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Chapter 541 Vicious and Selfish?

Shao Wanru looked at the aggressive female servants and then looked at Nanny Yu with her face darkening.

"Nanny Yu, what do you mean by doing that?" Yujie and Qu Le immediately stood beside Shao Wanru, looked at Nanny Yu alertly and said.

"I just want the Fifth Miss to hurry up, for fear that she will go there late and annoy Old Madam. Fifth Miss, I hope that you won't be angry!" Nanny Yu sounded polite, but didn't show much respect. In the past, she had always smiled before speaking when meeting Shao Wanru. However, today the delight on her face became much less and her smile could almost be considered hypocritical.

Was she going to take Shao Wanru away by force?

Shao Wanru sneered in her heart, reached out to tidy her sleeves and said as if nothing had happened, "Since grandma is so anxious to meet me, Nanny Yu, lead the way!"

Seeing that Shao Wanru did not resist, Nanny Yu nodded and turned to leave, followed by a group of servants.

In the corridor, Shao Yanru watched them with her face wreathed with smiles, raising the round fan in her hand slightly to hide the complacency on her face.

When Shao Wanru walked to the door of the courtyard, she suddenly stopped, looked back at the corridor and looked into Shao Yanru's eyes. After smiling at Shao Yanru, she picked up the hem of her dress and walked out of the courtyard.

The smile on Shao Yanru's face froze. She threw out the round fan in her hand, and the exquisite round fan immediately fell to the ground, smashed into pieces. She said, "Bitch, you are still so arrogant because of your identity as Great Elder Princess's granddaughter. As long as you are a member of our Shao's family, you are under grandma's control. How can you remain smile when faced with imminent death!"

"First Miss, don't be angry. The Fifth Miss is fearless because she's ignorant of what is waiting for her. She probably thinks that she's just going to meet Old Madam and Old Madam must consider her more important and like her better because Old Madam chose to meet her instead of you!" Shuqi comforted her cautiously.

Hearing her words, Shao Yanru felt delighted and said with a snort, "She's the only one who is so overconfident. She really thinks that grandma likes her and dote on her. Who does she think she is!"

"That's right. How can she compare with you? You are not only talented, but also ravishing. Everyone in the capital knows that you are the most beautiful lady in the capital. No, I made a mistake. You are the most beautiful lady in the Kingdom of Dongcang!" Shuqi pleased her.

Shao Yanru showed a complacent sneer and turned back arrogantly. She really should not care about Shao Wanru's attitude, since Shao Wanru was just a good-for-nothing.

Her mother said that she was an unsullied cloud in the sky which was destined to look down on others. She would not get involved in anything filthy because of Shao Wanru. It was conducted by her grandma, and it had nothing to do with her...

When Shao Wanru was brought to the front of Old Madam, Old Madam sat with a gloomy face. She found an incense room nearby without many requirements, because she wanted to handle it quickly. After it was done, she had to go down the mountain.

Shao Wanru came in, bowed to Old Madam and said with a smile, "Greetings, grandma!"

Taoist Priest Xiushui involuntarily looked at Shao Wanru's face. Despite her young age, she had been exceedingly gorgeous. Her skin was as delicate as jade. Her eyes were as limpid as water, and just a glance from her was fascinating enough. Her delicate lips were naturally red. She was so lively and ravishing that all the other ladies around her became foils.

She had never seen such a lady although she visited the mansions of aristocratic families all year around. For a moment, she was a little fascinated by Shao Wanru, and the horsetail whisk in her hand almost fell to the ground.

A little Taoist nun standing behind her reached out to pull her sleeve so that she didn't get carried away.

"Shave her head!" Old Madam, whose face darkened, clenched her hand into a fist and said in a sharp voice.

Several female servants, who had been prepared, came over in an attempt to press Shao Wanru down on her knees. Someone else took out a razor and was about to shave Shao Wanru's head.

Along the way, Old Madam had talked it over with Taoist Priest Xiushui and decided that the best way was to shave Shao Wanru's head directly. After that, even Rui'an Great Elder Princess couldn't turn things around. If the Yuhui Nunnery refused to accept Shao Wanru, they could send her to another nunnery. The smaller and remoter the nunnery was, the better.

Yujie and Qu Le were very anxious and hurriedly stepped forward to protect Shao Wanru. However, Old Madam had brought plenty of female servants, who were all sturdy and prepared. Two female servants tried to hold off a maid. Qu Le was under control at once. Meanwhile, Yujie was extremely strong so that two female servants were unable to deal with her. Old Madam nodded slightly, and another two female servants came over immediately. One of the remaining two female servants held a razor, and the other one came up in an attempt to press Shao Wanru down.

Shao Wanru shouted harshly, "How dare you! Who dares to shave my head!"

She, who looked gentle and had always acted gently, had never been so fierce. The two female servants were shocked, involuntarily took two steps back and looked up at Old Madam in a hurry.

"You are so rebellious!" Old Madam pounded on the armrest of her chair hard and said angrily. She had always been commanding in the mansion, and no grandchild had ever disobeyed her words in front of so many people.

Shao Wanru looked around and finally stared at Old Madam with bloodthirsty aura in her cold and sharp eyes. Her pretty eyes, which were supposed to be gentle, became gloomy and angry at this moment.

She said, "Old Madam, what do you mean by doing that? Even if someone is sentenced to death, you should at least tell him the truth. Do you mean to disregard the law by setting up a court privately?"

"I am your grandma. You are such an unfilial granddaughter. How dare you disobey me!" Old Madam, who was so angry that she felt pain in the liver, said with bitter hatred.

"Disobey you? Old Madam, you really think highly of yourself. If you mean to hurt me for no reason and don't allow me to disobey you, do you think that you are the Empress Dowager? No one in the country can disobey the Empress Dowager's order, but even the emperor has to be filial to the Empress Dowager!"

Shao Wanru said word by word, staring at Old Madam with her watery eyes. She didn't dodge Old Madam's eyes, and didn't even show a trace of fear.

"How dare you!" Old Madam trembled and said. If such words went out, it could be offensive to the Empress Dowager and would bring trouble to Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Old Madam, it's hard to say whether I'm too bold to say that. But it's really hard to agree with your arbitrary manners. If you can't give me an explanation today, I'll make the entire Duke Xing's Mansion go down with me even at the price of sprinkling my blood on the spot," Shao Wanru said in a sharp voice with no hesitance in her eyes.

Despite her young age, she was quite intimidating. When she looked into Old Madam's eyes, she seemed to be able to see through the filthy secret in Old Madam's heart.

Although Old Madam desperately wanted to slap Shao Wanru, she managed to suppress her anger and said in a sharp voice, "You influenced your parents negatively and are possessed by a dark evil spirit. Today your bracelets and longevity lock covered with black ants could be considered evidence. Even now, instead of praying for the entire mansion, you disregard your relatives and are still reluctant to leave the worldly affairs behind. You are vicious and selfish indeed."

"Vicious and selfish? Influenced my parents negatively? Old Madam, I remember that everyone said that you made my parents leave the mansion and die outside later. Did you influence your son and daughter-in-law and other relatives negatively? In this case, why don't you be a nun and pray for the sins you committed?"

Shao Wanru sneered and said without being servile or bumptious.

Since they were ruthless, she could be cruel to them. She had no sense of belonging to Duke Xing's Mansion and no feelings for them, she didn't feel aggrieved at this moment.

In the last life, all members of Duke Xing's Mansion watched her sink into degradation and even helped someone else trample on her and push her deep down the filth. She did not believe that Old Madam, who looked amiable but was actually shrewd and cruel, knew nothing. But even so, Old Madam watched Shao Yanru and her mother trample on her and push her into the hell of blood sea.

