with a smile, "Grandma, you are not the only one who was confused, actually, I also forgot it too. If Fifth Sister had not said this, I would have really forgotten about it!"

Shao Wanru looked at the grandmother and granddaughter who echoed each other and she sneered coldly in her heart. What they meant was that the two of them paid a lot of attention to this, but she, as her parents' daughter, did not do enough.

"My sister is also very concerned about it, but my grandmother said that I must go up to the mountain during the last three days. I originally wanted to come here early, but my grandmother insisted that we had to comply with the rules for the last three days." A voice came from the door.

Everyone looked up and saw a young man walking over and his handsome face was cold. Shao Wanru was stunned for a moment, but she suddenly felt familiar when she saw the face. Her voice trembled unconsciously and she asked, "Hao'er?"

"Sister!" Shao Yuanhao strode in and stood beside Shao Wanru. Then he bowed to Old Madam and said, "Grandmother, sorry, I'm late."

"Hao'er!" Old Madam stood up excitedly and reached out to touch the young man's head. The original naive child had suddenly turned into a young man.

Although he was not very tall, he was not as naive as he used to be. He was so young, but now he had a maturity beyond his years. Shao Wanru's eyes were red for some reason.

This was her younger brother, her blood-related younger brother. Her shimmery eyes fixed on him and this was the first time she saw her younger brother in more than two years.

In the past, there were only some letters from Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion, giving the sister and brother some snippets about each other.

"Grandmother!" Shao Yuanhao took two steps forward, held Old Madam's hand, and addressed her affectionately.

He was different from Shao Wanru. After all, he had been raised by Old Madam since he was a child and had a deep affection for her.

"Hao'er, Hao'er!" Old Madam held Shao Yuanhao in her arms and burst into tears. In the past two years, Old Madam hardly saw her grandson. Rui'an Great Elder Princess seldom allowed him to come to Duke Xing's Mansion, except for special occasions when he had to come.

Seeing that her beloved grandson was in front of her, Old Madam could not bear it anymore and burst into tears.

Everyone tried their best to stop Old Madam from crying and she finally sat down. Then Shao Yuanhao also sat in front of Old Madam.

"Are you comfortable in the Elder Princess's Mansion?" Old Madam held Shao Yuanhao's hand and refused to let him go.

"Grandmother, don't worry. My maternal grandmother is very good to me and everything is very comfortable. It is all right," Shao Yuanhao said with a smile.

"If there is something, remember to inform me. Do you hear me? I'm worried about you. I want to see you, but I can't!" Old Madam began to shed tears again.

Shao Yuanhao said with a smile on his face, "Grandmother, don't worry. I've been good at my studies recently. Maternal grandmother says that she will let me go out more often and I'll come and visit grandmother at that time." He held Old Madam's hands and shook them like a spoiled child.

Because he was still young, this action did not look odd, even though it was a little girlish. What's more, he was pretty, like a celestial child, which could melt people's hearts. Old Madam was going to cry again. She repeatedly answered yes, but she became more dissatisfied with Rui'an Great Elder Princess in her heart.

He was her own family's child, but Rui'an Great Elder Princess forcibly took him away, so she could not even see this little grandson as often as she wanted.

"Grandma, when I came here just now, I seemed to hear you all scolding my sister. Did she do something wrong?" Shao Yuanhao rolled his eyes and looked at Shao Wanru. He stood up and reached out to pull Shao Wanru over with his other hand. "Sister, what happened just now?"

"Nothing happened. Grandmother was just giving me some lessons!" Shao Wanru said with a smile. She was in a good mood because she saw that her younger brother had grown up.

Obviously her maternal grandmother was really making great efforts to teach her younger brother. The Shao Yuanhao, who had been like a little bully in the past, had disappeared and became a smart little Yuanhao. From his behaviors and his manners, he was no longer the young master who was careless and spoiled.

"How can I scold your sister? I was talking to her about the rites. This is the rite for your parents, so I am telling your sister to pay more attention in the next three days!"

Old Madam explained with a gentle face. She glanced at Shao Wanru with an almost kind look.

"Big Sister, are you blaming my sister too?" Shao Yuanhao turned back and looked at Shao Yanru with a little childish surprised look and displeasure.

It was justifiable for Old Madam to scold Shao Wanru, but it was not for Shao Yanru to scold Shao Wanru. Even if her younger sister did something wrong and she could say something as an elder sister, now that the elders were all here, it was not up to her to speak.

"Why do you say so, Third Brother? Of course, I will not scold Fifth sister," Shao Yanru said, with a gentle expression on her face.

"Oh, that's good!" Shao Yuanhao seemed to be at ease. He even patted his chest twice, as if his heart had really returned to its original place.

However, Shao Yanru's face turned pale with anger and she felt short of breath. She had not seen Shao Yuanhao for more than two years, but he had become better at dealing with people. He even insinuated that he would be assured only if she really did not bully Shao Wanru!

Now they had their break, and the group of people returned to the main hall. Pushan Nun led them to recite scriptures together for a while and then allowed them to disperse to have rest.

Old Madam allowed her two grandsons to wander alone instead of accompanying her. Madam of Duke Xing had something to do downhill, so after the ritual, she hurried down the mountain during lunchtime. Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was left with her three granddaughters and they followed Pushan Nun to recite and listen to the scriptures of Buddha and offer incense to Buddha in a devout way.

After lunch, they could rest for a while. Old Madam was tired, so she went to the incense room that Yuhui Nunnery had arranged for her to rest. Shao Yanru and Shao Jie'er followed to attend to her, while Shao Wanru went to her silence room to practice.

Not long after she came back to the silence room and sat down, Qu Le came in and reported, "First Miss is here!"

She came so quickly. Shao Wanru raised her shimmery eyes slightly and said, "Invite her in!"

Qu Le responded and went out. After a while, she brought Shao Yanru in.

"Big Sister!" Shao Wanru stood up and bowed to the side.

Shao Yanru also bowed sideways to her and then smiled gently to explain, "Grandmother is tired, so she fell asleep after going back. I could not sleep for the moment, so I wanted to come and visit my previous room. I wonder if it's convenient for you, Fifth Sister?"

"How can it not be convenient? This used to be Big Sister's courtyard, but now I'm staying here temporarily. Does Big Sister want to visit the main room? I don't have the keys for that!" Shao Wanru said with a smile. She had already figured out that Shao Yanru would come, because recently, Shao Yanru seemed to be very anxious.

Thinking about the details in her previous life, she concluded that Shao Yanru was really anxious and it was about something related to Shao Wanru. She was trying to deal with her.

In the past two years, Shao Yanru seemed to have forgotten her and never made trouble for her. Shao Wanru had thought that Shao Yanru would wait and then deal with her until she went down the mountain and returned to the Duke Xing's Mansion after three years.

But now, it seemed that she could not wait any longer!

Shao Yanru sat down gracefully on the mat. She looked around the silence room. Shao Wanru noticed that Shao Yanru seemed to glance around the place each time she came over.

Actually, it was extremely empty and there were only a few things in it. Everything could clearly be seen at a glance, except for the soft couch behind the extra screen.

It had just been a silence room before and the place where Shao Yanru did her paintings. But now, it also became Shao Wanru's bedroom, where she would sleep as well.

"Fifth Sister, do you sleep here?" Shao Yanru asked in surprise when she saw the screen.

"Walking around is a waste of practicing time and living here gives me a sense of calm. I notice that Pushan Nun seldom leaves the silence room either, so I think it's good to do so. It's hard to be distracted and I can also pray for my biological father and mother more devoutly." Hearing her question, Shao Wanru was already well prepared and answered softly.

She mentioned Pushan Nun, so she waited to see how Shao Yanru would answer, what she was going to say and why she was here?

**Chapter 512 Shao Yanru Couldn't Get Back the Silence Room, So She Chose to Live in the Main Room**

"Fifth Sister, I'm going to live in the Yuhui Nunnery these days and I want to live in the original yard. May I ask you to let me stay in this yard and the silence room for three days? I'll leave after three days!"

Shao Yanru asked softly. Her attitude was mild and her smile was friendly. She just wanted to ask for her own yard back. It was reasonable and natural.

"This... I have all my personal things temporarily placed here. I'm afraid..." Shao Wanru looked at the silence room with hesitation.

Shao Yanru was also looking around. Except for a few scrolls in a big book tank, there seemed to be nothing special about the rest.

"Fifth Sister, if you are worried about these paintings, you can take them back first. After three days, I will give the room back to you." Shao Yanru's smile became more sincere.

"Big Sister, I'm afraid this won't work. I made a vow in front of the Buddha and said that I would pray for blessings for my parents in the nunnery in the future. I would stay here at night and cultivate here during the day. I will spend the rest of my time here, except for attending religious ceremonies for my parents."

Shao Wanru said guiltily, "If I had known that Big Sister would be coming up to the mountain, I would not have made such a big vow that day. But now, I have made a promise!"

Since she had made a vow in front of the Buddha, she would not move out no matter what happened. If she gave the silence room to Shao Yanru, it would be reasonable. But if Shao Yanru asked Shao Wanru to move out, she would be seen as being rude.

Even though Shao Yanru was an astute person, she was so angry that her expression changed.

"Fifth Sister, I just want to live here temporarily. It is just for a few days, uncle and aunt won't blame us!" She gritted her teeth, tried to suppress the anger in her heart and said with a smile.

She said that she had made a vow. But she felt that Shao Wanru was reluctant to give up the personal things in this place and that was why she came up with such a high-sounding reason!

"Big Sister, how can we deceive my parents secretly with such a thing. I have made a vow for my father. That's what we should do. Besides, it was made in front of the Buddha. So we cannot treat it casually. If Buddha blames us, then the whole Duke Xing's Mansion will be in trouble," Shao Wanru said with a serious look.

Shao Yanru was so angry that her heart was about to burst. She clenched the handkerchief in her hand tightly, fearing that she would not be able to control herself and beat up Shao Wanru. She had already promised someone. She was almost certain that she would succeed, yet she was rejected. Shao Wanru even put it in such a way that implied that she was trying to deceive the elders.

"Fifth Sister, if that's the case, I can stay in my room for three days, can't I?" Shao Yanru said gently. If it hadn't been for the whitening of her fingers that were holding the handkerchief, it would be hard to tell that she was already very angry.

Shao Wanru thought for a while and said with a smile, "Since you want to live here, your original room is fine. I have not been in that room. If you want to use it, you can stay with me. It's great to have one more person to accompany me!"

Shao Yanru was really a tough person to deal with. Her yard was occupied by Shao Wanru and Shao Wanru had given her an unreasonable reason before. Now Shao Wanru seemed to have come up with a reasonable excuse to deliberately occupy her yard and her silence room and she was still able to hide her anger well.

From this point of view, Shao Yanru should not be underestimated.

Shao Wanru had a smile on her face, but she was wary of Shao Yanru. She could keep a firm hold on her temper that generally could not be done by others. Shao Wanru should be warier of her.

Shao Yanru stood up and said softly, "Thank you, Fifth Sister. I'll go to my main house and have a look. I have not stayed there for a long time, so I have to clean up!"

"Big Sister. you've just brought a maid here. There are too few people. I'll ask Yujie and Qing'er to help you. Qing'er is a servant girl who does all the odd jobs. She is good at doing these works!" Shao Wanru stood up as well. She was as sincere as Shao Yanru.

"I don't want to bother Fifth Sister's people. When I was on the mountain, I cleaned the room occasionally. There is only one room, so it's OK."

Shao Yanru said politely and her eyes turned to the servant girl who was standing beside Shao Wanru called Yujie.

She had inquired about everything regarding Shao Wanru in detail. Yujie was brought by Shao Wanru from Jiangzhou. From the looks of her, she was loyal to Shao Wanru. It was said that the servant girl named Qing'er was sent by Rui'an Great Elder Princess when Shao Wanru was on the mountain. The Princess wanted her to look after Shao Wanru and do the rough work. So Qing'er was just a servant girl who did all the menial work.

If she had to choose, she would rather choose the servant girl named Qing'er.

"How can I let you do it by yourself? If you want to do it yourself, I'll help you. We'll clean it up together slowly. It is my fault that I occupied your silence room. If I let you clean up your room by yourself, I won't have the face to see grandma tomorrow!"

Shao Wanru smiled more sincerely. She asked Yujie to bring a rag over, as if she was going to clean the main room for Shao Yanru.

Looking at Shao Wanru's behavior, Shao Yanru immediately made a decision. "Fifth Sister, there's no need. It has been a long day and I can't do anything now. May I trouble you to borrow the servant girl Qing'er to clean up the main room with Shuqi!"

