

Medical Princess 521

Chapter 521 An Unexpected Change at the Hall

"Your Highness, where are you going?" Seeing that Chu Liuchen seemed to be about to go out, Xiao Xuanzi hurriedly put down the tray in his hand and asked.

Chu Liuchen not only had a black mink cloak draped over his shoulders, but also was dressed in a black robe under the cloak.

Chu Liuchen turned and went out.

"Your Highness, you can't go out today!" Xiao Xuanzi hurriedly took a few steps behind him and said, "Your Highness, don't forget that the Empress Dowager will send someone to check on you and an imperial physician to take your pulse later!"

"Just tell them that I've gone to bed!" Chu Liuchen said casually.

Xiao Xuanzi heard his master's words with his face full of bitterness. It was reasonable for someone else to say that. However, it was inappropriate for his master to say that. After all, his master had been "lying in bed" during the day and at night. In fact, day or night made no difference to him, and he might not be able to fall asleep at night. Thus, it was meaningless to say that he had gone to bed, since he had stayed in bed all the time.

"Master, have you forgotten that the Empress Dowager said that the imperial physician has excellent medical skills? Besides, the Emperor also thought highly of the imperial physician's medical skills and specially instructed him to come and make a diagnosis for you!"

Xiao Xuanzi tried hard to persuade him to stay.

This matter allowed no delay. His master could be wilful in front of the Empress Dowager. However, according to the Empress Dowager's words that day, the Emperor also showed his concern for this matter. If his master went out, how could the imperial physician make a diagnosis for his master?

"It doesn't matter. Just tell him that I've gone to bed and no one is allowed to disturb me. Tell him to come tomorrow!" Chu Liuchen waved his sleeves and continued going out.

"But, but..." Xiao Xuanzi stammered, unable to talk.

"What do you want to say? Don't tell me that I am not allowed to go to bed!" Chu Liuchen said, squinted at Xiao Xuanzi gloomily, and strode away.

"Your Highness, Your Highness..." Xiao Xuanzi called his master a few more times behind him and helplessly watched him leave. After that, he stamped his feet heavily and turned to Doctor Qi in a hurry in an attempt to think of a way to solve the problem. If his master couldn't meet the imperial physician sent by the Empress Dowager, he had to think of a more reasonable explanation.

As it got dark, the lights were lit up. After having dinner with Shao Wanru just now, Shao Yanru looked at the night sky outside, gently wiped the water from the corners of her mouth with a handkerchief and said with a smile, "Fifth Sister, it's almost time. Let's go!"

"Big Sister... maybe we shouldn't go!" Shao Wanru said hesitantly with a little uneasiness in her shimmery eyes. She grabbed the handkerchief in her hand and then put it down, looking really uneasy.

Shao Yanru looked down slightly with a hint of sarcasm across her eyes. However, when she raised her head again, she looked calm and decent as usual. She looked at Shao Wanru, as if looking at a willful child, and said, "Fifth Sister, we've asked the First Young Master of the Qi Family to come here, and now he has come up the mountain with the help of the official of the Ministry of Justice. You say that you are not going now. If he gets angry and rushes in, it's easier to cause trouble!"

She had known that Shao Wanru might change her mind, so when Shao Wanru asked her to deliver the message, she did it immediately. In the current situation, Shao Wanru could not change her mind even if she wanted to.

Sensing the faint threat in Shao Yanru's words, Shao Wanru seemed to be in a dilemma. She twirled the handkerchief around her fingertips several times and then put it down. She lowered her head without giving a definite answer whether she was going or not. Obviously she could not make up her mind.

"Well, Fifth Sister, let's go and have a look. It's not too late to come back if we find something wrong!" Shao Yanru said. She stood up, reached out to take her arm and pulled her up.

"Okay, let's have a look before showing up!" Shao Wanru stood up and said with a frown.

"Well, let's take a look first. We can come back if we find anything unusual. In this case, no one will discover or know that we have been out."

Shao Yanru reassured Shao Wanru again.

"Well, okay, let's go and have a look!" Shao Wanru said and nodded helplessly. Now that they had asked Qi Tianyu to come up the mountain, it seemed to be inexcusable if she didn't go to meet him.

They each led a maid and quietly went to the front yard of the Yuhui Nunnery.

The officials of the Ministry of Justice were now guarding in front of the Yuhui Nunnery, so there were plenty of simple sheds in that area. Most large halls were in the front, and only the wing rooms and Zen rooms were in the back of the Yuhui Nunnery.

Shao Wanru's courtyard was closer to the back of the mountain, so she had to pass by plenty of places along the way.

They had made an appointment to meet in a small hall. The Yuhui Nunnery was supposed to be closed at night. However, because the officials of the Ministry of Justice were guarding outside, the Yuhui Nunnery was not closed at night now. Several supervisors even worked in a hall. Anyway it was much brighter in the hall than in the simple shed outside. Moreover, the lamps of some halls were lit up all night.

Each of them wore a hooded cloak which wrapped them completely. In the darkness, Shao Yanru led the way in front, followed by Shao Wanru. They quietly got round several officials of the Ministry of Justice on the way and headed for the outer area of the Yuhui Nunnery.

The hall they chose was not big, close to a corner of the front area. Because it was too small, the lamps in the hall were not lit up. They could faintly see the outline of the hall in the light of the street lamps.

"Fifth Sister, go in now. I'll wait outside. If you find anything unusual, call me, and I'll come in right away!" Shao Yanru turned to Shao Wanru and said in a low voice. She pointed to the half-closed hall and said, "The First Young Master of the Qi Family should have arrived. If no one is in the hall at night, it will be locked up."

"Big Sister, I think I'd better not go inside!" Shao Wanru said hesitantly again.

"There is no need to hesitate at this moment. Go ahead. It would be fine to make it clear to him. You will be the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion in the future. Although he is the third scholar in the imperial exam, he is not good enough for you. Nevertheless, don't waste much time there. Just make it clear to him in a few words."

Shao Yanru said with concern and gave her several pieces of advice. She looked so sincere as if she really cared about Shao Wanru.

"Well, okay!" Shao Wanru said, seeming to be forced to go inside in the current situation. She moved and walked forward. Qing'er hurriedly followed her.

"Why does she bring an inferior maid with her?" Shao Yanru asked Shuqi in a low voice, because she didn't notice that Shao Wanru brought another maid instead of her two principal maids Yujie and Qu Le until now.

"I don't know either. I only paid attention to the Fifth Miss just now, and ignored the maid following her!" Shuqi said and shook her head. Her master had only told her to keep an eye on the Fifth Miss and prevent the Fifth Miss from going back halfway, so she didn't notice that it was Qing'er who followed Shao Wanru. "Maybe the Fifth Miss doesn't want others to know this kind of thing, even including her close principal maids. After all, Qing'er is an ignorant little maid. The Fifth Miss probably feels more comfortable with her around!"

Shao Yanru raised the corners of her mouth to show a sarcastic smile, thinking that she could only describe Shao Wanru with one word "stupid ". She couldn't believe that Shao Wanru chose to bring an ignorant little maid instead of a loyal principal maid with her to meet Qi Tianyu.

Nevertheless, the more stupid Shao Wanru was, the easier for her to carry out her plan. She had thought that Shao Wanru's maid would definitely defend for Shao Wanru after the secret meeting was discovered. Now it was great. it was much easier to deal with an ignorant little maid than to deal with a principal maid experienced in life. Shao Wanru's choice made her overjoyed.

"Have you told the official of the Ministry of Justice about today's meeting?" Shao Yanru asked.

"First Miss, rest assured. I have dropped a hint to the official that the Fifth Miss may be meeting the First Young Master of the Qi Family in secret here. I believe he will come here soon with other officials," Shuqi said with a smile.

Shao Yanru had sent a letter at that time. After all, there were some words Shao Yanru couldn't tell someone else directly, so sending a letter was the best solution. Moreover, the letter was written in the tone of the Fifth Miss. When Shuqi turned to the official, she had dropped plenty of hints and almost told him the time and place of the meeting.

Besides, she hinted that the Fifth Miss had always been arrogant and often rebuked or scolded the First Miss without considering the First Miss as her sister. In the past, the Fifth Miss had asked the First Miss to help her deliver the letter where she asked another man to meet in secret, and she did it again. No matter for revenging the First Young Master of the Qi Family or revenging the First Miss, the official would definitely lead other officials here to spoil the Fifth Miss's "secret meeting" and disgrace the Fifth Miss.

Shao Yanru nodded with satisfaction and looked at the door of the hall eagerly. At this moment, Shao Wanru had entered the hall, and it fell silent at the entrance of the hall. Suddenly there came a lady's low cry from the hall. Although it was low, Shao Yanru heard it clearly and involuntarily froze for a while.

"First Miss... what's that sound?" Shuqi also heard, trembling and asking anxiously.

In the dark, Shao Yanru shook her head silently, stared fixedly at the slightly closed door of the hall and frowned tightly. Logically speaking, there should not be such a sound coming from inside at this moment. Did something happen inside?

Suddenly, the door of the hall was pushed aside slightly, and a dark figure appeared in front of the door. It seemed to be a man who waved at Shao Yanru and then turned into the hall.

"First Miss, this, this..." Shuqi lowered her voice and said in panic. The development had gone beyond their imagination. Did something really happen inside so that the First Young Master of the Qi Family came out to invite the First Miss in and talk it over?

At this moment, the First Young Master of the Qi Family was the only person who knew that the First Miss was here!

"Come on, let's go and have a look!" Shao Yanru said. After thinking about numerous possibilities, Shao Yanru made up her mind. She could not let her efforts lead to nothing at the last moment.

They came to the door of the hall one behind the other. Glancing at the dark hall, Shao Yanru stopped cautiously and looked back at Shuqi.

"Are you inside, Childe Qi?" Shuqi asked in a low voice.

"Come in quickly!" A voice came from inside. It was a little distant and low, showing a trace of darkness and anxiety. Perhaps it was so low that they couldn't tell whether it belonged to Qi Tianyu or not.

Nevertheless, they could be sure that it was not a female voice, so it should not belong to Shao Wanru or Qing'er.

"I'll go inside and have a look. You guard at the door of the hall. If someone comes, report it to me quickly!" Shao Yanru told Shuqi cautiously. The officials were coming soon, so she had to instruct Shuqi to stay alert.

After giving the order, she gently pushed the door open and walked in slowly...

Chapter 522 Shocked, Who Is the Real Fifth Miss Shao?

Shuqi waited outside, rubbing her hands from time to time, with her heart torn with anxiety. Suddenly, she saw someone coming from the distance with a lantern, so she hurriedly reached out and to knock on the door of the hall and said in a low voice, "Miss, Miss, they are coming. Come out quickly!"

Hearing no response from inside, Shuqi reached out to knock on the door again and said anxiously with her face changing dramatically, "Miss, Miss! Hurry up."

She looked up and found that a group of people had come over. Someone seemed to have seen her and reached out to point at her. Shuqi had no time to think about something else and hurried into the hall.

It was so dark in the hall that she couldn't see her hand in front of her. After taking only a few steps, Shuqi almost tripped over something and fell. She hurriedly reached out to hold the pillar beside her and said with her head covered with sweat in the dark, "Miss, First Miss, are you here? First Young Master Qi, First Young Master Qi!"

She did not dare to raise her voice and could only keep calling their names. However, it was completely silent in the hall with the slightest sound.

Suddenly, there came a low groan. Shuqi listened to it carefully, only to find that it did not seem like her master's voice, but seemed like a man's voice.

Then there came another groan which seemed like a lady's voice. As soon as Shuqi heard the familiar voice, she became overjoyed at once and hurriedly felt her way toward the direction, while saying anxiously, "Miss, First Miss, let's go quickly. They are coming!"

"What happened?" In the dark, Qi Tianyu rubbed his head where he felt a dull pain, sat up with his hand on the altar table and asked.

"First... First Young Master Qi?" After freezing for a while, Shuqi looked toward the direction, where the voice came from, and asked.

"It's me. Who hit me?" Qi Tianyu, who still felt a headache, stood up straight and rubbed his head with one hand, while saying. He tried to close his eyes, which barely made him feel less dizzy.

"Shuqi, Shuqi!" There came Shao Yanru's weak voice in the dark later.

Shuqi rushed toward the direction, but suddenly heard someone tripped over something and fell to the ground, followed by Shao Yanru's scream in pain.

"Miss, First Miss, is it you? Let's go. They are coming!" Shuqi groped in the dark, while saying anxiously.

"First Miss Shao?" Qi Tianyu, who also recognized Shao Yanru's voice at this moment, pulled himself together and said with his face changing immediately.

"It's me. Why did I faint? Someone knocked me out just now!" Shao Yanru said. At this moment, she had realized that something went wrong. She stood up with the help of Shuqi, who reached out to her hurriedly, and asked, "Is there a side door here?"