After experiencing the tragedy in the last life, she didn't have to care about this kind of weak kinship in this life. They sought nothing but profits with evil intents. She would like to see how Duke Xing's Mansion decline in this life!

Even if it didn't happen, she would make it happen and make them pay for her tragedy in the last life.

Old Madam didn't expect that Shao Wanru would describe her as someone influencing her son and daughter-in-law negatively. She was so angry that her face twitched. She pounded on the table, making the teacup on the table jump up. She said, "You are so rebellious! How dare you talk to your elder in this way! Come on. The Fifth Miss is possessed by a dark evil spirit. She's insolent and vicious in word and deed. Hurry up and seize her. What are you waiting for?"

After receiving the order, two inferior old maids came over and reached out to seize Shao Wanru.

There came a low cough from the side, and Taoist Priest Xiushui said in a soft voice, "Old Madam, please wait for a moment. I have something to say!"

Since Taoist Priest Xiushui said that, Old Madam waved her hand and held back her anger. She didn't calm down until she picked up the teacup at hand and drank half of the tea in one gulp. At that moment, she almost died of anger.

"Old Madam, I think the Fifth Miss is possessed by a very powerful dark evil spirit. I'm afraid that an ordinary temple won't be able to suppress it. Maybe she could follow me to the Baiyun Taoist Temple. After all, I have suppressed this kind of dark evil spirit before. I will never allow it to influence you negatively."

"Go to the Baiyun Taoist Temple? Doesn't it mean that she doesn't have to shave her head?" Old Madam glanced at Taoist Priest Xiushui in puzzlement and said. Along the way, the two of them had talked it over and agreed that Shao Wanru must shave her head. Otherwise, when Rui'an Great Elder Princess got the news, she could still take Shao Wanru down the mountain.

Only if Shao Wanru had her head shaved and marked, Rui'an Great Elder Princess could do nothing about it even if she wanted to. Moreover, even if Rui'an Great Elder Princess dared to take Shao Wanru back in defiance of world opinion, Shao Wanru's head had been shaved and marked, and she couldn't regain her current long hair in less than seven or eight years. In addition, no one dared to marry a nun, who returned to the secular world with such an experience.

In either case, Shao Wanru would no longer be a threat.

However, the situation was different if she became a Taoist nun. She didn't have to shave her head and just needed to change into a Taoist nun's robe. It was quite easy to change it back. Furthermore, the Taoist nuns could still get married in the former dynasty. Although it had been a period since the establishment of the current dynasty, people could still accept the Taoist nuns' marriage.

Old Madam had heard a gossip from Nanny Yu. It was about a Taoist nun returning to the secular world and was said to be a story passed on with approval in the local area.

They came up the mountain in a hurry in order to deal with Shao Wanru before Rui'an Great Elder Princess realized it. When Rui'an Great Elder Princess discovered it, it would be too late.

Now, what did Taoist Priest Xiushui mean?

Chapter 542 The Truth about Taoist Priest Xiushui

Seeing that Old Madam's face darkened, Taoist Priest Xiushui knew that Old Madam was rather displeased, so she said with a slight smile, "Don't worry, Old Madam. I didn't mean that she doesn't have to shave her head. I intend to take her to my Baiyun Taoist Temple and shave and mark her head after selecting a fortunate hour and a lucky day. It's much better than doing it in a rush today!"

Old Madam didn't say anything, but just gave Taoist Priest Xiushui a hard look.

Taoist Priest Xiushui immediately understood that Old Madam was afraid that Rui'an Great Elder Princess would come up the mountain after getting the news and take Shao Wanru away, so she comforted Old Madam with a smile at once.

"Old Madam, you came up the mountain today only to visit your granddaughters. I'll take her and her maids away. Others won't know it. Even if the staff of the Ministry of Justice knows it, they will only think that the Fifth Miss has gone with me for Taoism meditation. After a few days, I'll shave her head formally and report it to Rui'an Great Elder Princess!"

Taoist Priest Xiushui said with a smile and involuntarily looked toward Shao Wanru. Such a gorgeous girl was supposed to exist in a painting, because she was as ravishing as jade. It was a pity that such a pretty girl had to shave her dark hair. Taoist Priest Xiushui was a little reluctant to shave the hair of her, who was so ravishing as if she was separated from the mortal world by clouds.

She would like to have some fun with the little beauty before shaving her head!

Old Madam thought for a while and finally nodded. She came up the mountain today in a rush and would go down the mountain soon. In such a short time, Rui'an Great Elder Princess would not know that she had secretly taken Shao Wanru away. Regarding the others in the Yuhui Nunnery, she could ask her eldest granddaughter Shao Yanru, who had always been capable, to comfort them.

There should be no nuns in this temple daring to tell Rui'an Great Elder Princess about it.

She could afford to wait a few days.

"Okay, we'll do as you said. I'll leave her to you from now on!" Old Madam nodded and agreed, thinking that it would also work.

Shao Wanru sneered beside them, who were talking about how to deal with her in front of her without asking her opinion. How disgusting it was!

Taoist Priest Xiushui involuntarily glanced at Shao Wanru, but met her cold and gloomy eyes and couldn't help trembling in her heart. The Fifth Miss was gorgeous indeed, but her eyes were too cold. Just a glance from her was enough to freeze Taoist Priest Xiushui's blood.

Taoist Priest Xiushui thought that if later she got the opportunity to sleep with Shao Wanru, she must cover her eyes. It would be more enjoyable to see Shao Wanru's face partly covered. Thinking of this, Taoist Priest Xiushui felt her body went limp and couldn't wait to take away this exceedingly charming little beauty at once. Looking at Old Madam's face, she couldn't stay here for another moment.

With such an exceedingly gorgeous beauty, she considered her life worth living. It was a pity to shave the little beauty's head, so she wouldn't do it. Thinking that the little beauty's head had to be marked after being shaved, she considered it unreasonable.

Taoist Priest Xiushui intended to hide the little beauty and just report that she died of illness. Anyway it was Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion who made Shao Wanru become a nun, so what happened later had nothing to do with her. With her good reputation, she did not believe that she would get involved in it.

As soon as Old Madam agreed, two female servants rushed over in an attempt to seize Shao Wanru. At this moment, Shao Wanru had retreated to the front of a table, picked up the teapot on the table and threw it at the two female servants.

The two female servants hurriedly stepped back in panic so that they tripped over each other's foot and fell heavily on the ground. Meanwhile, the teapot fell at their feet and was smashed into pieces, some of which punctured their bodies. They screamed in pain.

"You are so rebellious!" Old Madam said, trembling in anger and pointing at Shao Wanru with a trembling finger, with the wish of seeing Shao Wanru die at this moment, "Seize her and tie her up!"

"Old Madam, who are you going to tie up?" There suddenly came a cold voice from the door.

Everyone looked up at the door. Rui'an Great Elder Princess raised her head and came in, attended by a large group of maids and old maids. She obviously brought more servants than Old Madam, and even two guards escorting her all the way here showed up at last.

Great Elder Princess came over and sat down on the left side of Old Madam, looking at the ground coldly and asked, "What's going on?"

The two female servants did not dare to continue crying and just looked at Old Madam secretly.

Yujie suddenly pushed away the four female servants, who were dragging her, rushed to Rui'an Great Elder Princess and complained loudly with tears, "Great Elder Princess, please save my master. Old Madam came up the mountain today and intended to shave and mark my master's head without saying anything and thus to make my master become a nun!"

