

Medical Princess 531

Chapter 531 The Jealousy Coming from Next Door

Glancing at the only bowl of noodles, Shao Wanru swallowed her saliva reluctantly. She also felt hungry and wanted to eat her longevity noodles. However, Chu Liuchen, who sat opposite to her, sat up and picked up the chopsticks, seeming to be about to eat the noodles.

She picked up the bowl and looked at Chu Liuchen. Seeing him looking at the noodles with eager eyes naturally, she felt extremely aggrieved, took a deep breath and realized that he came for her longevity noodles today and she had no choice but to give in to him given the circumstances.

She pushed the noodles over. Despite her grievance, she had to show a graceful smile, because she could not let this moody man realize her reluctance.

She felt indignant, while put on a gentle expression. Since she lived with Shao Yanru, Shao Wanru felt that she had done an increasingly good job in putting on a gentle expression.

“Your Highness, please have some noodles!”

Chu Liuchen replied with an “uh”, took the tray away from the table impatiently, picked up an end of the noodle and began to eat slowly. There was actually not a lot of noodles. After he took a few mouthfuls, there was less than half a bowl of noodles left, and Shao Wanru could even see the other end of the noodle. She looked toward Chu Liuchen’s face along the noodle with her watery eyes. Although it was inconvenient to eat a long noodle, he acted very elegantly.

She looked at the noodles eagerly, swallowed again and asked almost subconsciously, “Your Highness, is it delicious?”

“Great. Zhuozhuo, do you feel like have a taste of it?” Chu Liuchen picked up the noodle with chopsticks, swallowed a mouthful of noodles and said with a smile. He had never seen her act so greedily before. At this moment, he found her reluctant and helpless expression quite interesting.

Daring not preparing another bowl of noodles for him, she deserved it!

“Your Highness, are you going to give me back my longevity noodles?” Shao Wanru said in surprise and reached for the other pair of chopsticks on the side. There were two pairs of chopsticks.

“Eat it!” Chu Liuchen said with a smile and pointed to the other end of the noodle in the bowl.

Glancing at the few noodles left, she thought that today was her birthday and she should be the boss to whom everyone should listen. Then glancing at Chu Liuchen, who picked up the other end of the noodle with his chopsticks, she found that he had stopped eating. He should be full and seemed to be about to put down his chopsticks.

She was really reluctant to see the longevity noodles Yujie made for her eaten by Chu Liuchen.

She suddenly lost her head, picked up the other end of the noodle and sucked it hard at the fastest speed in her life. She thought that she could eat at least half of the noodles in the bowl at a time. After that, she would stop eating and leave the rest of the noodles to Chu Liuchen generously so as not to waste the noodles Yujie made for her.

Thinking of this, she sucked hard and took a full mouthful of noodles. However, she suddenly failed to continue sucking the noodle. She looked up in astonishment, only to find that the rest of the noodle was in Chu Liuchen's mouth and she was only a little distance away from his thin lips. For a moment, she was so shocked that she bit hard and cut up the noodle.

She subconsciously chewed the noodle hard and managed to swallow the noodle in her mouth. Her cheeks were bulging, making her look like a little pet that was eating. She was not as elegant as usual, but more innocent and real.

Chu Liuchen swallowed the noodle in his mouth gracefully, while looking at Shao Wanru's face with a smile. Then his eyes fell on her red lips which were originally so bright-colored that they looked incomparably flamboyant even if she didn't wear any lipstick. But now, her lips became a little hotter and more attractive after she ate some noodles. He saw this with his eyes becoming deep.

Shao Wanru almost wolfed down the noodle. When she swallowed the last mouthful, she subconsciously looked up at Chu Liuchen, only to see him looking at her with his deep eyes. She was shocked and shy, and her face turned red. She swallowed the last mouthful of noodle too fast and choked on it.

She clutched her chest, turned around and coughed hard. As a hand coming from behind patted her gently a few times, she heard an elegant and gentle voice from behind, "You are too careless. You don't need to eat in a rush. I'll treat you to some noodles next time!"

Shao Wanru coughed so hard that she almost couldn't breathe. It was obvious that he suddenly continued eating the noodle and got close to her, but he described her as someone eating in a rush.

She was shy and angry with a blush which she didn't know was caused by cough or shyness.

Struggling to stop coughing, Shao Wanru found a cup in front of her and reached out to take it without hesitation. After taking a few sips, she finally suppressed her discomfort.

She raised her watery eyes full of tears caused by coughing, looked at Chu Liuchen reproachfully and tried to say with a serious look, "Your Highness, if you intend to eat all of the noodles, just tell me. Why did you eat the noodle while I was eating!"

She was extremely shy, but still attempted to act sedately and decently. However, her charming eyes were almost overflowing with tears and looked so pitiful that made him feel tender toward her.

He felt that she was just a child pretending to be an adult.

Chu Liuchen found it increasingly amusing. She didn't realize how aggrieved she looked at the moment, but thought that she looked very dignified and strict.

The delight lit up every part of his handsome face and finally fell into his eyes. He reached out to gently pinch her tender white face and said, "Okay, okay, I won't do that again!"

If he went on teasing her, she would definitely become angry from embarrassment!

After saying that, he drew a gift box from his bosom, pushed it to Shao Wanru and said, "Have a look and see if you like it. This is your birthday gift from me. I heard that they are made by a famous craftsman."

"Made by a famous craftsman?" Shao Wanru said. She tried to stop thinking about what had happened just now and reached out to take the box with a little curiosity about the gift made by a famous craftsman. She had a set of jewels made by a famous craftsman before and almost quarreled with Di Fenglan for them.

She opened the box and saw that it was a set of tourmaline head-ornaments. It included an orchid-shaped hairpin. Different from usual orchid-shaped ornaments which were elegant and light-colored, the orchid-shaped hairpin was bright and vibrant and made of yellow and light purple tourmaline with superb techniques. The two colors adding some novelty to the orchid which looked extremely elegant, coupled with the excellent workmanship, made the hairpin look vivid and lifelike.

The earrings were also orchid-shaped. The two hanging eardrops were two long pink orchids each of which had two pieces of green leaves.

It also included a frontlet with a hanging orchid as big as a seed pearl in the middle. The orchid was small but exquisite and made of tourmaline which was white touched with red, making the frontlet peerlessly delicate.

It was a set of orchid-shaped jewels. Shao Wanru had seen plenty of sets of jewels, but had never seen such beautiful orchid-shaped jewels. She was born in early autumn and liked plain and elegant orchids. Although Tang Qianyan was popular in the capital and there were a few people who liked orchids, she only liked orchids.

"Thanks, Your Highness!" Looking at the gift in her hand lovingly, Shao Wanru couldn't help smiling. As a girl, she liked this kind of jewels striking her fancy. Although she couldn't wear them now, it was pleasant to have a look at them.

"I've brought the gift in person, and I should leave now. If there is any problem, just send Qing'er to my mansion!" Chu Liuchen looked at Shao Wanru's smiling face with satisfaction, stood up and said leisurely. After that, under Shao Wanru's surprised eyes, he stretched out his slender finger to wipe Shao Wanru's little face, and then a piece of chopped green onion appeared on his white finger.

The blush, which had just faded a little, immediately spread all over her face. She said angrily, "Your Highness..."

"You don't have to pull me. I really have some business and have to leave!" Chu Liuchen pinched her face with his fingers, felt her skin as smooth as congealed butter, raised his pretty eyes and said gently.

She really felt that his words seemed to come from a graceful child in the secular world without being stained by dust, if she ignored what he had done just now!

"Your Highness, take care. I won't bother to see you out!" Shao Wanru bit her lip and said in anger. He was such an evil man with two faces!

"You don't have to do that. I will leave on my own!" Chu Liuchen waved his hand gently and said. After that, he walked to the door slowly under Shao Wanru's angry big eyes and opened the half-closed door. Seeing a few servants standing in front of the door, he walked out.

Xiao Xuanzi hurriedly followed him.

When walking to the yard, Chu Liuchen suddenly stopped and turned to look at the main room with a trace of perceptible coldness in his gentle and dignified pretty eyes.

Shao Yanru, who was peeking behind the window, hurriedly hid behind the curtain. At that moment, she felt that she seemed to be seen by the pair of eyes as sharp as a knife. Although she knew that she was unlikely to be seen, she was still flustered.

When she slowly leaned out, she found that Chu Liuchen had disappeared in the courtyard. He should have left. She leaned back against the curtain, showing jealousy and hatred in her beautiful eyes.

She had spent a period of time with Prince Chen when she was young. Why was Shao Wanru the only one attracting Prince Chen's attention? As a cold and aloof man, Prince Chen should not care about anyone. Why did he save Shao Wanru at the palace gate? Why did he go to Shao Wanru's room instead of her room today?

She refused to accept it. Was it because Shao Wanru was the granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess and Prince Chen's so-called "cousin"? At the thought of this, she rolled her eyes and sat down in front of the table with a sneer. Although Prince Chen was unlikely to inherit the throne, he was extremely handsome. Neither Prince Yue nor Prince Zhou could compare with him.

She refused to accept that she lost because she was not the granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess!

Apart from his good look, Prince Chen was actually of some other use. At least he was favored by the Empress Dowager. It was said that even the Emperor always listened to his words. If she could make him fall in love with her, it would be quite helpful.

Although she was unwilling to marry Prince Chen, she was willing to be the cinnabar, which never faded, in his heart.

Shao Wanru was unqualified to compete with her. She knew Prince Chen earlier and had childhood friendship with him. It was impossible that Shao Wanru's identity as his "cousin" could bring them closer!

Shao Yanru rolled her eyes and began to ponder on how she could find a chance to get close to Prince Chen. Prince Chen had always disliked being approached by others. She had pretended to bump into him before, but failed. What should she do to attract his attention now?

With a flash of sparkle in her eyes, she suddenly thought of something and said to Shuqi, "Let's go to visit Pushan Nun!"

Prince Chen would never come up the mountain for no reason. She guessed that it should have something to do with Pushan Nun's entering the imperial palace. She had to find the right time...

Chapter 532 Treat Different People Differently

"The reason why Prince Chen came to the Yuhui Nunnery is that the Empress Dowager wants you to draw a painting of Guanyin?" Shao Yanru asked, looking at Pushan Nun's face in astonishment.

"He did say that," Pushan Nun said with an amiable smile.

"So he's going to stay on the mountain for a day or two?" Shao Yanru realized something and asked.

"I promised to complete it within three days," said Pushan Nun implicitly.

"Thank you, master!" Shao Yanru had got the information she wanted, so she stood up and said goodbye with a smile.

"First Miss, do you feel better?" Pushan Nun looked at Shao Yanru's foot and asked with concern.

"I'm fine now. Thank you for your concern, master!" Shao Yanru said, stood up straight and bowed to her. After that, she turned around and left slowly. Looking carefully, Pushan Nun found that she was slightly shambling on one of her feet. When she walked to the door of the silence room, Shuqi hurriedly came over to help her.

Pushan Nun watched Shao Yanru leaving with increasing gentleness in her eyes...

At the door of the courtyard, Shao Yanru met Huiqing Nun and learned Chu Liuchen's residence from her. He lived in an incense room which was not far away from them. After thinking for a while at the door, she turned and headed for the incense room.

That was a large incense room with three main rooms. In the past, it was a place where high-ranking pilgrims offered incense in the Yuhui Nunnery, but now it became Prince Chen's temporary residence.

Shao Yanru did not directly go to visit Chu Liuchen, but just sat and enjoyed the flowers in a pavilion not far from his courtyard.

The pavilion was built on a prominent rock which was neither too high nor too low, but she could see everything in the courtyard when sitting in the pavilion. Conversely, if someone looked up in the courtyard, he could definitely see Shao Yanru in the pavilion.

The main room was facing the pavilion. If someone stood by the window and looked out, he could also see her.

There were a few chrysanthemums in bud outside the pavilion, and they were elegant and gorgeous. Shao Yanru leaned against the pavilion pillar lazily. The flowers and the beauty complemented each other. Anyone, who saw this scene from a distance, would involuntarily stop to look at it. Shao Yanru had always been confident in her appearance. Chu Liuchen didn't understand the passion a man felt for a woman when he was a child. But now he, who had grown up, certainly had a different attitude toward girls.

The members of the royal family had plenty of cousins, many of whom were female, and there were plenty of married princesses. However, when she was a child, she had heard from Prince Yue and Prince Zhou that Chu Liuchen had never treated anyone of them kindly, not to mention recognizing anyone of them as his cousin. But just now, he had recognized Shao Wanru as his cousin, which meant that he had seen the light.

That was great!

She was only afraid that Prince Chen didn't understand the passion a man felt for a woman. Since he had seen the light, he naturally had a different attitude toward girls. Even if he had been rude to her

before, it did not matter. Prince Chen was not an ordinary prince. He had always been cold to others and spoken his mind even in the imperial palace, not to mention here.