Qi Tianyu came earlier than her, so he must have seen the surrounding environment.

“Yes, come with me!” Qi Tianyu responded quickly and said in a hurry. He was flustered, because he came here to meet Shao Wanru in secret. However, he met Shao Yanru instead of Shao Wanru, and both of them were knocked out. At the moment, he immediately realized that something went wrong.

It was not the time to talk it over, so he turned around and walked to the side door while making some sounds to lead Shao Yanru and Shuqi to come over.

When Shao Yanru and Shuqi joined him and the three of them hurried to the side door, there came the footsteps from outside of the hall. As the door was kicked open under their shocked gaze, the strong light shone in from outside.

Shao Yanru hurriedly reached out to block the strong light from outside.

A large group of people came in suddenly.

“Tianyu, I’ve been looking for you everywhere, for fear that you would have an accident. Unexpectedly... you are meeting a girl secretly here?” The young official of the Ministry of Justice came in and said with laughter. However, he was immediately shocked by the scene in front of him. With a stiff smile, he glanced at Qi Tianyu and then glanced at Shao Yanru, who reached out to cover her eyes, and said, “Isn’t... this the Fifth Miss Shao?”

Shuqi hurriedly reached out to hold Shao Yanru’s head in her arms and kept her head down, so flustered that she did not dare to move.

“Qiu Yu, I’m fine. You can leave now!” Qi Tianyu touched his head without giving a definite answer, and just waved his hand in displeasure.

“I... I really didn’t know that you and the Fifth Miss Shao are here. If I had known it before... I... I won’t have brought others here.” Qiu Yu said with a smile, acting like he really felt embarrassed because of ruining his friend’s secret meeting. After finishing his words, he waved his hand and said to those behind him, “Let’s go. It’s no big deal. He’s here. But keep your mouth shut after getting out of here in case of ruining the Miss’s reputation!”

“Okay!” Those present answered listlessly. Many of them smiled, expecting a good show.

Numerous people knew that the two Misses of Duke Xing’s Mansion were on the mountain. One of them was the First Miss Shao, the most beautiful lady in the capital city, and the other was naturally the Fifth Miss Shao in front of them, who was said to be a “filial daughter”. However, they could tell that the Fifth Miss Shao was not a decent lady based on the fact that she met a man in secret.

Under the cover of a good reputation, she was actually extremely lascivious!

They had thought that the young official’s friend was missing. In view of what had happened in the Yuhui Nunnery recently, they helped the young official search for his friend, but they didn’t expect to see this. How could it be possible for them to keep their mouth shut? They had never seen such a thing before.

An unmarried Miss met a man in secret. What an alluring thing! They happened to witness it.

A large group of people left successively. Shao Yanru secretly let out a sigh of relief in the dark and looked relieved. Fortunately, she had wrapped herself firmly with her clothes and covered her eyes with

her hands because of the strong light. Otherwise, she would inevitably be exposed in front of those officials. Although they didn't see Shao Wanru, Shao Wanru still had to take the blame.

"First Miss, you'd better leave quickly. There is a back door in the side hall, and you can leave through it directly!" In the dark, Qi Tianyu also let out a sigh of relief and lowered his voice to say.

"Let's go, Shuqi!" Shao Yanru nodded and said. Since she had shifted the blame onto Shao Wanru, she could not stay here and expose her face in front of those officials.

Those, who walked out of the hall, suddenly stopped and stared at the lady under the light in front of them in surprise. With half of her face covered with a veil, she only showed a pair of pretty eyes. She, who slightly raised her eyes, was supposed to look attractive, but her face showed a hint of purity. They could tell that she was a strikingly beautiful young Miss at a glance, although they couldn't see her face clearly.

A little maid stood beside her with a lantern. Although she was wrapped in a cloak with her face covered with a hood, she still looked amazing in the light.

Someone cautiously stepped back and whispered to the person next to him, "Could... it be a fox spirit?"

In the shadow of the lamplight, her fluttering hem made her look free from the mortal world.

"How could it be possible? We, we are in a nunnery." The man trembled and said. He looked up at the plaque of the hall above his head, suggesting that even if there were demons and ghosts, they were not supposed to show up here. After all, it was a place where the Buddhas lived. How dared the demons and ghosts come here?

"Excuse me, are you from the Ministry of Justice?" Shao Wanru asked softly.

"Who are you?" Qiu Yu asked. He took two steps forward and saluted Shao Wanru with joined hands, because he did not recognize her.

"I'm the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. My Big Sister is missing, so I've been looking for her all the way here. I wonder if you have seen my Big Sister?" Shao Wanru said lightly and dropped them a sedate courtesy.

"The Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion?"

"The Fifth Miss Shao?"

"Who, who's the lady inside..."

Some of them exclaimed, and some turned around and pointed to the dark part of the hall behind them. They were so shocked that they couldn't even finish saying a complete sentence. If the lady in front of them was the Fifth Miss Shao, who was the lady inside?

"Someone said that the First Miss has come here with her maid Shuqi. Did you see them? My master has been looking for her all the way here with me, for fear that she would have an accident. But we didn't see her along the way," Qing'er said and swayed the lantern slightly, seeming to intend to see those in front clearly and enable them to see her face clearly at the same time.

She was a little maid around eleven or twelve years old, looking a little naive.

"I'll go and have a look..." An official of the Ministry of Justice suddenly turned around and ran into the main hall. Several of them glanced at Shao Wanru and then at the little maid, and then also turned around and walked to the hall.

"Miss..." Qing'er said in confusion.

"Have you seen my Big Sister?" Shao Wanru turned to Qiu Yu and asked.

Qiu Yu was also at a loss. He pointed inside and then at himself. At this moment, he didn't know whether the lady inside was the First Miss Shao or not either. With his heart pounding rapidly, he had mixed feelings and didn't know how to answer for a moment.

"Qing'er, let's go and have a look!" Seeing that he could not answer, Shao Wanru also walked into the hall. Qing'er replied and followed her.

"Where is the lady? Where has she gone?" In the hall, some of the officials asked, while some were running.

"Let's go to the side door and have a look."

When Shao Wanru walked in slowly, she only saw Qi Tianyu standing alone beside the altar without Shao Yanru and Shuqi. Many officials had left to search for them, while some surrounded Qi Tianyu and looked around. However, although they had even lifted the curtain under the altar, they found no one.

Qi Tianyu lowered his head slightly, so Shao Wanru could not see his face clearly. With one hand on the altar, he closed his eyes slightly, and then slowly opened them. He looked at Shao Wanru sharply, took a deep breath and said, "Shao Wanru, what do you mean by doing this?"

"First Young Master Qi, what do you mean by saying that? According to these officials' words, you stayed with a lady here, but it was not me. However, you made them misunderstand that it was me in an attempt to ruin my reputation. Why did you do that? I thought what happened in Jiangzhou has been settle, hasn't it?"

Shao Wanru said coldly.

She sneered in her heart. Just now Qi Tianyu had suggested that she was the lady meeting him here in secret. Now seeing her show up, he intended to make her take the blame directly.

She was not afraid of coming to an open break with Qi Tianyu, so as to avoid seeing him keep pretending to be her childhood sweetheart with a deep affection for her.

Hearing her mention what had happened in Jiangzhou at the beginning of the conversation, Qi Tianyu frowned secretly. What had happened in Jiangzhou was the last thing he was willing to mention. No matter what the truth was, he was cuckolded by Qin Yuru at that time anyway. Any man would feel ashamed to talk about this kind of thing.

Qi Tianyu, who had always been intelligent, knew that it was inappropriate to talk about what had happened in Jiangzhou at this moment. So he simply ignored Shao Wanru's words and continued talking about what he had started with a distressed look, "Wanru, you asked me to come here, and I came here

after receiving your letter. I don't know the lady showing up here just now. I think she happened to show up here and she has left!"

As he spoke, he drew a letter from his bosom, and his look became gentle. He even looked at Shao Wanru affectionately!

Chapter 523 Two Letters Sent One After Another

"It's not the First Miss Shao but the Fifth Miss Shao who met you in secret? And you have a letter from her. That's great. Let me have a look!" Qiu Yu, who came after Shao Wanru, suddenly felt as if he came back to life. He reached out to grab the letter, and burst into laughter and said after opening the letter and reading it, "It's the letter for asking the First Young Master Qi to meet here indeed. Look, even the time and location are clearly stated."

After saying that, Qiu Yu glanced at Shao Wanru scornfully. He had thought that Shao Wanru was a pure girl. Unexpectedly, she turned out to be a lascivious girl. For fear that Shao Wanru would take the letter away so that others couldn't see it, he handed it to the man beside him. After passing it around, all the officials stared at Shao Wanru with increasing disdain in their eyes.

From the graceful handwriting of a lady, they could tell at a glance that Shao Wanru asked a man to meet her in secret in the letter. She was indeed a girl who didn't follow the instructions for unmarried girls.

"Can I take a look at this letter?" Shao Wanru asked unhurriedly after most of them finished reading the letter.

Someone passed the letter to Shao Wanru, and she took it.

"Wanru, you asked me to meet here and then put me in such an unpleasant situation. Regarding the First Miss Shao you mentioned, I didn't see her at all. Do you plan to frame the First Miss Shao up by trapping me? If this is true, I must be blind so that I mistook you for a good girl. I've been longing for coming here to meet you. Unexpectedly it... is just a trap!"

Qi Tianyu said in rage and pounded the altar heavily with his face turning red with anger.

"A trap?" After finishing reading the letter, Shao Wanru said, tapped the letter with her finger and looked sideways at Qi Tianyu.

Watched by her limpid eyes, Qi Tianyu involuntarily felt flustered. He hadn't seen Shao Wanru for more than two years. Shao Wanru was only a child two years ago despite her delicate appearance. But now she had grown up into such a gorgeous and radiant teenage girl that her fluid glance made his heart beat faster.

Qi Tianyu had never doubted Shao Wanru's remarkable beauty. Her charming and pure glance made him inexplicably flustered.

"First Young Master Qi, I don't remember that we are so close to each other. When we were in Jiangzhou, we've made it clear that we would break off relations with each other till the end of our lives because of the First Miss Qin. Does the current situation mean that we've broken off relations with each

other? It has been almost three years since we said that. I didn't expect that you've never kept it in mind."

Shao Wanru handed the letter to Qiu Yu, and said decisively, "I didn't write this letter!"

Since a man claimed to break off relations with a lady till the end of his life, how much should he hate her? Bearing such great grudges against each other, could they really have an affair?

The officials of the Ministry of Justice had always been sensitive. They immediately thought of numerous possibilities. A trap. Yes, it was certainly a trap for setting the Fifth Miss Shao up.

Many of them were immediately convinced. At a glance, they knew that the Fifth Miss Shao in front of them was a pure and dignified girl. How could she meet a man in secret? Moreover, the Fifth Miss Shao always had a good reputation.

Qiu Yu took the letter subconsciously, looked at it, and then looked at Shao Wanru. He was confused as well.

"I didn't write this letter. You can tell it from the letter paper. I can't make so exquisite flower fancy letter paper. I've been on the mountain for self-cultivation. How can I know about this? I heard that plenty of Misses create their own original pattern shaped like a certain character of their name and have it printed on the flower fancy letter paper. I'm wondering if the pattern on the letter paper is shaped like a character of my name or my Big Sister's name Shao Yanru?"

Shao Wanru said calmly.

Watching her calm look, Qi Tianyu had a bad intuition. He reached into his bosom to touch another letter, which was sent by Shao Yanru. She claimed to make an appointment to meet him on behalf of Shao Wanru and asked him to talk it over with Shao Wanru. He had known about it, so he intended to set out for the meeting after receiving the letter.

However, later he received another letter, which was sent by Yujie, Shao Wanru's personal maid. The time and location of the meeting were stated in this letter. If it was used as evidence, the letter written by Shao Wanru personally would certainly be more convincing. Thus, Qi Tianyu took out the letter sent by Shao Wanru and hid the letter sent by Shao Yanru a moment ago after thinking for a while.

At this moment, although he felt that something went wrong, it was inconvenient to take out the other letter.

Several officials of the Ministry of Justice gathered in front of Qiu Yu and carefully examined the letter. Some of them were the descendants of aristocratic families, so they were familiar with this kind of flower fancy letter paper of boudoir style. After taking a quick look at it, someone immediately said, "It's shaped like the character ru (a character of Shao Yanru's name). Look at the flowers and leaves and the pattern of grass."

As he spoke, he reached out to write a character ru in the air according to the pattern. Plenty of people nodded their heads at once.

As the members of the Ministry of Justice, they all had sharp eyes. As soon as they heard this, all of them immediately understood that this letter paper belonged to the First Miss Shao instead of the Fifth Miss Shao.