"Become a nun?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked at Old Madam with her head tilted, looked arrogant and tough and said, "Old Madam, do you mean to make all the young ladies of your mansion become nuns? Why is Zhuozhuo the only one seized here while the First Miss of your mansion is absent? Do you intend to hurt Zhuozhuo?"

Seeing Rui'an Great Elder Princess come in, Old Madam shook her body and almost fell down. But now she had to answer with forced composure, "Wanru's silver bracelets were dug out in the hall. Other silver bracelets were normal, while Wanru's silver bracelets were weird and covered with a layer of dark ants. I was afraid that there was something wrong, so I specially instructed someone to find her longevity lock."

"I heard that the longevity lock was kept in Great Elder Princess's mansion, but it was also covered with ants when it was exposed. I have never heard of such a thing. I intended to ask a nun of the Yuhui Nunnery to explain it, but Puming Nun of the Yuhui Nunnery said that the Yuhui Nunnery was not good at this and advised me to turn to Taoist Priest Xiushui of the Baiyun Taoist Temple. Taoist Priest Xiushui said that Wanru has been possessed by a dark evil spirit and should pray in front of the Buddha. Otherwise, all her elders will be influenced negatively!"

Old Madam said calmly. Since Rui'an Great Elder Princess was also an elder of Shao Wanru's, she did not believe that Rui'an Great Elder Princess would not care about it at all.

"The Qi of a dark evil spirit?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked at Taoist Priest Xiushui, who was sitting opposite to her, and said.

Taoist Priest Xiushui stood up and bowed deeply to Rui'an Great Elder Princess, and explained, saying, "It is indeed the Qi of a dark evil spirit, which is so powerful that it has influenced the Miss's relatives. If it is allowed to grow, it will definitely cause big trouble in the end. Any elder related to the Miss can easily get into trouble."

Shao Wanru's eyes fell on Taoist Priest Xiushui. Shao Wanru didn't notice it when Taoist Priest Xiushui sat there a moment ago. Now seeing her stand up, Shao Wanru found that she was much taller than ordinary ladies. She was slender with delicate features. Her smile made her look like a celestial being and her words inexplicably convincing.

Shao Wanru lifted the corners of her mouth to show a slight smile. No wonder everyone admired this Taoist Priest Xiushui so much. No matter in the last life or in this life, plenty of aristocratic families could only persuade him to come down the mountain to help them after begging him repeatedly. Moreover, it was said that he was proficient in exorcism and at a high level of practicing Taoism.

But in fact, this Taoist Priest Xiushui was not a lady. He was a scholar failing in an imperial examination and had an affair with the abbess of the Baiyun Taoist Temple. Later, he somehow managed to mix himself inside the Taoist temple and was gradually promoted to the abbess.

In the last life, Taoist Priest Xiushui's identity was finally exposed because of a pretty Miss from an aristocratic family. It was said that the Miss went up the mountain to worship the triple purity gods of Taoism and was raped by Taoist Priest Xiushui when living on the mountain. The Miss, who was fiery, told what had happened to her after returning home and killed herself by banging her head against the wall.

Her family members rushed to the Taoist temple angrily and turned Taoist Priest Xiushui to the government office. At first, he tried every means to defend himself. Later, the officials took off his clothes and checked his body on the spot and thus to reveal the truth finally.

The entire Baiyun Taoist Temple had been searched. It was said that numerous pretty ladies were released. All of them were imprisoned by Taoist Priest Xiushui when visiting the Taoist temple alone, and had been hidden in the basement of the Baiyun Taoist Temple for several years.

"The Qi of a dark evil spirit?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said with a sneer, "You mean this kind of ants?"

Nanny Gao stepped forward and drew a small box from her bosom. Everyone looked inside and found an ant, which was much bigger than an ordinary ant, in it. Although there was only one ant, it still made them uncomfortable to look at it.

Old Madam sighed and said helplessly with her face turning gentle, "Your Highness, I have no other choice. I can't let Wanru do harm to all these members of our mansion. I'll leave her in front of the Buddha for the time being. When she gets rid of the evil spirit in the future, I'll allow her to return to resume secular life!"

"Is this the origin of the dark evil spirit?" Great Elder Princess ignored Old Madam, who was acting affectedly, looked at Taoist Priest Xiushui and asked.

"Exactly. I have figured it out with my fingers. If you leave the dark evil spirit on the Fifth Miss aside, apart from its negative influence on Duke Xing's Mansion, even Great Elder Princess and the younger brother of the Fifth Miss will probably..." Taoist Priest Xiushui said compassionately. He did look like an eminent master who had attained wisdom with a strong sense of integrity.

Shao Wanru became furious. She could stand being described as someone possessed by a dark evil spirit with a negative influence on her parents by Old Madam and this fake Taoist priest, but she would never allow anyone to curse her grandma and younger brother.

In the last life, her maternal grandma and younger brother ended up with a tragedy. In this life, she would never allow it.

She touched a cup, picked it up and smashed it hard against Taoist Priest Xiushui with bloodthirstiness in her fierce eyes.

No one expected that she would suddenly do that. Taoist Priest Xiushui was smashed in the face, and his clothes were drenched by the water in the cup.

The teacup fell to the ground, making a crisp cracking sound.

Old Madam's face turned blue, then green and finally turned pale. She glared at Shao Wanru, seeming to hate her to the core.

Shao Wanru raised her head slightly in a way a little similar to that of Great Elder Princess. At the sight of this, Old Madam became increasingly angry. At this moment, she, who was in no mood to care about Rui'an Great Elder Princess's presence, picked up the teacup at hand and was about to throw it at Shao Wanru, while cursing, "You are such an evil creature. You are possessed by an evil spirit indeed. How dare you smash the teacup at the Taoist priest. Do you, do you act like a decent lady?"

As she said, she was about to smash the teacup at Shao Wanru with her trembling hand.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess grabbed it quickly, threw it hard at Old Madam's feet and said with a sneer, "Old Madam, do you mean that a qualified decent lady should allow others to curse her family members? It turns out that Duke Xing's Mansion has always educated their Misses in this way."

Chapter 543 Is What He Saw in His Dream Real?

Old Madam didn't expect that Rui'an Great Elder Princess would suddenly do that. After getting a shock, she flew into a rage. Rui'an Great Elder Princess really thought that she could disregard everything. In any case, Old Madam was a first-class imperial mandated Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Your Highness, what do you mean by doing that?" With her face darkening, she said, pounded the table, and stood up.

"Come and seize this evil Taoist priest! The officials of the Ministry of Justice happen to be here. Take her to them for interrogation!" Great Elder Princess ignored Old Madam and said harshly.

Two guards came over to seize Taoist Priest Xiushui and were about to drag him down. Taoist Priest Xiushui panicked and loudly cried for help from Old Madam. No one expected that Great Elder Princess would be so domineering that she acted so directly and rudely.

Old Madam trembled in rage, reached out to point at the guards, and said, "Stop them. I'm wondering who gets the nerve to seize such a decent Taoist priest today. Great Elder Princess, you are quite domineering!"

A few inferior female servants of Duke Xing's Mansion hurried to block the two guards' way at the door. Dragging the Taoist priest to the door and seeing that their way had been completely blocked, they did not dare to take him away and looked back at Great Elder Princess.

"Old Madam, do you think so highly of such an evil Taoist priest who has won a following with strange doctrines? Can you guarantee that she is innocent?" Great Elder Princess sneered, squinted at Old Madam, and said scornfully.

Old Madam was so angry that she could barely speak. She reached out her trembling finger to point at Taoist Priest Xiushui and said, "Your Highness, does the Empress Dowager know that you are so insolent?"