Shao Yanru was confident that if Prince Chen had more contact with her, he would get along well with her like Prince Yue and Prince Zhou.

There was wind on the mountain, and the wind was a little stronger on the high place. The weather was a little cold in autumn when it was not a sunny day. After being blown by the wind in the pavilion for a long time, Shao Yanru finally saw some people come out of the yard. From afar, she could see a man dressed in fur finery followed by a group of guards and young eunuchs. It was Chu Liuchen who was surrounded by them.

He seemed to be about to go out.

Shao Yanru stood up with the help of Shuqi and walked down slowly with difficulty. There were not many steps, but they were winding. In addition, she had difficulty in walking. When she came down, Chu Liuchen happened to pass her. However, he looked steadily forward as if he did not see her.

"Greetings, Your Highness!" Shao Yanru hurriedly stepped forward, bowed respectfully to Chu Liuchen behind him and said softly.

Chu Liuchen stopped, and asked gently after looking her up and down askance, "What's the matter?"

"Your Highness, I didn't know you live here. I'm sorry to disturb you!" Shao Yanru bit her lip, raised her gentle and pretty face to look at Chu Liuchen shyly and said.

He was as handsome as someone in a painting. Although she had planned to hook up with him, she involuntarily blushed at the sight of him. She twisted her handkerchief, looking like a teenage girl first awakening of love who met the man she admired but did not know what to say at the moment.

She was gorgeous and at the height of her charm and beauty like a flower in full bloom, showing a girl's tenderness and effeminacy in every twinkle and smile. Besides, after she had been blown by the wind in the pavilion for a long time, her dark hair was a little messy with one or two strands hanging loose in front of her ear, making her look as pretty as jade, delicate and adorable.

Both her pale face and her slightly pale lips showed her delicateness.

She was so beautiful and so pitiful. No man in the world could ignore her beauty, and Prince Chen, who was not interested in girls, was no exception!

"It doesn't matter!" Chu Liuchen seemed to have ignored her, said lightly and was about to leave.

"Your Highness!" Shao Yanru said in a sweet voice. She walked up to Chu Liuchen in a few steps, presented him with a chrysanthemum and said with a blush on her face, "Your Highness, this is the chrysanthemum I picked just now. It's beautiful. Please consider it a chance for me to make amends. I hope you could forgive me for disturbing you!"

Chu Liuchen frowned and took the blooming chrysanthemum.

Shao Yanru was overjoyed, looked at Chu Liuchen with excitement and limpid ripples in her eyes and said in an extremely soft voice, "Your Highness..."

However, the flower was thrown casually on the ground and trampled by Chu Liuchen. It was smashed into pieces. Chu Liuchen still looked gentle and elegant, almost as gentle as jade. With a smile, he turned around and left in a hurry with his entourage, leaving Shao Yanru trembling in the wind. If it weren't for being supported by Shuqi, she would have fainted just now.

"Miss, Miss..." Looking at Shao Yanru, whose face was as pale as snow, Shuqi panicked and whispered to her hurriedly. Watching Chu Liuchen walking forward, she felt a burst of fear in her heart.

Just now, she saw clearly that Prince Chen showed a gentle but sarcastic smile. That kind of gentle smile was more like a sharp sword mercilessly slicing through the romantic scene created by her master.

This Prince Chen was really different from Prince Yue and Prince Zhou.

The way more direct than disregarding her advances was trampling it without mercy!

"Let's go!" Shao Yanru said. Her face turned blue and then green, and finally turned red in a shameful rage.

Since she went down the mountain two years ago, she had always been pursued by numerous people. Both Prince Yue and Prince Zhou had promised her that they would like to marry her and make her their consort. But before the situation was clear, she was not willing to give them any accurate answer. Anyway they both went after her and presented her with every good stuff they got to please her.

Prince Chen was an unromantic blockhead indeed.

She went back in a shameful rage. But before she reached the door of her courtyard, she was stopped by someone. This time, it was Qiu Yu.

"First Miss Shao!" Qiu Yu greeted her with a smiling face. He had instructed someone to keep an eye on Shao Yanru, so he knew that she had gone out and waited for her at the door.

Although he had been waiting for a long time, it was better than being unable to see her. He hadn't seen the First Miss Shao in these days and missed her a lot.

Shuqi stepped forward and stood in front of Shao Yanru. As Shao Yanru's personal maid, she certainly knew that her master did not like Qiu Yu in front of them. So she acted like a very well-behaved maid intending to protect her master.

"Your Excellency, you've been rude!" Shuqi said seriously.

"I... I've been rude indeed. I just want to ask how the First Miss's injury is." Qiu Yu rubbed his hands together and said with a blush.

The girl he adored was in front of him, but a maid stood between them. Even so, he still admired her. It meant that the First Miss Shao was a well-behaved lady, so she couldn't be the lady meeting a man in secret. Thinking that a dignified and decent lady like her had been misunderstood by others, he felt increasingly tender and protective toward her.

He had explained to those, who had witnessed the secret meeting that day, that the First Miss Shao had twisted her ankle and it was impossible for her to come out at night. However, some people believed it, while some didn't. Thinking of this, he felt increasingly sorry for Shao Yanru.

"My master is very well. Your Excellency, please don't disturb her. If it is known by others, my master's reputation will be ruined," Shuqi said. She was a little taller than Shao Yanru, who needed such a maid on some specific occasions.

She was tall, and sturdier than other maids, so Shao Yanru almost hid herself completely behind her.

"It's, it's my fault. First Miss, please go back and have a good rest!" Qiu Yu stepped aside and murmured, while still searching for Shao Yanru's figure with his eyes. How could there be such a beautiful and well-behaved lady? Seeing that she hid behind the maid properly, he knew that she was really a good girl who was scrupulously honest even when there was no one around.

However, he couldn't see her. For a moment, he lost his wits and thought that it would be good if she could peek at him indiscreetly at this moment.

Watching Shao Yanru walk past him without looking sideways, he felt inexplicably sad. Even if the First Miss Shao just secretly glanced at him, it was good. However, the First Miss Shao was so well-behaved that she did not even glance at him.

After his beloved girl left, he reluctantly withdrew his gaze and became dispirited. He kicked a small stone under his feet and felt dejected.

After standing for a while, he looked up at her, who had gone away, again and sighed lightly. He really liked this First Miss Shao. If there was a chance next time, he must ask her if he could go to Duke Xing's Mansion to propose marriage to her. Although he was not noble enough for her, he would treat her well forever and never let her down.

However, Qiu Yu didn't know if he could meet her next time, or if he could talk to her if he met her. He was uncertain.

He turned around helplessly and walked back listlessly with his head down. Unexpectedly, there was someone standing behind him. He turned around with his head down and bumped into the person.

Nevertheless, the person behind him reacted quickly. He hurriedly reached out to grab his arm, took a step back, and reminded him, "Qiu Yu, what are you thinking about? Be careful!"

Qiu Yu looked up. As soon as he saw the person in front of him clearly, he became vigorous and held his hand in surprise.

Chapter 533 Can Your Father Rule the Country?

"Yuanqing, please help me!" Qiu Yu took Wen Xichi's hand and called his courtesy name excitedly.

Both the Qiu family and the Wen family were aristocratic families, and Qiu Yu's father was on friendly terms with the Deputy Prime Minister. Although the Qiu family was also an aristocratic family, Qiu Yu was the lineal youngest son, so he was more unrestrained than his eldest brother who was about to inherit the title. His father now worked as an assistant minister in the Ministry of Justice and could be considered quite capable among the noble.

Wen Xichi and Qiu Yu had grown up together and had been friends since they were children. So Qiu Yu was excited at the sight of Wen Xichi at this moment. Wen Xichi, who had enjoyed the reputation as a

genius since he was a child, must be smart enough to think of a way to help him out of the current predicament.

“What’s the matter?” Wen Xichi shook off Qiu Yu’s hand, stepped back in disgust, and then turned around to leave slowly and said, “Hearing that you’re here, I especially come over to find you after coming up the mountain!”

Wen Xichi came up the mountain today. He now worked in the Ministry of Justice. After such a great incident, the Ministry of Justice had transferred every transferrable official here and made them work in shifts every few days. Today it was Wen Xichi’s turn to come up the mountain. He, who didn’t know some details, came over to find Qiu Yu after learning that Qiu Yu was here.

Unexpectedly, he saw Qiu Yu and the First Miss of Duke Xing’s Mansion.

The Wen’s Mansion and Duke Xing’s Mansion were neighbors, and the children of the two families played together occasionally when they were young, so they naturally had a better relationship. Nevertheless, after they grew up, it was inappropriate for them to meet each other, so they gradually drifted apart from each other.

“Yuanqing, please help me. I... I like the First Miss of Duke Xing’s Mansion. I’m wondering if it is possible...” Qiu Yu felt a little embarrassed in front of his good friend, so he muttered.

“Impossible!” Wen Xichi interrupted Qiu Yu without hesitation and gave him a sidelong glance. It was inappropriate for him to make something clear to Qiu Yu, otherwise Qiu Yu would probably suspect that he tried to ruin a girl’s reputation.

When he was a child, he could tell that this First Miss Shao was a scheming and deep-minded person. At that time, his younger sister was still alive. Shao Yanru seemed to like to play with his younger sister very much, while treating his cousin coldly. Nevertheless, when there was anything wrong, she had always made his younger sister take the blame and then comforted her gently behind others.

However, his silly younger sister was ignorant and kept chasing after Shao Yanru happily after being deceived. Even though she felt wronged and knew that it was done by Shao Yanru, she immediately wiped away her tears and chased after Shao Yanru happily as usual after hearing Shao Yanru’s pleasing words in private.

“Why is it impossible? My father is Count Liyang and an assistant minister of the Ministry of Justice. Although I can’t inherit the title as the youngest son, ordinary people can’t compare with me.” Without Shao Yanru around, Qiu Yu became active, struck his chest and said proudly. He didn’t consider himself arrogant. There were numerous girls wanting to marry him. He just kept finding excuses to delay his marriage because he had no desire to get married.

“Can your father rule the country?” Wen Xichi asked coldly.

“You...” Qiu Yu was shocked and said with his face turning pale. How dare Wen Xichi say that? He looked around and felt relieved after finding no one else around. He didn’t understand why Wen Xichi, who had always been cautious, would say something like that.

“Yuanqing, stop talking nonsense!” Qiu Yu lowered his voice to say.

"Prince Yue, Prince Zhou, and even Prince Xin take a fancy to the First Miss Shao. What makes you think that you can win the First Miss Shao's favor? All three of them are royal descendants, and one of them will even inherit the throne in the future. If you are not powerful enough to rule the country, how can you compare with them?" Wen Xichi said with a smile. It seemed that his friend was not completely stupid. At least he knew that he should be scared at this moment.

Qiu Yu took a deep breath and said, "Do you mean that all the three princes take a fancy to the First Miss Shao?"

"I suppose so. She can't even pick one from them. Who do you think you are?" Wen Xichi frustrated him mercilessly with an indifferent smile on his handsome and gentle face.

"I... I'm nothing indeed!" Qiu Yu said with his head down. If it were someone else, he would dare to compete with him. However, he could not compare with the three princes. One among them could soar to the peak of power and stand high above the masses in the future. At this point, he was completely inferior to them.

Thinking of this, he suddenly recalled another thing and asked with his eyes suddenly opened wide, "Prince Chen... Prince Chen is on the mountain. Does he also come here for the First Miss Shao?"

Feeling nervous, Qiu Yu stammered.

Wen Xichi squinted at him lightly and said, "Prince Chen is different from you, who treat her as a treasure!"

Wen Xichi had met Prince Chen before and knew that Prince Chen looked ravishing as a man. But even so, he could only sigh that Prince Chen was destined to be a tragedy because of his origin.

Nevertheless, it had nothing to do with him. Prince Chen did not like to show up in public, so he only saw him a few times from a distance and barely had any contact with him. But it did not hinder him from hearing the rumors of Prince Chen. So he knew that Prince Chen just looked gentle but was actually cruel and merciless with no tenderness towards girls.

A beauty was probably just a gaily dressed skeleton in his eyes. Besides, he was so handsome that there would probably be no one in the world that could match him. In fact, the so-called first beauty was not good enough in front of him.

He inexplicably thought of a slim figure belonging to a girl who was young but delicate and gorgeous. She was still young at that time, but she should have grown up into an exceedingly pretty girl now.

He reached out to rub his eyebrows and inexplicably thought of those dreams. Those messy dreams had not disturbed for a long time. However, at the thought of her at this moment, he recalled those dreams.

In those dreams, he seemed to be very close to her!

Nevertheless, those were dreams and not real after all. He kept thinking of her after meeting her, so he dreamed of her at night. Later, after she went up the mountain, those dreams slowly became less and less.