It was obvious that the First Miss Shao rather than the Fifth Miss Shao who asked Qi Tianyu to meet here.

“First Young Master Qi, both of us have claimed to break off relations till the end of our lives, so we don’t need to contact each other in the future. I just want to tell you not to try to set me up with a letter. I don’t care with whom you have an affair or with and whom you want to have a secret meeting here. I just hope that I won’t hear you mention my name again!”

After finishing speaking, Shao Wanru turned around and left decisively.

Qi Tianyu wanted to stop her, but didn’t know what to say after opening his mouth. At the first sight a moment ago, he clearly knew that Shao Wanru in front of him was no longer who she used to be.

After taking a few steps behind Shao Wanru, Qing’er seemed to be unbearably indignant. She turned her head and said angrily with her hand on her waist, “First Young Master Qi, why were you so sure that this letter is from my master? My master has stayed on the mountain for more than two years and has never contacted you. Why did you make her take the blame after receiving a letter for a secret meeting? Is it because you’ve got accustomed to using my master as the shield for you and the First Miss Qin when you were in Jiangzhou? Please just stay away from my master!”

“Qing’er!” Shao Wanru stopped and called her in a low voice.

“Miss, I’m coming!” Qing’er answered, turned around, and left with a lantern in her hand.

Those present looked at each other and didn’t know what to say for a while. They all looked towards Qi Tianyu. The coachman, who intended to kidnap Shao Wanru at that time, had been recorded by the Ministry of Justice, so everyone present knew what had happened in Jiangzhou. The First Miss of the Qin’s Mansion and Qi Tianyu did shift all the blame onto Shao Wanru, who was still the Second Miss Qin at that time.

Could it be possible that what happened today was the same old trick played by Qi Tianyu? Some people, who knew the inside story of what had happened in Jiangzhou, believed it.

A trick could be played again. This was actually nothing strange. The Fifth Miss Shao, who had always taken the blame for others, must be set up again.

“Tianyu, did you really meet... the First Miss Shao in secret?” Qiu Yu said with his hands trembling, feeling unbearably indignant. Obviously he took fancy to the First Miss Shao. How could his friend meet her in secret at night? Moreover, the letter was passed by him. The more he thought about it, the more he felt that he had been treated as a stepping stone. He almost failed to suppress his anger.

Seeing Qiu Yu’s expression, Qi Tianyu knew that he was in trouble. He immediately restrained his thoughts and tried to find a way to comfort Qiu Yu.

“Qi Tianyu, no wonder when I came up the mountain this time to investigate into the case, you repeatedly told me to meet the Miss of the Shao’s Mansion. No wonder you were so ecstatic when I

gave you the letter from the First Miss Shao. It turns out that you and the First Miss Shao actually, actually..." Qiu Yu felt so distressed that he couldn't even finish the sentence. Pointing at Qi Tianyu with a trembling finger, he couldn't go on.

Throwing the letter at Qi Tianyu's face violently, Qiu Yu stamped his feet hard and turned around to leave with his face turning red with anger.

Those present looked at each other and didn't know how to deal with the current situation at the moment.

"Hey, look, look, it's really the First Miss Shao. There is a character ru embroidered on this handkerchief which I just picked up at the back door of the side hall." A man from the Ministry of Justice walked in with a handkerchief in his hand with a smile.

The pattern at the edge of the exquisite handkerchief was exactly the same as that on the flower fancy letter paper. Needless to say, they were indeed made by the same person...

The officials of the Ministry of Justice looked at each other in dismay. Was the First Miss Shao, who had always enjoyed a good reputation and was going to be chosen as a prince's consort soon, really so deplorable?

With such a good reputation, she shouldn't do this, right?

Could it belong to the lady who had shown up here a moment ago? But was the lady actually the First Miss Shao? It was hard to tell because they didn't see her face...

Shao Yanru ran out through the back door in a hurry and returned to her courtyard in a panic with no time to look at anything else on the way. For fear of meeting others on the way, she took a detour. When arriving at the entrance of her courtyard, she let out a sigh of relief. What had happened just now was too dangerous. If her face were seen by them, her reputation would be ruined.

Fortunately, no one saw her face in the end.

But what had happened just now? She had heard a man's voice outside the hall before. Why did she find that Qi Tianyu had passed out after she entered the hall? Who was the other man?

As she thought about it, she was about to push the door open and enter the courtyard. Suddenly she heard a man's deep voice and was stunned. Why was there a man in the courtyard at this moment?

"Come on, come on!" The man's voice was deep and a little familiar. On hearing it, Shao Yanru began to breathe rapidly. It was obviously the man's voice she had heard outside the hall before. If it were not for this voice, someone cautious like her wouldn't have entered the hall.

"Stop horsing around!" Qu Le said sweetly with a chuckle. Shao Wanru's three maids had their own distinctive voices. Shao Yanru had been familiar with their voices these days, so she immediately recognized that it was Qu Le's voice.

The man was so close to Qu Le. Needless to say, he must have a better relationship with Shao Wanru. As she thought, she gently pushed the door open while clenching her teeth. She could be sure that she had suffered a secret loss today, and Shao Wanru must have played some tricks behind it. She did not know who the other man was, but she must catch this man.

As long as she caught this man, she wondered how Shao Wanru would explain it!

The door of the courtyard was pushed open slowly, and the shocked faces of Qu Le and Qing'er came into her view.....

Chapter 524 Big Sister, Did You Have Fun in the Hall?

She pushed the door open, only to see Qu Le and Qing'er in the courtyard.

After looking around and finding no man, Shuqi stepped forward angrily and said, "Tell me, who's the man in the courtyard just now?"

"Man?" Qu Le and Qing'er exchanged glances and seemed to have no idea what Shuqi was talking about. They looked at Shao Yanru's gloomy face and blinked to indicate that they didn't understand.

"How dare you deny it! The First Miss and I clearly heard Qu Le was talking with a man just now!" Shuqi said and reached out to point at Qu Le with her fingertip almost touching Qu Le's nose, acting like an angry lady coming to catch Qu Le meeting a man.

Qu Le didn't understand at first, and then suddenly laughed. Qing'er also laughed bending beneath.

Qu Le reached out to slap Shuqi's hand away and said with a chuckle, "Do you want to ask... which man I was talking to... right?"

"Tell me!" Shuqi didn't dare to look at her master's angry face and said in rage.

"Shuqi, are you talking about me? I was talking with Sister Qu Le just now!" Qing'er laughed, while changing her voice to say.

The man's voice!

Hearing this voice, Shao Yanru became so furious that her face turned red and livid. She, who almost failed to hold back her anger, looked up at the corridor where Shao Wanru was standing there with a smile. Sensing Shao Yanru's gaze at her, she specially tilted her head and asked, "Big Sister, did you have fun in the hall?"

Did she have fun in the hall? Shao Yanru almost tore the handkerchief in her hand apart. She understood at the moment that she had fallen into Shao Wanru's trap.

She figured everything out. No wonder Shao Wanru brought Qing'er with her instead of any other personal maid. On one hand, Qing'er did a great job of talking in a male voice. On the other hand, Qing'er was a maid doing heavy work. Although she was young, she might be stronger than two principal maids. So she could knock Shao Yanru out easily. Regarding Qi Tianyu, he probably wasn't wary of this little maid, and he was knocked out by her!

She strode to the corridor, pointed at Shao Wanru, and said angrily, "Shao Wanru, I treated you sincerely. Why did you do that to me?"

"Treated me sincerely?" Shao Wanru said, shook her head and blinked her fluid eyes, as if she really didn't understand it, "Would you encourage me to meet a man in secret if you treated me sincerely? Big Sister, you have read so many instructions for unmarried girls. I don't know there is such an instruction

which says that you should encourage your sister to meet a man in secret. How about telling Old Madam about it?"

Seeing her fearless look, Shao Yanru was so furious that her lungs were almost going to explode. However, she couldn't do anything to her. If she told Old Madam about it, Old Madam would definitely know that she harbored malicious intentions.

Even though she knew that Old Madam would definitely defend her, Shao Yanru did not want it to influence her gentle impression on Old Madam!

She had thought that Shao Wanru was only eleven years old before coming up the mountain and couldn't be much more mentally mature although she had stayed on the mountain for several years. Unexpectedly she had underestimated Shao Wanru and had been negligent!

"Fifth Sister, you consider my kindness as malicious intentions and did that to me. I... I was too blind to treat you sincerely!"

Shao Yanru said with a snort and turned around to leave angrily, seeming to be aggrieved and angry because of being set up by Shao Wanru. At this time, she could not come to an open break with Shao Wanru.

Seeing Shao Yanru leave, Shao Wanru slowly walked into the silence room. Yujie came forward to help her take off the cloak and then served tea.

Shao Wanru sat down in front of the mat and blinked her watery eyes as she pondered.

"Miss, will the First Miss's bad reputation be spread tomorrow?" Yujie said as she folded the cloak.

"No!" Shao Wanru shook her head and said with certainty, "She has such a great reputation that people won't believe that she did such a thing. Besides, someone of high status like her is not likely to take a fancy to Qi Tianyu!"

Shao Yanru's target had always been those princes, so Qi Tianyu was not good enough to be her target. This was a fact. Not only did she think so, but others also thought so.

As the First Miss Shao, who was both talented and beautiful with Duke Xing's Mansion as her backing, she could be considered the God's favored one, and only the aristocrats of high status could be her match. Compared with them, Qi Tianyu's foundation was too shallow.

"That's not necessarily true. There are some noble ladies favored by the God falling in love with an ordinary man." Yujie curled her lip and said, "When I was in Jiangzhou, I heard some scripts all of which were about a gifted scholar and a pretty lady. Although the First Young Master Qi is a playboy, he could be considered a gifted scholar. First Miss is the same. She could be considered a beautiful lady regardless of character. They are a good match for each other in this aspect!"

Seeing that Yujie took it for granted, Shao Wanru burst into laughter and said, "Yujie, you had cultivated on the mountain in the past, right? Does Mingqiu Nun know that you got some scripts?"

On hearing her question, Yujie was struck dumb. After a long while, she said with a bitter face, "Mi-Miss, you can't tell Mingqiu Nun about it. I just talk about it with you, but dare not talk about it with Mingqiu Nun."

"Then tell me where did you get the scripts?" Shao Wanru asked with interest, because there must be no scripts in the Jingxin Monastery.

"Uh... I brought, brought some when going down the mountain occasionally... to buy some medicine for Mingqiu Nun..." Yujie said, blinking her eyes. Seeing her master's eyes looking bright because of curiosity, she knew that she had to tell her master, so she could only stammer the story.

"So you embezzled Mingqiu Nun's money for buying medicine and spent it on buying scripts for reading in secret!" Shao Wanru said with a laugh. It was so amusing that a cultivating nun read this kind of script.

"Miss, I'm talking about serious business with you. Why is there going to be no gossip about the First Miss tomorrow? Why is it impossible to hear the gossip about the First Miss and the First Young Master Qi?" Yujie, who became angry from embarrassment, stamped her feet and said loudly.

Shao Wanru stretched out a white and tender finger and gently pressed it on her lips, motioning for her to speak softly.

"Miss, tell me why?" Yujie immediately lowered her voice to ask.

"Qi Tianyu didn't intend to ruin my reputation, but only intended to take control of me. He must have been prepared for it. Moreover, it is related to Shao Yanru, which makes others doubt it even more."

Shao Wanru said with a light smile and a clear sparkle flashing in her eyes.

In fact, besides Qi Tianyu, Shao Yanru must be the one behind it. Otherwise, Qi Tianyu couldn't be so obedient to Shao Yanru and so cooperative.

Unexpectedly, Qi Tianyu and Shao Yanru had colluded with each other in less than three years. In this case, Qi Rongzhi had played a significant role.

In the last life, Qi Tianyu and Shao Yanru had probably colluded with each other as well. Shao Wanru had seen them talking. Nevertheless, they knew each other through Qin Yuru in the last life. In this life, Qin Yuru had been out of the game, so Qi Rongzhi played her role.

It could be seen that the two of them were destined to know each other.

No matter in the last life or this life, they had colluded with each other long before.

"Since it's useless, it's better to do nothing!" Yujie said dejectedly. It was quite a pity that they couldn't do any actual harm to the First Miss. It could be considered that the First Miss had been caught meeting Qi Tianyu in secret, but it couldn't do harm to her reputation!

"A solid dyke can collapse because of an ant hole in it. Take it slow!" Shao Wanru said meaningfully, blinking her gorgeous eyes.

Shao Yanru enjoyed a great reputation now. Even if there came some gossip about her, no one would buy it. However, if there came more such gossip, how long could Shao Yanru maintain her reputation?