"At least I have a reason for being insolent. Old Madam, even if you don't want to make it known by the Empress Dowager, I'm not going to hide it from her. You trust an evil Taoist priest and even intend to forfeit your own granddaughter's future and push her into an abyss of suffering for an evil Taoist priest. As a grandma, you are not only partial but also implausibly vicious. Come on, come on. Let's enter the imperial palace now and ask the Empress Dowager to make a judgment!"

Great Elder Princess said in a rage with her eyes about to burst into flames. Thinking of the evil Taoist priest's true identity that Qing'er told her, she really wanted to slap the old woman of Duke Xing's Mansion hard until the old woman sobered up.

Apart from ruining her granddaughter's future, she could think of no other intention of this old woman, who entrusted her granddaughter to the evil Taoist nun, who was actually a man!

Thinking of this, she grabbed Old Madam's collar in anger and walked outside.

Great Elder Princess, who had practiced martial arts for a period of time when she was young, was much stronger than ordinary weak ladies. How could Old Madam be a match for her? Pulled by her, Old Madam even failed to stand still and staggered out.

She almost passed out with her face turning red in anger, and had to clench her teeth and struggled to say, "Okay... okay, let's go and ask the Empress Dowager to make a judgment now!"

Seeing Rui'an Great Elder Princess come over, the female servants at the door did not dare to block the door and hurriedly stepped back. Their master Old Madam was suppressed by Rui'an Great Elder Princess and seemed to be at a disadvantage. As servants, if they refused to step aside, they might lose their lives in the end.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess got out ahead of them while instructing the guards, "Send this evil Taoist priest to the Ministry of Justice and tell them to interrogate her carefully, especially to find out her background, and report it to me after finding it out!"

“Yes!” The two guards responded and dragged Taoist Priest Xiushui out.

They made such a scene here that it had alarmed the officials of the Ministry of Justice. Because of the unusual identities of Rui’an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion, Wen Xichi had been waiting outside for a long while. Seeing two guards drag a Taoist priest over, he winked at the subordinates around him. Two of them immediately went over and took over the Taoist priest.

One of the guards took two steps forward and whispered in the ear of the official who took over the Taoist priest from the Ministry of Justice. The official from the Ministry of Justice immediately opened his eyes wide and looked at the Taoist Priest Xiushui, who fell on the ground and looked in a mess, in astonishment.

The Taoist priest in front of them was actually a man! If it was true, it was really serious!

Numerous people knew about Taoist Priest Xiushui, who usually got in and out of the backyards of aristocratic and rich families as an extremely famous Taoist nun. If he was actually a man, there might be some ladies, whose reputation was ruined by him, and things got serious.

The official of the Ministry of Justice didn’t dare to hide it and hurriedly whispered in Wen Xichi’s ear. Wen Xichi looked at the Taoist priest’s face.

From his appearance, one could not tell that he was a man. He looked like a slender lady who was quite good-looking. He was properly dressed with his neck wrapped in his robe, so it was hard to tell if he had a protruding Adam’s apple. At this moment, he was in a mess, while his pitiful look made him more like a lady.

“Take him back and check his body!” Wen Xichi said coldly.

Since the guard of Great Elder Princess said so, it must be true. They could identify his gender by checking his body. The Ministry of Justice had brought some ladies with them this time because they came to the Yuhui Nunnery, where the nuns and almost all pilgrims were female. These ladies happened to be able to check the Taoist priest’s body now.

The officials of the Ministry of Justice got the order and took Taoist priest Xiushui away. He intended to ask Old Madam for help, but Wen Xichi impatiently instructed someone to gag him.

Meanwhile, Rui’an Great Elder Princess and Old Madam had walked out angrily. Rui’an Great Elder Princess had let go of Old Madam’s collar. After all, they were both respectable ladies. Rui’an Great Elder Princess did that upon her sheer anger. At this moment, in front of so many people, it was inappropriate for her to do that.

The two of them got in their respective carriages and led their entourage to go down the mountain angrily, going to enter the imperial palace to ask the Empress Dowager to make a judgment.

After the two of them took their entourage away, it became quiet here all of a sudden. Shao Wanru looked at the messy room and sneered. Old Madam thought she did nothing wrong, but she did not know that only the fact – Xiushui was not a lady – was enough to prove that what she had said was false.

“Miss.”

"Miss." Yujie and Qu Le came over with fear on their faces and said, standing on each side of Shao Wanru. They were both frightened by what had happened in front of them just now. No one expected that Rui'an Great Elder Princess would drag Old Madam directly, but they had vented their spleen after watching it.

"Let's go!" Shao Wanru comforted them with a slight smile and said softly.

She was the cause of the matter, but now she seemed to have been forgotten. At the thought that it couldn't be settled today, she decided to wait for her grandma's news.

"Miss, Old Madam went so far that she intended to deal with you without saying anything. She really doesn't regard you as her biological granddaughter!" Yujie, who had collected herself at this moment, said and stretched out her foot to kick away the razor happening to fall in front of her, "She intended to make you a nun and go with the evil Taoist priest. Bah!"

Yujie, who was furious, was in no mood to care about Old Madam's identity at this moment and said with hatred.

"She regards me a stranger, who displeases her, rather than her granddaughter. Since she doesn't care about me, why should I care about her?"

Shao Wanru said, looked at the razor on the ground and lifted her delicate lips slightly to show a gentle but indifferent smile, as if she was talking about someone else's matter.

Wen Xichi, who was standing at the door, felt that his heart seemed to be lashed by something. He felt a little pain and uncomfortable with some unspeakable emotions, which made him feel sad.

Seeing that all people of both mansions had left, he thought that there was no one here, so he came in to have a look. Unexpectedly, he happened to see Shao Wanru and hear her words, which were so indifferent that they didn't seem to come from Old Madam's biological granddaughter.

He recognized Shao Wanru at a glance. Her face, which used to be childish, became so charming that it could not be ignored. He could almost see the ripples in her eyes, which were as fluid as water when she glanced at him. Her long and curly eyelashes covered her bright eyes from time to time.

Her skin was as delicate as jade, and her lips were naturally red. All her delicate features were pretty and charming, but gave a sense of coldness.

She seemed to be so familiar to him as if she had shown up in his dream. In the past, he might doubt if the girl in his dream was Shao Wanru. But now, the scene in front of him proved that the girl, who accompanied him in his dream but he couldn't see clearly, should be Shao Wanru.

He clenched his hands into fists and then relaxed them, telling himself that it was just a dream. Could it be true?

In his dream, he was so sick and weak that he could only lie in bed. He was obviously healthy. How could he lie in bed weakly? So it was impossible for him to be accompanied by Shao Wanru.

"Fifth Miss Shao!" Suppressing the emotions in his heart, Wen Xichi said and slowly eased his expression. It was not real. Although he didn't know why he kept dreaming of Shao Wanru with her current appearance, it was a dream which couldn't be taken seriously.

"Your Excellency!" Shao Wanru said. She was stunned when seeing Wen Xichi, and then understood. Since things got serious, the officials of the Ministry of Justice must have known it.

"What happened just now?" Wen Xichi glanced at the messy room, fixed his eyes on Shao Wanru again and asked.

"It's about the bracelets. You must have seen them before, right?" Shao Wanru said with a smile and a kind of inexplicable indifference in her watery eyes.

"Is it related to the bracelets?" Wen Xichi immediately understood and said.

"The bracelets belong to me. They said that I'm possessed by an evil spirit, so they found an evil Taoist priest to explain it, and then asked me to shave my head and become a nun following this evil Taoist priest!" Shao Wanru said in an increasingly light tone. She walked a few steps to the razor, stepped on it, and then turned to look at Wen Xichi and said, "Your Excellency, you can take it as evidence!"