"Do the First Miss Shao and the Fifth Miss Shao both live there?" Putting down his hands and looking at Qiu Yu, who felt frustrated, Wen Xichi asked lightly.

Thinking that he was asking about the situation on the mountain, Qiu Yu said feebly at once, "Yes. The First Miss Shao used to live in this courtyard when learning painting from Pushan Nun on the mountain before. Later, the Fifth Miss Shao came up the mountain. Seeing that this courtyard was empty, she occupied it. Now the First Miss Shao also lives on the mountain, but the Fifth Miss Shao does not intend to return it. So they now share it, while the Fifth Miss Shao's own courtyard is empty!"

He disliked Shao Wanru from the bottom of his heart and thought that what had happened that night seemed to be fishy and the Fifth Miss Shao was very likely the one setting the First Miss Shao up.

What had happened that night was obviously started by the Fifth Miss Shao and Qi Tianyu, but it ended up with the First Miss Shao being suspected. Just because of this, Qiu Yu considered Shao Wanru very annoying and showed his bias against her in his words.

"What's wrong? Did anything happen?" On hearing Qiu Yu's tone, Wen Xichi, who knew well about him, realized that something had happened and asked with a composed smile.

"It's true that something happened. Judge for yourself..." Qiu Yu had to keep it a secret in front of others for the sake of Shao Wanru's reputation, but it was different when it came to Wen Xichi, his good buddy growing up with him. What was more, he greatly admired his buddy who had cleaned up plenty of messes created by him, so he trusted Wen Xichi.

He told the whole story of that night and the conversation between him and Qi Tianyu, and then said angrily, "Qi Tianyu said that the lady was not the First Miss Shao, but when I asked him to explain it to others, he refused to do that. I don't know what he intended to do. Could it be possible that he's fascinated by the First Miss Shao, so he intended to make use of this matter to ruin her reputation and thus to marry her?"

After falling silent for a moment and rolling his eyes, Wen Xichi had figured out the rough situation. At that time, because Qin Huaiyong seemed to intend to marry Shao Wanru to him, he specially investigated into the past of Shao Wanru. Although he was not completely sure about what happened in Jiangzhou, he had a general idea of it.

Did Qi Tianyu and Shao Wanru have an affair?

It was absolutely impossible. He just didn't expect that the two of them bore life long grudges against each other. He frowned and inexplicably felt displeased with Qi Tianyu.

At that time, Qi Tianyu was an adult man who was going to get married, while Shao Wanru was still an ignorant child. Wen Xichi could tell that she knew nothing about the love between a man and a woman from her innocent look when she came to the capital city. It was obvious that the eldest daughter of General Qin disobeyed the instructions for unmarried girls and had an affair with Di Yan, so she dumped Qi Tianyu.

Speaking of this matter, Qi Tianyu was a victim, and so was Shao Wanru.

Qi Tianyu vented his anger on Shao Wanru, who was ignorant, instead of the First Miss of the Qin's Mansion, and claimed to bear life long grudges against Shao Wanru. He was so despicable.

As a man, how could he have the nerve to bully a little girl?

“Don’t believe Qi Tianyu’s words. If he explains it as you ask, he will be despised as a man meeting a lady in secret. No matter who this lady is, it will do harm to his reputation. He, who has not got married during these years, must intend to marry a lady from a noble family. If you ruin his plan, be careful that he will take revenge on you!”

Wen Xichi said lightly. He was the Number One Scholar in the imperial exam, while Qi Tianyu was the Number Three Scholar. So they inevitably had contact. Nevertheless, Wen Xichi was more perceptive than others, so he would not be deceived by Qi Tianyu’s appearance.

“His moral conduct is indeed dishonorable. No matter who the lady is, he did meet a lady in secret. How dare he even think about marrying a noble lady!” Qiu Yu said with a snort. Of course, compared with Qi Tianyu, he trusted Wen Xichi more.

“You should be careful! Don’t interfere in private concerns! Find out the investigation files of these days and give them to me. I want to have a look!” Wen Xichi said inadvertently. It was indeed other people’s business, and it had nothing to do with him. If he had not come into contact with Shao Wanru before, he would not even ask about it.

The two of them turned around and left as they spoke.

Shao Yanru had just returned to her yard when suddenly hearing someone knocking on the door. She walked to the corridor and saw Qing’er go to open the door. Seeing Chu Liuchen standing at the door, she blushed in surprise, pulled a strand of hair on her face backward and was about to walk over, while thinking complacently, “As I expected, even Prince Chen could not escape from my honey trap...”

Chapter 534 The Purpose of Going Back Specially

“Is your master here?” Xiao Xuanzi walked out from behind Chu Liuchen and asked with a smile.

“Yes, she is here.” Qing’er looked at Xiao Xuanzi and Chu Liuchen, who looked gentle but indifferent, and then hurried back to report it.

Because she left in a hurry, she bumped into Shao Yanru, who came over in a hurry, and almost knocked her down. She hurriedly grabbed Shao Yanru’s hand and said anxiously, “First Miss, I’m sorry. I’ve rushed to report to my master.”

After saying that, she let go of Shao Yanru’s hand and ran inside swiftly.

Shao Yanru was so furious that her face turned pale. If it weren’t for Chu Liuchen standing in front of her, she would have instructed someone to drag Qing’er away and beat her to death directly. A little maid with no manners was useless.

“I’m sorry, Your Highness. This is Fifth Sister’s maid, who is as straightforward as Fifth Sister.” Shao Yanru took two steps forward, bowed slightly to Chu Liuchen and said in a soft and sweet voice.

Chu Liuchen walked to the yard without even glancing at her. Xiao Xuanzi walked up to Shao Yanru and politely said, “First Miss, you’re all politeness. My master wants to talk to the Fifth Miss, so we won’t bother you!”

After saying that, he saluted Shao Yanru with joined hands and followed Chu Liuchen in a hurry.

Several guards stood in the yard and looked at everything alertly, including Shao Yanru, with one of their hands on the sharp swords on their waists. Although they just put their hands on the hilts, it was flustering and frightening.

Shao Yanru was more than shy at this moment. She held Shuqi's hand firmly and pinched it hard. Chu Liuchen came for Shao Wanru instead of her.

The sharp pain made Shuqi's face turn pale, but she didn't dare to make a sound. She could only beg in a low voice, "First Miss, let's go back and have a rest. You haven't recovered and shouldn't walk too much!"

Shao Yanru turned around softly, slowly relaxed her hand, and entered her main room in a delicate and weak manner with Shuqi's help. After entering the room, she raised her hand and slapped Shuqi, making Shuqi take two steps back and almost fall. Shuqi reached out to cover her face but didn't dare to cry with red eyes, only looking at Shao Yanru fearfully.

Shao Yanru ignored her after slapping her, and sat down on the chair by the window, where she could see it clearly when Chu Liuchen came out.

Why did he come for Shao Wanru again and again?

Seeing that her master had calmed down, Shuqi hurriedly put down her hand from her face, went to bring a cup of water for Shao Yanru and then stood behind Shao Yanru obediently. Despite the great pain on her hand and her face, she didn't dare to make a sound or reach out to rub her hand or her face in front of Shao Yanru.

Being slapped or pinched by her master wouldn't kill her, but her master might kill her upon seeing her rubbing the wounds...

"Your Highness, why do you come here again?" Shao Wanru looked at Chu Liuchen, who came back again, and asked in surprise.

"What's wrong? Am I not welcome?" Chu Liuchen said. He squinted at her, sat down on the mat, picked up the teacup on the table, and drank it up.

Looking at the teacup that Chu Liuchen put down, Shao Wanru blushed. She had obviously drunk half of the tea from the cup.

"I forgot to give you the gift from Imperial Grandmother!" Chu Liuchen drew another jewelry box from his bosom and said, "Imperial Grandmother asked you to go to the imperial palace and spend some time with her when you are free after you go down the mountain. The pass she gave you is still valid."

"What does Her Highness mean?" Shao Wanru asked suspiciously.

"Nothing special. Imperial Grandmother just wants to show her kindness!" Chu Liuchen stood up and said as he walked out.

He came and left in a hurry. Shao Wanru had to send him out during their conversation.

"Go back. I've expressed Imperial Grandmother's kindness for her and given you the gift." Chu Liuchen didn't stop. He waved to Shao Wanru in the yard and said with impropriety.

“Okay. Thanks to the Empress Dowager. Thank you, Your Highness!” Shao Wanru stopped and said with a puzzled look.

After watching Chu Liuchen leave, she frowned slightly and turned back to the silent room with a blank look. However, when blinking her eyes she had caught sight of Shao Yanru in front of the window of the main room.

Chu Liuchen came here with no reason and said something inexplicable. There was something he should have said in the room, but he said it in the yard. If he didn’t say it to her, he should mean to make it heard by Shao Yanru. Thinking of this, Qin Wanru realized something.

“Yujie, put away the gift from the Empress Dowager!” She said softly to Yujie beside her. Although she didn’t say loudly, her voice carried well in the empty yard.

Shao Yanru, who was in front of the window, heard clearly that the Empress Dowager actually gave Shao Wanru a gift, and her face changed dramatically at once.

No wonder Prince Chen left and came back. It turned out that he did that on instructions from the Empress Dowager. The Empress Dowager doted on Prince Chen the most, and Prince Chen was the most obedient to the Empress Dowager. Shao Yanru was wondering what gift the Empress Dowager had given Shao Wanru and what made the Empress Dowager think highly of Shao Wanru.

She almost tore the handkerchief in her hand apart with her eyes full of jealousy. Fortunately, Prince Chen didn’t come here on his own initiative. But what did the Empress Dowager mean? Did the Empress Dowager do that because of Rui’an Great Elder Princess?

What made Shao Wanru, a girl recognized as a Miss of Duke Xing’s Mansion halfway, have more favor with the Empress Dowager than she did? Moreover, the Empress Dowager granted Shao Wanru a gift and asked Prince Chen to bring it here. Thinking of this, she was unwilling to see this.

She gnashed her teeth, sat in front of the window with a gloomy face and put down the handkerchief in her hand to pull the curtain. A blast of wind blew through the curtain and raised it so that she could not see Shao Wanru’s expression at this moment clearly.

She could tell that Shao Wanru must be extremely complacent from her words.

Being favored by the Empress Dowager meant nothing. The Empress Dowager was getting old. The power would be in the hands of the next emperor in the future. When she became the Empress in the future, she didn’t need to care about the Empress Dowager anymore!

At the thought of this, she slightly lifted the corners of her lips to show a cold smile and reached out to pull the curtain. As her gaze fell on a silver hook on the curtain, she suddenly thought of something and smiled even more wildly.

She had not been smart enough in this matter. It was better to make someone else do it than to do it by herself!

The trap set by her grandma had not been completed yet. She took the chance offered by Pushan Nun, but failed to kill Shao Wanru. In this case, she could let her grandma continue the plan, while she just

needed to keep an eye on it. Even if something went wrong, she wouldn't get involved. What her grandma did had nothing do with her...

That afternoon, Shao Yanru asked Huiqing Nun to deliver three letters. One was for Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, and the other two were for her personal maid Moyan who knew to whom she should give the two letters.

At the same time, Chu Liuchen received an envelope of documents. After reading the sealed documents in his hand, Chu Liuchen put down the letter with a gentle look, picked up the teacup and took a sip with a trace of delight in his eyes.

"Master, what do you think we should do?" Seeing that his master was in a good mood, Xiao Xuanzi came up and asked in a low voice.

"Nothing. Just let them leave. Let's act according to circumstances and see when they intend to make it public. The trick of the posthumous child is quite good. Everyone wants to get involved in it!" Chu Liuchen said inadvertently.

"Master, will they come to find you?" Xiao Xuanzi said worriedly.

"I'm not in good health. If it hadn't been for Imperial Grandmother's instruction, I wouldn't have struggled to come up the mountain this time." Chu Liuchen said, leaning against the couch and lazily flipping through the documents in his hand.

"Let's do something about it. Since we've come out, we should do something!"

"Who are we going to get rid of?" As Xiao Xuanzi asked, he immediately figured out the answer, "Those relevant officials?"

"We don't have to kill the most relevant ones. Just kill the one who has just surrendered!" Chu Liuchen said with coldness in his eyes.

"Will we assassinate him on the street?" Xiao Xuanzi asked.

"Don't do it on the street. Take the incident that a girl was kidnapped and killed as an excuse. Has the Censorate been empty recently? I heard that everyone's attention is attracted by the case occurring in the Yuhui Nunnery, but they fail to find out anything. My uncle is unwilling to make a thorough investigation. He intends to put it off for as long as possible until he can leave it unsettled!"

Chu Liuchen instructed Xiao Xuanzi with a sarcastic look. Someone would expose himself when he couldn't bear to sit idle. That was for the best, so that he didn't have to do anything!

"Okay, I understand. By the way, will your going back after leaving today do harm to the Fifth Miss's reputation?" After discussing the business, Xiao Xuanzi recalled what his master had done before and asked.