Shuqi was the first servant girl who was brought up to the mountain by Shao Yanru. At this moment, when she heard Shao Yanru's words, she walked out from behind Shao Yanru and bowed respectfully to Shao Wanru. Then, she stood behind Shao Yanru in a well-behaved manner.

Her manners were impeccable.

"Okay, as long as you don't mind Qing'er's rough attitude." Shao Wanru readily agreed. She asked Qu Le, who was at the door, to call Qing'er in. Qing'er was working in the yard.

Seeing the young and innocent Qing'er in front of her, Shao Yanru was very satisfied. She rejected Shao Wanru's good intentions and arrived at the door of the main room with Qing'er and Shuqi.

Shuqi took out the key to open the door. A musty smell came from the room. Shao Yanru waited outside while Shuqi and Qing'er went in and opened the window at the back of the room.

"Big Sister, it will take some time to clean up the room. Why don't you rest here for a while?" Shao Wanru walked to the corridor and invited her with a smile when she saw Shao Yanru standing outside the door.

"No, thanks. I'm going to see Pushan nun." Shao Yanru smiled and refused. "I used to follow this nun and she taught me a lot when I was on the mountain, but later grandmother got sick and I had to go down the mountain. It's rare for me to have some time these days."

Shao Yanru and Pushan Nun were like Shao Wanru and Mingqiu Nun. Although Shao Yanru learned from Pushan Nun, they were not mentor and apprentice. Since Shao Yanru had come to the mountain, it was natural for her to visit Pushan Nun.

"Big Sister, do you want to take Shuqi with you? I will ask Qu Le and the others to help you clean the room. After a while, the room will be ventilated. Then in the evening, you will be able to move in!" Shao Wanru said with a smile as she looked at the main room from where sounds of cleaning could be heard.

Shao Yanru shook her head and turned to walk out of the courtyard. "There's no need. Let Qing'er and Shuqi clean up together. Shuqi knows some of my habits. I used to live in the Yuhui Nunnery and I'm not so delicate. It's not far from the silence room of Pushan Nun. I'll go by myself!"

Her attitude was still as gentle and elegant. Everyone would think that this Miss Shao was not only not delicate, but also had a good character when they heard her words. She was a rare Miss from an aristocratic family.

Shao Wanru had a smile on her face and did not try to persuade her any further. Her gaze followed Shao Yanru's departure before she returned to the middle main room.

She was sure that Shao Yanru wanted her silence room. When she could not get it, she decided to live in the main room. Did she really have no other requests, or did she have other plans? Or was she thinking of another way to force her out of the silence room?

Shao Yanru walked toward Pushan Nun's silence room alone. The nuns who met her along the way smiled and put their palms together. This Miss Shao had stayed in Yuhui Nunnery for a while and occasionally got someone to send gifts to the nuns in the monastery. The nuns in the entire Yuhui Nunnery had a good impression of her.

Shao Yanru walked all the way to the yard where Pushan Nun's Zen room was located and met Huiqing who came out of it. Shao Yanru stopped at once and smiled at Huiqing.

"First Miss..." Huiqing was very excited to see Shao Yanru coming alone.

Shao Yanru reached out and pressed her hand slightly. The smile on her face became even gentler. "You've been wronged, Huiqing Nun. On behalf of my Fifth Sister, I'm here to apologize to you!"

Then she took out a lotus purse from her sleeve and handed it to her. "I heard that Huiqing Nun's sister is ill and I don't have anything good to give her. Please give this to her. If she wants to eat or use something, she can buy it for herself!"

Huiqing took the purse and squeezed it. There was a thin piece of paper in it. She immediately knew that it contained banknotes. She said happily, "Thank you, Miss Shao. What do those things have to do with First Miss? She is First Miss's cousin after all. It doesn't matter even if I suffer some grievances."

"Is Pushan Nun in the Zen room?" Shao Yanru asked, pointing inside.

"Yes, just now my master also talked about you. She said that it might not be convenient for you to come over today. I did not expect you to come. I'm sure master will be very happy to see you," said Huiqing Nun with a smile. She stepped aside and stretched out her hand to lead the way in.

Her master had already made it clear just now that if Miss Shao were to come, she could just come in.

Shao Yanru nodded slightly, entered the yard, and went to the Zen room in the middle. Huiqing Nun put away the purse in her pocket and went to the courtyard gate. She stood under the tree and guarded it skillfully. When her master and Miss Shao talked in private, they did not like to be disturbed. In the past, when Miss Shao was on the mountain, she was always guarded at the door when they had a talk.

"Nun!" Shao Yanru pushed open the door to the Zen room. It was very clean. There were only a few rush cushions, a few scriptures, a desk of books, and two chairs in the room.

Pushan Nun sat cross-legged on the rush cushion as she tapped on the wooden fish, chanting the scripture. When she heard Shao Yanru's voice, she only nodded, closed her eyes, and continued chanting the scripture.

Shao Yanru looked around and sat down cross-legged on a rush cushion. She closed her eyes and listened quietly to the chanting of Pushan Nun.

Pushan Nun was very adept at it. From time to time, she would knock on the wooden fish. Shao Yanru's heart also calmed down. Just now, the anxiety triggered by Shao Wanru slowly melted away.

Finally, the sound of Pushan Nun's chanting stopped. She opened her eyes slowly and looked at Shao Yanru with a kind gaze. She said softly, "What's wrong? Why is your heart so restless?"

### **Chapter 513 The Intimate Conversation Between the Elder Sister and the Younger Brother**

"Do you think that I should feel peaceful?" Shao Yanru said with a frown and stared fixedly at Pushan Nun who looked kind. In the smoke from the incense burner, Pushan Nun's face looked indistinct. Shao Yanru could only see that she seemed to be as amiable and peaceful as the Buddha statue on the lotus seat.

"Why do you feel uneasy? You want something from me?" Pushan Nun asked with a smile.

Shao Yanru shook her head first, and then nodded and said, "Can you clear up my confusion?"



“No!” Pushan Nun said with an increasingly gentle smile which made her look even more amiable and peaceful than the Buddha statue on the lotus seat, “First Miss, you actually have got the answer, don’t you?”

What she said made Shao Yanru fall silent for a long while. After that, Shao Yanru said, “Master, I can help you, but you have to help me too!”

“You help all the mortal beings by helping me. In this case, all the Buddhas will bless you. First Miss, if there is a reason why I must help you other than the benevolence of the Buddhism, just say it!”

Pushan Nun said.

“Master, the reason why I decided to help you is that you are the one who asked me to do so. If it is someone else, it has nothing to do with me. Moreover, if it is discovered by others, I may get into trouble. Master, as one of all mortal beings, I’m not as broad-minded as you. But if you can help me, I can help you in some things.”

Shao Yanru suddenly became peaceful, and the uneasiness in her eyes faded. She looked at Pushan Nun leisurely.

Seeing that Pushan Nun fell silent for the time being, she put down the teacup in her hand on the table, was about to stand up and said, “Master, if you can’t make up your mind at the moment, you can think it over. I’m going to stay on the mountain for three days. After that, there’s nothing I can do about it even if I want to!”

In fact, even if Pushan Nun agreed one day later, she would be in a rush and it would be discovered easily. At this point, Shao Yanru was not worried at all that Pushan Nun would refuse.

She didn’t believe that Pushan Nun would risk her life to save several poor ladies out of benevolence although Pushan Nun looked so compassionate!

Seeing that Shao Yanru really pushed the teacup away and stood up to leave, Pushan Nun said slowly, “First Miss, how can I help you?”

“This can wait. We’ll talk about it after you enter the imperial palace!” Shao Yanru said with a slight smile and turned around calmly. She was certain that she could win this round.

“I helped you once by offering you the chance to enter the imperial palace. This time I help you again. Master, remember that you owe me twice!”

“I do it for all mortal beings!” Pushan Nun didn’t give a definite answer. She only lowered her head, put her palms together and muttered.

“I’m one of the mortal beings. What’s more, I’m your disciple. Master, you help yourself by helping me. Do you think so?”

Shao Yanru said happily with a smile, seeming to be indicating something.

“Okay, I’ll do everything you ask me to do!” Pushan Nun said and nodded, while lowering her head. She began to chant scriptures slowly, and her appealing voice filled the Zen room.

Knowing that it was time to leave, Shao Yanru turned around and got out of the Zen room. She walked out slowly, thinking that the religious rite in the afternoon was about to begin!

Hearing that Shao Yanru had left, Pushan Nun kept chanting scriptures, while slowly opening her eyes to stare deeply at Shao Yanru's back. After a long while, she showed a weird smile. Only Shao Yanru's consent to help her was obviously not enough, and she needed more...

When Shao Wanru returned to the hall where the religious rite was held, it was still early. After she knelt down on a rush cushion on the side, Old Madam and the others showed up. They went to the side hall for a rest after offering incense, leaving Shao Wanru and her younger brother kneeling in the middle of the hall.

Shao Wanru and her younger brother were the direct descendants of the Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua, so it was reasonable for them to kneel on behalf of the others.

Pushan Nun led her two disciples to chant scriptures here. In the afternoon the incense had been burnt out for three rounds, during which time Old Madam and the others from Duke Xing's Mansion came in three times and each of them offered three sticks of incense every time.

After Pushan Nun finished chanting scriptures three times and left, there were only Shao Wanru and her younger brother in the hall.

With no one else around at this moment, the two of them could take a break. Shao Wanru sat down on the ground and pounded her legs lightly. At the sight of this, Shao Yuanhao also sat down.

"Hao'er, how are you doing in grandma's mansion?" Shao Wanru lowered her voice and asked. It was not until now that they had the time to whisper to each other.

"Rest assured, sister. Grandma is very kind and she has taught me a lot. Sometimes she took me to Prince Chen's Mansion where Prince Chen has also taught me a lot." Hearing Shao Wanru's words, Shao Yuanhao immediately looked around and then said in a low voice. They had always been close to each other. Although they didn't meet during the last two years, they kept writing to each other.

"You visited Prince Chen's Mansion?" Shao Wanru was stunned and said.

"Why not? Cousin Chen is so nice. Sometimes he insisted on teaching me even when he was sick!" Shao Yuanhao said.

"He taught you in person?" Shao Wanru became increasingly shocked. It was rumored that Prince Chen was so sick that he couldn't even get up. Besides, why did her younger brother call him cousin Chen? Since when did her younger brother become so close to Chu Liuchen that he even called Chu Liuchen cousin Chen now?

Chu Liuchen was actually Shao Yuanhao's cousin. Nevertheless, Chu Liuchen was of noble status as a prince, so it was inappropriate for Shao Yuanhao to call him cousin.

"Of course cousin Chen taught me in person. He has been in poor health. However, he struggled to teach me for a short time every time he asked me to go to his place."

Shao Yuanhao said with tremendous reverence on his taut face.

Shao Wanru suddenly felt that her younger brother was so naive that he thought highly of Chu Liuchen who actually pretended to be seriously sick in front of him. She inexplicably felt a little uncomfortable.

"Sister, I've grown up and become sensible. I'll protect you in the future!" Looking at Shao Wanru's complex countenance, Shao Yuanhao said like an adult and reached out to massage Shao Wanru's legs.

"You are quite strong!" Feeling the numbness in her legs, Shao Wanru opened her eyes wide in shock and said. Shao Yuanhao even massaged her legs harder than she did.

"Of course. Cousin Chen asked someone to teach me martial arts. He said that it could not only strengthen my body but also enable me to protect my sister!"

Shao Yuanhao raised his head and said with a proud look.

Of course he would not mention that his cries almost turned over the roof when he began to learn martial arts. At that time, Rui'an Great Elder Princess was so distressed that she almost allowed him to quit. However, Prince Chen directly instructed the guards to take him to the branch and told him to get down by himself. Shao Yuanhao, who was trembling at that time, gave in at once.

Thinking of it at this moment, he found it so amusing. Now he had become sensible and knew that if he hadn't studied hard at that time, he would have been an ignorant profligate child now. At this point, Shao Yuanhao admired his cousin, Prince Chen, greatly from the bottom of his heart.

Shao Wanru only found out that Chu Liuchen made her younger brother become such a composed person after hearing her younger brother's words. Feeling a surge of inexplicable warmth in her heart, she reached out to hold Shao Yuanhao's hands with which he was pounding her legs. She looked him up and down and said with satisfaction, "You're so tall now and almost as tall as me!"

Shao Wanru had been growing very fast recently, and was more than one head taller than two years ago. Nevertheless, she still looked a little childish now. After all, she was still young and going to be fourteen years old in a few days.

"Cousin Chen said that I will grow into a very tall man in the future. I can be much taller than you. Sister, you are too short at your age!"