She was still young and had plenty of time, but Shao Yanru was not young. In any case, she thought it impossible that Shao Yanru's target was the Emperor in the imperial palace. She was really curious

about why Shao Wanru failed to marry any prince and ended up with being the Emperor's concubine in the last life!

Hearing Shao Wanru's words, Yujie became delighted again. She nodded repeatedly and said at once, "Miss, it's getting late. Let me serve you to go to bed."

It was indeed getting late. Shao Wanru stood up and looked out of the window. It was dark outside. She could tell that it was late indeed based on the sky by calculating the time.

"It's cold at night. Let me close the window for you." Yujie came over and reached out to close the window. Suddenly, she saw a dark figure flash by the window. She hurriedly stepped back and looked at Prince Chen in front of her in astonishment.

Yujie was familiar with Prince Chen, who looked pale and weak. But now Prince Chen, who had always given Yujie an impression of a man too weak to get up, "flew" from under the window. How could she not be shocked? If she remembered correctly, there should be a cliff outside the window!

"Leave!" Chu Liuchen waved his hand and said. A suit of strong dark clothes made his features look extremely elegant and delicate in the light. Shao Wanru suddenly found that he not only looked like a handsome young man walking out of a wash painting, but also exuded a kind of strange wickedness and beauty in the dark.

Under his pale handsome face, the dark mink made his features look as white and plain as jade. But even so, he was still peerlessly handsome and elegant.

After motioning for Yujie to leave. Shao Wanru sat down in front of the mat again, poured a cup of tea for him and said, "Your Highness, please come over for tea!"

She looked so natural as if she didn't think it improper for Chu Liuchen to come here at this time.

Glancing at Shao Wanru's calm face and Prince Chen's gentle face, Yujie felt that nothing would go wrong. So she cautiously left and closed the door for them.

Several trusted maids of Shao Wanru knew that she was going to marry into Prince Chen's Mansion. Therefore, Yujie did not think it inappropriate for Prince Chen to appear here mysteriously, but considered it quite good. At least it could prove that Prince Chen was not seriously ill. That was good. That was good.

As long as Prince Chen was healthy, nothing else was a big problem!

There seemed to be some noise in her ear, but it seemed to disappear when Yujie listened to it carefully. Yujie shook her head and wondered if she had some hallucinations recently. She always heard some faint noise, but every time she listened carefully, she felt that the noise was caused by the mountain wind blowing through rocks or branches. It was weird. Could it be that she didn't get enough sleep recently?

She planned to ask Mingqiu Nun to make a diagnosis and give her a prescription. Otherwise, she couldn't even sleep tight.

Inside the room, Chu Liuchen came over, picked up the teacup and took a sip. After that, he held the teacup in his hand and looked up at Shao Wanru with gentle eyes, which made Shao Wanru feel cold all over. He asked, "Did you have a good time tonight?"

Chapter 525 Let's Go for an Exploration

Was he angry? He almost failed to force a smile!

"Your Highness, have you been implicated after dealing with the black-clad men?" Sensing his anger, Shao Wanru asked with concern. Although Shao Wanru did not know the truth, it was obvious that more than one person got involved in setting up and spoiling the trap!

In the past few days, the officials of the Ministry of Justice had blockaded the entire Yuhui Nunnery. So many of them came and went, seeming to have searched the entire Yuhui Nunnery. However, Shao Wanru knew that they had actually searched the area on the other side of the high wall once. After that, the door was closed, and they focused on searching the area on this side of the high wall.

It seemed to have nothing to do with the imperial concubines living behind the high wall!

The area on the other side of the high wall seemed to have been searched strictly, but the actual situation turned out to be just the opposite. It seemed to be mysterious anyway.

"I'm sick!" Chu Liuchen looked sideways at her with a slight smile and said with a deep sparkle in his eyes, and then put down the teacup in his hand.

Shao Wanru, who realized something, lost no time in leaning over and filling his teacup again while saying, "The officials of the Ministry of Justice are still on the mountain. Your Highness, is it risky for you to come up the mountain at this time?"

After all, he had been pretending to be sick. It would probably be terrible if his whereabouts was discovered.

"If I didn't come, I would miss the show today, wouldn't I?" Chu Liuchen said leisurely. He picked up the teacup and took another sip, while squinting at Shao Wanru, making her flustered.

"Your Highness, the First Miss of the Shao's Mansion intended to set me up. I just turned her trick against her," Shao Wanru said cautiously with various speculations across her mind. Could it be possible that Shao Yanru was so well-connected that she even had a good relationship with Prince Chen in private?

"Turn her trick against her?" Chu Liuchen said and raised his eyebrows with the smile in his eyes fading, making his eyes look increasingly gloomy and terrifying.

Shao Wanru nodded vigorously to show her sincerity and said, "Yes, turn her trick against her!"

"If you just turned her trick against her, how do you explain the letter you sent to Qi Tianyu before?" Chu Liuchen said slowly.

Others didn't know about the letter, but Shao Wanru didn't think that Chu Liuchen didn't either. So she lost no time in explaining calmly, "Shao Yanru has sent him a letter on behalf of me to ask him to meet. I don't know what she wrote in the letter. Nevertheless, if Qi Tianyu wanted to offer a letter as evidence,

he would definitely offer the one written by me personally. If he did that, Shao Yanru would be involved in it!”

Chu Liuchen stared at her watery eyes carefully. Seeing she mention Qi Tianyu with no ripples in her eyes as if she was talking about an irrelevant person, he finally looked a little satisfied.

“Stay away from him from now on. Don’t write a letter to anyone irrelevant!” Chu Liuchen said with a snort in displeasure, and then reached out to hold Shao Wanru’s hand and said, “Let’s go for an exploration!”

Shao Wanru was pulled up by him. However, on hearing his words, she hurriedly exerted herself to hold on to him and said, “Your Highness, you can’t walk around at this time. If it’s discovered by others, you will get into big trouble!”

Now there might still be some officials of the Ministry of Justice in the nunnery even at night, so they certainly shouldn’t wander around at this time. No one knew if there was anyone from the Ministry of Justice lurking in the dark.

“It won’t be discovered!” Chu Liuchen said with a little complacent smile, looking at the slender hand holding his hand tightly. Despite her minor strength, he inexplicably felt good, and the delight slowly spread from the corners of his mouth to his eyes.

Shao Wanru didn’t know what she did had pleased Chu Liuchen. Although he smiled gently as before, it was obvious that he was really delighted at this moment.

He, who was angry a moment ago and became delighted at this moment, was really unpredictable.

Nevertheless, it was reasonable. If he were not so unpredictable, he would not have become the final winner in the last life and even made his uncle pass the throne to him instead of his uncle’s son. It could be seen that he certainly had brilliant tactics.

“Your Highness, the Ministry of Justice has sent numerous officials here. When I went out with Shao Yanru, we found an official of the Ministry of Justice guarding at the door. Although it was dark, I’m not sure if he is still there.” As Shao Wanru said, her hand slipped to his sleeve. It was really much easier to hold his sleeve than to hold his wrist.

Chu Liuchen seemed to mean to take her out again. However, she didn’t feel like going out late at night.

“What are you afraid of? We are not going out through the front door!” Chu Liuchen said inadvertently and reached out to pull hard. Shao Wanru failed to stand still, staggered and fell on him. He stretched out the other hand to hold Shao Wanru in his arms as he always did, and said, “Let’s go down from the back window.”

There was a cliff outside the window, and Shao Wanru had seen it more than once. On hearing his words, she had no time to struggle and hurriedly advised him with her face turning pale with fear, “Your Highness, there is a cliff outside the window. You know, the slightest carelessness could make us smashed to pieces.”

“It won’t happen!” Chu Liuchen walked to the window with Shao Wanru in his arms, looked out of the window and said indifferently.

Shao Wanru became stiff in fear. At this moment, she held Chu Liuchen tightly with both hands instead of one hand, raised her pretty eyes containing a hint of tenderness and grief and said weakly, "Your Highness, we really can't take the risk, even if there is only a chance in a million that it will happen."

Seeing her pitiful look, Chu Liuchen suddenly became joyful. He bent the other arm to embrace her and said softly in her ear, "I won't change my decision. No matter how pitiful you pretend to be, it won't help!"

Her pitiful look became stiff. After freezing for a moment, Shao Wanru subconsciously reached out to pinch him hard, and said in rage from shame caused by her trick being seen through, "Your Highness, it's really dangerous below. You don't care about your life, but I care about mine!"

As soon as Shao Wanru finished her words, she immediately came to her senses and looked at the smile on Chu Liuchen's handsome face with her face suddenly turning red. This was her innermost thought. How could she just blurt it out?

"Rest assured. I don't want to die so early either. I haven't got married and had children yet!" As Chu Liuchen said, he suddenly jumped up and fell straight down from the window. Chu Liuchen's gentle voice in her ear took her breath away at this moment.

She clenched her teeth, held Chu Liuchen tightly, closed her eyes, relaxed her body and decided to be obedient. The current situation had been out of her control. Nevertheless, Chu Liuchen didn't seem to be tired of living.

Suddenly she felt that they had stopped and she had stepped on something. Wasn't it a cliff below? Shao Wanru didn't open her eyes and didn't dare to move her feet, feeling insecure.

Chu Liuchen lowered his head, only to see her, who was limp all over, holding him firmly. He lifted the corners of his mouth to show an increasingly leisurely smile, reached out to pat her face and said softly, "It's time to open your eyes. We will be fine even if we really fall down, because there's just water below."

Shao Wanru slowly opened her eyes. She opened one of her eyes first. After looking around and finding it was a protruding rock beneath her feet, she finally let out a sigh of relief and opened the other eye of hers.

Seeing her deceive herself, the fear on her delicate little face and her soft body leaned over, Chu Liuchen felt extremely joyful. He helped Shao Wanru, whose legs went weak, take a step forward and left the edge of the rock.

After taking a few steps, they reached the solid ground although it was uneven. Only then did Shao Wanru feel that she was really standing on the ground instead of flying in the air.

She put down her hand and grasped the edge of Chu Liuchen's robe, while looking forward. She could not see it clearly in the darkness, but only felt that there seemed to be a cave in front of her.

A cave? There was actually a cave beneath the silence room? Shao Wanru asked with her face turning pale with shock, "Is, is this excavated or natural?"

She was not stupid, but didn't expect it. Thinking about it carefully at this moment, she found it terrifying.

"Let's go inside and have a look!" Chu Liuchen said and helped her walk in with half of her slender waist in his arms. In the dark, Shao Wanru walked behind Chu Liuchen and moved with difficulty. Fortunately, she was in his arms. Whenever she accidentally tripped over something, Chu Liuchen would lift her up.

After taking a few steps, their vision was blocked. Was the end of the way? In this case, it was just a small natural cave. Shao Wanru let out a sigh of relief. No one wanted to see a passageway suddenly appear beneath her room.

But in the next moment, Chu Liuchen took her to step aside. A black-clad man appeared from nowhere and bowed to Chu Liuchen respectfully. After Chu Liuchen nodded, the black-clad man came forward and pushed the stone blocking the door. The big stone was slowly pushed open, and then the dim light slowly came out.

The light was very dim. If it were not in front of them, they might not be able to see it.

When half of the stone was pushed aside, the black-clad man stepped aside, and Chu Liuchen went in with Shao Wanru in his arms. After turning a corner, they found everything in front of them completely different.

Not far away, there was an oil lamp hanging and a person falling next to it. Further away, there was another person and another oil lamp. But they couldn't see further because there was another corner in front.

The passage was very small and could only allow one person to go through. It seemed to be extended now. In the dim light, they could only see their surroundings faintly, while other parts were in the dark. There was another corner further away.

This was a passage under construction.

Shao Wanru froze in Chu Liuchen's arms and didn't dare to move. Beneath her silence room, there was not a completed passage, but a passage under construction.

She didn't know where it was from, or it could also be said that she didn't know where it would lead!

"Are they... dead?" Biting her lip and struggling to suppress the exclamation in her throat, Shao Wanru lowered her voice to ask.

"No. They just passed out at the moment!" Chu Liuchen said inadvertently, shook his robe and then stepped back to the back of the stone with Shao Wanru in his arms. After that, he said to the black-clad guard there, "Wake them up!"

The black-clad guard nodded, and then bent down and entered the cave.

Chu Liuchen turned around and carried Shao Wanru to the edge of the mountain rock outside. The cloak wrapped Shao Wanru's whole body, only revealing her delicate and gorgeous little face. He lowered his head to look at Shao Wanru, only to see that her face as white as jade blushed slightly and looked breathtakingly pretty in the moonlight. Nevertheless, she looked a little confused and ignorant at the moment, making her a little pitiful.

She opened her eyes wide, and even her dark red lips seemed to look a little pitiful.