After that, she bowed sideways to Wen Xichi and then walked to the door. Yujie and Qu Le hurriedly followed her.

It became quiet in the room, and Wen Xichi could only hear the footsteps coming from outside and getting farther and farther away.

After falling silent for a moment, Wen Xichi walked up to the razor, squatted down, drew a snow-white handkerchief, and picked it up. After standing up, he looked at it and looked around the room calmly. Finding nothing weird, he stepped back and handed the razor wrapped in the handkerchief to a staff member of the Ministry of Justice.

"Put it away. This is the evidence. After identifying the Taoist priest's gender, send someone to report it to Great Elder Princess immediately!"

"Yes, I'll do it now!" The staff member of the Ministry of Justice took the handkerchief and the razor and hurriedly left. Wen Xichi waved his hand, and the rest of the others left. After taking a few steps, only he looked back at the room with Shao Wanru's indifferent and cold face inexplicably flashing across his mind.

Was it a dream or reality?

Chapter 544 Pick A Fight Directly, Osmanthus Honey!

"Your Highness, Old Madam of Duke Xing conspired with an evil Taoist priest and attempted to hurt my granddaughter Shao Wanru. Please uphold justice for us!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess cried in front of the Empress Dowager and said tearfully in a choked voice, "My daughter had to leave Duke Xing's Mansion, and she lost her unborn child because Old Madam was too insolent. If... if she continued staying in Duke Xing's Mansion, she probably would never have a child. In this case, the title would naturally be inherited by the second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion. I feel sad every time I think of my child... who remained mentally deranged till the end of her life and only kept thinking of..."

Rui'an Great Elder Princess cried as she spoke. Her hair, which had always been tightly tied up into a bun, was a mess. The Empress Dowager was shocked because she had never seen Rui'an Great Elder Princess in such a mess for so many years.

She hurriedly stood up and helped her up, while comforting her, "Take your time. Strong emotions will do harm to your health. You're not young anymore. Take it easy."

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, who was a few steps behind Rui'an Great Elder Princess, trembled all over in anger. She was just a little slower than the arrogant and overbearing Great Elder Princess, but Great Elder Princess had lodged a complaint against her in such a short time. The Empress Dowager seemed to have taken Great Elder Princess's side without saying anything. How could Old Madam bear it?

Old Madam took two steps forward, calmed herself down, knelt, and respectfully bowed to the Empress Dowager. After that, she reached out to point at Rui'an Great Elder Princess and said, "Your Highness, please uphold justice for me. When I was handling something, Great Elder Princess came over and dragged me out by my collar without saying anything... She just disregarded the dignity and rules of the royal family!"

"Seeing that I was about to lose my granddaughter, I was in no mood to care about decency and rules! Back then, I cared about decency and rules too much so that the second branch of your mansion benefited from it and inherited the title!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess, who had sat down, turned her head at this moment and shouted at Old Madam.

"Infanta Qinghua was the one who caused my son's death... Despite her identity as an infanta of the royal family, she should take care of her parents-in-law... and get along well with her brother-in-law and sister-in-law after getting married. However, she left my son regardless of all consequences and caused my son's death... Great Elder Princess, what do you think of this?"

Old Madam also wiped her tears off, glared at Rui'an Great Elder Princess with red eyes and said.

The Empress Dowager felt a little headache. The two of them had raked up what had happened many times, but they still maintained their decency on the surface every time. Now they directly started a fight regardless of their decency!

"Help Old Madam up and lead her to her seat. She is so old. If anything terrible happens to her, it will cause big trouble!" The Empress Dowager touched her head and gave an order.

Two palace servants came over, helped Old Madam up, and then helped her sit down at the opposite side of Rui'an Great Elder Princess. Now the two of them were sitting on each side of the Empress Dowager.

"Your Highness, everyone saw that Wanru has been possessed by an evil spirit. I asked her to shave her head, become a nun and pray in front of the Buddha for the time being. However, Great Elder Princess came to drag me over without saying anything and claimed that I intended to hurt Wanru. Besides, she raked up all those past events and started a fight with me. Your Highness, look, my collar was torn apart by Great Elder Princess!"

Old Madam pulled her untidy collar, which had been dragged by Great Elder Princess along the way. Although she had tidied it up a little when entering the imperial palace, it still looked unseemly.

Looking at the collar, which was obviously unseemly, the Empress Dowager showed a trace of delight in her eyes. The collar obviously had been dragged, and it seemed like the sort of thing Great Elder Princess might do.

During so many years, she had never seen Great Elder Princess become so furious. It was astonishing. After thinking of what Old Madam said carefully, the Empress Dowager became sullen. Wasn't the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion the girl engaged to her grandson Chen'er?

"Are you going to shave the Fifth Miss's head? Whose idea is this?" The Empress Dowager said in displeasure.

"Your Highness, we are not going to shave her head and make her a nun forever. It's just temporary. She's possessed by an evil spirit so that she may make her family disharmonious and even influence her family members negatively. I have no other choice except for this!" Old Madam wiped her tears with a handkerchief and said, knowing that she couldn't go against Rui'an Great Elder Princess at this moment.

"If it's just temporary, is it necessary to shave her hair all at once? The razor you left there can be presented as evidence. Let's stop talking about these for the time being. You intended to collude with an evil Taoist priest to mislead others with evil doctrines and ruin my granddaughter's future. Why don't you ruin the future of your beloved eldest granddaughter?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess wiped her tears off and said aggressively.

"I... don't know what you are talking about!" Old Madam was annoyed and said, "Yanru has nothing to do with it. Great Elder Princess, don't involve her in it."

"Does Zhuozhuo have anything to do with it? You just can't tolerate her. In the past, you couldn't tolerate her mother and now can't tolerate her. If you really don't like her, just give her back to me, lest she should be set up and forced to be a nun with her head marked before she lives in Duke Xing's Mansion. When she returns to the secular life in the future, what will people think of her, a girl with her head marked?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess rebuked her loudly.

The Empress Dowager's face darkened. Now she basically understood. She put the teacup in her hand heavily on the table, making a crisp sound. Startled by the sound, Old Madam, who was going to talk back, involuntarily looked at the Empress Dowager, only to find that the Empress Dowager, who had always been peaceful, showed a cold face.

"Old Madam, are you going to make the Fifth Miss of your mansion become a nun?" The Empress Dowager asked in a soft but harsh tone, "Since she is the granddaughter of Great Elder Princess, your Duke Xing's Mansion can't deal with her at will. Do you consider that she, a member of the royal family, and other Misses in your mansion are of the same status?"

Her words were so sharp and didn't seem like what the gentle Empress Dowager might say in the past. Old Madam immediately realized that the Empress Dowager was angry. She knelt down and said hurriedly, "I didn't mean that. It's just that Wanru is possessed by an evil spirit and will do harm to all members of Duke Xing's Mansion. I have no other choice."

“Possessed by an evil spirit? Is this what you are talking about?” Rui’an Great Elder Princess said with a sneer and waved to Nanny Gao, who was standing aside. Nanny Gao stepped forward and presented a box.

“What is it?” The Empress Dowager’s asked and looked at the box, which was presented without being opened.

“It’s the longevity lock. Old Madam claimed that it contained an evil spirit and attracted plenty of ants. Your Highness, don’t be afraid. In addition to the longevity lock, there is an ant, which is slightly bigger than ordinary ones, inside.” Rui’an Great Elder Princess made the Empress Dowager prepared, and then instructed Nanny Gao to open it.