Shao Yuanhao said in a despondent tone.

Shao Wanru felt an itch in her teeth and wanted to clench her teeth.

She reached out to pat Shao Yuanhao's head and said reproachfully, "Why don't you outgrow me now? You're shorter than me, but talk big!"

"Sister, I'm not as old as you. I will definitely be taller than you at your age. I heard from cousin Chen that father was very tall. I don't think you can grow much in the future!" Shao Yuanhao said seriously. He kept a childish straight face, looked Shao Wanru up and down and then made a judgment.

His cousin Chen had said that his elder sister wouldn't grow much in the future. Thinking that his elder sister could even be considered short among ladies, Shao Yuanhao felt that his elder sister was so pitiful, so he immediately threw out his chest and said, "Sister, rest assured. Even if you can't grow taller, I won't despise you!"

His words made Shao Wanru laugh out loud. She reached out to pat Shao Yuanhao again and said, "How could you despise me before I despise you!"

As they talked, they felt close to each other at once, as if they had been getting along with each other in this way in the past two years. They could not help smiling into each other's eyes.

"Fifth Miss, kneel properly. Third young master, Old Madam wants to meet you!" Suddenly, a cold voice of an old maid came from the door.

Shao Wanru frowned and was about to say something, but Shao Yuanhao said before her, "Why does grandma want to meet me without my elder sister?"

"There must be someone staying in the hall, and the Fifth Miss is the suitable person," the old maid said at the door of the hall.

Shao Yuanhao wanted to say something else, but Shao Wanru reached out to stop him. She winked at him to indicate that he shouldn't talk back. Shao Yuanhao nodded with a gloomy face and said, "You can go there now. My legs are tired. I'll go there after cleaning up!"

"Okay. I'll report it to Old Madam immediately!" The old maid responded and left.

"Sister, Grandma still doesn't like you, does she?" Shao Yuanhao lowered his voice and asked discontentedly, "You come back after experiencing a hard time. Why doesn't she like you?"

It was obvious that his elder sister was more likable. Why didn't his grandma like his elder sister? Why did his grandma tell his elder sister to stay in the hall? She could ask someone to stay here in place of his elder sister. Why did she keep his elder sister here?

Shao Yuanhao was no longer the naive little boy who indulged himself in horsing around. He was very angry with his grandma's bias.

"Hao'er, don't be angry. There is nothing to be angry about. I'm not raised by her, so we are not close to each other. Hao'er, remember that you are raised by her. Don't annoy her. Try to please her. Otherwise, we may lose the things left by our parents!"

They might lose screen wall, the title of nobility, and other things that they cared about. In the last life, these things were all taken by the second branch trampling on her and her younger brother's blood...

Shao Yuanhao was still young, so Shao Wanru didn't want to make it clear. There was only a trace of coldness and rage in her eyes!

"Sister, rest assured. I understand. I won't let them climb up by trampling on us!" Shao Yuanhao clenched his teeth and said in a low voice. He stood up with the support of Shao Wanru's shoulder, and his eyes were full of calmness that was rare in his age!

## **Chapter 514 Unreasonable Shao Jie'er**

There came laughter from the side hall one after another, which could be heard in the quiet main hall. Shao Wanru could tell that Old Madam was quite delighted now. Obviously what Hao'er said made Old Madam very happy.

She lifted the corners of her delicate lips silently, showing a sarcastic smile. In the last life, Hao'er had been missing. She heard that Old Madam had tried to search him at the beginning, but after a month, Old Madam left it unsettled.

Ola Madam liked Hao'er and doted on him. However, if he were missing, he could be replaced.

Old Madam had plenty of grandchildren, so Hao'er was not that indispensable. Moreover, Shao Wanru didn't think that as the Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, she didn't know that Madam of Duke Xing purposely spoiled Hao'er by raising him in that way with ill intention!

If Old Madam really loved Hao'er, she would definitely not agree to raise him in that way!

At this moment, Shao Wanru felt glad that she had revealed her identity early in this life and sent Hao'er to her grandma.

When Shao Yuanhao came back, he came with Old Madam and the others to offer incense. This was the last time for them to offer incense in the afternoon.

After they finishing offering incense, Shao Yanru looked at the sky outside and said softly, "Fifth Brother, you can go down the mountain now. The servants sent by Rui'an Great Elder Princess are waiting outside!"

"I'm not leaving. I want to stay with Fifth Sister!" After hesitating for a moment, Shao Yuanhao looked at Shao Wanru who was still kneeling on the rush cushion and said with concern on his taut face.

Shao Wanru was going to stay up tonight, and could not go back to sleep until midnight.

"Nonsense. As a boy, you'd better go back at night." Old Madam rebuked him in displeasure.

Yuhui Nunnery basically didn't allow male guests to stay at night. After all, it was a nunnery. Shao Yuanhao was still young, but there was a rule that male and female should not be seated at the same table after turning seven years old, and he was obviously overage.

"Third Brother, you should go down the mountain. Tonight I'll take turns with Fifth Sister staying here!" Shao Yanru advised gently as usual.

"Hao'er, go down the mountain." Knowing that it was inappropriate for Shao Yuanhao to stay here, Shao Wanru said softly,

"But..." Shao Yuanhao was still dissatisfied. He pursed his lips and wanted to say something else, but was interrupted by Old Madam rudely, "Go down the mountain. Your elder brother is going down the mountain later. You two can be companions!"

Seeing that Old Madam had made up her mind, Shao Yuanhao had no choice but to agree. After bowing to Old Madam, he and Shao Hua'an went out together, followed by his servants.

"Grandma, you should also go to sleep. You have spent all afternoon here. How can you stand it?" Shao Yanru advised.

"Grandma, please go back. Big Sister, Fifth Sister and I are here!" Shao Jie'er also tried to persuade Old Madam to leave.

Old Madam looked at Shao Wanru, who was kneeling there with a pale face. Sensing Old Madam's gaze on her, she raised her head gently and said, "Grandma, you can go back now. I am here!"

"Is it okay for you to stay alone?" Old Madam looked relieved, but didn't ask Shao Yanru or Shao Jie'er to stay with her.

"Grandma, it's okay. You can go back to sleep, so can Big Sister and Second Sister. You've just come up the mountain today, and must be tired!"

Shao Wanru said in an increasingly soft voice, but there was a trace of sarcasm in her eyes. Their words were nice but empty. No one would really stay tonight.

"I'm not tired. I'll stay with Fifth Sister," Shao Yanru said and looked gentle and concerned, seeming to be sincere. As she spoke, she knelt down. Unexpectedly, as soon as she bent down, she fell on her knees heavily.

"Miss, Miss, be careful. You've hit your knees when kneeling down," a maid said and hurriedly crouched down. She gently massaged Shao Yanru's knees, while reminding her in a low voice.

"Nonsense. You shouldn't kneel down with your injury. Help the First Miss go back for a rest!" Old Madam rebuked Shao Yanru with a cold face, "You don't have to fulfill your filial duty for your eldest uncle at this time. Sincerity is all that matters. You don't have to stick to the rituals!"

So Old Madam meant that staying here didn't necessarily mean Shao Wanru was filial but only meant she was ritual. Shao Wanru sneered in her heart. Old Madam and her granddaughter were so disgusting. They made it look like they wanted to stay but had to leave.

"Big sister, big sister, let me help you go back!" Shao Jie'er rolled her eyes, pushed her way to Shao Yanru and said obsequiously. Of course she did not want to stay here until midnight. It was so tiring. She said that just now in order to maintain unity with Shao Yanru. Now that Shao Yanru was going back, she didn't have to stay here.

"Second Sister, please stay with Fifth Sister. I'll come here to accompany you after I go back and clear the bruises on my knees." Shao Yanru gently pushed Shao Jie'er away and said.

"Jie'er, stay here. Ru'er, go back for a rest. If you don't have a good rest tonight, how can you fulfill your filial duty for your eldest uncle tomorrow!" Glancing at the huge hall, Old Madam finally failed to ask Shao Wanru to stay alone. Besides, she didn't care much about Shao Jie'er who was just a concubine's daughter. It was reasonable for Shao Jie'er to stay here with Shao Wanru.

Although Old Madam didn't like Infanta Qinghua, this religious ritual was held for her son. It was good to leave one more person to stay here.

Since Old Madam had made up her mind, no one else dared to say anything else. Shao Yanru left with the support of her servants.

Watching them leave, Shao Jie'er was so angry that her face turned ashen. She glared at the back of Old Madam with hatred. Old Madam was obviously partial. According to the rules, all of the younger generations should stay here tonight. Now only she and Shao Wanru were left, which made her indignant.

But no matter how indignant she was, Shao Jie'er was very clear about her identity. She was a concubine's daughter who was unengaged. Her marriage was completely in the hands of Madam of Duke Xing. Old Madam would not interfere in the marriage of a concubine's daughter.

Thinking of this, Shao Jie'er had to restrain herself. She stared unwillingly at the backs of the group of people who had gone far away, turned back to the Hall, and collapsed on a rush cushion. She ordered the maid beside her, "Go to get me a cup of water. I'm thirsty."

The maid hurriedly turned around and brought a cup of water from the side hall. After taking a few sips, Shao Jie'er put the cup aside casually and ordered, "Where is my dinner? Hasn't it been prepared now? I am starving!"

"I'll go to inquire about it now!" the maid said and left in a hurry again.

At this moment, Pushan Nun and her two disciples had finished chanting scriptures. She handed a scroll of scriptures to Yujie and said, "Tell the Second Miss and the Fifth Miss to chant several lines of scriptures in the evening. They don't need to chant many times. Two or three times are enough!"

This was a rule, and Yujie naturally knew it. She had prepared for this kind of religious rituals a lot under the leadership of the Abbess of Jingxin Monastery. She respectfully took it and nodded.

Pushan Nun stood up and left, followed by her two disciples.

The sky outside had darkened at this moment. It was not only because it was at night, but also because it was going to rain. It was autumn, but the weather was so dull that there seemed to be a thunderstorm in the sky. The dull weather made people extremely uncomfortable.

"What a terrible weather! If I had known it earlier, I wouldn't have come up the mountain." Shao Jie'er sat on the rush cushion, squinted at Shao Wanru, and complained coldly.

Shao Wanru ignored her.

"Hey, you should stay up and I'll sleep. Wake me up when it's finished!" Seeing that Shao Wanru ignored her, Shao Jie'er said with a frown and sneered.

Shao Wanru opened the scripture Yujie handed to her, as if she didn't hear Shao Jie'er's reproach. She picked up a wooden fish and began to knock it as she chanted scriptures.

Her low voice of chanting scriptures sounded in the hall, sounding peaceful.

Shao Jie'er, however, felt that she had been neglected. She walked up to Shao Wanru, looked down at her and said with a snort, "What are you chanting? Stop chanting if you don't know how to do it!"

After saying that, she kicked the wooden fish in front of Shao Wanru and knocked it over immediately.

Although she was not favored in Duke Xing's Mansion, she was nobler than Shao Wanru who was from outside. She looked scornfully at Shao Wanru in front of her.

As a Miss from outside who was forced out of the mansion, how capable could Shao Wanru be? Shao Jie'er's mother had said that even if Shao Wanru died outside, no one in the mansion would feel sad. They would only pretend to be sad to maintain their decency.

Suddenly, Shao Jie'er felt a pain in her feet, and felt like being hit by something. she screamed in pain and fell to the ground heavily.

"Shao Wanru, bitch, what did you hit me with? I..." Shao Jie'er cursed in a sharp voice, but her voice was stuck in her throat. She looked at Shao Wanru in front of her in disbelief, froze and didn't dare to move.

In front of her throat, there was the wooden stick for knocking the wooden fish. One end of it was round, while the other end was slightly tapering but not sharp. However, when the stick was pressed against her throat, Shao Jie'er did not dare to figure out whether it was the sharp end or not.

Shao Jie'er's clothes on her chest were dragged by Shao Wanru, and the wooden stick in Shao Wanru's hand was against her throat. Shao Jie'er was older than Shao Wanru, and Shao Wanru still looked a little childish in front of her. But now Shao Jie'er did not dare to move.

Shao Jie'er felt a sharp stuff against her throat. Shao Wanru's watery eyes, which were supposed to look charming, showed a bit of rage in coldness. Shao Jie'er had never sensed the kind of blood-thirsty rage in anyone's eyes. She was so scared that she almost burst into tears.

"Fifth, Fifth Sister, we, we can have a peaceful talk. Don't threaten me with this..." Shao Jie'er stammered and her face turned pale with fear.