He reached out to pinch her straight nose and said with a smile, "Let's go!"

It was rare to see her badly scared. He found it interesting...

Chapter 526 Are You Willing to Join Me in the Game?

"Your Highness, is this passage really beneath my room?" Shao Wanru said with her hand on the window and half of her body leaned against Chu Liuchen. Although she had come up, she still felt weak all over. It was so horrifying that she had never thought of it.

There was a passage beneath her silence room. If it was known by others, what a horrifying news would it be?

"It has nothing to do with you for the time being!" Chu Liuchen said with a smile, feeling good with a girl's soft and fragrant body in his arms.

"When will it have anything to do with me?" Shao Wanru asked sensitively and reached out to push Chu Liuchen. She felt that her feet had regained a little strength.

"Maybe it will never have anything to do with you, or maybe it will have something to do with you in the future!" Chu Liuchen said meaningfully. He let go of Shao Wanru's slender waist so that she could breathe deeply.

"Does it have anything to do with Shao Yanru?" Shao Wanru pulled herself together and asked, rolling her fluid eyes.

"Yes, a little." Chu Liuchen walked to the mat, sat down and reached out to wave to Shao Wanru. Shao Wanru walked over with dragging feet, sat down in front of Chu Liuchen, and then picked up the cup of tea he poured for her and drank it up.

The warm tea diluted the fear in her heart caused by not only the surrounding environment but also her horrified body and soul a moment ago.

After being reborn, she had thought that she could take a lot of things under her control. Even if she could not do that, she at least knew what she should do next. But only at that moment did she realize that what she knew was only the tip of the iceberg and far from enough. What she saw and could imagine were just the surface.

She had known that Shao Yanru was not simple long before. Nevertheless, she still underestimated her, although she only knew a little about her.

Shao Yanru, who had connections with each prince, was not simple. In this case, how could Duke Xing's Mansion behind her be simple? She thought about it further. The title of Duke Xing belonged to her father at that time, but later it fell into the hands of her Second Uncle. There might be someone else's trick and support behind it. At that time, her Second Uncle was just an ordinary child from an aristocratic family!

If he had the support at that time, where the support was from was obvious!

As the warmth of tea spread to her heart, she suddenly figured out many things.

"Is the entrance to the passage in her main room?" Shao Wanru held the teacup, which had been refilled, and asked.

Her hands were very cold, but the tea was very warm. She felt her hands became warm slowly.

"Exactly!" Chu Liuchen elegantly shook his robe and said with a smile.

No wonder Shao Yanru insisted on living here. If she did not move away, Shao Yanru would not be able to live in her main room. No wonder Shao Yanru sent Qing'er away. No wonder she could hear some sounds from Shao Yanru's room from time to time. Shao Yanru claimed that she had been cleaning up the room...

After figuring it out, she involuntarily shivered with fear.

If she gave this silence room Shao Yanru, the entrance would definitely be excavated here. If the news that there was a hole in her silence room went out, she would be doomed eternally. After all, she had lived here for more than two years. If something went wrong, she had to take the blame.

But now it was not the time to relax her vigilance completely. There was a hole in Shao Yanru's room. If something happened in the future, she would still be the first suspect. Although the door of Shao Yanru's main room was closed, she also lived in this courtyard. It was just a lock, and there were plenty of ways to get rid of it.

Others would only suspect what she was going to do, but would not think that the hole appeared after Shao Yanru had lived here for a few days.

"It doesn't matter. It won't be known by others. There are too many people involved in it!" Chu Liuchen said and suddenly smiled.

Shao Wanru nodded casually. It seemed to involve plenty of people indeed and would not be simply known by others in any case. However, at the thought that there was such a passage beneath her silence room, she could not feel at ease anyway.

"Your Highness, what if I think of a way to leave here now?" Shao Wanru asked tentatively.

"Beat the grass and frighten away the snake!" Chu Liuchen said, leaning back against the mat and squinting at Shao Wanru lazily.

"Will they make me leave?" Shao Wanru thought for a while and asked another question.

"Didn't they do that before? But you didn't leave!" Chu Liuchen said indifferently.

Shao Wanru felt her heart skipped a beat. She knew what he meant. She had stepped into the game and could not get away from it even if she wanted to.

"If I retreat at this time..." Shao Wanru said. After thinking for a moment, she felt that she could struggle a little.

"Since you are going to marry into my mansion, how can you really stay out of the game? Zhuozhuo, do want to break the agreement?" Chu Liuchen said, looking leisurely at her with a faint smile.

Shao Wanru suddenly felt that Chu Liuchen was watching her enter the game step by step, and felt inexplicably depressed.

"Your Highness, do you feel like watching me enter the game?"

"Don't tell me that you are still unwilling to join the game with me." Chu Liuchen turned his head and said lightly. He stared at Shao Wanru with a gentle smile, but it made Shao Wanru feel cold, "Zhuozhuo, do you want to break the agreement now?"

"Of course not!" Shao Wanru said without hesitation. After saying that, she realized the meaning of her words, blushed slightly and moved aside uneasily.

With the delight spread from the corners of his mouth to his eyes, which contained dazzling ripples, Chu Liuchen reached out to hold Shao Wanru's slightly cold hand and pull it hard. Shao Wanru fell down on his chest.

"Your Highness, how should we deal with it now?" Shao Wanru said, reaching out in an attempt to push him away. However, the current posture made it hard for her to put forth her strength. After giving him a push in a weird posture, she gave up since she was unable to do that.

"Just wait and see!" Chu Liuchen said with a light smile.

It meant that they should sit on top of the mountain to watch the tigers fight. The mantis stalked the cicada, unaware of the oriole behind!

"What should I do?" Shao Wanru asked subconsciously.

"Just wait and see!" He said slowly as before. The hairpin on her beautiful hair was pulled off by Chu Liuchen, and her dark hair was streaming loose above Chu Liuchen. Smelling the faint fragrance of her hair, Chu Liuchen closed his eyes slightly.

He told her to wait and see, which meant that she would not be in danger for the time being. Shao Wanru let out a sigh of relief and thought about every detail of it carefully. Feeling her hair touched a few times, she inexplicably sorted it out.

Even if Shao Yanru knew something, it was impossible for her to know everything about it. She should know about the entrance, and even it was her idea to excavate the entrance here. Even if something really happened after the passage was completed, Shao Wanru would be the only suspect. It should be what Shao Yanru thought.

The passage excavated in the Yuhui Nunnery should be related to someone in the Yuhui Nunnery. The most suspicious ones in the Yuhui Nunnery were the former emperor's concubines. The former emperor's concubines were just some women of no use at all. Moreover, the former emperor had passed away many years ago. Even if there was something left, shouldn't it have been taken away long ago?

If the former emperor had left something important enough to attract covetous eyes, those imperial concubines should have been searched when being sent here. It seemed a bit unreal to search for it now.

As she thought of what she and Chu Liuchen saw in the dark, an idea suddenly came to her mind. Why did those imperial concubines intend to contact the outside world so urgently? What was their purpose?

"What do the former emperor's concubines intend to do?" Shao Wanru couldn't help asking after a long while.

"Of course they have a vain hope!" Chu Liuchen closed his eyes and said lightly. The faint fragrance from Shao Wanru made him relax and feel drowsy. He reached out to pull her closer to his chest and leaned his head on Shao Wanru's head.

"Someone thinks that I have been living a good life under the rule of my uncle. In this case, why not find another son of the former emperor?"

He said that in an extremely leisurely tone with a hint of sarcasm, as if he were an outsider.

Shao Wanru suddenly woke up and tried hard to look up at Chu Liuchen. The moon tonight was not bright, but she could still see Chu Liuchen's countenance as pretty as that of a fairy.

He looked pale and weak, but almost as fair as jade porcelain which was exquisite but fragile!

Of course, it was just the appearance. Shao Wanru blinked her long eyelashes and did not know what to say for a moment. She subconsciously reached out to gently touch his face, which was as white as jade.

But the next moment, she immediately withdrew her hands as if she was frightened. She closed her eyes and didn't move, as if she just did that inadvertently. She buried her head in Chu Liuchen's arms, and felt her heart beat wildly.

She actually reached out to touch the face of this moody evil man on her own initiative, although he was half asleep just now.

Shao Wanru felt that she really went crazy. Who was he? He was the Crown Prince, who had defeated all his opponents in the future and ascended the throne. As someone able to win the emperor's favor as his nephew, how could he be weak enough to allow her sympathy for him?

Or even if he was indeed sick and weak, he was not as weak as she thought! Why did she touch his face unexpectedly?

Even in the darkness, she felt that her face was blushing and burning hot.

Chu Liuchen had opened his eyes. He slightly lowered his eyes to look at the girl in front of him who closed her eyes tightly and buried her head in his arms like a frightened bunny. However, she did not find that her pink ears had already exposed her thoughts. She was obviously uneasy and too shy to raise her head, but still attempted to pretend to be calm.

At this moment, should he tease her by continuing the former topic or talk about something else lest she really get angry from embarrassment? Nevertheless, seeing her shy and pitiful face, he decided to let her go this time!

So he reached out to embrace her again and said casually, "Go down the mountain when it's time to leave. Don't stay here any longer, and don't come to this place in the future."

His words were too meaningful. Shao Wanru was too shy to raise her head, but fortunately, he dropped the topic and said something else. With the blush on her face fading a little, Shao Wanru pulled herself together and asked, "Will anything happen in the passage recently?"

"Nothing will happen!" Chu Liuchen said and nodded, "But don't sleep alone in silence room from now on. Ask Qing'er to keep you in company!"

There were some people in the passage beneath the silence room. Although she knew that they did not dare to act rashly, there was no harm in being cautious.

Chapter 527 Remedy, Foot Injury!

"Will Shao Yanru expose it?" Shao Wanru thought for a moment, rolled her watery eyes, and asked.

"She doesn't dare!" Chu Liuchen suddenly said meaningfully.

It meant that if she didn't expose it, Shao Yanru would definitely not take the initiative to do that. After all, the hole was now in Shao Yanru's main room. Although Shao Yanru had gone down the mountain long before, Shao Yanru was the owner of the main room anyway. She couldn't stay out of it, but Shao Yanru couldn't either.

Now Shao Yanru knew something about it, and so did she. But neither of them knew who was behind it. In this respect, they were on equal terms. In this case, she could apply the original plan to deal with Shao Yanru. With her watery eyes blinking twice and her long eyelashes drooping slightly, she thought for a moment and said, "Your Highness, it's getting late. You'd better go back early!"

There were some things in which she did not want to interfere too much. In the last life, she ended up with tragedy. Meanwhile, Chu Liuchen managed to trample on everyone with his own strength. So she was not necessarily helping him by interfering too much in his life.

"Are you going to drive me away now? Huh?" Chu Liuchen said, as he stroked her hair casually.

"Shao Yanru fell into the trap today, so she is very likely to strike first tomorrow morning for fear that what happened today would be found out!" Shao Wanru pushed Chu Liuchen and said.

"Even so, she has to do that tomorrow!" Chu Liuchen said, increasingly inadvertent.

"Your Highness..." Shao Wanru reached out to pull his robe and said helplessly. If she allowed him to stay here longer, she would really be unable to get up tomorrow due to her lack of sleep.

"It's going to be your birthday a few days later. I'll instruct someone to send you a birthday gift." Chu Liuchen looked at her and suddenly said with a chuckle.

Shao Wanru froze for a moment and raised her head warily. In the past years, Chu Liuchen had always prepared a birthday gift for her, but he had never told her that in advance. He usually came and gave her the birthday gift directly.

Chu Liuchen let go of Shao Wanru, stood up, tidied up his clothes, looked back at Shao Wanru's wide-opened watery eyes and said, "I'll instruct someone to send it here!"

He deliberately emphasized the three words “send it here”. After that, under the gaze of Shao Wanru, who looked surprised, he lifted the corners of his thin lips to show a beautiful smile, and jumped down from the window!

Knowing that there were rocks beneath the window, Shao Wanru was not so horrified. After thinking for a while, she walked to the window and closed it, and then leaned against the window with a frown...

Early the next morning, Shao Wanru was woken up by Qu Le’s anxious scream. She looked blankly at Qu Le’s face, and rubbed the part between her eyebrows after a long while. She went to sleep late last night. Besides, she didn’t sleep well all night because of being horrified by the passage. She seemed to feel that she had just fallen asleep when hearing Qu Le’s scream.

“What’s the matter?” Shao Wanru asked in a low spirit.

“Miss, bad news. The First Miss fell and has been seriously injured. They’ve sent for a doctor!” Qu Le said as she helped Shao Wanru sit up, “Sister Yujie thinks that you’d better go and have a look.”