There was indeed a longevity lock in the box. Looking at it carefully, Empress Dowager could find a big ant on the lock. There was only an ant, and Rui’an Great Elder Princess had told her about it before. So the Empress Dowager did not panic and looked toward Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion with her face darkening after only a glance at it.

“Your Highness, I asked some nuns to conduct a religious rite in the hall, and the hall was struck by lightning and burned down that night. Today I went up the mountain and instructed some servants to dig up the bracelets of my grandchildren. However, after the bracelets were dug up, only Wanru’s silver bracelets were covered with disgusting ants bigger than ordinary ones. Yanru and Wanru went to ask Puming Nun of the Yuhui Nunnery about it, and she advised them to turn to Taoist Priest Xiushui of the Baiyun Taoist Temple.”

“After receiving Puming Nun’s letter, I went to ask Taoist Priest Xiushui for help. Taoist Priest Xiushui was afraid to make a wrong judgment, so she wanted another piece of jewelry of Wanru’s. I thought of the longevity lock I gave Wanru before, so I instructed some servants to ask for it. Wanru said that it was kept in Great Elder Princess’s Mansion, and the servants of our mansion followed her maid there to fetch it. Unexpectedly, when they fetched it, they found it covered with ants. Your Highness, what should I do? I don’t want to do that, but it’s related to the lives of all members of our mansion...”

Old Madam cried loudly and knelt on the ground, while telling the causes and effects of the matter, including the fact that Great Elder Princess had grabbed her collar rudely.

“Your Highness, don’t listen to her nonsense evil spirits. You can instruct an imperial physician to examine the longevity lock. It doesn’t contain any evil spirit at all but is smeared with osmanthus honey, the most fragrant honey. If it can’t attract ants, what else can do that?” After Old Madam finished speaking, Rui’an Great Elder Princess sneered and said.

She reached out to take the box from Nanny Gao and gave it to a servant beside the Empress Dowager after closing it.

“What? It’s smeared with honey!” The Empress Dowager said with her face turning cold. Her gentleness did not mean that she was really amiable. It was not a simple thing to be the most powerful person in the imperial palace. “Send for an imperial physician to examine it!”

The servant left with the box in arms.

“What... what? Smeared with honey?” Old Madam stammered and raised her head with a pale face.

“Old Madam, don’t you know it?” Rui’an Great Elder Princess raised the corners of her mouth and said with a sneer.

“How... how could I know it? The longevity lock is in your hands!” Old Madam defended herself angrily.

“Who knows? Since even the bracelets buried under the hall could be smeared with honey, what else is impossible?” Rui’an Great Elder Princess said with a sneer and stared at Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion with burning eyes. She didn’t believe that this old woman really knew nothing about it. Thinking that the old woman pretended to be decent in front of her but pushed her granddaughter to the most miserable situation, Rui’an Great Elder Princess got so furious that she even wanted to kill her.

“How...how could I know it? It was my servants who reported it to me, and it was Taoist Priest Xiushui who gave such an explanation!” Old Madam stammered and became fluent gradually.

“Old Madam, please get up!” The Empress Dowager gave an order in a cold voice. A palace maid hurriedly helped Old Madam up.

Old Madam sat down and pinched the handkerchief in her hand tightly with her face darkening. She compressed her lips and narrowed her eyes to look at the door of the hall.

The palace servant had returned to the main hall with the box in her hands. The Empress Dowager had grown old, so there had always been imperial physicians on duty in the side hall. Thus, they could have the longevity lock checked without going to the Imperial Institute of Medicine.

“Report to Your Highness, there is indeed honey on the longevity lock. It’s fragrant and thick osmanthus honey!”

Chapter 545 Separate and Go Different Ways after Going Down the Mountain

The Empress Dowager looked toward Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion and asked coldly, “Why is that?”

“I... I don’t know...” Old Madam said with her lips trembling, feeling that her hands and feet went cold.

“How dare you ruin the future of a member of the royal family and make the Fifth Miss shave her head and become a nun in secret without finding out the truth!” The Empress Dowager said sternly. She had always been kind to some Old Mesdames, but she could not hold back her anger this time. Since she had agreed with the engagement between Shao Wanru and her grandson, she could not allow Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion to torture Shao Wanru in this way.

A palace maid hurried in and whispered to Rui’an Great Elder Princess. After that, Rui’an Great Elder Princess stood up with a livid face, knelt in front of the Empress Dowager and said, “Your Highness, please uphold justice for Zhuozhuo. Not only was her jewelry smeared with honey, but they also intended to hand her to a fake Taoist nun. They just intend to ruin her!”

After saying that, she kowtowed to the Empress Dowager, stared at Old Madam unkindly and said, “Tell me why you intended to hand Zhuozhuo to a fake Taoist nun. You claimed to go to shave her head and make her a nun, but actually intended to send her to the fake Taoist nun’s harem. As her grandma, how can you be so unamiable?”

"Wha... what?" Old Madam said and opened her eyes widen in shock. She felt her legs went weak and fell to her knees from the chair.

"Don't you know what you have done? Now you pretend to be ignorant about it like you always do!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said with continuous sneers.

With Rui'an Great Elder Princess's faint voice in her ear, Old Madam waved her hands in the air in an attempt to grab something to support herself. As everything went black in front of her, she went limp and passed out...

The official document instructing the Ministry of Justice to investigate into the case of the Baiyun Taoist Temple was issued the next day, and Wen Xichi was in charge of it. Numerous wealthy and influential families got involved in it. The fact that a man allowed to enter the backyards made some men feel cuckolded.

Receiving the transfer order, Wen Xichi hurriedly went down the mountain to handle the case of the Baiyun Taoist Temple. This case happened to be taken over by him at that time, so he was temporarily in charge of it. Before the truth was found out, they had better keep it a secret as much as possible. No one knew which families got involved in it.

Nevertheless, no matter which families got involved in it, they would certainly come to no good end.

After Wen Xichi went down the mountain, the Ministry of Justice sent another chief here. But this time, they did not guard the Yuhui Nunnery and transferred the personnel of the Ministry of Justice down the mountain. The pilgrims could leave if they wanted to.

On hearing that they could leave, most pilgrims packed up their luggage and hurriedly went down the mountain. They had been forced to stay in the Yuhui Nunnery. Now they were allowed to go down the mountain. Who was willing to stay?

Shao Wanru had intended to stay, but Shao Yanru was urged to go down the mountain by a letter from Old Madam. The letter said that Old Madam was seriously ill and asked Shao Yanru to go down the mountain to serve her. After thinking for a while, Shao Wanru went down the mountain with Shao Yanru to visit Old Madam. She got the news from Great Elder Princess that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion had not woken up yet after passing out in the Empress Dowager's palace that night!

Old Madam was really sick!

Since she was seriously sick indeed, how could Shao Wanru not visit her as her granddaughter? Observing mourning for her parents was filial piety, so was visiting her sick grandma. If she did not do that, it would inevitably cause controversy.

Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion got sick after passing out in the Empress Dowager's palace. It was said that the Empress Dowager had sent someone to see her. But it was said that the visitor went there with no present for Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion and came back with nothing.

There was another news that Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion set up the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion by smearing the Fifth Miss's jewelry with honey and intended to make the Fifth Miss become a nun with the excuse that she was possessed by an evil spirit.

The Emperor was furious because of this matter in the imperial palace and found an excuse to beat Duke Xing up. So Duke Xing had been recovering from his injuries in the mansion recently...

The news about Duke Xing's Mansion came out one after another. They were not necessarily true, but it was absolutely true that Duke Xing had been beaten. Now he could not even attend the court meeting and was indeed recuperating at home. It happened the day after Old Madam passed out in the imperial palace.