"Do you think I'm weak?" Shao Wanru asked softly. In the past, her voice would definitely make Shao Jie'er think she was weak. However, in the current situation, Shao Jie'er was scared out of her wits. She kept shaking her head and said in a tearful voice, "Fifth Sister, I... I didn't bully you. I... I'll stay up with you!"

As Shao Jie'er said, she felt that she was really going to cry. She had never expected that Shao Wanru would be ruthless enough to push her into the corner without saying anything.

She just wanted to vent her spleen rather than cause a murder. Moreover, she would be the murdered one. Seeing Shao Wanru's ruthless and cold eyes, she felt that she was not scaring her. She would probably be killed here!

### **Chapter 515 An Incident Happen in the Midnight**

There was no one else around, and her maid had gone away. The only maid here was Shao Wanru's maid, who was staring fiercely at her, making her not dare to move!

"Yujie, give me a hairpin!" Shao Wanru said slowly.

Yujie neatly took the only bamboo hairpin from her head. It was made by herself and much sharper than the stick that Shao Wanru used to knock the small wooden fish.

"Fifth Sister, Fifth Sister, I didn't mean to do that. I won't... I won't dare to do that again!" Shao Jie'er burst into tears and said, looking at the sharp hairpin, soaked with cold sweat.

If she had known that Shao Wanru was so fierce, she would not have acted so insolently in front of her unless she was seeking death.

"Do you mean it?" Shao Wanru asked coldly.



"Yes, yes, I mean it! I mean it... Fifth Sister, I won't dare to do that again!" Shao Jie'er almost lost control and cried out loud.

Shao Wanru didn't say anything, but just looked gloomily at Shao Jie'er. Her gaze made Shao Jie'er tremble all over with a pale face. As she felt the hairpin was removed from her neck, she was pushed away by Shao Wanru.

After the hairpin was removed from her neck and her clothes were released, Shao Jie'er rolled and crawled to the bottom of the Buddhist altar and cried sadly with one of the Buddha's legs in her arms. She was really scared. How could a girl, who looked delicate, be so ruthless and do something like this?

Yujie picked up the wooden fish that she had kicked over just now and placed it in front of Shao Wanru. After that, she neatly raised the hairpin in her hand and inserted it in her bun.

Shao Wanru ignored Shao Jie'er, who was crying sadly. She picked up the wooden fish and knocked on it slowly and rhythmically.

"Second Miss, you'd better shut up, in case of pissing off my master again." Yujie looked at Shao Jie'er coldly and said. Shao Jie'er was so scared that she stopped crying at once. She just sobbed silently and glanced at Shao Wanru from time to time, thinking that Shao Wanru was a psycho who looked like a normal gentle Miss from an aristocratic family and could turn into a fierce beast at any time.

Thinking that she had to stay here with the fierce beast in human shape till midnight, Shao Jie'er felt that she just asked for trouble by saying those hypocritical words to Shao Wanru before.

If she left after Old Madam without saying anything at that time, there wouldn't be such a thing. It really made her shudder with fear to stay with Shao Wanru now.

However, she didn't dare to leave now. She had planned to pretend to be obedient by sleeping here for a while and leaving when it was almost time. Anyway she could tell that Old Madam wouldn't inquire many details about their staying up tonight.

But now, she didn't dare to do so. She just hid aside and hoped that Shao Wanru didn't notice her.

When the maid Liuxiang came back, she saw her master holding one of the Buddha's legs and crying silently.

"Miss, Miss, what's wrong with you?" Liuxiang was shocked, hurriedly pounced on Shao Jie'er, held her in her arms and asked.

Shao Jie'er reached out to cover her mouth with her hand and stole a glance at Shao Wanru. Seeing that Shao Wanru was still chanting scriptures and did not notice her, she let out a sigh of relief and whispered, "Shut up. Do you want to disturb my eldest uncle and eldest aunt?"

"Second Miss..." Liuxiang looked at Shao Jie'er in front of her in shock, with no idea why her miss became so respectful to her nominal "Eldest Uncle" and "Eldest Aunt" in such a short time.

"Shut up!" Shao Jie'er looked at Shao Wanru secretly, while rebuking Liuxiang, for fear that Liuxiang would annoy Shao Wanru accidentally and get her into trouble.

"Miss, do you want to have dinner?" Liuxiang, who was confused, quitted thinking about it after glancing at Shao Wanru, and asked in a low voice.

"Go, go and ask the Fifth Miss if she wants to have dinner?" Shao Jie'er pushed Liuxiang and said after hesitating for a while.

She didn't dare to have dinner without waiting for Shao Wanru.

"Miss, I've just brought a set of dinner for you. I asked the kitchen to prepare it before, and it includes your favorite osmanthus cake!" Liuxiang said. She became increasingly confused, because she had always known well about her master who had always looked down on the Fifth Miss who came from outside.

Since when did her master become so considerate to the Fifth Miss?

What was more, when she left just now, her master didn't instruct her to bring the Fifth Miss's dinner at the same time. Why did her master become so enthusiastic to befriend the Fifth Miss in such a short time?

"Just do what I ask you to. Stop talking nonsense!" Shao Jie'er said with a bit of anger from embarrassment.

Liuxiang had no choice but to stand up. She walked up to Shao Wanru and said, "Fifth Miss, I've brought the dinner. Would you like to have some?"

"My master doesn't feel like having dinner now. Tell the Second Miss to have her dinner!" Yujie shook her hand to Liuxiang and said.

"Well!" Glancing at the Fifth Miss, who had ignored her, and then glancing at her master, who kept looking at her secretly in the corner, Liuxiang felt that something seemed to be wrong. The current situation was contrary to what she expected.

Seeing Shao Jie'er waving at her, Liuxiang took the food basket back.

"Put it here. I'll have dinner first. Someone will bring Fifth Sister's dinner later!" Shao Jie'er let out a sigh of relief and said. Since Shao Wanru declined to have dinner, she couldn't blame her for having dinner first.

Liuxiang nodded. She took the lid off the basket and was about to take out the dishes.

"Wait a minute. Let's move to the corner!" Shao Jie'er pulled her hand and said.

Liuxiang looked around. They were at the corner now. She didn't know where they could go.

"Go to the gate and hide behind it!" Shao Jie'er said. Now she just wanted to stay far away from Shao Wanru in case that Shao Wanru discovered her petty actions. After looking around and finding nowhere to hide, she looked up, saw the broad gate of the hall and immediately became joyful.

She wiped her tears away and led Liuxiang to walk quietly to the entrance of the hall. By hiding behind the gate, she could not only stay away from Shao Wanru, but also prevent Shao Wanru from seeing her directly.

Liuxiang walked over behind Shao Jie'er, and took out the dishes one by one. Seeing her master eating in that way, she found it increasingly strange. Her master ate quietly and didn't dare to make the lightest sound, behaving differently under ordinary circumstances.

"Miss, what's wrong with you?" Liuxiang said. She felt as if the person in front of her was not her master. Otherwise, why did her master look like a different person?

"Shut up!" Shao Jie'er lowered her voice and said angrily.

At this moment, Liuxiang really did not dare to speak and only silently looked at Shao Jie'er. After Shao Jie'er finished her dinner, she cleaned up the dishes carefully, and then saw that her master knelt on the rush cushion carefully and began to chant scriptures seriously.

Now Liuxiang was confused by her master. It was the Fifth Miss, who was the most isolated and wretched, in front of them. In the past, her master had always talked about the Fifth Miss contemptuously. Moreover, at this moment, Old Madam was absent, and so were Madam and the First Miss. There was even no one else around. Why did her master act so cautiously?

Liuxiang couldn't figure out her master's intention, so she could only take the dishes, that she had cleaned up, to the kitchen. When she came back, she saw that the Fifth Miss was having dinner.

Compared with her master, who seemed to be eating stealthily, the Fifth Miss acted much more naturally. She sat down in the chair aside and had dinner, with two maids around serving her. Although she was just having dinner, she acted naturally and gracefully, completely different from Shao Jie'er who acted stealthily just now.

Liuxiang intended to keep watching Shao Wanru, but Shao Jie'er asked her to go over and chant scriptures together.

Shao Wanru glanced at Shao Jie'er coldly. With a slight smile, she wiped her mouth with her handkerchief and asked Qu Le to return the food basket. After that, she knelt down again and began to chant scriptures.

After she chanted scriptures for a while, Yujie asked her to rest for a while and offered to chant scriptures on behalf of her. Compared with Shao Wanru, Yujie was much more fluent in chanting scriptures. Both her way of knocking the wooden fish and her voice of chanting scriptures exuded a kind of natural appeal.

Shao Wanru rested for a while. After a busy day, she was indeed tired with numb legs. She sat down sideways and reached out to pound her legs.

Seeing Shao Wanru stop chanting scriptures, Shao Jie'er also stopped at once and did the same moves, while peeking at Shao Wanru cautiously.

Shao Wanru didn't care about Shao Jie'er's peeping at all. She looked at the gate of the hall outside and frowned. When Qu Le came here just now, she had said that she hadn't met anyone on the nearby path.

Although it was dark and there seemed to be heavy rain, it was really strange that there were no nuns now. The religious rite was still going on, and some of the master's family members still stayed here. There should be one or two nuns outside to take care of them. How could there be no nun around?

Was it a coincidence that the nuns left for a while or something else?

Just in case, she had asked Qu Le to call Qing'er here. Qu Le had told her before that Qing'er had been driven out now after cleaning for an afternoon with the excuse that Shao Wanru had enough hands to clean her room.

A dull thunder suddenly struck the hall, as if exploding in a corner of the hall. Shao Jie'er, who had been peeking at Shao Wanru in a tense mood, was frightened and cried out. She trembled all over, moved aside and held Liuxiang, who was still chanting scriptures, in her arms.

Liuxiang was also scared and held Shao Jie'er in her arms.

A lamp in the hall inexplicably went out, and the entire hall became slightly dark.

"Miss!" No one knew when Yujie had stood beside Shao Wanru. She looked at the Buddha lamp, which had gone out, with a stern face. The lamp oil was used up. How could that happen? There were so many people taking care of them but forgetting to add the lamp oil.

"Miss, the lamps over there are also about to go out!" Yujie glanced at the other lamps and whispered.

There were a total of ten lamps in front of the Buddha statue. Now one of them had gone out, and nine of them were still on. Shao Wanru stood up and looked at the other nine lamps, each of which seemed to be going out. With a trace of gloom flashing in her watery eyes, she thought that someone had planned this early!

Another thunder struck the hall. Two lamps ran out of oil and went out. Shao Jie'er was so scared that she screamed again and clung to Liuxiang.

"If you don't want to die, just shut up!" Shao Wanru rebuked Shao Jie'er in a cold voice which seemed to carry the darkness of the night, making Shao Jie'er hold back her crying voice at her throat.

"Miss, I'm here!" The gate of the hall was suddenly burst open with a crash. Qing'er's petite figure appeared behind the gate, and there seemed to be a piece of clothes in her hand...

### **Chapter 516 Horror, She Only Had One Chance!**

The coat was not thick, but it was rain-proof with a hood. Yujie and Qing'er helped Shao Wanru put it on.

Meanwhile, Shao Jie'er hid in a corner and shivered, looking pitiful.

"It's not raining yet. If you want to leave, just leave now!" Shao Wanru said coldly.

Shao Jie'er was stunned at first, and then suddenly came to her senses. After glancing at the dim lamps, she pulled Liuxiang up and turned to run away. Even someone as inexperienced as her found that it was not a peaceful place.

"If anything happens, go to the east, go all the way east!" Hearing Shao Wanru's voice from behind, Shao Jie'er nodded hard, sobbed and subconsciously did as Shao Wanru told her. After getting out of the hall, she went straight to the east gate with Liuxiang.

In the east, there were actually plenty of Zen rooms where the nuns lived. There might be no one in other places, but there must be some nuns in that area.

Shao Wanru had put on the coat. "Miss, you leave first with Yujie, and I'll come after you!" Qing'er had held back the childishness in her eyes and said anxiously.

When Qu Le came back just now and told her about the situation, she knew that something terrible was going to happen. So she came here with the raincoat. However, the situation was not clear at the moment. She just hoped that her master could get her message and come here soon.

"Maybe Miss and I can hide here?" Yujie looked at the thundering sky outside and said.

"This won't do. We have to leave!" Qing'er said anxiously. The thunderclaps outside were striking. Something terrible was most likely to happen at this time.

"Let's go!" Shao Wanru nodded and said. She clenched her cold fists and immediately walked out. One of the lamps suddenly went out.