If his master had something to give the Fifth Miss Shao, he would have given it at that time. He didn't need to go back after leaving. In particular, he left just after sitting for a while.

"Don't they always suspect the relationship between Zhuozhuo and me? I just let them see it clearly!" Chu Liuchen said lazily.

"Master, do you mean to officially confirm the engagement between you and the Fifth Miss Shao?" Xiao Xuanzi asked uncertainly.

"It doesn't matter. I just expressed the Imperial Grandmother's attitude towards Zhuozhuo, but I don't care about her." Chu Liuchen said indifferently.

"Master, don't you care about the Fifth Miss..." Xiao Xuanzi said with a frown. He obviously felt that his master treated the Fifth Miss differently, but why did his master say that?

"I don't care about Zhuozhuo, but this is what they want to see. So I just let them see it." Chu Liuchen squinted at Xiao Xuanzi, reached out to pat his head, waved his hand, and said, "Go to do your business!"

Xiao Xuanzi was stunned at first, and then suddenly understood. He was immediately overjoyed, nodded repeatedly and said, "Master, I'm going to do my business right now."

It turned out that this was what his master wanted to show to others. Since no one wanted to see his master care about the Fifth Miss, his master naturally could not do that, so as not to bring trouble to the Fifth Miss. At this point, his master really treated the Fifth Miss differently.

Xiao Xuanzi felt that he should treat the Fifth Miss as his mistress in the future!

His master was getting better and better and was going to get married and have children. Prince Chen's Mansion would only become increasingly lively. No one would say that his master was a short-lived guy. As Xiao Xuanzi thought of this, his eyes turned red. But he didn't slow down and ran out in high spirits.

The future life was getting increasingly hopeful and was no longer as dull as before!

In several days in a row, the staff of the Ministry of Justice almost turned the entire Yuhui Nunnery upside down, but found nothing. In the end, the Emperor was furious and let loose a stream of abuse against several ministers. After that, another incident was dragged out, and it was related to an official of the Ministry of Justice.

The son of the official of the Ministry of Justice kidnapped a girl on the street. The girl refused to obey him, so he killed the girl, as well as her family, to vent his anger. Only the son of the family, who was not at home at that time, survived. Hearing that the chief official of the Ministry of Justice had gone to the Yuhui Nunnery to handle a case, the survived son went to the Yuhui Nunnery to lodge a charge and dragged out a bigger case...

Chapter 535 Evil Spirits or Evil Things?

Shao Wanru had been in an uninformed state on the mountain and was unaware that the case had raised a rumpus outside. She only saw that some of the personnel of the Ministry of Justice began to withdraw and the Ministry of Justice seemed to be checking the staff.

The case in the Yuhui Nunnery was left aside, as if it had been settled. But it was obvious that it had not been settled yet. No one knew who sent those black-clad men here. There seemed to be a rumor that they were the surviving supporters of the previous dynasty. Dongcang had been established for decades, and the descendants of the royal family of the previous dynasty were still alive.

With such a rumor, the case of the black-clad men could be solved easily. It must be another rebellion staged by the surviving supporters of the former dynasty like the one breaking out a few years ago although there was no evidence at the moment.

Old Madam sent more than twenty old maids here to find the former offerings.

After the hall was burned down, Madam Dowager hurried down the mountain. After that, the officials of the Ministry of Justice came up the mountain and focused on investigating the case. No one was in the mood to pay attention to the hall. Only some nuns of the Yuhui Nunnery came to clean up from time to time. But after all, there were not many of them, and they were ladies. So they had only finished half of the job up to now.

With the help of the twenty or so inferior old maids of Duke Xing's Mansion, they sped up the pace of cleaning up a lot. Nevertheless, these old maids did not come to help them clean up all the stuff, but just cleaned up the part of stuff on the altar table in the middle of the hall.

"I find it. I find it. Look, this is the Second Miss's silver bracelets!" An old maid wiped the sweat on her head and said. She walked to the pavilion after wiping the pair of silver bracelets.

Shao Wanru and Shao Yanru were both waiting in the pavilion. Old Madam especially asked them to supervise these twenty or so inferior old maids in order to find out the several pairs of silver bracelets buried deep down in the hall before.

There were still some officials of the Ministry of Justice in the Yuhui Nunnery, so both of them sat in the pavilion with veils on their faces.

The edge of each silver bracelet was engraved with the character "jie". They were indeed Shao Jie'er's bracelets.

Shao Yanru nodded after looking at them, and then instructed the old maid to pass it to Shao Wanru. Shao Wanru had seen the character "jie", so she nodded at once.

Seeing that the two Misses had both verified them, another old maid at the side took them and wiped them with a clean handkerchief. Despite the ages of the silver bracelets, they were still bright after being wiped, as if they were new.

Soon another pair of silver bracelets were found, and they belonged to Shao Hua'an. After that, Shao Yuanhao's and Shao Yanru's silver bracelets were found successively and brought over after being wiped clean. All of them looked new and identical, extremely eye-catching. Some nuns, who were cleaning up the other parts of the hall, had seen the silver bracelets. A few of them looked at the silver bracelets curiously.

The nuns then looked at the two Misses wearing veils. Since they wore veils, the nuns couldn't see their faces clearly. Nevertheless, both of them were said to be exceedingly gorgeous and ravishing.

"Ah, what is this?!" An old maid suddenly screamed in fear. Her loud and terrified scream immediately attracted everyone's attention. The two old maids nearby looked down at the ground at the same time. Seeing something dark squirming on the ground, they took a few steps back and screamed in horror.

"There's... there's... something weird."

They screamed in a louder voice, making everyone look over here. Some people, who couldn't see it clearly, even specially came over to have a look. After seeing two rings squirming on the ground, they screamed and fled in all directions.

The nuns got up and ran out in panic with their face turning pale.

Someone shouted loudly in fear, "There's... something evil!" The scream attracted the officials of the Ministry of Justice staying behind.

"What's wrong? Go and ask why they shouted!" Shao Yanru said in displeasure.

Upon receiving the order, Shuqi ran out. She shouted at the old maids while going up to have a look. After seeing it clearly, she stepped back in shock, fell to the ground directly because of an infirm step, and then quickly stood up on her hands and ran to the pavilion.

"Miss... Miss, they dug out two unknown pieces of stuff that are dark and still squirming. They seem... seem to be numerous bugs. They make me feel sick!"

Shuqi rushed over with a pale face. It was obvious that she was terribly frightened, but fortunately, she answered clearly.

Under the veil, Shao Wanru looked at Shao Yanru's face calmly and slightly raised the corners of her mouth. Shao Yanru was indeed exceedingly shrewd compared with others. Had she had encouraged Old Madam to set up Shao Wanru?

No matter whether it worked or not, it wouldn't do any harm to Shao Wanru. She just needed to wait and see!

As she expected, Shao Yanru was the most insidious and had killed her with plots in the last life!

"Fifth Sister, let's go and have a look!" Shao Yanru said, while looking at Shao Wanru. Both of them wore veils, so neither of them could see each other's expression clearly. Shao Yanru looked a little complacent, but talked in an extremely gentle tone, as if she really knew nothing about it.

"It's... We'd better not do that. The officials of the Ministry of Justice have come. If there's anything weird, let them have a look!"

Shao Wanru shook her head and said, reaching out to point at the gate of the Moon Cave with the round fan in her hand.

Such horrified screams from such a large group of people had alarmed the officials of the Ministry of Justice. A large group of the officials of the Ministry of Justice came over, and they were headed by an acquaintance, Wen Xichi.

Shao Wanru was very surprised. She thought that she wouldn't meet Wen Xichi again after repaying his kindness in the last life. Unexpectedly they met again here. She put down the round fan, looked thoughtfully at Wen Xichi, and then looked slowly at the entourages he brought.

He brought plenty of people, so it could be seen that he got a high position in the Ministry of Justice. In the last life, Wen Xichi had long been bedridden at this time. In this life, he had a promising future as she expected after escaping the misfortune occurring in the last life.

"Let's go and see what they are." Wen Xichi said with his eyes falling on the two rings. He couldn't tell what they were, but there were some tiny dark bugs squirming on them. The bugs looked like ants.

One of his subordinates came over and picked up one of the rings with a branch. After looking at it, he reported, "Your Excellency, a kind of large ants are attached to it."

The entire ring was covered with dark ants. Because they were all alive, they made the ring look like something dark squirming that was extremely disgusting and horrifying. So people made such big noises.

"Your Excellency, can you instruct some of your subordinates to get rid of the ants?" Shuqi, who got Shao Yanru's instruction, ran down and asked. As Shao Yanru's maid, she naturally knew Wen Xichi.

"Help them clean up the ants." Wen Xichi nodded and instructed his subordinates. The servants sent by Duke Xing's Mansion and the members of the Yuhui Nunnery were all female. Seeing these ants gather, they were extremely terrified. However, the officials of the Ministry of Justice had seen more horrifying kinds of stuff, so they would naturally not be scared by these ants.

Some officials had gone over, picked up the rings with branches, and threw them into the pool nearby. The pool was covered with a layer of dark ants at once. Several old maids, who were watching it aside, had never seen such a disgusting scene despite their ages. They were so shocked that their faces turned pale. They narrowed their eyes and did not dare to look at the layer of dark ants.

How many ants could cover the entire pool? What was beneath the ants? Why would such disgusting ants stay on it? They did not find this kind of ants on other pieces of stuff during the excavation. Why did these two rings suddenly appear?

"Your Excellency, my master invites you to have a talk!" After thanking Wen Xichi, Shuqi bowed to him and said.

Wen Xichi turned and walked to the pavilion. When he arrived at the pavilion, Shao Yanru and Shao Wanru had stood up. Seeing him arrive, they bowed to him together.

"Please sit down, Third Young Master Wen!" As Wen Xichi's old friend, Shao Yanru naturally pointed at the stone bench aside and said with a smile.

Meanwhile, Shao Wanru remained silent.

"First Miss Shao, Fifth Miss Shao, how do you do!" Wen Xichi said with a slight smile, walked into the pavilion, and sat down on the stone bench between the two of them. Shuqi hurriedly poured a cup of tea for him and then deftly retreated behind Shao Yanru.

Yujie raised her head and looked at her master, and then stood behind Shao Wanru obediently, as if she didn't know Wen Xichi.

Shao Yanru also sat down and asked softly, "Third Young Master Wen, do you know what they are?"

Wen Xichi glanced at the several pairs of shiny silver bracelets on the table. He, who hadn't figured it out before, immediately realized something at this moment and said, "They should also be a pair of bracelets!"

Shao Wanru lowered her head and sat quietly, only swaying the round fan in her hand a few times. But she did not say anything or answer, as if it had nothing to do with her at all.

As the younger sister, she should let Shao Yanru do the talking. Moreover, Shao Yanru seemed to be an old acquaintance of Wen Xichi.

“Bracelets? How could it be possible? It’s said that bracelets can avoid evil spirits. Moreover, these pairs of bracelets are buried there as well, but there was nothing wrong with them. Why is that pair of bracelets the only pair with something wrong?” Shao Yanru asked in surprise. She put down the round fan in her hand and reached out in an attempt to touch the several pairs of bracelets that had been wiped clean.

“Miss, please don’t touch them. Perhaps they also contain some evil spirits!” Shuqi was shocked and hurriedly reached out to stop her, while advising.

Shao Wanru rolled her eyes and raised the corners of her mouth slightly. It turned out that they set the trap here!

In fact, since her maternal grandma found out the smell of the longevity lock, she had been suspecting this.

Shao Yanru seemed to be frightened, slowly withdrew her hand, and said in an embarrassed voice, “How can they contain evil spirits? Perhaps the ants had no place to go, so they gathered accidentally!”

“It’s impossible for ants to gather accidentally. There must be a reason.” Wen Xichi denied her statement. He glanced at Shao Wanru, who was sitting aside and focusing on swaying her round fan, with a trace of gentle delight across his eyes. She was pretending to be unacquainted with him. Compared with two years ago, she had grown up into a big girl!

“Miss, you should stay still as the Third Young Master Wen suggests. Here is the Yuhui Nunnery. If there are some evil spirits or evil things, the nuns of the nunnery will deal with them. You must not act rashly. Otherwise, if something terrible happens to you, I can never absolve myself from the blame!” Shuqi said. She seemed to be terribly frightened and blocked Shao Yanru’s sleeves to prevent her from reaching out.

Evil spirits, evil things? Under the fine and long veil, she lifted the corners of her red lips to show a sweet but gloomy smile.

Chapter 536 Increasingly Weird, Another Person...

“Thank you very much, Third Young Master Wen. If it weren’t for you, it wouldn’t have been handled in such a short time!” Shao Yanru said softly.