Since Shao Yanru had fallen and hurt her leg, Shao Wanru should certainly go and visit her as her cousin. She glanced at the sky outside the window and found that dawn had just broken. Shao Yanru began her farce a little early indeed.

She rubbed her eyes and got up with Qu Le’s help. Yujie had prepared her toilet articles. After washing and dressing, Shao Wanru went to Shao Yanru’s room with Yujie.

As soon as they arrived at the door, Shuqi came out before they knocked on the door. Seeing Shao Wanru come over, Shuqi hurriedly bowed to her.

“How did your master fall and get hurt?” Shao Wanru asked.

“I don’t know. She was fine during the day yesterday, but just had a little difficulty walking freely. Her injury didn’t seem to be aggravated at night. So I thought she would be fine later. Unexpectedly, her leg has swelled up after a night,” Shuqi said with a tired face, seeming to have not slept well all night.

“Have you sent for a doctor?” Shao Wanru asked, as she walked inside.

“Yes, but it has to be approved by the officials of the Ministry of Justice. I’ve asked the nuns of the Yuhui Nunnery to ask for instructions just now,” Shuqi said hurriedly.

Shao Yanru claimed that she fell during the day yesterday and had difficulty walking after that. Therefore, although the officials of the Ministry of Justice saw a lady last night, it was not her. Shao Yanru’s idea was quite good. It not only spread the news of her injury, but also explained that the lady showing up there last night for a secret meeting would not be her without words.

The next move depended on how cooperative Qi Tianyu was with her!

Nevertheless, Shao Wanru also wanted to see how cooperative Qi Tianyu was with Shao Yanru.

Entering the inner room, Shao Wanru saw Shao Yanru lying in bed. Her pale and haggard face could really convince others that what she claimed was true.

Since she said so, Shao Wanru naturally took it seriously.

Both of them seemed to have forgotten what had happened last night. After they exchanged greetings gently for a while, the doctor came.

The doctor was not specially fetched from down the mountain, but brought here by the Ministry of Justice. There had been some injured people on the mountain before, so the Ministry of Justice brought a doctor to the mountain at that time. At this time, hearing that Shao Yanru needed a doctor, they naturally sent someone to bring the doctor here.

Coincidentally, the one that brought the doctor here was none other than Qiu Yu.

Before the doctor entered the room, Shao Wanru hid behind the gauze curtain, and the gauze curtain around the bed was also let down. The old doctor walked in slowly under the guidance of Shuqi.

Shao Yanru stretched out her hand from the bed, and the old doctor reached out to feel her pulse. Qiu Yu also came in.

One master was lying in bed, while the other master hid behind the bed, only leaving behind the maids, none of whom dared to drive Qiu Yu away. So he entered the room directly.

Before Shuqi could say anything after the old doctor felt the pulse, Qiu Yu asked anxiously, "How's the First Miss?"

"Can I have a look at your wound?" the old doctor said after a hesitation. He had better look at the wound before making a diagnosis, but there were numerous rules of treating a Miss of an aristocratic family.

"Of course!" Shao Yanru said, short of breath. Shuqi hurriedly reached out to help Shao Yanru put a leg out through the curtain. After the old doctor examined it, she hurriedly pushed it inside.

Shao Wanru also saw clearly that Shao Yanru's leg was bruised and swollen indeed. With a trace of deepness across her eyes, Shao Wanru thought that Shao Yanru was so cruel to herself that she must have hurt herself after returning last night.

"Do you feel a sharp pain when pressing it?" The old doctor stroked his long beard, nodded and asked another question.

"My master doesn't feel especially sharp pain, but feels a dull pain all over her leg." Shuqi gave the answer she had prepared.

"She did twist her ankle. She's deficient in vital energy and has a feeble constitution, but it's not serious because she's not injured in the sinews or bones. She just needs to rest for a few days during which she should avoid getting out of bed and walking. I happen to bring some ointment. Apply it to her wound three times a day, and she will recover slowly."

The old doctor said, as he took out a small porcelain bottle from his medicine chest.

Shuqi nodded repeatedly, hurriedly took it and asked, "Doctor, is there anything my master should be aware of while taking this medicine?"

"She should watch her diet and avoid eating too much greasy food. In addition, she should avoid moving and stay in bed these days. Fortunately, your master didn't walk much after twisting her ankle. Otherwise, she won't be able to recover in a few days!"

The old doctor told Shuqi.

"Exactly, after my master twisted her ankle, she was afraid that her injury would be aggravated. So she has stayed in her room since she came back yesterday!"

Shuqi said and nodded repeatedly, looking glad.

Qiu Yu suddenly let out a sigh of relief and thought, "Sure enough, I didn't misjudge her. How could it be possible for a fair lady like the First Miss Shao to meet Qi Tianyu in secret?" He had asked Qi Tianyu in private after returning yesterday. Qi Tianyu kept denying it and claimed that he had never met the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. Although his sister was the adopted daughter of Madam of Duke Xing, there was a prudent reserve between males and females. Moreover, his sister was just an adopted daughter rather than a biological daughter. So he certainly had never met the First Miss Shao.

Regarding the character "ru", it was really a coincidence that his confidante's name also included the character "ru".

Qiu Yu had been dubious last night, but now he thought that Qi Tianyu was really his good buddy and had told the truth. The First Miss Shao had twisted her ankle yesterday, and it was proved by the old doctor that her injury made her unable to walk much. So the lady showing up last night must not be her.

Nevertheless, the maid showing up last night inexplicably seemed to be Shuqi. At that time, everyone focused on Shao Yanru, while neglecting the maid whose face was uncovered. Later both the lady and the maid left, so they lost the chance to notice the maid. In this case, Qiu Yu thought that yesterday he might have taken it for granted that the maid was Shuqi in front of him.

It was obvious that he was wrong and mistook the maid for Shuqi!

Thinking of this, Qiu Yu felt at ease. Although his colleagues promised not to spread the news yesterday, they said something mean about it. Now he thought that he had justice on his side.

"I also have some medicine for healing the injury in sinews and bones. How about sending some to the First Miss Shao later?" Qiu Yu said with a smile. He glanced at the hanging gauze curtain through which he could only see a figure faintly, and then his eyes rested on her half-exposed hand. Her skin as smooth as butter was so attractive.

"Thank you, Your Excellency, but you don't have to do that. The medicine given by the doctor is enough!" Shuqi said. She certainly knew that her master would not take a fancy to the man in front, so she refused euphemistically.

Her master, who treasured her reputation a lot, would never allow any gossip about her and a man she considered not good enough for her.

The man obviously took a fancy to her master. After seeing plenty of this kind of thing, Shuqi did not take it seriously. She, who had refused plenty of men on behalf of her master, was quite good at doing this.

Shao Yanru just wanted him to bear witness to her injury. Except for this, she didn't want to be entangled with him.

"Your Excellency, do you have better medicine than that given by the doctor?" A voice suddenly came from behind the gauze curtain.

"Yes, yes, it's better, much better. It was granted by the imperial palace!" Qiu Yu said, looking at the curtain in surprise with an involuntary smile. He, who looked a little embarrassed because of being refused by Shuqi, immediately became beaming with joy.

The First Miss Shao treated him differently as he expected, and the maid didn't respond on instructions from her.

"Since it is granted by the imperial palace, it must be good. I hope that you can give my Big Sister some!" Shao Wanru's voice continued coming from behind the gauze curtain. She said sincerely in a soft and crisp voice.

Qiu Yu froze at first, and then immediately realized that it was the voice of the Fifth Miss of the Shao's Mansion.

Chapter 528 When Shao Yanru Was a Child

Speaking of the Fifth Miss, Qiu Yu suddenly became angry. It was obvious that the lady showing up in the hall was not the First Miss Shao, but the Fifth Miss kept suggesting that it was the First Miss Shao. The Fifth Miss, who was so vicious at such a young age, was really not a good girl.

He wanted to rebuke her directly. However, at the thought of sending the ointment to his sweetheart, he didn't want to ruin such a good opportunity, so he nodded at once.

"I will instruct someone to send it here after returning. First Miss Shao, please accept it and consider it a chance for me to make amends!" After finishing speaking, Qiu Yu bowed respectfully to Shao Yanru, who was behind the gauze curtain, snorted coldly at Shao Wanru without talking to her, and then turned to leave with the doctor.

The First Miss Shao was a good girl. He thought that he should find an opportunity to remind her to be cautious of the Fifth Miss Shao. Otherwise, her kindness would make her a girl who remained ignorant after being deceived!

"Your Excellency..." Shuqi still wanted to refuse, but Qiu Yu had stridden away. She wanted to chase after him, but found it inappropriate for her to do that. So she could only look back at Shao Yanru, who was lying in bed, and thought, "Why is it so difficult to get rid of him? We just made use of him. How dare he have a fantasy for my master without considering whether he deserves my master..."

Qiu Yu acted quickly and sincerely. Not long after that, he came back here again to fetch the ointment in person. Qing'er opened the door, and then went to ask Shuqi out.

Shuqi refused him several times on instructions from Shao Yanru. However, she failed to refuse him and could only accept the ointment for fear of attracting more attention.

After bringing the ointment into the room and closing the door, she walked into the inner room and apologized to Shao Yanru, "First Miss, the ointment... I failed to refuse him. Later some nuns passed by. For fear of attracting their attention, I had to accept it!"

"Just put it away!" Under the shadow of the bedside, Shao Yanru said with a gloomy face. She lost to Shao Wanru this time and was set up by her. However, it was she who caused the problem, so she had no choice but to face the consequences.

Speaking of which, Qiu Yu could still be a witness of her innocence. After all, when they first met, he came specially to deliver a letter from Qi Tianyu. Later, she sent Shuqi to deliver a letter to him on behalf of Shao Wanru. He could be useful to her one day, so she could not offend him by refusing him directly.

"Miss, let me apply some ointment to your wound!" Shuqi said. Seeing that Shao Yanru did not blame her, she let out a sigh of relief, bent down to kneel in front of the bed and lifted the quilt at the foot of the bed.

Shao Yanru really sprained her ankle. She did that on purpose after returning, and didn't send for a doctor until this morning. There was a big bump on her ankle, but fortunately she was not injured in the bones.

"First Miss, since he has delivered the ointment here, we can apply it. Your foot has been injured. Applying normal ointment could result in incomplete recovery." Looking at the ointment in her hand, Shuqi said hesitantly.

It would be a big deal if the First Miss's foot was really injured.

"First Miss, if you find it efficacious after applying it, we can ask the First Young Master to send him a gift after we go back!" Seeing that Shao Yanru fell silent for a while, Shuqi, who knew with which her master was concerned, advised again.

"Okay, apply it!" Shuqi's words struck a chord in Shao Yanru's heart, so Shao Yanru nodded and said at once.

Overjoyed, Shuqi hurriedly got up and fetched the ointment on the table. After that, she wiped the ointment she had applied to Shao Yanru's wound before, and then cautiously applied the new ointment to her wound after rubbing it. The ointment granted by the imperial palace was really efficacious. As soon as it was applied to her wound, Shao Yanru found it refreshing and much better than that given by the doctor.

After finishing applying the ointment, Shuqi cautiously pushed Shao Yanru's leg onto the bed, went out to wash her hands and then came in to serve Shao Yanru with a cup of tea in her hands.

"First Miss, Huiqing Nun came here just now in an attempt to see you, but the Fifth Miss refused her request," Shuqi said cautiously, while placing the teacup on the table in front of Shao Yanru.

When she went out to wash her hands, she got the news from Qing'er.

"She refused it?" Shao Yanru said with an increasingly gloomy face.

"Yes. She was afraid that you would be disturbed, so she asked Huiqing Nun to go back!" Shuqi said, also looking sullen. As the First Miss's personal principal maid, she had always been flattered by everyone in the mansion. Unexpectedly she had to try hard to please an inferior maid one day for information.

"How dare she?" Shao Yanru said, while clenching a corner of the quilt and scratching the quilt with her sharp fingernails.

Seeing her become furious, Shuqi didn't dare to say anything else.

After a long while, Shao Yanru calmed down. Despite her cold face, the rage on her face had faded. She said, "Live in seclusion these days. If Rui'an Great Elder Princess comes here, report it to me and I'll go to salute her. If not, I'll stay here for recovery."

After the doctor came, everyone should know that she had twisted her ankle long before and the lady showing up last night to meet Qi Tianyu could not be her.

The Yuhui Nunnery had been sealed, and there were plenty of female pilgrims in the nunnery besides the nuns. There were many possibilities if it was not her.

She had been too hasty on this...

Rui'an Great Elder Princess came here after lunch. Hearing that Shao Yanru had twisted her ankle, she specially sent someone to inquire about it. Unexpectedly, Shao Yanru struggled to come over after freshening up to pay respects to her. After that, Shao Yanru had a small talk with her. Seeing Shao Yanru's pale face, Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked her to have a rest with no need to stay with her.