After rushing into the darkness and trying to tell the direction, Shao Wanru also headed east. The entire Yuhui Nunnery was in darkness with continuous thunders. No one knew what was going to happen. The abnormal situation in the hall made her feel that she would be in great danger today. With a trace of cold sparkle across her watery eyes, she thought, "Who did this?"

Yujie followed Shao Wanru closely to clear the way for her. Holding her with one hand, Shao Wanru couldn't see clearly in the darkness and bumped into something from time to time, but everything was blocked by Yujie.

Qing'er stayed behind. Shao Wanru calmed down and looked back. In such darkness, even someone, who was familiar with the route, might not be able to find her.

After making sure of the direction to the east, Shao Wanru continued running forward. It finally began to rain in thunders. However, with a peal of deafening thunder, a corner of the hall was on fire. It seemed that the thunder struck Yuhui Nunnery and caused the fire. The fire rose to the sky at once, and even the heavy rain couldn't put it out.

Shao Wanru stopped and turned her head to look over there. The hall with eaves curling up was obviously the one where she had stayed before. If she were still there, she probably would not be able to escape and might even have been killed, and the "fire of heaven" could cover the cause of her death.

"Miss..." Yujie also took a deep breath and said in horror.

"Let's go!" Shao Wanru crooked her cold finger, turned around and said. When she was about to go forward, she was suddenly pulled by Yujie to the back of a big tree.

There came footsteps belonging to more than one person from ahead. They heard someone say, "Keep searching. We must find her!"

The voice was low, but gloomy and cold. Although Shao Wanru was reborn in this life, she had never expected that she would fall into such a situation. She clenched her teeth and held Yujie's hand tightly. They leaned still against the wet tree, for fear of making any noise.

Someone had figured out their thought and knew that they were going to the east where there were a lot of people.

Another bolt of lightning flashed across the darkness. This time Shao Wanru clearly saw several dark figures appear at the entrance of the Moon Cave. She subconsciously clenched her fists and trembled slightly.

“Everyone, disperse to search for her and take her away immediately after finding her!” The black-clad man, who had spoken before, said again. Several dark figures dispersed, and the rest of them searched the nearby corners step by step.

One of the black-clad men was about to come to them.

“Miss, go in another direction later. I’ll go out first.” Yujie whispered in Shao Wanru’s ear. Before Shao Wanru answered, she rushed out from behind the tree and ran into the darkness.

The black-clad men who were searching, immediately noticed that and chased after Yujie one after another.

Shao Wanru’s tears fell down, mixed with the rain, and slipped into her mouth. She knew what Yujie meant. Yujie intended to distract the black-clad men’s attention and give her a way out.

It was the best time to leave, but she still leaned against the tree without moving, almost merging with the tree.

As she expected, after a long time, she saw a black-clad man appear behind a rock. After walking around for a while, he turned around and obviously went somewhere else to search for her.

Seeing the black-clad man leave, Shao Wanru let out a sigh of relief. Looking at the way she came here, she gnashed her teeth, turned around and went back to the hall. It was not safe to go anywhere at this time. Obviously these black-clad men were searching for her, and wouldn’t stop searching until they found her.

She might meet Qing’er on her way back to the hall. Since Qing’er was sent here by Chu Liuchen, she wouldn’t fall into the trap easily.

Moreover, the rising fire in the hall should have alarmed everyone in the Yuhui Nunnery. There should be some people coming to put out the fire. With other people in the hall, the black-clad men would not dare to act rashly no matter who they worked for.

Of course it was risky at the same time. If those black-clad men found her before other people, she would be in greater danger. Nevertheless, she couldn’t come up with a better idea at this moment.

She bet that those black-clad men would not recognize the coat on her at once. The raincoat was brought by Qing’er. It was somewhat dark green, which enabled her to hide herself in the dark. At first glance, it looked completely different from the plain white clothes she wore before.

In the darkness, she couldn’t tell the direction, so she went straight to the place where the fire rose. With no one around, she only heard her footsteps, accompanied by continuous thunders coming in increasingly high frequency. After the thunders, there came lightning. In the lightning and thunders, Shao Wanru’s figure could be seen from time to time.

Suddenly there came some hurried footsteps from behind her. Shao Wanru turned around in a flurry and saw a black-clad man show up behind the door behind her. When she was about to stop walking, a bolt of lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, and the two of them immediately met each other's eyes.

After the lightning flashed, Shao Wanru hurriedly hid behind the rockery at the side. She cautiously lifted the hem of her clothes and did not dare to make a sound, for fear of alarming the black-clad man.

Seeing her figure here, the black-clad man was stunned for a moment. He hurriedly turned around and walked towards Shao Wanru. He had seen clearly just now that it was a gorgeous girl who still looked delicate and charming in the pouring rain. It was the first time that he had seen such a gorgeous girl.

"Come out. I saw you!" The black-clad man stood at the intersection, where Shao Wanru had stood, and said in a cold voice.

Shao Wanru leaned against the rockery and did not dare to move. She took the sharp hairpin from her bun, pointed it at the outside, tried to calm down and thought about the possibility that the black-clad man would come over.

There were some rocks and big trees around her. In terms of searching for someone hiding here, the rockery, behind which she was hiding, was definitely the most conspicuous one. At the moment, the black-clad man seemed to have found her hiding place and walked steadily toward her.

Her heart pounded rapidly and almost jumped out of her chest. Shao Wanru tried hard to suppress her breath, for fear that the black-clad man would discover her exact location.

It was still raining heavily, which drowned part of the sounds. She crouched down and touched a stone under her feet. It seemed to be more reassuring than a hairpin. She cautiously picked up this big sharp stone and lifted it over her head, waiting quietly in the darkness, listening to the footsteps coming slowly in the darkness.

"Little beauty, come out. You can live a wealthy life with me in the future." The black-clad man stood at the opening of the rockery cautiously and said with a chuckle.

He had just taken a glimpse at the girl a moment ago, but he could tell that she was definitely a gorgeous beauty. Especially when she was in such a mess, the rain or tears on her delicate face made him feel tender toward her at first glance. At the thought of the weeping beauty who was so lovingly pathetic, the black-clad man involuntarily showed a touch of lasciviousness in his eyes.

Shao Wanru stood in the darkness and held the stone high without moving.

She did not dare to move, for fear that any carelessness would make her fall into the hands of the black-clad man.

"Little beauty, don't be afraid. I won't do anything to hurt you. I will only love you ardently. Don't worry. Just come out!" The black-clad man tried to coax her to come out again.

"Come out quickly, or it won't be easy to deal with me when I rush over later," the black-clad man said with the cold sparkle flashing in his hands. It was a knife.

Shao Wanru became increasingly nervous, and her heart was about to jump out of her throat.

The black-clad man called her a few more times, but got no answer. He immediately became impatient. It was not far from the hall on fire. If he wasted more time here, he was very likely to be discovered. The black-clad man was not afraid of being discovered, because he could kill anyone who saw him. Nevertheless, he did not want to get into more trouble.

Swaying the knife in his hand, he walked cautiously inside while saying, "Little beauty, don't hide yourself. I saw you. If you come out obediently, I can treat you well. If you dare to keep hiding, I won't be gentle to you when I find you!"

The knife was right in front of Shao Wanru and almost touched her as the black-clad man swayed it. She almost exerted all her strength to throw the stone in her hand forward subconsciously, while grasping the hairpin in the other hand.

As soon as the stone was thrown out, the black-clad man was startled. He swayed the knife in his hand to block the sharp stone, and the stone fell heavily to the ground with a loud crash.

The black-clad man stretched out the other hand with curses, grabbed Shao Wanru's clothes and pulled her into his arms. Shao Wanru staggered and struggled to free herself. The black-clad man said, "Little beauty, come here!"

Another bolt of lightning flashed and pierced through the crack in the rockery. Under the faint light, Shao Wanru bit her lower lip hard and exerted herself to stab the black-clad man with the hairpin in her hand.

Shao Wanru knew clearly that if she really fell into the hands of this black-clad man, she was really doomed!

She only had one chance...

### **Chapter 517 The Incident Became Significant!**

Shao Wanru didn't know where she had thrust in the darkness. The black-clad man screamed and suddenly fell on her. She stepped back in a hurry and her head hit the rockery beside her heavily. She felt dizzy and went limp. The hairpin in her hand had already fallen to the ground.

However, she didn't feel the sharp pain she expected, but fell into someone's arms and heard a somewhat anxious voice, "Zhuozhuo!"

She slowly let out a sigh of relief, and almost collapsed in Chu Liuchen's arms. The courage she had managed to gather turned to ashes at once!

Another bolt of lightning flashed across the sky and shone on the black-clad man lying in a pool of his own blood on the ground with a sharp dagger inserted in his back. It turned out that he was killed in a thrust with the dagger instead of being stabbed to death by her with her hairpin.

"Why, why are you here?" Shao Wanru said. She tried to keep calm, but couldn't help trembling.

"You are safe now! You are safe now!" Chu Liuchen said softly and reached out to hold her in his arms. He was tall, which enabled him to hold her petite figure in his arms tightly. At this moment, he looked at her messy clothes, parts of which had been torn. She was as wet as a drowned rat stained with dirt all over.



Although Shao Wanru was restraining herself, he could still feel that the petite girl in his arms was shivering.

He took off his cloak and wrapped Shao Wanru in it, only revealing her completely pale face. After that, he bent down and slowly walked out of the rockery with Shao Wanru in his arms.

There were several guards standing outside the rockery, and Qing'er was among them. Seeing Chu Liuchen come out with Shao Wanru in his arms, she moved forward in an attempt to take over Shao Wanru from Chu Liuchen.

"Let none survive! Kill each of them as soon as you see them!" Chu Liuchen said in a gentle voice exuding a trace of gloom and coldness in thunder.

The guards dispersed. Chu Liuchen hurried to the courtyard, where Shao Wanru had lived before, with her in his arms, followed closely by Qing'er.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess had lived in this courtyard before, and said that she would come and live here in the future, so it was empty. Chu Liuchen carried Shao Wanru into the room. Qing'er hurriedly gave Shao Wanru a bath. It was not until the warm water flowed across her skin that Shao Wanru recovered.

She gradually came to herself.

"Qing'er, has Yujie been found?" Shao Wanru asked in a hoarse voice as she grabbed the hand of Qing'er who was beside the bathtub.

"Don't worry, Miss. Yujie has been found by those sent by His Highness. She should be in the silence room over there now." Qing'er comforted her in a hurry.

If it weren't for the fact that it was inconvenient for His Highness to go there, it would be better for them to return to the silence room at this moment.

Hearing that Yujie was safe, Shao Wanru felt relieved as if a stone in her heart had fallen to the ground. She let out a sigh of relief and let Qing'er give her a bath. It was the courtyard where she had lived, so some of her clothes were left here. Qing'er got a suit of black clothes for her, and left after dressing her.

Chu Liuchen, who had freshened up, pushed the door and came in.

"Your Highness, who was behind it?" On hearing the sound from the door, Shao Wanru, who had calmed down at this moment, raised her head and asked. The black-clad man acted like he obviously did not know her, which meant that those black-clad men were not targeted at her. Moreover, she didn't offend someone else so that the one dealt with her by such malicious means.

Chu Liuchen didn't answer her, but reached out to grab her hand and rolled up her sleeve. There was a visible wound on her right arm. She didn't know it was caused by her bumping into something or her being scratched by the branches accidentally.

Chu Liuchen drew a jade bottle from his bosom, poured out some milky white liquid medicine, and applied it to her arm. As soon as the cool liquid medicine was applied to her painful wound, she felt numbness and itch. Nevertheless, it was not strong, but made her quite comfortable.

Chu Liuchen carefully applied the liquid medicine to her wound, and Shao Wanru stopped asking. She looked down and quietly watched him spread the liquid medicine hard. It was very quiet in the room, and it also became quiet outside. The lightning and thunder had gone at some point, and even the wind and rain seemed to have stopped. There came a light sound from outside. Someone was pushing the door open.

Who would come at this moment?

Did Qing'er just go out?

There came light and cautious footsteps from outside. It was not Qing'er, but seemed to be someone sneaking into this place. Shao Wanru looked up at Chu Liuchen, but he seemed to have not heard it, and continued applying the liquid medicine to her wound. Since even she could hear it, how could he fail to hear it?

After finishing applying the liquid medicine, Chu Liuchen turned down her sleeve, picked up the handkerchief Shao Wanru put on the table and wiped his hand with it. He then helped Shao Wanru stand up and walked to the door with her in his arms. As he opened the door, several black-clad men looked at them in astonishment.

The handsome young man and the gorgeous girl stood quietly at the door like an adorable couple. They looked so calm as if they didn't know what a dangerous situation they were in at the moment.