Wen Xichi picked up the teacup at hand, took a sip, and said with a smile after putting it down, “First Miss Shao, you’re welcome. It’s not worth mentioning. I have some other business, so I must be leaving now!”

As he said, he stood up to leave.

Shao Yanru and Shao Wanru both stood up to see him off.

Wen Xichi made obeisance with his hands folded toward them and left leisurely. Since what had happened here had nothing to do with the case into which the Ministry of Justice was investigating, he naturally did not have to stay here.

When he turned around and glanced at the veil under Shao Wanru's curtain hat, he couldn't help showing a light and gentle smile.

Seeing him leave, the two of them sat down again. At this moment, Shao Yanru said, "This is the Third Young Master of the Deputy Prime Minister's Mansion, and he passed the imperial exam at the same time as the First Young Master of the Qi Family. Nevertheless, he took the first place. I heard that during the parade that day he rode a horse, numerous people turned out to see him and there were plenty of sachets thrown by Misses along the way. Now he has already served in the Ministry of Justice with a promising future!"

"He is indeed a talented person!" Shao Wanru said lightly, as if she was not interested in it.

She looked at Shao Yanru's face. Shao Yanru did not introduce Wen Xichi when he was here just now. At this moment, he had left, but Shao Yanru pretended to be enthusiastic to introduce him to Shao Wanru.

Shuqi deftly cleaned up the teacup Wen Xichi had just used and said with a smile, "The several young masters of the Wen's Mansion grew up with the several young masters and misses of our mansion. The Third Young Master Wen has been good at taking care of others since his childhood. But First Miss, you were a little aloof just now!"

"We've both grown up now, and no longer children!" Shao Yanru said with emotion, "He is an official of the Ministry of Justice now, and would probably catch up with his father in career in the future. I didn't expect to see him here."

The top scholar in the limelight working in the Ministry of Justice at a young age with extraordinary family background, all indicated that he had a bright future. Of course, his future was not what Shao Yanru paid most attention to. A county magistrate was no better than an official in charge of a certain area. Wen Xichi was in charge of this area now, and Shao Yanru could frighten Shao Wanru with it.

Despite Rui'an Great Elder Princess's formidable connections, she could not officially intervene in the affairs of the Ministry of Justice.

Wen Xichi's presence here was a bonus. The two families had contacts, so she could ask Wen Xichi to do her a favor in private when she needed help. As one of Wen Xichi's friends in childhood, she was much better in connections than Shao Wanru, who barely knew anyone here.

If she asked Qiu Yu for a favor, she had to get rid of him after that. In contrast, it was both simple and convenient and much safer to ask Wen Xichi for a favor.

Shao Wanru didn't answer, but just nodded. She picked up the teacup, lifted her veil, took a sip, and then put it down and looked at the two old maids who were running over. Each of them held a bracelet with their fingertips, as if the bracelets were still greatly stained. In fact, they had been washed in the water just now.

"Miss, this pair of bracelets belong to the Fifth Miss!" An old maid said and was about to bring the bracelets to the stone table.

"Don't put them down. Don't put them down. How dare you put such evil stuff in front of my master." Shuqi screamed loudly, swung the handkerchief hard in front of her a few times and turned her head away, as if she would be stained with evil spirits by glancing at them.

The two old maids loosened their grip in fear, and the pair of bracelets fell to the ground.

"Whose bracelets are these?" Shao Yanru gently covered her nose with her handkerchief and asked.

"They, they belong to the Fifth Miss. I saw the Fifth Miss's name on them!" an old maid stammered. She didn't feel anything wrong when bringing one of the bracelets here. However, seeing the reactions of the First Miss and Shuqi, she suddenly thought that it was really weird and she would probably be bewitched because of holding it.

"My bracelets?" Shao Wanru said with a light smile.

"Yes, yes, they belong to the Fifth Miss. We all saw the Fifth Miss's name on them just now." Despite her fear, the other old maid nerved herself to say at this moment.

Shao Wanru looked at the bracelets falling on the ground with her dark eyes. Coincidentally, the end of the bracelet, where the character was engraved, came into her view. It was indeed the character "ru".

"These are my bracelets, but I didn't wear them. Why do they become like this?" Shao Wanru said with deep eyes.

"I don't know what happened to this pair of bracelets and made them become like this. When I came here last time, I saw these pairs of bracelets. Each pair of them were fine and kept by grandma at that time. Why do they become like this?" Shao Yanru said with a look of surprise.

"Go and dig up other bracelets and see if they are the same."

After thinking for a while, she gave an order.

"Okay, we'll dig other bracelets out right away!" The two old maids said. Looking at the bracelets falling on the ground, neither of them dared to stay here. On hearing Shao Yanru's instruction, they hurriedly stood up and ran out. They did not want to stay here with such evil bracelets.

It became quiet again in the pavilion. The bracelets were still on the ground. Neither Shao Yanru nor Shao Wanru instructed someone to pick them up. They didn't say anything else to each other, seeming to be heavy-laden and in no mood to talk.

After a while, the bracelets of the others were dug out. There was nothing wrong with any pair of them and nothing weird happening as before.

Those in the hall began to secretly spread the rumor that the Fifth Miss Shao's bracelets were very weird and must contain evil spirits. Otherwise, why did something weird happen to her bracelets while others' bracelets were fine? Or there was something wrong with her bracelets.

"Fifth Sister, how about going to ask the nuns of the Yuhui Nunnery about it?" Looking at the several pairs of bracelets in front of her and looking at the pair of bracelets falling on the ground, Shao Yanru said helplessly.

"Go to ask Pushan Nun?" Shao Wanru asked softly, expressing her concurrence.

"Pushan Nun likes meditation. Let's not bother her. Let's turn to Puming Nun, who is in charge of this kind of affairs in the Yuhui Nunnery!"

Shao Yanru shook her head and said.

"Okay, let's turn to Puming Nun!" Shao Wanru said, nodded and stood up.

Puming Nun was also a member of the Pu generation in the Yuhui Nunnery and could be considered a senior nun in the Yuhui Nunnery. Although she was not outstanding among the nuns in the Yuhui Nunnery and couldn't compare with Pushan Nun and Puyu Nun, she was a famous senior nun. Shao Wanru had also heard of her reputation in the Yuhui Nunnery.

"Pick up the bracelets!" Shao Yanru instructed Shuqi.

"Miss... I... I'm scared..." Shuqi fell on her knees with a thud and said with a pale face in horror, "May I... ask the two old maids to pick them up?"

Shao Yanru frowned impatiently and said in displeasure, "Go quickly!"

"Okay, I'll call for help right away!" Shuqi said, stood up in a hurry, lifted her skirt and went to look for the two old maids. After making a big loop, she found the two old maids who were also trembling with fear, and then asked each of them to pick up a bracelet with a small branch and turn to Puming Nun.

No one noticed when the little maid Qing'er showed up here. Seeing the pastries dug out, she cautiously picked up some of them with a handkerchief while everyone was talking about it...

After the two masters left, all the old maids of Duke Xing's Mansion immediately began to talk about it. In order to show their rich experience, they all claimed that the bracelets were something weird containing evil spirits.

"Why is this pair of bracelets so weird, while there's no problem with the bracelets of other Misses and Young Masters?" An old maid lowered her voice to say.

On hearing her words, the surrounding old maids all nodded repeatedly. As inferior old maids, they had always been very superstitious. As they talked about it, they were increasingly convinced by the superstitious statement and found the incident increasingly weird.

An old maid, who was the first to dig out the bracelets, got cold hands and feet. She couldn't talk until she trembled all over with her lips quivering twice, "You know, the bracelets were dug out by me. Would, would anything terrible happen to me?"

"There seems to be something wrong with you indeed. Why do you look so pale?" The old maid beside her suddenly took a few steps away from her after glancing at her, and asked in astonishment while looking at her face.

"I... I don't..." The old maid, who dug out the bracelets, reached out to cover her chest with her hands and said. She felt pressure on her chest and almost couldn't breathe, "Am I... Am I bewitched?"

"It seems to be true. Sister-in-law, are you, are you really okay?" another old maid asked with concern, but she was far away from her, as if she was afraid of being stained with something bad.

The old maid felt increasing pressure on her chest. She reached out to cover her chest with her eyes wide open, gasped hard, felt her legs went weak and fell heavily on the broken debris. She only felt dizzy and then passed out with her head tilted to one side.

"What, what, what should we do?" The old maids screamed in fear.

"Take her to the pavilion and let her have a rest!" a leading old maid said loudly.

Several old maids came over and wanted to carry the old maid, but they did not dare to do so and looked at the leading old maid timidly. If they had been a little suspicious before, now they were convinced that there must be something wrong with the bracelets. Otherwise, how could a healthy and strong old maid pass out at once?

"Take her there, or something terrible will really happen!" The leading old maid shouted harshly, "If something terrible really happens, none of you can stay out of it!"

Hearing her words, a few old maids timidly carried the fainted old maid into the pavilion.

"Look, her face turns purple and looks so scary, as if she was possessed by evil spirits!"

"That's right. She has always been the most capable one who works in high spirits and is quite strong. Why did she suddenly pass out?"

"This, this is too terrifying. There are numerous ants on the bracelets, which really made me feel uncomfortable."

"There must be something wrong with this pair of bracelets!"

"But there's nothing wrong with other bracelets. Why is the Fifth Miss's bracelets the only pair with something wrong?"

"There must be something wrong with the Fifth Miss..." The result of their discussion was a problem that no one dared to think about. When the last old maid spoke of this, she immediately knew that she had made an indiscreet remark. She hurriedly reached out to cover her mouth, looked at the several old maids around her, and begged in panic.

"I... I just talked nonsense. They are nonsense."

The other old maids looked at each other with their faces turning pale. They even thought that it was true, but did not dare to continue this topic at this moment. The old maid in charge scolded her feebly, "You'd better wise up in future. Don't talk about this kind of nonsense. If it's heard by the Fifth Miss, she will kill you!"

"Okay, okay, I won't do that again!" The old maid, who had said something wrong, said and bowed unctuously.

"Send someone to inform Old Madam about it. This kind of thing must be reported to Old Madam!" The old maid in charge thought for a while and said.

"I'll go." "I'll go." "I'll go"...

At this moment, everyone wanted to leave such a weird place, so they strove for the errand...

Chapter 537 Recommend Someone to Settle the Problem!

"Reverend, what do you think of this?" The silver bracelets were placed in front of Puming Nun. The two old maids felt cold all over and regretted picking up the bracelets and showing them to the two Misses in order to earn credit. If they had known that the bracelets were so weird, they would not have done that.

The two old maids huddled together and leaned against each other, as if only in this way could they gain a little bit of strength.

"This... is indeed not good. This kind of thing has happened before... But..." Puming Nun said hesitantly, looking at the silver bracelets in front of her.

"You can speak your mind, reverend," Shao Yanru said respectfully.

"There should be something wrong with this pair of bracelets. Instruct someone to check if these bracelets are made of something different from that of other bracelets. If they are made of the same material, instruct someone to check if there is anything strange on these bracelets. If there is nothing strange, maybe they really... contain evil spirits!" Puming Nun said slowly in a low voice.

This time, the two old maids not only felt cold all over but also felt their hearts froze and their faces turned pale.

Others might not know, but the old maids digging out the bracelets clearly knew that all the bracelets were the same. Old Madam bought them at the same time for the Young Masters and Misses in the mansion. It was impossible for them to be different, if only to show that Old Madam treated every Young Master and Miss equally.

Shao Wanru smiled slightly and sneered in her heart. Even if there was something on the bracelets, it had been washed away by the water. The bracelets had been thrown into the water before. After being washed by the water, coupled with the silt at the bottom of the pool, it was impossible to find anything on them. It was quite a set of interlocking stratagems!

She compressed her lips as she calmly watched them talk to each other.

"If they really contain evil spirits, can you hold another religious rite here?" Shao Yanru said anxiously, directly skipping the first two possibilities.

"I'm afraid... I'm afraid we can't do that. First Miss Shao, you've seen the current situation in the Yuhui Nunnery. It's inconvenient to do that. Besides, because of the religious rite held for Duke Xing's Mansion, the hall... The Abbess means to stop holding religious rites for the time being," Puming Nun said hesitantly and seemed to be reluctant to hold a religious rite to get rid of the evil spirits for Duke Xing's Mansion.

"During these years, there has been lightning and thunder, but it has never caused a fire. This kind of thing... Even our Abbess thinks it appalling and is afraid that something terrible will happen... Recently,

the Yuhui Nunnery has got into one and another trouble. Since god has given a warning, we'd better be careful!"

"Is this a warning from god?" On hearing Puming Nun's words, Shao Yanru asked in panic, turned her head and looked at Shao Wanru. Blocked by the curtained hat, she could not see Shao Wanru's face.

"You can put it that way," Puming Nun said implicitly.

The two old maids, who huddled together, were almost desperate. Even the nuns had no way to deal with this evil stuff. It seemed that they were really going to lose their lives.