After chatting with her respectfully for a while, Shao Yanru left with the help of Shuqi.

Watching Shao Yanru leave tottering, Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked at her thoughtfully and said with a frown, "When she was young, I had brought her to Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion and raised her for a period of time!"

"Grandma, you had raised her?" Shao Wanru asked in astonishment, because she really didn't know about it.

"I hadn't raised her for long, only about half a year. At that time, she was so cute a little girl as delicate as polished jade with a sweet voice. I was not on good terms with Duke Xing's Mansion back then, but we hadn't come to an open break. When she came to my mansion as a guest, she looked obedient and lovely and was particularly willing to get close to me. So I asked her to stay in my mansion. Unexpectedly, she had lived there for about half a year!"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess said with a sigh.

A little girl at the age of five or six was the loveliest. Shao Yanru was chubby and smooth-tongued, so Rui'an Great Elder Princess found her quite pleasing to the eye. Seeing that Shao Yanru was so close to her, Rui'an Great Elder Princess, who had no children, kept her in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion cheekily. Madam of Duke Xing naturally did not say anything about it. Despite her reluctance, Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion did not refuse.

Looking at the reluctant face of Old Madam of Duke Xing, Rui'an Great Elder Princess suddenly felt that she had vented her spleen and made up her mind to keep Shao Yanru in her mansion.

“At that time, your mother had left and I didn’t know where she had gone. I was very lonely. The company of such an innocent child actually made me happy. In addition, keeping her in my mansion could displease the old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion. So I kept delaying sending her back to Duke Xing’s Mansion. Prince Yue, Prince Zhou and Prince Chen were also young at that time and visited my mansion from time to time. Prince Yue and Prince Zhou came more often, especially after Shao Yanru lived in my mansion. But Prince Chen just visited my mansion a few times in half a year due to his poor health, and didn’t necessarily meet Shao Yanru during his visit.”

Rui’an Great Elder Princess said with an increasingly furrowed brow.

Shao Wanru suddenly opened her eyes wide after rolling them, and said, “Grandma, do you mean that they had grown up together?”

Rui’an Great Elder Princess reached out to pat her granddaughter’s head to express her admiration for her granddaughter’s intelligence, while saying with a chuckle, “You could say that. At least Prince Zhou and Prince Yue visited my mansion more often during the period, but came here less often after Shao Yanru left. It could be seen that they had a close relationship with Shao Yanru at that time.”

“Why did Shao Yanru leave later?” Shao Wanru thought for a moment and asked. Since Rui’an Great Elder Princess was willing to raise Shao Yanru because she wanted to displease Old Madam of Duke Xing and Shao Yanru was close to her, why did she give up after half a year?

“Later, I found that she looked well-behaved and cute, was filial to me and often came to pay her respects to me. Nevertheless, she didn’t behave like a child at the age of five or six, which reminded me of her mother, who had been raised in Duke Xing’s Mansion since her childhood. I heard that her mother had been careful in everything and particularly filial to Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion since her childhood. In this way, her mother managed to make your mother leave Duke Xing’s Mansion. At the thought of this, I felt sick of her!”

Rui’an Great Elder Princess said with a trace of tiredness on her face. As long as she thought that the girl in front of her would grow up into a lady like her mother, she became displeased with Shao Yanru and even felt that Shao Yanru did everything in front of her purposefully as Madam of Duke Xing did in front of Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion at that time.

No matter how cute Shao Yanru was, she couldn’t compare with her biological daughter. However, Rui’an Great Elder Princess could not vent her anger on a child, so she let Shao Yanru go home.

“Before leaving, she held my leg tearfully and said that she wanted to stay with me forever and serve me wholeheartedly as long as I didn’t drive her away!” Rui’an Great Elder Princess said slowly with a sarcastic smile, “I have heard these words many times, but I generally heard them from sensible children more than ten years old. She was only five or six years old at that time...”

On hearing her words, Rui’an Great Elder Princess, who was still hesitant at first, immediately instructed someone to send her back to Duke Xing’s Mansion and ignored her ever since.

Shao Wanru understood. At the age of five or six, Shao Yanru should not be sensible enough to say those words. How could Rui’an Great Elder Princess, who had rich experience in life, be deceived by a child? She must have smelled a rat, so she instructed someone to take Shao Yanru away directly and left Shao Yanru no chance to attach herself to her ever since.

It turned out that Shao Yanru grew up with Prince Yue and Prince Zhou. It was no wonder that she had the opportunity to switch back and forth between the two princes.

A child at the age of five or six had already known how to attach herself to Rui'an Great Elder Princess. Thinking about it carefully, Shao Wanru found it terrifying!

"Grandma, don't worry. I won't be deceived by what she feigns!" Shao Wanru said softly. She knew what Rui'an Great Elder Princess's words meant.

"You'd better be more careful!" Although Rui'an Great Elder Princess was relieved, she still patted her hand with a serious look and reminded her.

Chapter 529 Prince Chen Show up Openly

Although Rui'an Great Elder Princess had always been arrogant and strident in front of others, she was actually a cautious person. She said that because she was concerned about Shao Wanru.

The First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion was the most outstanding. Everyone in the capital city knew that she was a gorgeous girl of decorous bearing. Moreover, she was the lineal eldest daughter of Duke Xing. In any respect, she was excellent. It could even be said that there was no other Miss better than her in the whole capital city.

However, Rui'an Great Elder Princess's granddaughter was more outstanding than her.

In terms of appearance, Rui'an Great Elder Princess considered her granddaughter really good-looking, and she didn't think so out of partiality. Glancing at the red lips and dark watery eyes on her granddaughter's delicate face, anyone could tell how exceedingly gorgeous and charming her granddaughter was. Nevertheless, her granddaughter didn't look coquettish, but was refined in manners as if she was free from the mortal world.

Anyone would definitely be amazed by her granddaughter's beauty at a glance.

More than two years ago, when Shao Wanru was still a little girl, Rui'an Great Elder Princess knew that her granddaughter would grow up into a beauty, but she did not expect her granddaughter to become so exceedingly gorgeous.

Shao Yanru had Duke Xing's Mansion as her backing. Although Shao Wanru was not favored by the members of Duke Xing's Mansion, she was a lineal granddaughter of Duke Xing's Mansion on the surface anyway. Besides, she was Rui'an Great Elder Princess's granddaughter. In this respect, Shao Yanru was not in an advantageous position.

Regarding reputation and conduct, Shao Wanru had a good reputation of observing mourning for her parents for three years.

Based on these points which were enough to make Shao Wanru Shao Yanru's opponent, Rui'an Great Elder Princess felt that this First Miss Shao definitely harboured evil intents towards Shao Wanru. Thinking that Shao Yanru acted as if she bore no grudges against her and Shao Wanru just now, she found it increasingly possible that Shao Yanru assumed a feigned manner in everything.

Because of being concerned about her granddaughter, she brought up the past, that she had almost forgotten, in order to remind her granddaughter to be wary.

The following days were very peaceful. Rui'an Great Elder Princess came to visit Shao Wanru from time to time. Nevertheless, because it was during Shao Wanru's meditation, it was inappropriate for her to spend much time in Shao Wanru's place even if she was Shao Wanru's grandma. Later, because she had to take care of Shao Yuanhao, she went down the mountain after reporting it to the emperor.

Shao Yanru was very polite. Every time Rui'an Great Elder Princess came over, she came to greet Rui'an Great Elder Princess and struggled to chat with her for a while. Even Rui'an Great Elder Princess could find no fault with her.

A few days later, it was Shao Wanru's birthday. Early in the morning, Yujie went to the kitchen of the Yuhui Nunnery and made a bowl of longevity noodles for Shao Wanru.

Yujie did this on each of Shao Wanru's birthday in the past years.

It was simple and joyful without disturbing anyone else.

Hearing the knock at the door, Qing'er hurriedly put down the big broom in her hand and answered the door, while running out to open the door.

There were two Misses and three principal maids in the yard, but there was only one inferior maid which was her. Of course, it was her duty to sweep the yard. Fortunately, Qing'er was smart and quick at work. Sometimes, she could even assist Yujie and Qu Le.

After opening the door, she saw Chu Liuchen's handsome and pale face behind the door.

After freezing for a moment, Qing'er immediately stepped forward to block his way and asked warily, "Sir, what can I do for you?"

"My master is tired with walking, so he wants to take a break and ask for a cup of water!" Xiao Xuanzi said, as he came out from behind Chu Liuchen and smiled with his eyes narrowed into a line.

Qing'er looked them up and down as if she really didn't recognize them. She stood at the door and said, showing no sign of conceding, "There are only two Misses in the yard. It's inappropriate to let this child in!"

"We just want to take a break in your porch. My master really needs to have a rest, otherwise... he will be unable to walk any step farther," Xiao Xuanzi said, reaching out to help Chu Liuchen, who looked so ill that anyone could tell at a glance that he was really in poor health.

Qing'er hesitated, looked them up and down, and told them, "Wait here. I'm going to ask my master!"

"Go ahead. We'll wait here!" Xiao Xuanzi immediately became cheerful, waved his hand and said.

Qing'er turned and went into the yard, followed by Chu Liuchen walking slowly with Xiao Xuanzi's help.

Under the big tree in the courtyard, there were stone tables and stools. Xiao Xuanzi took two steps forward, drew a handkerchief from his bosom to wipe the stone stools and stone tables, and then asked Chu Liuchen to sit down.

In the room, Shao Wanru got the news and froze for a moment. She had heard from Chu Liuchen that he would send her a gift on her birthday. Why did he come here in person directly?

"Is Prince Chen here?" Shao Wanru asked again in disbelief.

"Yeah, Prince Chen is here!" Qing'er nodded repeatedly and said with her face melting in smiles. She had known the relationship between Prince Chen and her master long before. Seeing that Prince Chen was so sincere to her master, she felt increasingly joyful.

"Ask him to come in and sit down for a while, and tell him that I thank him for saving my life." Shao Wanru made up an excuse after thinking for a while.

Everyone knew that Chu Liuchen had saved her life at the gate of the imperial palace on that day, so she didn't have to avoid meeting Chu Liuchen. Otherwise, she seemed to be a little too punctilious.

"Okay, I'll go to ask Prince Chen in right away!" Qing'er said and walked out cheerfully.

Coming to the yard and seeing Chu Liuchen sitting under the tree, she hurriedly knelt down and apologized. "Your Highness, I didn't recognize you just now. I've been rebuked by my master. She said that she should thank you for saving her life and invite you to come in and sit down for a while!"

Chu Liuchen stood up, glanced around the whole yard with his pretty eyes, and said lightly, "Let's go!"

He was dressed in a lavender cloak with a fringe of snow-white fur, which made him look as gentle as jade. If it hadn't been for his face which was too pale, he would have looked as handsome as a fairy.

Through the window of the main room, Shao Yanru's eyes fell on Chu Liuchen's face. She had been struck by the handsome face when she was very young. At that time, she, who was still a little girl, won Rui'an Great Elder Princess's favor and was raised in Great Elder Princess's Mansion. During the period, she got acquainted with Prince Zhou and Prince Yue. Her nurse told her that her mother asked her to curry favor with these two little princes.

She had been smart since her childhood, so she certainly won the two princes' favor as her mother asked. She also enjoyed playing with them. Since she became their playmate, she was keenly aware that even the servants around her became cautious. The servants of the little princes, who looked down upon her at the beginning, also became respectful to her later.

But later, she met Prince Chen. The little Prince Chen sat quietly in the pavilion, which was as beautiful as a painting. Shao Yanru thought that she had never seen such a good-looking child and wanted to play with him very much, so she ran over. Unexpectedly, she was stopped before getting close to him, and was told that she was not allowed to approach him.

Shao Yanru burst into tears at once, and then she saw the incredibly good-looking child turn around to look at her coldly. His gaze made her dare not to continue crying and have to wipe her tears away and throw herself into her nurse's arms in panic.

After that, she met Chu Liuchen a few more times, but she failed to approach him every time. In her heart, this little prince was a sweet but impossible dream.

Later, she learned from Chu Liuyue and Chu Liuzhou's private conversation that he was the Third Prince Chu Liuchen, who was the first to be conferred the title of Prince, and he was conferred the title Prince Chen soon after he was born. The two princes described him as a sickly child who wouldn't live long and could die at any time.

Chu Liuyue and Chu Liuzhou said something mean about him in private. They said that he was sick and could not play with others, otherwise he could die accidentally when playing. Neither the Empress Dowager nor the emperor allowed them to play with him. Even if he just chatted with someone outside for a while, they were afraid that he would be blown away.

He was a piece of trash made of porcelain!