Chu Liuchen lifted the corners of his mouth and put his hands together. Shao Wanru fell into his arms. With her head pressed against his chest, she heard Chu Liuchen said calmly in a gentle voice, "Leave none alive!"

After she heard a few heartrending screams, it became silent again.

Shao Wanru moved and pushed Chu Liuchen away. She turned her head and looked at the courtyard only to find those black-clad men, who stood there just now, had been killed on the spot.

"Are you afraid?" Chu Liuchen said in a voice as gentle as ever, as if the bloody scene of slaughter in front was not created by him.

"Is it useful to be afraid?" Shao Wanru pulled the edge of his robe hard, lifted the corners of her completely pale lips and said slowly with a sarcastic smile.

Was it useful to be afraid? Of course it was useless. In the last life, she had lived in fear and self-abasement, but ended up with a tragedy.

"Of course it's useless." Chu Liuchen quietly took a few glances at her and suddenly smiled. He took her hand and slowly walked down the steps. The rain had stopped. They looked up into the distance and saw that the fire in the hall seemed to have gone out. There came the sounds of plenty of people. It looked like everyone, who had seen the fire, headed there.

Walking up to a black-clad man, Chu Liuchen put down her hand, stretched out his leg to kick the dead black-clad man and said with coldness in his eyes, "Find out who they work for and see if the one is still there."

His words were vague, Shao Wanru did not understand what he meant, but a guard behind him did. The guard immediately answered and crouched down to check the bodies.

He checked the bodies one by one.

“Dump these bodies in different places!” After the guard finished checking all the bodies, Chu Liuchen said gloomily.

A few more guards came over, carried the bodies of the black-clad men out and disappeared in the dark night. The two guards left behind began to clean up the courtyard quickly.

“Your Highness, please go back quickly!” Shao Wanru, who had calmed down at this moment, bit her lip and said. It was extremely inappropriate for Chu Liuchen to stay at this time.

“I will send you to the silence room before leaving!” Chu Liuchen said. He reached out to hold Shao Wanru in his arms and jumped directly on the wall. After determining the direction, he rapidly headed for Shao Wanru’s silence room.

When they were close to the silence room, he jumped off the wall, pointed at the path in front and said, “Get in, and I’ll leave!”

Glancing at the courtyard door not far away, Shao Wanru nodded. Now it was not the time to talk over the matter. She lifted her dress at once and ran to the door of the courtyard. She ran so fast that the mud on the wet ground was splattered and stained the black clothes that she had just changed into.

Qing’er ran out from somewhere and followed her closely. With her clothes also stained with mud, she looked in a mess.

She knocked hard on the door. Qu Le came to open the door in a hurry. Seeing that it was Shao Wanru and Qing’er, she let out a sigh of relief, went limp with her hand on the wall and almost fell down. Fortunately, her master was safe! Fortunately, her master was safe!

In the corridor, Shao Yanru looked coldly at Shao Wanru and Qing’er, who were in a mess, with a trace of maliciousness across her eyes. She went back to her room quietly. Strictly speaking, what had happened tonight had nothing to do with her. She didn’t ask someone to do it, and it was not done by someone in return for her kindness.

Although she had secretly informed some people, it had nothing to do with her. She had just implicitly told them what she knew!

Shao Wanru was so lucky that she was safe and sound despite being mistaken for the scapegoat. At the thought of this, Shao Yanru felt uncomfortable. How could Shao Wanru survive? Or even if she survived, she should be kidnapped. Those people were so blind that they let go of such a little beauty...

Chu Liuchen watched Shao Wanru enter the yard and Qu Le close the door before he turned around. His eyes became fluid and gentle again, showing a bit of nobleness and indifference, as if he was enjoying the scenery leisurely in the garden of his mansion.

“Set fire to some of the houses on the other side of the high wall in case that the main hall is the only building burned in the fire!” Chu Liuchen said with a slight smile and reached out to pick a leaf beside his hand.

The guard behind him hesitated for a moment and said uneasily, "The previous emperor's imperial concubines live there..." They couldn't burn the place at will, or it might cause earthshaking trouble.

"It doesn't matter. More decedents and more buildings burned in this fire could attract more attention!" Chu Liuchen said with an increasingly gentle smile. He stared at the high wall not far away and lifted the corners of his pale lips. Some people wanted to get out, while some wanted to get in. In this case, he would make them more conspicuous!

Since he felt worried about leaving her here, he would just expose what the black-clad men had done and confront the one behind it!

The fire suddenly breaking out in Yuhui Nunnery shocked the whole capital city. Something terrible happened in Yuhui Nunnery not long ago. Unexpectedly now there came a disaster right after the departure of the officials of the Ministry of Justice, and it was even more terrible than what had happened before. Not only a few Buddhist halls but also some of the residences of the former emperor's imperial concubines were burned down.

Numerous people were killed in the fire, including some nuns, pilgrims and some black-clad men who showed up there for some unknown reason.

Most of the decedents were the black-clad men whose bodies were in different places, but most of their bodies were in the residences of the former emperor's imperial concubines on the other side of the high wall.

Not only the entire capital but also the entire imperial court was shocked. Everyone was wondering if these black-clad men's showing up there had something to do with the previous emperor's imperial concubines. However, they were just some useless imperial concubines. Who could not bear their existence? Could it be the emperor high above them?

It made many people, who secretly thought about it, not dare to continue thinking. They only smelled something fishy behind it!

Early in the next morning, the officials of the Ministry of Justice led some guards to rush into the Yuhui Nunnery. They interrogated everyone with various questions and cleaned up and checked all the bodies, which was stricter than last time...

### **Chapter 518 A Premeditated Invitation**

Shao Wanru was also summoned for several detailed interrogations, but she only claimed that she survived by hiding at that time.

When Shao Jie'er left, she was still there. Shao Jie'er told the truth, but only said that after the lamps in the hall went out, she felt that something went wrong and ran away before Shao Wanru and her two maids.

Shao Jie'er was very lucky. She ran away first at high speed so that she met a nun of the Yuhui Nunnery when the main hall was on fire. After that, she hid in the nun's courtyard directly. Although she had been frightened and fallen several times, she was still very lucky.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess also came up the mountain to accompany Shao Wanru, for fear that her granddaughter would be frightened. Meanwhile, Old Madam hurried down the mountain with the excuse of being frightened.

Shao Jie'er and others also went down the mountain. Only Shao Yanru stayed with the excuse of assisting Shao Wanru in taking charge of the religious rite.

The religious rite was finished in a hurry in the following two days. Pushan Nun was also frightened on that day. It was said that a black-clad man broke into her Zen room and stabbed her in the arm. So she was unable to continue holding the religious rite and instructed her two disciples to take her place in the rite.

The entire Yuhui Nunnery was strictly guarded. Except for Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and her companions, no one was allowed to go down the mountain. The Yuhui Nunnery stopped accepting any engagement, and the ceremonies, which were still in progress, were finished in a hurry.

The fire suddenly breaking out in the hall was supposed to be caused by lightning and thunder that day. Regarding the fact told by Shao Jie'er that the lamps suddenly went out one after another, of course there was a reason for it. It must be the strong wind in the rainy day that blew out the dim lamps.

Of course, Shao Wanru did not agree on this point, but she acquiesced to it at the moment.

Plenty of officials of the Ministry of Justice came and lived in the simple bamboo shed temporarily set up outside the Yuhui Nunnery. The members of the Yuhui Nunnery were all female. Among them, there were some nuns with different identities. In addition, most of the pilgrims were female. Thus, it was inconvenient for the officials of the Ministry of Justice to live in the Yuhui Nunnery directly.

The officials repeatedly asked those in the Yuhui Nunnery some questions they had asked, except for some people whose high status made it inconvenient for the officials to summon them for interrogation too often.

Yujie, Qu Le and Qing'er had also been summoned three or four times. During the rest of the time, they cultivated in the silence room with Shao Wanru.

The entire Yuhui Nunnery was sealed strictly.

No one knew when there was another rumor in the capital city that there was another son of the former emperor in the Yuhui Nunnery and he was related to one of the former emperor's imperial concubines. It was said that the former emperor had another son besides Prince Chen. At that time, an imperial concubine was also pregnant and her son seemed to be a few months younger than Prince Chen.

It was only because the birth mother of Prince Chen was the former Empress that he survived. The imperial concubine was not so lucky. Later, she gave birth to a son and secretly sent him out of the imperial palace. After that, she was sent to the Yuhui Nunnery for self-cultivation as an imperial concubine with no child.

The son of the deceased emperor, who had been sent out of the imperial palace secretly at that time, called some people loyal to the deceased emperor together and intended to go to the Yuhui Nunnery to save his mother and thus to result in the tragedy in the Yuhui Nunnery.

Meanwhile, there was another saying that it was done by the reviving supporters of the previous dynasty. They had started a rebellion a few years ago and almost succeeded. This time they staged a comeback.

This statement had convinced some people because of the rebellion before.

It was quite chaotic outside, while the courtyard, where Shao Yanru and Shao Wanru lived, was quiet. Some officials came here from time to time to inquire about something. Except for this, the two of them spent the rest of their time cultivating in seclusion in the courtyard with their maids.

"Miss, the First Miss is here!" Qu Le came in to report.

Shao Wanru and Shao Yanru lived in the same courtyard, but they basically lived in their respective rooms and seldom went out. Rui'an Great Elder Princess came to visit Shao Wanru from time to time. Meanwhile, with no one coming to visit her, Shao Yanru had to stay in her room all day. It was said that she was also frightened and in poor health.

"Let her in!" She said with a smile, rolling her watery eyes. Her grandma was still here just now, and Shao Yanru happened to come here right after her grandma left.

Shao Yanru came in, looking a little pale and frail.

Shao Wanru stood up to greet her. After that, they sat down casually on the mat with legs crossed, and Yujie served tea.

"Big Sister, how are you?" Shao Wanru looked at Shao Yanru, who looked out of spirits, and asked.

"Thank you for your concern, Fifth Sister. I'm... fine!" Shao Yanru said in a hoarse voice, reaching out to rub her forehead. She looked out of spirits anyway.

"Big Sister, since you are in poor health, you should go down the mountain first. Now my parents' religious rite has finished, so you don't need to stay here. You'd better go down the mountain and see a doctor!" Shao Wanru said softly.

"Grandma went down the mountain because the Ministry of Justice did our mansion a favor. If I want to go down the mountain now, I'll have to talk it over with them. I'm too embarrassed to do that," Shao Yanru said. She shook her head, raised her delicate face, and forced a gentle smile. "I'm fine. I'll stay here and chant scriptures with you!"

She glanced at the scripture in front of the mat. There was a wooden fish beside the scripture. She knew at a glance that Shao Wanru had been knocking on the wooden fish and chanting scriptures here. Shao Yanru could hear it from time to time in her room.

She reached out and asked, "What scripture are you chanting, sister?"

Shao Wanru said with a gentle smile, "Nothing special. It's just about releasing souls from purgatory. I got it from Huiming Nun!"

Shao Yanru picked it up and flipped through it. Feeling bored, she put it down and said, "It is a fine day today. Would you like to go out for a walk with me, Fifth Sister?"

After thunder and lightning that day, the heat seemed to be subsiding. These days, it was not so hot even in the daytime. In particular, there was mountain wind on the mountain. It was indeed a good time to have a walk.

"Big Sister, the Ministry of Justice doesn't allow us to walk around!" Shao Wanru shook her head and declined.

The only person, who could walk around the nunnery at will now, should be Rui'an Great Elder Princess, and it was because of her identity. Thinking of this, she suddenly realized something with her shimmery eyes becoming deep.

"We won't go far. Let's take a walk over there. The scenery over there is fine." Shao Yanru suggested and reached out to rub her forehead, looking quite uncomfortable.

"Okay, let's go for a walk!" Shao Wanru agreed after thinking for a while despite her reluctance.

They each led a maid to walk towards the entrance of the courtyard.

There was no one around the door of the courtyard, but they saw someone dressed in the robe of the Ministry of Justice in the distance. Seeing the two Misses of Duke Xing's Mansion come out, the one immediately disappeared. He probably went to report it.

They walked along the path casually and came to the place where Chu Liuxin met several Misses during his blind date. It was scenic here indeed. They could see mountains and rivers, as well as a few clusters of weeds growing wildly through the stones which were more natural and scattered than those planted in the mansions.

"Big Sister, let's stop here. The guards of the Ministry of Justice will definitely come to stop us if we go any further!" Shao Wanru stood still, looked up and said. Above them, it was a cliff. With luxuriant trees on the mountain, it was a great place to enjoy the view.