Among plenty of aristocratic families, there was a rumor that Duke Xing's Mansion had fallen out of favor with the emperor and even Duke Xing was beaten. Duke Xing's Mansion seemed to be decaying gradually!

Shao Yanru and Shao Wanru did not sit in the same carriage. Each of them sat in their own carriage and went down the mountain together.

In the carriage, Shao Yanru stared at somewhere of the curtain with a gloomy face, angry and frustrated. What did her grandma do? Her grandma not only failed to get rid of Shao Wanru, but also implicated her father so that her father was punished by the emperor and was beaten.

It was not only a punishment but also a disgrace to Duke Xing's Mansion. She heard that there were fewer people contacting their mansion. It must be because others did not dare to visit Duke Xing's Mansion at the thought that Duke Xing's Mansion had fallen out of favor with the Emperor.

It was supposed to be a sure thing, but it ended up like this. Although she wasn't directly implicated in it, she was obviously affected by it. If her father really fell out of favor with the emperor, it would no good for her, and it could even affect her marriage.

As long as she thought of this, she was in a bad mood!

"What did Puming Nun say?" Suddenly, she thought of something and asked. When she was about to go down the mountain, a disciple of Puming Nun's came over in a hurry. She had got in the carriage, so she instructed Shuqi to communicate with the disciple.

"Puming Nun gave this back to you!" Shuqi said, drew a purse from her bosom and handed it to Shao Yanru.

"She returned the notes!" Shao Yanru glanced at the purse and said with a snort. This was the reward she gave Puming Nun for bringing up Taoist Priest Xiushui of the Baiyun Taoist Temple.

"Yes... yes. Puming Nun said that she didn't know anything and only mentioned it occasionally. She has met Taoist Priest Xiushui of the Baiyun Taoist Temple and considered her at a high level in practicing Taoism after talking with her. But now, she found that she has been deceived." Shuqi lowered her head and said.

"Coward, she became timid as soon as the matter was exposed!" Shao Yanru said with a sneer. Fortunately, Puming Nun was not stupid, and it was true that she was acquainted with Taoist Priest Xiushui.

It was said that they met each other in a religious rite held at the foot of the mountain. Some wealthy families invited some nuns and Taoist nuns to their mansions for a religious rite after their family

members passed away. After joining several religious rites together, they could be considered acquainted with each other. The Ministry of Justice wouldn't find any clues in this.

Regarding the acquaintance between Puming Nun and Taoist Priest Xiushui, it was mentioned by Pushan Nun during her conversation with Shao Yanru.

"First Miss, what should we do now?" Shuqi asked uneasily.

"Just put the notes away. I don't think that she will say anything bad about me. This is the reward I gave her on instructions from my grandma!" Shao Yanru said disdainfully.

Puming Nun did not look like a stupid person. If the surface was torn apart, it would be no good for her. If she claimed that Taoist Priest Xiushui was an acquaintance of hers and she introduced Taoist Priest Xiushui to Duke Xing's Mansion at the thought that Taoist Priest Xiushui was good at exorcism, she wouldn't be blamed for this. After all, no one in the capital city knew about Taoist Priest Xiushui's real identity.

"Tell Shao Wanru to go to Great Elder Princess's Mansion first when we go down the mountain later!" Shao Yanru gave an order. She still owed Shao Wanru an explanation for the affairs of the Baiyun Taoist Temple. If she explained it late, it would do harm to their relationship. It was much more important than Old Madam's illness. She had to give an explanation first.

Of course, she should keep it secret from Shao Wanru and send her away.

"Uh...what should we do, First Miss?" Shuqi asked uneasily.

After thinking for a while with her head down, Shao Yanru raised the corners of her mouth and said with a cold smile, "Tell the coachman to stop the carriage by the side of the road for a short break after going down the mountain."

"Yes, Miss!" Shuqi put away the purse, pulled up the curtain, and told the coachman outside.

They went all the way down the mountain. When they arrived at the foot of the mountain, Shao Yanru's carriage stopped, and then Shao Wanru's carriage also stopped.

When the carriage stopped completely, Shao Yanru got out of her carriage with the help of Shuqi and said, "Go and ask the Fifth Miss to get out of the carriage for a rest!"

Shuqi walked to the front of the carriage behind and said to Shao Wanru, who was in the carriage, "Fifth Miss, the First Miss asks you to come out and have a rest. You must be tired out after the journey."

In the carriage, Yujie looked at Shao Wanru, who opened her eyes slightly and nodded silently.

Yujie picked up the curtain hat at hand, helped Shao Wanru put it on and then helped her get out of the carriage. Shao Yanru had been waiting by the side of the road. Seeing Shao Wanru coming down with a curtain hat on her head, she smiled and waved to her under the shadow of a tree.

Shao Wanru walked over.

"Fifth Sister, it's unnecessary to wear a curtain hat during a rest!" Shao Yanru said with an amicable smile.

Shao Wanru looked at her face through the veil and found that she looked quite amicable and seemed to be in a good mood. She, who still seemed to be in a good mood at this moment, was really amazing!

"It was at hand, so I picked it up and wore it." Shao Wanru smiled and said lightly.

"Fifth Sister, you can go to Great Elder Princess's Mansion first to give your greetings after going down the mountain later!" Shao Yanru said softly with the smile on her face fading, seeming to be a little embarrassed, "My mother sent someone to tell me about what happened before. No one expected that... the Taoist priest of the Baiyun Taoist Temple is actually..."

Shao Yanru couldn't go on for a while and lowered her head. It was a little inappropriate indeed for an unmarried girl to talk about something like that. Thinking about the sordid thing, she felt as if she would be stained when talking about it.

"Big Sister, who do you think smeared my bracelets and longevity lock with honey?" Shao Wanru asked without hiding the fact that she already knew about it, "I remember that the two pieces of stuff were sent by our mansion. I have never worn them before!"

"Uh... I don't know. It was probably done by a servant. I believe that grandma will definitely give you an explanation. Although you were not raised by grandma, you are her biological granddaughter. She won't let you suffer losses. Nevertheless, grandma feels sorry for Great Elder Princess. So you should go to meet Great Elder Princess first!"

She suggested Shao Wanru go to Great Elder Princess's Mansion and put in a good word for Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Okay, I'll go to see maternal grandma first. I hope you can explain it to paternal grandma so that she won't blame me again!" Shao Wanru said meaningfully.

"It's what I should do! It's what I should do!" Shao Yanru nodded repeatedly and said.

After talking for another while, they got in their respective carriages again. After turning a corner, they separated and went different ways, but neither of them went to Duke Xing's Mansion first...

Chapter 546 Weird, Who's the Owner of the Carriage Watching Them?

"Your Highness, Your Highness, the Fifth Miss is in the second carriage, which doesn't seem to be going to Duke Xing's Mansion." Eunuch Liu climbed into the carriage and said excitedly. Nevertheless, for fear of being heard by others, he deliberately lowered his voice and sounded like a chicken seized by the throat, which was quite strange.

However, Chu Liuxin didn't think it strange because he had got used to it. They had been waiting at the intersection for two days, during which they didn't see the carriage of Duke Xing's Mansion. At this moment, they not only saw it, but also found it was followed by the Fifth Miss Shao's carriage.

"Today is our lucky day. Keep up with them!" Chu Liuxin nodded complacently and said. Fortunately, he was smart enough to figure out that since Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion got sick, Shao Wanru definitely couldn't bear to continue staying on the mountain and would go down the mountain to see her grandma. It was a good idea to stand by a tree stump waiting for a hare. Look, he found Shao Wanru only after waiting for two days.