Flashing lightning and rumbling thunder, coupled with the hall struck by lightning and the condemnation of god, all these signs indicated that it was terrible rather than not good.

"Reverend, did god give such a warning because the pair of bracelets contain evil spirits? Are they also the reason why the hall was struck by lightning and burned down?" Perhaps thinking that she would definitely lose her life, an old maid suddenly gnashed her teeth in desperation, looked up at Puming Nun and asked regardless of her identity as Shao Wanru's servant.

"That's, that's possible!" Puming answered resignedly with a wry smile.

"Well... Fifth Miss... Why do your bracelets contain so much evil spirits? Could it be possible that... you come with evil spirits?"

The other old maid said with an attempt at a smile which made her look like crying.

Under normal circumstances, neither of the two old maids would say something like this. However, scared out of their wits at the moment, they were in no mood to care about anything else. They only thought that if they lost their lives, it was Shao Wanru's fault. So they looked at Shao Wanru with resentment in their eyes.

"How dare you! Who told you to talk such nonsense!" Yujie rebuked them loudly.

"Since the Fifth Miss came to the Yuhui Nunnery, the Yuhui Nunnery has got into one and another trouble. Even the hall, where the religious rite for the heir and the infant was held, was struck by lightning. It can be seen that the Fifth Miss has really done something offensive to god. Fifth Miss, since you are possessed by evil spirits, why do you come out to do harm to others? Someone like you should be locked up forever or directly burned to death!"

An old maid inexplicably exerted herself to pounce on Shao Wanru suddenly, while shouting loudly with her eyes full of wildness.

At the explosive point, Yujie hurriedly picked up a book of Buddhist scriptures beside Puming Nun's hand and smashed it hard on the old maid's head, while saying in anger, "How dare you frame my master as a servant! Although this pair of bracelets belong to my master, they have always been in Duke Xing's Mansion. Who knows what kind of harmful dirty things are on them!"

Yujie exerted herself in anger, so the old maid rolled her eyes and passed out after being beat with a book.

Shao Yanru looked at the old maid lying on the ground with pity in her eyes, only thinking that the old maid looked tall and strong, but was a wax spear looking like made of silver which was actually useless.

If the old maid could pounce on Shao Wanru and directly scratch her face, it would be much easier to deal with Shao Wanru after that. Even if Shao Wanru could survive, she would no longer be a threat to Shao Yanru as a disfigured girl. The best future she could expect was to be supported by Duke Xing's Mansion.

Her grandma's plan was quite good. Of course, she had played a lot of tricks in secret. She always liked hiding behind the scenes, even in her grandma's plan.

She would be safe if she pushed her grandma ahead. Now she just needed to watch the show and give it a little push.

"How dare you! Take her away and let her be punished by grandma!" Shao Yanru said with her face darkening, standing on Shao Wanru's side decisively on the surface.

"Okay, I'll ask someone to report it to Old Madam in a while!" Shuqi also said angrily, as if she was really defending Shao Wanru.

Shao Wanru lifted the corners of her mouth. Under the veil, her face was not only exceedingly enchanting, but also exuded a trace of gloom and rage. She looked up at Shao Yanru and remained calm, wondering where Shao Yanru was going to lead it.

"Reverend, is there really no way to deal with it? I hope that you can be compassionate and save all members of our mansion!" Shao Yanru said, knelt down and kowtowed to Puming Nun twice heavily.

Her forehead, which was white, immediately turned red after she kowtowed twice heavily.

"Uh..." Puming Nun was very hesitant, seeming to be willing to help them but find it inappropriate to do that.

Seeing her reaction, Shao Yanru knew that there was hope. She immediately kowtowed to Puming Nun twice heavily, reached out to hold Puming Nun's knees with her hands and said in a choked voice with tears slowly falling from her eyes, "Puming Nun, please save all the members of our Duke Xing's Mansion."

"First Miss, you're too polite. I really can't help you with it. The abbess has ordered us to stop all affairs recently. What's more, the officials of the Ministry of Justice are here. In any case, we can't hold another religious rite for Duke Xing's Mansion. The lives of the nuns in the Yuhui Nunnery are equal to yours!" Puming Nun refused in a soft voice.

She said in a soft voice, but in a tough tone. Several nuns were killed on the lightning storm night, and it put the Yuhui Nunnery in the firing line. It was not a good thing for all nuns in the Yuhui Nunnery.

The two disciples kneeling behind Puming Nun nodded repeatedly and looked at Shao Wanru unkindly. At this moment, they also thought that everything was caused by Shao Wanru. The Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion was not only a jinx, but also possessed by evil spirits. They would like to see her leave the Yuhui Nunnery as soon as possible.

Seeing Puming Nun act so decisively and Shao Yanru beg so piteously, Shao Wanru suddenly smiled. Her voice was soft and elegant, with some childish innocence and ignorance, as if the current situation was nothing serious.

“Big Sister, since Puming Nun said that she couldn’t do anything about it, let’s go. We can find out the reason anyway. Aren’t the officials of the Ministry of Justice in the Yuhui Nunnery now? You can ask the Third Young Master Wen to investigate into this matter clearly!” Shao Wanru said inadvertently, as if she was talking about someone else’s business which had nothing to do with her and no one doubted her.

“How, how can the Ministry of Justice handle this kind of thing? Fifth Sister, you’d better stop joking around. Only Puming Nun can help us eliminate the evil spirits and make Duke Xing’s Mansion peaceful.” Seeing that Shao Wanru not only did not beg Puming Nun but seemed to be carefree and leisurely, Shao Yanru almost laughed out of anger. Shao Wanru was still talking about this kind of thing at this moment.

“Why not? The Ministry of Justice is in charge of cases. This kind of thing is obviously a case in the charge of the Ministry of Justice. It should be handled by the Ministry of Justice!” Shao Wanru said, stood up from the rush cushion and was about to leave after Yujie tidied her clothes, “Big Sister, I’ll turn to the officials of the Ministry of Justice to tell them about it and ask them to take over the case!”

She felt her dress grabbed by Shao Yanru and heard Shao Yanru’s panicked voice, “Fifth Sister, if you turn to the Ministry of Justice for this kind of thing, the entire Duke Xing’s Mansion will become a joke. It’s funny to ask the Ministry of Justice to help us get rid of this kind of supernatural thing.”

After saying that, Shao Yanru turned around and continued begging, “Puming Nun, please save me and all members of our mansion. If you can get rid of the evil spirits, not only my grandma and my mother, but also I will donate a large amount of money to the Yuhui Nunnery.”

As she spoke, she shed tears, looking extremely panic-stricken and pitiful, completely different from her usual demure and decent look.

However, you would find it understandable after thinking about it carefully. Despite her being known for talents and her decorous and decent manners, Shao Yanru was just an unmarried girl who had never heard of this kind of thing, so it was understandable for her to act like this.

Puming Nun looked at Shao Wanru, who had stood up, and then looked at Shao Yanru, who was kneeling at her feet obediently. She sighed helplessly and said, “I can’t hold a religious rite for you directly because of the abbess’s instruction. But I can recommend someone. If she goes to your mansion, she can settle most of the problem.”

Chapter 538 Look for the Longevity Lock Again

“Who is it?” Shao Yanru was overjoyed and asked hurriedly.

“Taoist Priest Xiushui. She’s good at this, and it’s convenient for her to get in and out of the inner courtyard.” Puming Nun said with a smile.

“Is it Taoist Priest Xiushui of Baiyun Taoist Temple?” After thinking for a moment, Shao Yanru immediately remembered such a person and said with delight. Even the old maid beside her looked joyful.

Taoist Priest Xiushui was the abbess of Baiyun Taoist Temple and had always been a well-known Taoist nun. It was said that she had great power in exorcism, but it was not easy to ask her to conduct a religious rite. It was said that she accepted an offer under three terms and turned down an offer under three terms, which brought her great fame.

Almost everyone in the capital city had heard of this Taoist Priest Xiushui, but very few of them could actually ask her to conduct a religious rite.

"Exactly!" Puming Nun said with a smile.

Shao Wanru glanced sideways at Puming Nun, who looked very benevolent and trustworthy. As the one, whom Shao Yanru had begged in a hundred ways, Puming Nun looked increasingly credible.

Taoist Priest Xiushui? Shao Wanru compressed her lips slightly, waved the round fan in her hand slightly, and had thought of this person while casting a fluid glance.

Taoist Priest Xiushui was now only known by most people in the capital city. However, what happened later made her known around the country!

"I heard that it is extremely difficult to ask Taoist Priest Xiushui to conduct a religious rite. Even aristocratic families may not be able to do that." Shao Yanru frowned and said in distress.

"It doesn't matter. I'm acquainted with her. If I write her a letter to ask for a favor, she will agree!" Puming Nun said.

"Thank you, reverend. Thank you, reverend!" Shao Yanru was so joyful that she repeated this sentence and kowtowed to Puming Nun heavily.

After making a few polite remarks, Puming Nun stood up, came up to the desk, picked up the writing brush, and began to write the letter. After a while, she finished. After drying the paper off, she took out an envelope, put the paper into it, wrote the words "for Taoist Priest Xiushui only" on it, and then handed the letter to Shao Yanru.

"First Miss Shao, just send her the letter. After that, your grandma can ask her to your mansion at any time!"

"Thank you, reverend. All members of our Duke Xing's Mansion will definitely remember your kindness for saving our lives!" Shao Yanru said so excitedly that her eyes turned red. She wanted to kowtow again but was stopped by Puming Nun.

Since Puming Nun had come up with a solution, Shao Yanru and Shao Wanru left. When they walked outside, the old maid, who had passed out, was woken up and left with them.

Shao Yanru did not bother someone else and directly instructed the other old maid to deliver the letter.

Hearing that she could leave the Yuhui Nunnery right away, the old maid picked up the letter and ran away wildly, as if she were chased by a ghost. The longer she stayed here, the greater danger she thought she was in as if she would lose her life at any time.

"Fifth Sister, go and have a rest. We have to ask grandma to make a decision on this!" Shao Yanru said with a tired face. Such a big problem had been out of the reach of them, two unmarried young ladies who chatted while watching the old maids clean up.

Shao Wanru nodded in silence, didn't ask any more questions, and went back with Yujie.

Shao Yanru went to see the old maids left. Hearing that one of them had passed out, she hurriedly sent for a doctor and then asked several young nuns beside her to chant scriptures for the fainted old maid. They made quite a big scene.

The officials of the Ministry of Justice had already been disturbed. Someone was sent to inquire about it and then reported it to Wen Xichi.

"It's said that the Fifth Miss Shao's bracelets contain evil spirits. Other bracelets are normal, while something weird only happened to the Fifth Miss Shao's bracelets. It's said that the old maid, who dug out the bracelets, has passed out and looked awful at that time. She hasn't woken up yet and is probably not in good shape. Besides, there's another old maid, who passed out in Puming Nun's place."

One of Wen Xichi's subordinates reported to him in full detail. The officials of the Ministry of Justice had never believed in these supernatural beings, but now hearing the words of several old maids, they got gooseflesh and felt that the air seemed to be colder and gloomier than usual. Could it be true?

"How did the two Misses of Duke Xing's Mansion do?" Wen Xichi put down the writing brush in his hand calmly and asked. He was drawing a chrysanthemum outside the window. He, who didn't expect to see such rare chrysanthemums in the Yuhui Nunnery, felt the itch to exercise his painting skill, picked up the writing brush and began to paint. At this moment, he had just finished an outline after a few strokes.

"The First Miss Shao was very calm when dealing with the matter and arranging for the old maids of Duke Xing's Mansion. Moreover, she told the old maids not to talk about it, not to guess about it wildly and not to talk about the affairs of the Fifth Miss!" The subordinate reported.

According to the subordinate's words, Shao Yanru was not only a good elder sister but also dignified and decent. Even in this case, she could still keep calm. She did deserve the reputation as a great Miss from an aristocratic family in the capital city. Her tactics were worth praising.

"What about the Fifth Miss of Shao's Mansion?" Not hearing a word about Shao Wanru, Wen Xichi asked another question.

"The Fifth Miss Shao went to have a rest. It was said that she was frightened. But I saw the Fifth Miss Shao leave indifferently with a light and natural foot. She didn't seem to be frightened at all. Getting involved in such big trouble, she could still go to have a rest. It's so weird!"

The subordinate said. As a member of the Ministry of Justice, he had always been very careful in observation. He, who specially watched the Fifth Miss Shao's actions, thought that she was really inadvertent. Was she careless or too young to be aware of the consequences of this matter? Wen Xichi's subordinate couldn't tell it.

Wen Xichi showed an elegant smile on his handsome face with his hands clasped behind his back and said lightly, "She probably won't allow herself to be seized without putting up a fight!"

"Your Excellency, what do you mean?" The subordinate did not understand for a moment and asked in astonishment.