"It's okay. We won't go any further and just walk around. Besides, Great Elder Princess is still here, so the Ministry of Justice will definitely not go hard with you." Shao Yanru also looked up at the small mountain above her, narrowed her eyes, and said casually.

"Okay, we'd better stay here, lest others consider that I rely on my grandma's power!" Shao Wanru said. She shook her head and walked to an octagonal pavilion on the side.

Yujie quickened her pace to get into the pavilion, and stepped aside after wiping the fence on one side. Shao Wanru came in and sat down, leaning against the fence.

Glancing at Shao Yanru's countenance, Shuqi hurriedly came over and wiped the fence on the other side. After that, Shao Yanru also sat down.

"We won't go far, but just divert ourselves by having a walk. If you don't want to rely on Great Elder Princess's power, I'll talk it over with Her Highness," Shao Yanru said amiably with a smile.

Shao Wanru sneered in her heart. It made no difference whether Shao Yanru or she talked it over with her grandma. Since they were cousins and her grandma was the only person they could rely on at the moment, others would consider that they did that with her grandma's support even if they said nothing to her grandma. Now even the abbess of the Yuhui Nunnery was under watch and barely came out.

Meanwhile, if they walked around at will with her grandma as their backing, what would others think of her grandma?

Although her grandma was of noble status, her grandma had little power.

Shao Wanru shook her head and refused in a soft voice, "You don't need to do that. Let's sit here for a while. I've been tired recently."

As she said, she also reached out to rub her forehead. Yujie neatly came over, stood beside her and reached out to massage her forehead.

Shao Wanru stopped talking and closed her eyes, quietly enjoying the massage of the acupuncture points on her forehead given by Yujie. At the moment, it became quiet in the pavilion.

Seeing Shao Wanru quietly enjoy the massage given by Yujie, Shao Yanru showed a bit restlessness in her eyes, but instantly hid it and said, "Fifth Sister, let me help you!"

As she spoke, she stood up and intended to take Yujie's place and give Shao Wanru a massage.

Shao Wanru suddenly opened her eyes, waved her hand and said, "How can I trouble you to do that? Big Sister, I am really tired and have to go back for a rest. If you have enough energy, you can stay here and enjoy the view."

She meant that she was going to leave Shao Yanru alone.

"Fifth Sister, please stay with me for another while. It is inconvenient for me to stay here alone!" Shao Yanru sat down and pleaded in a low voice.

The members of the Yuhui Nunnery were originally all female. At that time, it was okay for her to stay here alone. But now the male officials of the Ministry of Justice were everywhere. So it was better indeed to enjoy the view with others than to do it alone.

"Big Sister, I'm really sorry. I'm so uncomfortable that I couldn't stay with you!" Shao Wanru stood up, bowed sideways to Shao Yanru and said. After that, she turned around and returned by the way they came with Yujie without watching Shao Yanru's countenance.

Behind her, Shao Yanru was so angry that her face turned pale. If it were not for the fact that she had always done a better job in restraining herself, she would almost walk over and hold on to Shao Wanru.

"Miss..." Shuqi said in a low voice behind her. She was asking about what they should do next!

Shao Yanru suppressed the annoyance in her eyes and clenched her fists. After that, she put down her fists slightly, stood up and went back behind Shao Wanru.

Without Shao Wanru, what was the point of staying here?

An official from the Ministry of Justice hurried over from a small path not far away, followed by the one who was sent to guard Shao Yanru and Shao Wanru's courtyard by the Ministry of Justice and had seen them got out of the courtyard for a walk...

## **Chapter 519 A Private Letter Sent by a Friend to the Mountain**



Although Shao Wanru left first, she walked slowly. Shao Yanru, who left after her, caught up with her in a few steps and said that she also felt a little uncomfortable and wanted to go back with Shao Wanru.

Thus, the two of them walked slowly while chatting. After walking for a short distance, they suddenly heard a voice from behind, "Misses, please stay for a while!"

Shao Wanru and Shao Yanru exchanged glances and turned around in confusion.

They had seen the guard of the Ministry of Justice outside their courtyard when going out. At the moment, the guard was standing behind an impressive young man in his twenties.

"Are you the Misses of Duke Xing's Mansion?" The young man stepped forward, and asked after saluting with joined hands.

Shao Wanru took a step back. Shao Yanru was the older one, so she should do the talking at this moment.

"We are from Duke Xing's Mansion. May I ask why you are here?" Shao Yanru measured the young man, who looked quite impressive, with the eye and asked.

"That's good. That's good. I have a letter entrusted by someone and want to give it to the Fifth Miss Shao." The young man took out a letter from his sleeve, handed it over and said with a smile.

Shao Wanru raised her watery eyes in surprise and looked at the man in front of her. She was sure that she did not know him.

"Since you have a letter for my master, why do you wait for my master here instead of sending it over directly?" Yujie stepped forward to stand in front of Shao Wanru and asked.

She was taller than Shao Wanru, so she completely blocked Shao Wanru.

"I intended to send it to your courtyard. However, my friend, that asked me to deliver the letter, said that I must deliver the letter to the Fifth Miss Shao or at least I should watch the Fifth Miss Shao receive the letter with my own eyes. In order to merit my friend's trust, I have to make bold to stop the Fifth Miss Shao when you go out!"

The young man said with a smile and intended to look across Yujie's shoulders. The girl behind her seemed to be the Fifth Miss Shao, while the other girl of heavenly beauty in front of him was definitely the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion who was known as the first beauty in the capital city. She was gorgeous and impressive as he expected.

As a child from a noble family in the capital city, he was naturally well-mannered. So he didn't look sidelong at the two Misses when saluting with joined hands. Now he wanted to have a look at the Fifth Miss Shao, Yujie had stood in front of her.

Nevertheless, he did not care about whether he could see the Fifth Miss Shao or not. He was just amazed by the beauty of the First Miss Shao who was incomparable with any other ladies he had met. It was said that the First Miss Shao had not been engaged. At the thought of this, he felt his heart palpitating with excitement.

Yujie didn't accept the letter, but asked, "Friend? Who is your friend?"

Shao Wanru tilted her head behind Yujie to glance at the young man in front and saw that Shao Yanru had attracted all his attention. Although he was talking to Yujie, he stole a glance at Shao Yanru from time to time with a slightly blushed face.

“The Fifth Miss will understand after reading the letter!” Although he was displeased that a maid dared to ask him reproachfully, it was inconvenient to rebuke her in front of the beauty he liked. He just said with slight displeasure, “It is said to be a very important thing related to the Fifth Miss’s safety. She will get it after reading the letter carefully!”

After saying that, he stretched out his hand impatiently, motioning for Yujie to take it.

Compared with the Fifth Miss Shao who seemed to have an affair with a man, now he was more willing to talk to the First Miss Shao. In the past, he had only heard about her, but now he met her face to face. Knowing her by her reputation was not as good as meeting her in person. Her beauty was beyond his imagination. She was as pretty as jade and fascinatingly delicate indeed.

“I’m afraid you have made a mistake. I don’t know your friend and won’t accept your letter. Please return the letter to your friend!”

Shao Wanru said lightly.

“Fifth Miss, how is it possible that you don’t know him? You two have grown up together and could be considered...” With his mind occupied by Shao Yanru at the moment, the young man was not in the mood to deal with Shao Wanru’s response, so he said impatiently.

“How dare you! Who sent you to tarnish my reputation?” Shao Wanru shouted harshly.

As soon as she said that, the young man immediately realized that he had made an indiscreet remark. When he intended to apologize, he heard Shao Wanru say coldly, “If you intend to deliver a letter, just turn to my grandma. She will give me the letter if she does not think that someone intends to set me up with it.”

After saying that, she turned around and left. Yujie looked at the young man with her hands on her hips and said, “Hey, who intends to set up my master? If Great Elder Princess finds out the person, she will definitely teach him a lesson!”

After that, she turned and left with Shao Wanru.

“Oh, I didn’t mean it. I’m really entrusted by someone...” The young man was anxious and said loudly. He intended to stop Shao Wanru, but unexpectedly Yujie turned her head and gave him a fierce look.

“Is this letter for... Fifth Sister?” With a sparkle in her eyes, Shao Yanru asked curiously.

“Big Sister, if you accept the letter, I will think that you also want to set me up!” There suddenly came Shao Wanru’s voice from ahead with a bit of piercing coldness.

After saying that, she turned at the path and disappeared with Yujie.

“Miss, why does the Fifth Miss do this again...” Shuqi felt indignant for Shao Yanru and said. She realized that someone else was around halfway through her words, and hurriedly minced her words.

"Again?" the young man said and seemed to have realized something, looking at Shao Yanru with some pity in his eyes. He did not expect that the First Miss Shao would be bullied by her younger sister. She was so pitiful.

Thinking back of what the Fifth Miss Shao said just now, he felt furious. He heard that the Fifth Miss Shao was raised outside of the capital. She was indeed ill-mannered and unable to tell his kindness so that she said that he intended to set her up. It was nonsense. He just intended to give her the letter his friend entrusted to him.

"Stop talking nonsense!" Shao Yanru rebuked in a soft voice.

Shuqi looked aggrieved, but did not dare to say anything else and looked very well-behaved, which left a better impression on the young man.

"Is this letter really for Fifth Sister?" Shao Yanru turned to the young man and asked hesitantly.

The young man pinched the envelope in his hand. It was inappropriate for him to give it or keep it at this moment, so he said in embarrassment, "It's for the Fifth Miss. An old friend of the Fifth Miss entrusted me to give it to her. For fear that the letter would be lost, he specially asked me to give it to the Fifth Miss personally. I didn't expect that the Fifth Miss would misunderstand it. First Miss, what do you think..."

"I dare not accept this letter. Otherwise, my fifth sister will blame me!" Shao Yanru shook her head and said helplessly. She could have accepted it, but what Shao Wanru said just now made her unable to intervene in it. She did not expect Shao Wanru to be so vigilant.

"But this letter..." the young man said reluctantly. He had struck his chest and promised it. He knew someone of the Ministry of Justice guarding in the Yuhui Nunnery, which made it convenient for him to meet the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion, who couldn't go out easily in the Yuhui Nunnery. Unexpectedly, the Fifth Miss avoided him as if avoiding a snake. Could it be possible that she had an affair with Qi Tianyu as he expected?

"I can do nothing about it. It's up to you!" Shao Yanru bowed sideways and said softly. Her impressive appearance and polished manners totally fascinated the young man. He was in a daze, only thinking that the First Miss Shao in front of him indeed had both a beautiful face and a beautiful soul.

Seeing that she was about to leave, he subconsciously took two steps forward and said, "First Miss Shao..."

Shao Yanru stopped, turned around and asked with a smile, "What else can I do for you, Sir?"

"Uh..." The young man blushed in embarrassment and could not even speak. He did not know why he called her. Hearing her question at the moment, he looked very embarrassed.

"May I ask who asked you to deliver the letter?" Watching his embarrassed look, Shao Yanru smiled softly and seemed to just ask a random question to help him out of the predicament.

"Qi Tianyu, the third scholar in the last imperial examination." The young man, who felt that the First Miss Shao in front of him had a pure heart and spirit, answered hurriedly.

"The third scholar?" Shao Yanru said, seeming to be a little interested.

"Yes, he is. I heard that he grew up with the Fifth Miss Shao. Knowing that the Fifth Miss Shao gets stuck in the Yuhui Nunnery, he asked me to deliver a letter to her."

The young man waved the letter in his hand and said helplessly.

He actually did it out of kindness. Because he had been rebuked just now, he had to describe them as friends growing up together instead of childhood sweethearts.

"Fifth Sister indeed grew up in Jiangzhou. Thank you for your trouble!" Shao Yanru acted decently as she always did. She bowed to the young man again, and then turned around and left slowly.

This time, the young man did not dare to stop her. He just watched Shao Yanru leaving affectionately and thought that the First Miss Shao was so perfect that if any man could marry her, the man couldn't be more satisfied with his life...

Not long after Shao Wanru returned to the silence room, Shao Yanru also came back and got into the silence room. She asked Shuqi to go back to her room to clean up, and said that her room was somewhat out of order after a long time of her absence and Shuqi had spent her spare time cleaning her room,

"Fifth Sister, I just asked the man, and he said that the letter is from Qi Tianyu, the third scholar. Is he the elder brother of Sister Rongzhi?" Shao Yanru took the teacup from Yujie, and asked curiously after taking a sip.