In order to have a better relationship with Chu Liuyue and Chu Liuzhou, Shao Yanru certainly did not say anything bad about Chu Liuchen. Nevertheless, she bore abundant malice toward Prince Chen, who refused to play with her. But even so, when she looked at him from a distance, she still felt that he was as beautiful as a painting. How could he be such a good-looking child?

Now Prince Chen, who was as beautiful as a dream and looked as pretty as a girl, had grown up. Despite his pale face and slender figure, he still looked as handsome as a god. His loose sleeves swayed as he moved, like wings.

“Go to find out why Prince Chen came here?” Withdrawing her gaze, Shao Yanru instructed her maid with a trace of deepness across her eyes.

Shuqi answered and left. After a while, she found out about it. In the whole yard, there was only a silly inferior maid Qing’er. It was always easy to ask Qing’er about what happened. Shuqi had given plenty of gifts to Qing’er in private so that Qing’er told her everything she knew.

“Miss, it is said that Prince Chen came to the Yuhui Nunnery. When he came here, he was too tired to walk further, so he came in to have a rest and ask for a cup of water. The Fifth Miss recognized him and invited him into the room for a chat. It is said that Prince Chen once saved the Fifth Miss’s life at the gate of the imperial palace!”

Shuqi said indifferently, because she had heard about it before.

Shao Yanru fell silent for a moment. She had also heard about it before. Although she was on the mountain at that time, this matter and the series of subsequent events had attracted her attention.

She found it strange at that time. Was Prince Chen such a warm-hearted person? Why had she never noticed it? She deliberately sent someone down the mountain to inquire about it. Madam of Duke Xing wrote her a letter to tell her the whole story and ask her to burn the letter after reading it.

Speaking of which, the disturbance at the gate of the imperial palace was actually created by Countess Yong who was stirred up by Shao Yanru’s mother. Unexpectedly, something went wrong, Prince Chen was involved in it, and then it became more influential. After that, everyone thought that Shao Wanru had been implicated by Prince Chen. It did no harm to Shao Wanru, but made the whole capital city cordoned off.

It sounded like just an accident, but Shao Yanru did not think so. In the last battle between her and Shao Wanru, Shao Wanru was unscathed, while she had to hurt herself to prove her innocence.

“Let’s go and have a look!” After thinking for a while, Shao Yanru stood up with her hands on the table. In fact, she had almost recovered, but she still pretended to be walking with difficulty every time she went out.

She wanted to take a look in person.....

Chapter 530 I Want to Eat Longevity Noodles

When Shao Yanru came, Shao Wanru and Chu Liuchen were sitting opposite on the mat. Qu Le stepped back to the door after serving tea. Xiao Xuanzi stood beside her with a smile, looking quite amiable.

“Why are you here, Your Highness?” Shao Wanru looked Chu Liuchen up and down and asked in confusion.

“Because I want to come here!” Chu Liuchen raised his pretty eyes and said inadvertently.

“Your Highness, didn’t you say...” Came now a cautious inquiry from Shao Wanru.

Before she finished her words, they heard Qu Le’s voice from the door, “I pay you my respects, First Miss!”

She slowly closed her cherry mouth and shifted her gaze from Chu Liuchen to the door.

“Has your master got up?” Shao Yanru said gently in a soft and pleasant voice.

“My master has got up, but...” Qu Le seemed to intend to stop her from entering the room, but Shao Yanru interrupted her gently, “That’s good. I’m going inside to see her!”

Shao Yanru showed up at the door. Seeing Chu Liuchen, she seemed to be stunned for a moment and then walked in gracefully.

“I pay you my respects, Your Highness!” Shao Yanru walked up to Chu Liuchen and bowed sideways to him respectfully. She couldn’t stand steadily at the moment because of her foot injury and almost fell. Shuqi nimbly held her so that she didn’t fall.

Shao Yanru blushed and gently pushed Shuqi, seeming to feel ashamed of her indiscreet behavior, but she didn’t explain it.

“What’s the matter, First Miss Shao?” Chu Liuchen looked up at Shao Yanru and asked indifferently, as if he didn’t notice Shao Yanru’s gentle and restrained look.

“I come to see Fifth Sister and didn’t expect you are here.” Shao Yanru lowered her head and said with a reddish face.

“I am tired, so I come here to ask for a cup of tea from my cousin!” Chu Liuchen said. He picked up the teacup at his hand, put it down slowly after taking a sip, and then gave Shao Yanru a sidelong glance.

Shao Wanru was Rui’an Great Elder Princess’ granddaughter, so she could certainly be considered Chu Liuchen’s cousin. Nevertheless, this topic inevitably reminded Shao Yanru of her childhood. At that time, how she wished she were Rui’an Great Elder Princess’s biological granddaughter!

The room fell silent strangely. Shao Yanru stood there in embarrassment for a long while. Seeing that the two of them did not speak, she had to make her farewells softly.

Chu Liuchen waved his hand, and Shao Yanru left with a flushed face. After getting out of the room, she almost failed to hold back the anger in her heart.

Shao Wanru just sat there casually without saying anything, as if she were just an ordinary maid.

Clenching her teeth, she suppressed the anger in her, put on a gentle look, smiled gently at Xiao Xuanzi at the door, and then left slowly with the help of Shuqi.

He was just a sickly prince. Even if he was the best-looking, it was meaningless. He couldn't compare with the glory and wealth she was about to get...

Shao Wanru was just lucky to be Rui'an Great Elder Princess's granddaughter. If she was Rui'an Great Elder Princess's granddaughter, she would be the princes' cousin. But although she wasn't their cousin, it was no big deal. Prince Yue and Prince Zhou still felt extraordinarily tender and protective toward her.

"Keep an eye on them." After walking into the room, Shao Yanru let go of Shuqi's hand, and instructed Shuqi after walking a few steps steadily.

Wasn't Prince Chen even too sick to get up? Why did he come up the mountain and happen to come to Shao Wanru's courtyard? Was it really a coincidence? She was inexplicably angry, and her eyes became gloomy...

"Cousin?" Shao Wanru said with a smile after Shao Yanru left.

"Don't you think so, Zhuozhuo?" Chu Liuchen squinted his eyes and said leisurely. Then he swayed his chin toward the teacup in front of him and said naturally, "I am thirsty. Fill my cup!"

"Your Highness, why don't you drink tea in your own mansion?" Although Shao Wanru reached out to fill his cup, she said impatiently.

"Of course I want more than a cup of tea. I'm hungry until now, so I especially come here to ask for a bowl of longevity noodles. I heard that the noodles here are great!"

After picking up the cup and taking a sip, Chu Liuchen pretended to be lost in contemplation and said.

"Your Highness, aren't you afraid that it will be discovered?" Shao Wanru was not as patient as him. She gave him a hard look and said. He came and went so frequently that she was afraid that it would be discovered.

Moreover, he usually came here secretly, but this time he came here openly without being afraid of arousing others' suspicion. Shao Yanru in the next room obviously came here to inquire about it just now.

Seeing that Shao Yanru was driven away by Chu Liuchen relentlessly, Shao Wanru felt inexplicably delighted.

"I have nothing to be afraid of. I've visited Imperial Grandmother before coming here," Chu Liuchen said lazily, leaned back again and stretched out his hand to support his head, looking extremely lazy.

However, Shao Wanru took a deep breath and asked in astonishment, "Your Highness, have you told the Empress Dowager about it?"

"Can't I tell her? At that time, in view of the fact that you were going to come up the mountain to observe mourning for your parents, it was inappropriate for you to get engaged with me. Now since you

are going down the mountain, I don't have to avoid meeting you!" Chu Liuchen gave her a sidelong glance and said slowly.

Shao Wanru felt flustered. Seeing him take it for granted, she didn't know what to say and only felt confused.

"Zhuzhuo, do you mean that I don't need to tell Imperial Grandmother about it? Not only Imperial Grandmother but also Rui'an Great Elder Princess know about our relationship!" Chu Liuchen said with a snort in displeasure. He reached out to grab Shao Wanru's slender hand, making her almost run into the table and lie prone on the mat.

Feeling her hand held by Chu Liuchen and bitten hard by him, Shao Wanru couldn't help screaming in pain and bursting into tears.

"Your Highness, how... how can you bite me..." Shao Wanru complained in an injured tone with a puckered mouth.

"Why can't I do that? I will eat you once I get angry!" Looking at the bite mark on the back of Shao Wanru's white hand, Chu Liuchen said complacently.

"Your Highness, you should mind your behavior as a Prince!" Shao Wanru said. She felt that she was calm, otherwise she would bite him too.

"Zhuzhuo, I am your fiance, right? I can certainly come to visit my fiancée without being stealthy!" Chu Liuchen said inadvertently.

Shao Wanru swallowed and looked at the door with a flushed face. She did not know when the door had been half closed and Qu Le and Xiao Xuanzi had left.

"Your Highness, did you tell the Empress Dowager that you were coming to see me?" Shao Wanru asked, letting out a sigh of relief in her heart. Despite her flushed face, she didn't look nervous as before.

"Of course. I struggled to come up the mountain to celebrate your birthday. Otherwise, I wouldn't have to do this!" Seeing Shao Wanru's delicate facial features tangled, Chu Liuchen became joyful. So he stopped torturing her, just held her hand in his big hand, turned around lazily and said.

"Your Highness, are you not afraid of it being discovered?" Shao Wanru asked worriedly.

"What's wrong with me wanting to marry you? They won't allow me to do that?" Chu Liuchen squinted at Shao Wanru and said discontentedly.

"Your Highness, didn't you mean that you wanted to make me your cover because you didn't want to get married?" Shao Wanru tried hard to suppress the shock in her heart, opened her eyes wide to look at him and asked.

"Are you not my cover after marrying me? Don't you really want to be my cover? Do you want to marry someone else?" Chu Liuchen said in an unkind tone.

Shao Wanru had never thought about marrying someone else. Since her rebirth, she had been tied to Chu Liuchen. Shao Wanru had never thought about it, so she immediately shook her head and said, "Your Highness, you really think too much. How could it be possible!"

"Since it's impossible, just stop asking. You just need to marry into my mansion when the time comes. Or are you not satisfied with me?" Chu Liuchen said. He loosened his grip and raised Shao Wanru's hand so that she could clearly see the bite mark on the back of her hand.

"Your Highness, what are you talking about? Since you have your plan, I'll do as you ask!" Shao Wanru said helplessly. She was a little flustered and a little confused, or had some other feelings. But she could not figure them out for a while. She subconsciously wanted to clench her fists, but she failed to do that because one of her hands was firmly held by Chu Liuchen.

"After I come to see you this time, it will be convenient for me to come here in future. It's inconvenient for me to come here in the middle of the night," Chu Liuchen said naturally, as if it was Shao Wanru who always asked him to come here in the middle of the night.

Shao Wanru felt ashamed and angry. For a moment, she almost lost control of herself and intended to push Chu Liuchen away. However, he seemed to be unaware of this, still held Shao Wanru's hand and said with deep feeling.

"No one asked you to come in the middle of the night!" Shao Wanru said impatiently. Anyway, there was no one else in the room, so she did not need to be too punctilious.

"Zhuzhuo, aren't you the reason why I climbed over the wall in the middle of the night?" Chu Liuchen opened his eyes wide and said with a smile. Seeing Shao Wanru in front of him look like an annoyed little beast, he only found it interesting.

Since she was going to marry him, there was no way of letting her go!

As a cover, she should cover up something for him!

"Your Highness!" Shao Wanru said, about to become angry from embarrassment. She glared at Chu Liuchen with shame and annoyance and unconsciously raised her voice.

"Well, well, it's all my fault. But I'm really hungry now. Serve me a bowl of longevity noodles!" Chu Liuchen stopped teasing Shao Wanru, took her hand and said.

"Your Highness, please let me get up first." Shao Wanru reached out to withdraw her hand but failed, so she could only say helplessly.

Chu Liuchen was very obedient this time. He let go of her hand and Shao Wanru hurriedly withdrew her hand. She looked at the bite mark on the back of her hand and gave him a hard look. He did have healthy teeth. He just pretended to be seriously ill as she expected. She had seen through him. Flying here and there did no harm to him. How could he claim to be seriously ill?

She wouldn't be deceived!

She bit her lip in anger and stood up helplessly. At this moment, Yujie should have come back. So she walked to the door and opened the door. As she expected, she saw Yujie holding a tray and standing beside Qu Le and Xiao Xuanzi.

“Give it to me!” Shao Wanru said.

Yujie hurriedly handed the tray to her. Shao Wanru took it. After entering the room, she returned to the mat, put the tray on the table and said impatiently, “Your Highness, the noodles are ready!”

There was only a bowl of noodles with chopped green onions on top. It was simple, but looked delicious.

There was only an extremely long strip of noodle in the bowl...