Wen Xichi restrained the smile on his face. Knowing that he had got carried away just now, he coughed in a low voice and said, "Keep an eye on them. Report to me if anything happens. Was it a punishment from God that the hall was struck by lightning and burned down? No. It was obvious that someone set the hall on fire and deliberately distracted others with lightning and thunder that night."

"Your Excellency, do you mean that the so-called evil spirits are nonsense? In this case, why did something weird happen to the pair of bracelets only while nothing bad happened to other bracelets? Moreover, there were so many ants. It's really unbelievable!" The subordinate said hesitantly. At this moment, he did not know what he should believe, because some of his convictions had been shaken.

"Let's wait and see. If they don't turn to us, we'll leave it aside!" Wen Xichi didn't explain much to his subordinate, waved his hand and said.

This kind of thing was not in the charge of the Ministry of Justice. Since Duke Xing's Mansion intended to exorcise the evil spirits with the power of Buddha, he would just wait and see.

The Ministry of Justice was not in charge of this kind of thing. He would like to see how this matter would be settled...

Shao Wanru returned to her silence room as usual and had a peaceful lunch. After that, she took a break and then had a nap. When Shao Yanru came back, she had not woken up yet.

Hearing that Shao Wanru was taking a nap, Shao Yanru, who had been busy for a long time, looked concerned, asked about Shao Wanru's situation, and then asked Yujie and Qu Le to take good care of Shao Wanru and told them to report to her immediately if there was anything wrong. Besides, she said that Old Madam would probably send someone to inquire about it later.

The two maids answered repeatedly and seemed to be frightened.

Shao Yanru went to her room on her own. When she entered her room, the gentle and dignified smile on her face disappeared at once. She showed a gloomy and sarcastic smile.

Shao Wanru could still fall asleep peacefully when she had to face with imminent death. Of course, it might be the last time that Shao Wanru could sleep so soundly, so she wouldn't disturb her.

After a late lunch, Shao Yanru didn't feel like taking a nap, so she just waited in her room.

The one sent by Old Madam came here soon, and it was Nanny Yu, the personal maid of Old Madam, followed by four strong old maids. They came directly to Shao Wanru's room.

Shao Wanru had already gotten up and was combing her hair at the moment. Hearing that Nanny Yu was here, she immediately invited her in. In the next door, Shao Yanru also got the news and hurriedly came over with Shuqi.

"Fifth Miss, Old Madam said that she wanted to see the longevity lock she gave you before. Please find it out and show it to me!" After greeting two Misses, Nanny Yu went straight to the point.

"Longevity lock?" Shao Wanru said with a frown and looked back at Yujie, seeming to be unable to recall it at the moment.

"Miss, it's the longevity lock Old Madam sent up to the mountain. Didn't you let Rui'an Great Elder Princess take it away before?" Yujie recalled it at once and said.

Hearing her words, Shao Wanru seemed to recall it. She nodded at once and said regretfully, "Nanny Yu, I had the longevity lock taken down the mountain by my maternal grandma. I was afraid it was not safe to keep it here, so I asked my maternal grandma to keep it for me!"

"Wasn't the longevity lock in your hand?" Nanny Yu asked anxiously with her eyebrows twitching hard a few times.

"No, it isn't!" Shao Wanru said decisively.

After walking in circles, Nanny Yu stamped her feet helplessly and said. "What should I do? Old Madam told me that I must take it back, but... but now..."

"Why did grandma want to see it?" Shao Wanru asked in surprise.

"Puming Nun helped us to ask Taoist Priest Xiushui to conduct a religious rite. Taoist Priest Xiushui said that she wanted to see the real objects. The bracelets have been taken down the mountain, and the Fifth Miss's longevity lock is the only thing we lack now. Only by comparing the longevity locks and silver bracelets of the young masters and Misses can Taoist Priest Xiushui find out the truth and conduct a religious rite to ensure the safety of our mansion!"

Even Rui'an Great Elder Princess couldn't stop them when it came to the safety of the entire mansion.

Shao Wanru was frightened by her words. For a moment, she did not know what to say. She opened her mouth but did not say anything.

Shao Yanru, who was standing beside Shao Wanru, gently put forward a suggestion for Shao Wanru, who was in a state of utter stupefaction at the moment, "Fifth Sister, you can write a letter to Rui'an Great Elder Princess or send someone down the mountain to fetch it from Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion. After getting it, you can ask Nanny Yu to take it to our mansion and show it to grandma!"

"Okay, okay! I'll instruct Qing'er to go down the mountain." Shao Wanru nodded repeatedly and said hurriedly. She couldn't turn it down for the sake of the safety of the entire mansion.

This was a good idea. Nanny Yu also nodded. After Shao Wanru gave Qing'er some instructions, Qing'er went down the mountain with Nanny Yu.

Shao Wanru and Shao Yanru especially went to the door of the courtyard with them.

"Fifth Sister, you've taken a nap. I am tired at this moment and want to have a rest!" Seeing that they had gone far away, Shao Yanru turned her head to glance at Shao Wanru meaningfully and suddenly showed a smile as bright as a flower. After that, she turned around and left with Shuqi without waiting for Shao Wanru's answer.

The outcome seemed to be a foregone conclusion, so she didn't have to be polite to Shao Wanru anymore!

Chapter 539 Qing'er Who Is Simple and Obedient

The carriage of Duke Xing's Mansion stopped in front of Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion, far away from the gate. Nanny Yu thought that as servants, they didn't dare to directly stop in front of the gate of Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion, so they stopped in front of a shop on the opposite side of the gate of Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion.

Qing'er got off the carriage in a hurry and went into the mansion. After a while, she came out with an exquisite box and ran to the carriage from a distance.

Nanny Yu, who was anxious, had already waited out of the carriage with four old maids.

Seeing Qing'er finally come out, Nanny Yu let out a sigh of relief and instructed an old maid beside her. "Go and pick up the longevity lock of the Fifth Miss. We'll go back to our mansion immediately and show it to Taoist Priest Xiushui."

At this moment, Taoist Priest Xiushui must have arrived at Duke Xing's Mansion!

The strong old maid responded by a nod and staggered over in an attempt to pick up the box in Qing'er's hand. Perhaps because the old maid was too sturdy or she walked too fast, she bumped into Qing'er hard before reaching out.

Qing'er fell backward with hands and legs in the air, and the box in her hand was thrown away.

Not only the box but also the longevity lock in the box was thrown to the street and almost hit someone.

The passers-by dispersed at once. Seeing a circle of black ants on the longevity lock on the ground, some people nearby jumped high in fear and screamed while desperately pushing their way out of the crowd.

More people saw such a disgusting scene, and some ladies even screamed in fear.

Nanny Yu felt her legs went weak and collapsed on the ground. She was trembling all over and muttering to herself, "Evil... evil spirits. As I expect, all the pieces of stuff of Fifth Miss contain evil... evil spirits!"

A bold old maid dragged Nanny Yu desperately and said anxiously, "Nanny Yu, let's get away from here. The Fifth Miss is possessed by evil spirits... Both of her bracelets and longevity lock contain evil spirits. Hurry... hurry up and report it to Old Madam. Let's go!"

As she said, she pulled Nanny Yu up. They got in the carriage in a hurry, leaving both Qing'er and the longevity lock on the ground behind, as if they met a dreadful monster.

Everyone backed away, watching the scene in front of them in shock and fear and glancing at the longevity lock on the ground.

There was a circle of black and big ants on the longevity lock. They couldn't even find such a big ant in normal times, while the longevity lock was covered with these ants, which was quite chilling.

Qing'er stood up slowly from the ground. She, who was quite bold, picked up a small branch from the ground to lift the longevity lock and looked at it. Everyone around her stepped back, for fear that the ants would stick to them.

Of course, there were some busybodies taking a few more glances at it. Although the ants were chilling, they had never seen such a strange thing. They intended to take a closer look at it so that they could boast about the experience in the future.

“Is there sugar on it?” Qing’er said to herself. She picked up the longevity lock, put it in front of her nose to smell it, and then continued saying to herself, “It smells like osmanthus sugar!”

Did it smell like sugar? Several meddlesome men suddenly didn’t feel afraid.

“Let me smell it!” Some busybodies said and reached out. If the ants were really attracted to the longevity lock by sugar, they had just made a fuss about nothing!

Qing’er handed over the branch in her hands. A bold busybody took it over, put the longevity lock under his nose, and smelled a strong sweet fragrance from it.

“It’s really stained with sugar.” The busybody nodded and said, passing it to his companions around. They nodded one after another. The scent of osmanthus sugar was so strong that even those, who hadn’t taken the longevity lock, could smell it when other people passed the longevity lock.

Someone couldn’t help laughing and said, “It turns out that the longevity lock is stained with sugar. The ants made me think it’s something evil!”

Although so many ants also looked like something evil, they were nothing unusual. An ant was actually not horrifying. It was horrifying and disgusting to see so many ants. Nevertheless, thinking of the strong scent of osmanthus sugar from it, they found it was no big deal that it attracted so many ants.

At this moment, even ladies stopped from a distance. Although they thought so many ants were quite disgusting, they would not turn around to run away and scream in fear.

“You didn’t keep it well, so it’s stained with sugar. Go and wash it clean, lest it should scare plenty of people next time you take it out!” The busybodies said complacently while passing the branch back to Qing’er. It proved that they were bold and careful, and they wanted to tell others about it later.

“It’s just stained with sugar. Why were the old maids of Duke Xing’s Mansion scared away? They said that the stuff of Fifth Miss contained evil spirits. The longevity lock was obviously given by Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion to the Fifth Miss. The Fifth Miss has grown up, and it’s no longer appropriate for her to wear it, so she could only lock it up! Why was it stained with sugar?” Qing’er took over the branch while defending her master defiantly.

She put the longevity lock on the ground and hit it hard with the branch. Some ants began to run away after being hit. Someone was afraid and lifted the bucket beside him in an attempt to pour some water on the longevity lock, but was stopped by Qing’er.

“Don’t do that. The sugar will be washed away by the water. I should keep the sugar as evidence in case that my master will be wronged!” As she said, she hit the ants very quickly.

Some ants were killed, while some of them were crushed to death by some passers-by when they tried to escape. As they became less, people no longer felt afraid.

"How could your master be wronged because of the sugar on the longevity lock? The girl is a maid loyal to her master, but she exaggerated a bit!" Someone pointed at the somewhat naive Qing'er and said with a chuckle.

"They don't like my master!" Qing'er said gloomily and continued knocking the ants off from the longevity lock. There were not many ants left, so it wasn't slow for her to knock them off one by one.

"Who is your master?" Someone asked in astonishment.

"My master is the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. She has been observing mourning for the heir of Duke Xing and the Infanta in the Yuhui Nunnery for more than two years. Unexpectedly such a thing happened at the end of the third year. I really feel aggrieved for my master!" Qing'er talked about what had happened to her master naively.

However, judging from her appearance, she was just an inferior maid at a young age. There was no one else from her mansion around at this moment. Based on what had happened just now, it was no big deal for her to defend her master indignantly. Moreover, she did not mention anyone's name.

"The Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion? Is it the Miss who is extremely filial to her parents and has just been recognized by Duke Xing's Mansion?" Someone suddenly thought of it, immediately looked at the gate of Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion, and realized who the maid was talking about.

"It should be her. I heard that the Fifth Miss couldn't stay in Duke Xing's Mansion after being recognized by Duke Xing's Mansion because everyone in the Duke Xing's Mansion doesn't like her. Could it be true?"

"Since she has been recognized, she must be the biological daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing. How can they treat her so harshly and send her to the Yuhui Nunnery, where she has stayed for three years? It's indecent indeed for them to do that. It can be seen that they really don't like the Fifth Miss. She's such a poor girl who has no parents and is disliked by other family members."

"Just now the little maid said that the longevity lock was given by Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. Later, the Fifth Miss has been too old to wear it, so she kept locking it up. In this case, the sugar on it could be..."

"Do you mean they are going to wrong the Fifth Miss?" Someone gasped with surprise and came up with this conclusion.

Many of those present stood gazing at one another and thought that the members of Duke Xing's Mansion were really cruel. The Fifth Miss was just a girl. Why couldn't they tolerate her? Even her grandma did this to trap her.

"Little girl, hurry up and report it to Great Elder Princess. You can't bear the responsibility." Someone reminded Qing'er, who looked naive and was still knocking those ants off.

"That's right. Little girl, turn to Great Elder Princess, tell her about this and show her the longevity lock!" Hearing the words, plenty of people expressed assent. Looking at this little girl, they knew that her master was not scheming. Since the members of Duke Xing's Mansion did not like this Miss, she could only turn to her biological grandma!

Qing'er, who was at a loss, was pulled up. Someone kind-hearted picked up the longevity lock with a branch, put it into the box on the side, and handed the box to her after closing it. They pushed her toward Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion and said, "Go ahead. Your master will get into trouble if you go late!"