Shao Wanru looked up at her and saw an exaggerated smile on her face. She raised the corners of her mouth to show a sarcastic smile and said, "When we were in Jiangzhou, he and the First Miss Qin had once been engaged. Later, the First Miss Qin intended to marry into Duke Yong's Mansion, so she and her mother, Madam Di, attempted to make me marry him with a trick. When we left Jiangzhou later, the First Young Master of the Qi Family shifted the blame onto me and claimed to bear life long grudges against me!"

"Big Sister, do you think it's normal for someone bearing life long grudges against me to give me a letter to show his concern for me?"

"Life long grudges?" Shao Yanru was stunned for a moment and said. She really didn't expect this answer, because Qi Tianyu had never mentioned it.

"Yes, life long grudges!" Shao Wanru looked at Shao Yanru with a slight smile and said lazily, as if she was talking about someone else's business.

With her face changing slightly, Shao Yanru said indignantly, "Who does he think he is? How dare he say that!"

"Perhaps he thinks that I have a different identity now or he can take advantage of me. Of course, it is also possible that someone intends to take advantage of him to tarnish my reputation. Big Sister, you know numerous people in the capital city. Who do you think is most likely to set me up? I have been living a secluded life on the mountain with just a few acquaintances around since I was recognized as the Fifth Miss of our mansion!" Shao Wanru asked with a faint smile.

"This... is really hard to say. Since this man surnamed Qi has an evil intent, we should just lead some servants to go to take the letter and ruin it, lest your reputation be involved." Shao Yanru felt indignant for Shao Wanru and said.

"Go there directly to ask for it?" Shao Wanru raised her eyebrows and asked.

"No, it will attract much attention." Shao Yanru shook her head and said.

"What do you mean, big sister?" Shao Wanru gave a perfect answer.

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"It's too conspicuous to ask for it directly. Fifth Sister, how about..." Shao Yanru looked a little hesitant and said, as if she really had no idea at the moment.

Shao Wanru looked at her with a straight face and clear eyes, waiting for her suggestion.

"Why don't you ask him to come here for a secret meeting and make it clear that you've broken off with him, lest he send you this kind of ambiguous letter and make others misunderstand the relationship between you. I think the man from the Ministry of Justice seemed to be suspicious of the relationship between you and the First Young Master Qi." Shao Yanru said seriously, "Of course, it's inappropriate for you to go alone. I'll go with you. In this case, even if you are seen by others, they won't consider that you meet a man in secret."

Her words were extremely stern and just, and she had even figured out how to explain for Shao Wanru if the secret meeting was discovered by others. She was well considered in every aspect.

If Shao Wanru was really an ignorant girl who had always stayed in her boudoir, she would probably be deceived this time.

Shao Yanru intended to accompany her to meet Qi Tianyu. By the time they met, Qi Tianyu and Shao Yanru could claim that she intended to use Shao Yanru to cover for the secret meeting between her and Qi Tianyu, so she deliberately asked Shao Yanru to go out with her and then left Shao Yanru aside and had a secret date with Qi Tianyu. In this case, her reputation would be ruined.

The same thing could be described as totally different from different angles.

"Big Sister, I have nothing to talk with him. Anyway I don't care about bearing life long grudges against him!" After thinking for a while, Shao Wanru declined with a smile. She curled her lip slightly and said, "Although he has taken the third place in the imperial exam, so what? With my grandma as my backing, I'm not afraid of him. Besides, it's rare for a lady in the inner courtyard to meet a man in the outer courtyard."

She showed obvious contempt in her words.

"This, this is not very good! After all, you two grew up together. He might have been deceived at that time. Now everyone in the capital city knows what the First Miss Qin has done in Jiangzhou. If the First Young Master of the Qi Family is still rational, he certainly will not blame you. He probably intends to send you the letter to show his concern for you and his regret for what happened in the past!"

Shao Yanru wiped the corners of her mouth with a handkerchief and said with concern, "But no matter what he means, he is a unrelated man with nothing to do with you now. He should avoid doing anything that may arouse suspicion, such as sending you a letter or anything else. You are not in Jiangzhou. If there come some gossips, it will be detrimental to your reputation! You'd better make it clear to him as soon as possible!"

"Should I ask him to come up the mountain and talk it over with him?" Shao Wanru said. She fell silent for a long while this time, because she seemed to find it hard to make a decision at the moment.

"Of course you should ask him to come up the mountain and talk it over with him. What happened in Jiangzhou is all over, and the fact has been exposed to the world. Speaking of which, the Young Master Qi and you are both victims. After talking it over, you should go your own way and never contact each other again."

Shao Yanru said with increasingly sincere eyes and a gentle look, "A man may not know how important a girl's reputation is, but Fifth Sister, you and I definitely know it! Your current identity makes it inappropriate for you to keep up a correspondence with any other man. I did intend to accept the letter for you, but I found it inappropriate after thinking about it later. If I accept it, it may cause misunderstanding."

Every word she said seemed to show her concern for Shao Wanru, as if she was really a good elder sister who set her mind on taking care of her younger sister for fear that her younger sister would go the wrong way. Any younger sister would be moved on hearing her words. Shao Wanru had said something harsh when preventing her from accepting the letter in front of the door. As the elder sister, she not only did not mind it, but also offered advice.

She did deserve the best reputation among the Misses in the capital city.

"Okay, I'll do as you told me, Big Sister!" Shao Wanru said without hesitating too much this time. Since Shao Yanru said such sincere words, it would be a little unapproachable for her to refuse again.

"Fifth Sister, would you like to make the appointment for your meeting, or would you like me to send someone to tell the official of the Ministry of Justice about it?" Shao Yanru asked.

"I have to trouble you, Big Sister!" Shao Wanru thought for a moment and said.

"No problem. You don't need to mention it, since we are sisters. After going back, I'll instruct Shuqi to tell the man to bring the First Young Master Qi to come up the mountain tonight. Is that okay?" Shao Yanru said with a smile, as if she was unaware that she might be suspected if she sent her maid to make the appointment.

She seemed like a good elder sister who had never doubted her younger sister and even disregarded the fact that her reputation might be tarnished!

If it were not for the fact that Shao Wanru had died from her false accusation in the last life, she might have been deceived by her hypocritical look.

"Thank you, Big Sister!" Shao Wanru said, showing her trust in Shao Yanru at the moment.

Of course, Shao Yanru didn't gain Shao Wanru's trust unconditionally, but earned it through hard work, which made Shao Yanru consider it increasingly convincing.

Shao Wanru was just a little girl raised on the mountain and almost as mentally mature as two years ago when she came up the mountain at the age of eleven. Shao Yanru had every reason to believe that if it were not for Rui'an Great Elder Princess's instructions, Shao Wanru would be nothing. It was inconvenient for Shao Wanru to tell Rui'an Great Elder Princess about this kind of thing, which happened to make it convenient for her to carry out her plan.

Shao Yanru went back and instructed her maid to go out to make the appointment. Shao Wanru stood up, walked to the desk in front of the window and lifted the white gauze under which there was an unfinished picture. She picked up the writing brush on the inkstone, looked out of the window and added a few strokes.

"Miss, why did the First Miss agree to send her maid to make the appointment? If it's found out by others, how can she explain it?" Yujie came in with a cup of fresh tea, placed it at a corner of the desk and stepped aside, while involuntarily asking.

"Who saw her maid go to make the appointment?" Shao Wanru said casually and added another stroke.

"With so many people in the Yuhui Nunnery now, there must be some of them seeing her maid make the appointment," Yujie answered. There were not too many nuns in the Yuhui Nunnery, so it would not necessarily be seen. But now, besides the nuns in the Yuhui Nunnery, the officials of the Ministry of Justice were also here, digging deep in an attempt to find out the criminals. So it was impossible for them not to keep an eye on every suspicious or unsuspicious person.

"Even if it's seen by others, so what? The maid can claim that she does it for me. With Qi Tianyu's testimony, they can make it more convincing!" Shao Wanru put down the writing brush and took a few steps away to look at her painting.

They could make Shao Wanru take the blame, as long as Qi Tianyu claimed that Shao Wanru deliberately asked Shao Yanru's maid to make the appointment on her behalf and gave the maid a large-amount note after that.

"The First Young Master of the Qi Family and the First Miss Shao know each other?" Yujie asked in shock.

"How could they not know each other? Now Qi Rongzhi could be considered Shao Yanru's younger sister. How could they not know each other?" Shao Wanru walked back to the desk and added a few strokes to the part which she considered a little too empty just now, thus making the painting fuller as a whole.

A person's testimony might not be convincing enough, but what about the testimony of the two of them? Moreover, there would inevitably be plenty of people seeing her meet Qi Tianyu. Fact spoke louder than words.

"Miss, why don't you let me go to make the appointment? Moreover, I can ask the officer of the Ministry of Justice to prove that you make the appointment for meeting the First Young Master Qi just in

order to make it clear to him that he should stop sending you any letter,” Yujie said with a little anxiety. She was extremely unwilling to see Shao Wanru get involved in anything related to Qi Tianyu.

“It’s useless!” Shao Wanru said with a sweet smile. She could tell that the young man from the Ministry of Justice was unreliable from his obsession with Shao Yanru.

“Neither is feasible. What should we do? No, Miss, you can’t go to meet the First Young Master of the Qi Family,” Yujie said anxiously with her head covered with sweat.

This kind of thing would disgrace any Miss, not to mention that Shao Wanru was still observing mourning for her parents on the mountain. By the time her secret meeting with Qi Tianyu was discovered, the three years she had spent on the mountain would lead to nothing. her reputation would be ruined, and she would be blamed for meeting a man in secret. What was more, in such a complicated situation on the mountain now, she might get involved in something else.

Shao Wanru tilted her head to look at Yujie’s nervous face, and put down the writing brush with a sweet smile.

“Miss, you are still smiling in such a situation. This matter can’t be underestimated,” Yujie said anxiously.

“Don’t worry, I’ll be fine! I’ll ask grandma out tonight!” Shao Wanru said meaningfully with a trace of deepness across her watery eyes. The Qi’s mansion had always been reluctant to mention what had happened in Jiangzhou, seeming to be covering up something. for someone. Although what Qin Yuru had done was basically known to all, the Qi’s mansion had never made it clear.

Even Qi Tianyu, the victim, had always attended to the reputation of the Qin’s Mansion, leaving a good impression on others.

Shao Wanru had hated his ambiguous attitude and wanted to come to an open break with him long before.

In the last life, she was the victim. Now she wanted to take this opportunity to come to an open break with Qi Tianyu.

No matter what Qin Huaiyong was after, she did not want him to collude with the Qi’s mansion, because she could not let her grandma and Shui Ruolan be implicated by him!

If Qi Tianyu did that for Qin Yuru, now that Qin Yuru’s reputation had been ruined, why did Qi Tianyu still avoid mentioning what had happened in Jiangzhou? Or even if he did not want to mention it, he could spread the news through other channels. She would not forget how eager Qi Tianyu looked when he came up the mountain in a hurry to express his feeling after taking the third place in the imperial exam!

When she was in the Qin’s Mansion, Qin Huaiyong meant to arrange another marriage with the Qi’s mansion. Even if Qi Tianyu was outstanding, how could the two mansions sit down and arrange another blind date after what had happened? There were other outstanding childes in the capital city!

She recollected that in the last life, Qi Tianyu and Qin Yuru still bore no grudges against each other even after what had happened in Jiangzhou. Regarding Magistrate Qi and Qin Huaiyong, they were still as



close as good brothers. They kept in touch through letters. There were presents coming all the way from Jiangzhou from time to time, while the Qin's Mansion also sent some presents to Jiangzhou.

No matter what Qin Huaiyong was after, Shao Wanru was sure that he didn't work for Chu Liuchen.

Placing the painting on the desk aside, Shao Wanru pulled out a piece of paper, picked up the writing brush, and began to write after thinking for a while. After finishing writing, she left it aside to dry, but did not put it away.

"Yujie, where is the letter Madam of Duke Xing gave me before?" Shao Wanru said.

"Miss, wait a minute, I will get it immediately!" Seeing her master act calmly, Yujie realized something. On hearing her master's question, she immediately took out a letter from a drawer of the desk and handed it over.

She pulled out the letter paper and flipped through the "fancy letter paper". She placed them on the desk and said, "Go and pick a few orchid leaves based on the patterns on the paper!"

Shao Wanru instructed Yujie, pointing at the patterns of orchid leaves on the paper. Everyone had their own preferred pattern. The "flower fancy letter paper" actually couldn't always catch these Misses' fancy, so they created their own original pattern. These leaves slickly made a pattern shaped like "ru" (the character in Shao Wanru's name).

She could make it shaped like another "ru" (the character in Shao Yanru's name) by drawing a few more simple and elegant grass above it!