At this moment, Qing'er seemed to have realized something. She rushed to Great Elder Princess's Mansion with the box in her arms. After taking a few steps, she turned back and bowed deeply to the crowd and then continued running in a hurry.

This little maid was quite likable and very polite, so she left a good impression on plenty of people at present. Seeing her run into Great Elder Princess's Mansion, the onlookers let out a sigh of relief for her and began to talk about it at the moment. They all thought that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was unamiable, and then some past events were raked up.

It was said that this Old Madam did not like Infanta Qinghua and kept torturing her so that Infanta Qinghua and the former Heir of Duke Xing had to leave Duke Xing's Mansion. Afterward, the former Heir of Duke Xing died outside, and Infanta Qinghua died of difficult labor not long after being found and returning, only leaving a son...

With the hints dropped by someone ax-grinding, not only the past of Old Madam of Duke Xing but also the past of the current Madam of Duke Xing was raked up. The present Madam of Duke Xing was supposed to marry the former Heir of Duke Xing, but she had to marry the current Duke Xing in the end. Some people found it amusing.

It was a shameful thing rather than a good thing to marry the younger brother after failing to marry the elder brother.

As they talked, someone mentioned the First Miss Shao, who had a great reputation. It was said that the First Miss Shao had a great reputation, a gorgeous appearance, and an excellent character. However, when they talked about her, someone raised an objection and said that the First Miss Shao and Madam of Duke Xing were much alike in character. They divagated into a subject of gossip.

Someone said that the First Miss Shao looked demure, but she faked it and was actually ill-behaved. As they talked, some of their words deviated from the original topic. Most of those people who stayed to gossip were idle busybodies. Speaking of the affairs of such a beauty, they became increasingly excited and had forgotten they didn't talk about Shao Yanru at the beginning.

Nevertheless, it was more exciting to talk about the affairs of a beauty, especially the top beauty in the capital city, than to talk about the affairs of a little maid.

A carriage stopped at the side of the road. After listening to their discussion for a while, someone in the carriage said in a cold voice, "Go and disperse them!"

Two guards immediately answered, came out from the back of the carriage, and swayed the whips in their hands at the faces of several busybodies, who were talking excitedly...

Chapter 540 Come up the Mountain Together to Make Trouble

Beaten for no reason, the busybodies were about to make a scene, but suddenly heard the guards shout, "His Highness goes out to track down a murderer. Anyone making noises is equally guilty!"

Someone sharp-eyed had found the sign of Prince Zhou's Mansion on the carriage and told others about it in a low voice. After that, all people scattered.

Since it was Prince Zhou in the carriage and he went out for tracking down a murderer, no one dared to get involved in it.

"Your Highness, they are all gone!" The guards came back and reported.

"Let's go!" Inside the carriage, Prince Zhou said with his face darkening.

The guards stepped back and told the coachman to set out, and the carriage began to move slowly. Inside the carriage, Prince Zhou closed his eyes slightly with a frown and thought that Shao Wanru, who had a good reputation, was much more important than Shao Yanru, who had a bad reputation...

"Old Madam, Old Madam, bad news, bad... bad news..." Nanny Yu rolled and crawled to Old Madam and said, followed by several old maids.

All of them felt that their legs went weak, and Nanny Yu almost fell to the ground.

In the main room, Old Madam was sitting in the seat of honor. She was dressed in a set of clothes with the patterns of flower bunch and the patterns of bergamot, peach, and pomegranate, looking sullen. It was a Taoist nun in her thirties sitting in the guest's seat. She was quite good-looking with delicate features on her white face. Hearing the voice coming from the door, she raised her head with a smile and slightly swayed the horsetail whisk in her hand, looking peaceful.

"What makes you so panic-stricken?" Old Madam asked with a frown.

"Old Madam... just now... just now I accompanied the Fifth Miss's maid to Great Elder Princess's Mansion to fetch the longevity lock stored there... I saw... I saw it also covered with dark ants... dark ants..." Nanny Yu said with a pale face.

"Old Madam, I also saw it... The longevity lock... was covered with dark ants..."

"They were squirming... It's so disgusting and weird..."

The other two old maids hurriedly added. Despite their old age, it was the first time that they had seen such a thing. Now they were trembling all over and obviously badly scared.

All of the four inferior old maids were very flustered and scared. Hearing their words, all the other maids and old maids in the room looked at the Taoist nun in panic.

"Taoist Priest Xiushui, what do you think of this matter..." Old Madam said with an increasingly gloomy face. She twisted her face in an attempt to show a smile, but she failed and looked a little scary instead.

"Old Madam, based on what happened before, coupled with this matter, I'm afraid..." Taoist Priest Xiushui stopped smiling and said with a frown. She narrowed her eyes, put two fingers together, and murmured softly, while deftly pressing a finger on the other finger, seeming to be figuring out something.

It became quiet in the room, and everyone stared fixedly at Taoist Priest Xiushui, who was figuring out something while moving her fingers. Some of them even put their palms together and prayed silently.

After a long while, Taoist Priest Xiushui opened her eyes, showed an inexplicable expression, glanced at Old Madam, and swallowed back the words on the tip of her tongue.

“Reverend, if you want to say something, please say it directly!”

“The Fifth Miss of your mansion has never been raised by Old Madam since her childhood and was found back after many years, right?” Taoist Priest Xiushui asked.

“Yes... yes... that’s true!” Old Madam nodded repeatedly and said.

“She was born and grew up in the countryside instead of your mansion, so she doesn’t have a solid foundation and ancestors’ protection, which makes it easy for her to be possessed by evil spirits.” Taoist Priest Xiushui said gently as she put down her fingers.

“What... what should we do?” Old Madam immediately understood and said. Taoist Priest Xiushui meant that Shao Wanru had been recognized by their mansion before long, so she hadn’t been recognized by their ancestors and wasn’t under their protection. Under the circumstances, she was possessed by an evil spirit. “What kind of evil spirit has possessed her? How are we going to get rid of it?”

“The Fifth Miss has been possessed by a dark evil spirit, so she attracted a variety of bugs. The details are as what you said. The dark evil spirit will turn into Yin energies later. This kind of dirty thing is quite influential. It not only influences the Fifth Miss but also influences her elders. Does the Fifth Miss have any elder who died an unnatural death?”

Taoist Priest Xiushui looked serious and said with a slightly pale face, “I have never seen such a powerful dark evil spirit for so many years. I think the Fifth Miss has already done harm to her elders!”

“My son, my Jiang’er... It turns out that you... You got into trouble and got killed because of your daughter, who is a trouble maker... How... how should I deal with her...” Old Madam suddenly understood, burst into tears, and said. The maids and old maids around her knew that Old Madam thought of the former heir again, so they all lowered their heads.

Nanny Yu hurriedly took two steps forward, walked up to Old Madam, and comforted her in a low voice, “Old Madam, stop crying. Let’s listen to the Taoist priest’s solution. The former heir has passed away, and it is over. We can’t let the rest of our mansion be influenced...”

Even as a respected servant in the mansion, Nanny Yu couldn’t say the following words in front of so many people. Fortunately, Old Madam understood. She reached out to wipe the tears off her face, looked up at Taoist Priest Xiushui with red eyes, and asked, “Reverend, how are we going to deal with it? I can’t let all members of our mansion be influenced by her. Please help us solve the problem.”

“Uh...” Taoist Priest Xiushui said, seeming to be in a dilemma.

“Please go ahead.” Old Madam pressed her hands on the table and said with a decisive look.

“Old Madam, the Fifth Miss has been possessed by a dark evil spirit. In fact, the best way to get rid of it is to exorcise the dark evil spirit on her by burning it. Only in this way can all members of your mansion be safe. However, the fire will hurt the Fifth Miss of your mansion. After all, she is your granddaughter. Although it can ensure the safety of all members of your mansion, you can’t bear to do that!”

Taoist Priest Xiushui said helplessly.

“Burn her?” Old Madam asked with a trace of horror in her eyes and looked at Nanny Yu. Nanny Yu hurriedly reached out to take her hand to comfort her and said to Taoist Priest Xiushui, “Will it... Will it go too far if we burn her? The Fifth Miss is Old Madam’s granddaughter, and Old Madam is so kind that she won’t let the Fifth Miss die because of this!”

They could imprison or ground the Fifth Miss, but couldn’t kill her. Otherwise, Rui’an Great Elder Princess would never spare the entire Duke Xing’s Mansion.

Although Rui’an Great Elder Princess had little real power, she was of noble status. Old Madam didn’t dare to enrage her and make her stand against Duke Xing’s Mansion.

“Old Madam is so benevolent. If you don’t want to do that, there is another way to deal with it. You can let the Fifth Miss become a nun directly. Let her pray for her parents and the entire mansion for a lifetime and clear her mind every day. Only in this way can she get rid of the dark evil spirit on her gradually.”

Old Madam lowered her head. After thinking for a while, she asked, “If I want her to be a nun, should she be a Buddhist nun or a Taoist nun?”

“That makes no difference. Old Madam, you can look for an appropriate place for her.” Taoist Priest Xiushui looked as indifferent as someone free from the mortal world and said, “Let it be natural. If the Yuhui Nunnery can shave her head directly, it’s a good thing. But if the Yuhui Nunnery is unwilling to do that, I can do it. My Taoist temple happens to need a little nun to do the cleaning.”

In the past, some families would leave their female family members, who were possessed by powerful evil spirits, in Baiyun Taoist Temple. As the abbess of Baiyun Taoist Temple, Taoist Priest Xiushui enjoyed a great reputation in the capital.

“Ask the Fifth Miss to come down the mountain!” Old Madam said coldly.

“But the Fifth Miss is still observing mourning for her parents, and now the officials of the Ministry of Justice are on the mountain. I’m afraid it’s not easy for her to come down the mountain.” Nanny Yu reminded her.

“Let’s go up the mountain!” Old Madam gnashed her teeth and said. She could not bear waiting for even a minute. After making up her mind, she asked Nanny Yu to prepare the carriage. Then she turned her head to Taoist Priest Xiushui and said, “Something happened in the Yuhui Nunnery, so no one is allowed to come down the mountain at will. I’m wondering if you can go with me.”

“Okay!” Taoist Priest Xiushui nodded with a slight smile and said.

The carriage had been prepared outside. Old Madam and others hurried up the mountain and brought eight tall and sturdy female servants with them before leaving.

The carriage hurried to the Yuhui Nunnery. When it arrived at the gate of the Yuhui Nunnery, some officials of the Ministry of Justice came to stop it. Old Madam instructed Nanny Yu to step forward and negotiate with them.

At first, the officials of the Ministry of Justice refused to let them pass. Later, when they learned that it was Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion who specially came up the mountain because of feeling worried about her two granddaughters and intending to deal with the dark bracelets found beneath the hall, someone went to report it to their superior and then they let Old Madam's carriage get inside.

When the officials of the Ministry of Justice was about to retreat, several carriages suddenly came from the mountain road. When they came near, an old maid jumped down from a carriage and told them the name of Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess had been here before and went down the mountain later. But later there came the emperor's decree allowing Rui'an Great Elder Princess to get in and out of the Yuhui Nunnery. The staff of the Ministry of Justice all knew about it, so they dared not stop her and directly let her pass.

Seeing that Great Elder Princess's carriages also entered the Yuhui Nunnery, the staff of the Ministry of Justice guarding outside stood, gazing at one another.

One of them was Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, and the other was Rui'an Great Elder Princess. It was said that they were on bad terms with each other. Moreover, it was getting late, but they both came up the mountain in a hurry. Thinking of what had happened today, the officials of the Ministry of Justice suddenly felt that something was going to happen.

After gazing at one another, the officials of the Ministry of Justice reported it in a hurry.

As Old Madam's carriage stopped, Nanny Yu immediately led four female servants to Shao Wanru's courtyard.

Shao Wanru was reading a book. Hearing that Nanny Yu had come again, she smiled slightly, put down the book in her hand, and asked Nanny Yu to come over.

"Greetings, Fifth Miss!" Nanny Yu came in, bowed to Shao Wanru respectfully, and said.

"Nanny Yu, why do you come back after leaving?" Shao Wanru raised her head and asked leisurely.

"Old Madam is here. Fifth Miss, please go to give greetings!" Nanny Yu raised her head and said seriously.

"At this moment?" Shao Wanru looked at the sky outside the window and asked.

"Yes, exactly. Fifth Miss, please hurry up!" Nanny Yu nodded and said.

Shao Wanru looked at the several sturdy female servants behind Nanny Yu and said, "Nanny Yu, please wait for a moment. Let me freshen up."

"Fifth Miss, you look good now, so you don't have to do that. Old Madam needs to talk with you for an emergency!" Nanny Yu said and stretched out her hands. Several inferior old maids stood around Shao Wanru in four corners, obviously intending to coerce her into submission.