The most important thing was that he not only found Shao Wanru, but also found out which carriage Shao Wanru was in. It was quite lucky for him to run into such a coincidence.

The carriage came out at the intersection after taking a corner and closely followed Shao Wanru's carriage, with the carriage of Duke Xing's Mansion ahead of them.

"Miss, the carriage behind seems to be following us!" Yujie pointed to the gauze curtain at the back window and said to Shao Wanru. She had looked at it several times and found that it kept following them after taking a few corners.

"Maybe it's also going to the capital city," Shao Wanru said. They hadn't arrived at the entrance of the capital city, so it was possible that the carriage also came down from the Yuhui Nunnery and happened to travel behind their carriage.

"Miss, I obviously didn't see the carriage when we came down the mountain. Look, it's luxurious, and I can tell that it doesn't belong to an ordinary family at first glance. If I saw it just now, I could definitely recognize it."

Yujie disagreed with Shao Wanru's speculation, so she reminded Shao Wanru.

"Let's have another look at it after arriving at the city gate!" Shao Wanru said and turned her head to look through the gauze window at the carriage out of the back window. It traveled at an appropriate speed and didn't overtake their carriage when their carriage slowed down, as if it was attached to their carriage. At the sight of this, Shao Wanru became thoughtful with her face darkening.

The carriage was indeed suspicious. However, she did not know if she over thought over it or the carriage meant to follow them.

They hadn't arrived in the capital city, so she couldn't tell it and could only wait quietly. She said that to Yujie just now, for fear that Yujie would panic and lose her mind.

When they went all the way to the gate of the capital, there were numerous ordinary civilians lining up in front of the gate. As an aristocratic family, Duke Xing's Mansion certainly didn't need to line up. They followed Shao Yanru's carriage forward, and saw that Shuqi said something to the guards at the gate, reached out to point at the carriages behind her and then presented a name card. The guards let them pass immediately after having a look at it.

The two carriages entered the city one after the other.

"Miss, the carriage also came in!" Yujie, who had been paying attention to the situation behind, said. She saw that a servant came out of the carriage and said something to the guards. This time the guards let the carriage pass at once even without asking to see the name card in a way more respectful than they did in front of the carriages of Duke Xing's Mansion.

Shao Wanru frowned. The owner of the carriage behind them must be someone unusual, but she didn't know what he was after. Was he after Shao Yanru or her? Or was it really a coincidence?

Shao Yanru's carriage headed for Duke Xing's Mansion at the intersection, while Shao Wanru's carriage headed in another direction. The two carriages separated. Shao Yanru did not discover the carriage

behind Shao Wanru's carriage, because she had been focusing her attention on Shao Wanru. Seeing that Shao Wanru's carriage did not follow hers, she felt relieved.

When her carriage arrived at the next intersection, she immediately ordered the coachman to turn around to another place instead of Duke Xing's Mansion.

After turning a few corners, Shuqi kept looking back fixedly, for fear that Shao Wanru's carriage would show up at some time. After these days on the mountain, Shuqi dared not belittle this young Fifth Miss any longer.

Fortunately, Shuqi did not see Shao Wanru's carriage behind any longer. She felt relieved and thought that although the Fifth Miss was not simple, she was a lot inferior to her master.

Apart from being influenced after failing to set up the Fifth Miss and the First Young Master Qi, the First Miss was adept in handling other things without leaving any evidence. For example, the First Miss had played a role in Old Madam's plot, but no one could find any evidence directed at her.

The carriage stopped at the back door of a restaurant. Shao Yanru put on her curtain hat, got out of the carriage with Shuqi's help, and then knocked on the back door of the restaurant gently.

Someone immediately came to open the door. Seeing Shao Yanru coming in, he hurriedly led her in. After looking around and finding no one coming over, he hurriedly closed the door.

The shop-boy led Shao Yanru to ascend a dark stairway to the second floor and then to the third floor. He stopped at the entrance of the stairway on the third floor and said, "First Miss, my master is waiting for you inside!"

Shao Yanru nodded and glanced at Shuqi. Shuqi sensibly stopped and watched Shao Yanru enter a room. After that, the door of the room was closed silently.

The room was not spacious, but was elegantly decorated. Even the ornaments looked extremely elegant. On the desk in front of the window stood Chu Liuyue, who was painting quietly with a writing brush in his hand.

Shao Yanru took two steps forward, stood behind his tall and straight back, bowed deeply to him and said, "Your Highness!"

"You are here. Look, what do you think of the peony I paint?" Chu Liuyue said without looking back.

Shao Yanru took two steps forward and came up to Chu Liuyue. Looking at the peony he painted, she frowned secretly. She didn't like peonies and considered them too bright-colored and worldly to be her desired flower. She preferred Tang Qianyan, which was fresh and elegant with a kind of ethereal beauty. People had always praised her with these same words.

However, in front of Prince Yue, she certainly couldn't let him know her preference.

"Your Highness, you've done such a good job. The peony is so vivid and beautiful that I can't help being fascinated by it. Can you give away your beloved painting to me so that I can look at it every day? Even if I can't see you, I can look at it while thinking of you," Shao Yanru said softly.

At this moment, with the sedate look on her face disappearing, she looked like a young lady, who had fallen in love. Looking at Chu Liuyue's handsome face, she gave a sweet smile. After saying that, she, who found her words explicit, blushed and looked more attractive.

"Okay, when I finish it, I'll give it to you!" Chu Liuyue said with a laugh, seeming to be in a good mood. Shao Yanru breathed a sigh of relief and thought that it was not that bad.

"Thank you so much, Your Highness!" Shao Yanru bowed sideways, and said softly with a smile.

She was dressed in a pink dress with a pair of butterflies embroidered on the exquisite light green edge, looking lively and pretty. She stared at Chu Liuyue affectionately with ripples in her fluid eyes, which was fascinating enough even without saying anything. Such a beauty was dignified and decent outside, while expressing her affection in such a charming way when staying with him alone. She, who was so virtuous, was absolutely a perfect wife for any man.

Furthermore, the title of the first beauty in the capital and in the Kingdom of Dongcang was enough to fascinate a man.

Only such a beauty could be a perfect match for a man inheriting the throne. Of course, it would be better if Shao Yanru was as gorgeous as a peony.

Chu Liuyue thought with regret, but he thought that no one was perfect at the same time. He didn't mind such a little defect of hers, since she was the first beauty. If she had both a good look and a powerful family, it would be a much-told tale for him to marry her.

However, although she was a beauty, he had to rebuke her when it was necessary. Otherwise, she would be spoiled.

With the smile on his face fading, he turned to look at Shao Yanru and asked, "Tell me about the affairs of the Baiyun Taoist Temple."

"Your Highness, I... I really didn't expect to make such a blunder. Please forgive me, Your Highness!" Shao Yanru said with a delicate look, knelt down and immediately burst into tears.

She, who had a slender waist, lowered her head slightly after kneeling down, looking increasingly attractive.

Chu Liuyue put down the writing brush in his hand, sat down in the chair, looked at Shao Yanru coldly with a little anger and said, "I have told you before that you are not allowed to reveal this matter, but you disobeyed my instruction and made the Baiyun Taoist Temple closed down."

"Your Highness, this is really an accident. My grandma asked me about the exorcists, so I mentioned a few of them. In view of Taoist Priest Xiushui's reputation, I would look too guilty if I didn't mention him. So I mentioned him casually among the names of other exorcists. I didn't expect that my grandma would choose him."

With tears in her eyes, Shao Yanru looked at Chu Liuyue in horror. She was sad and regretful with tears dripping from her eyes, looking extremely pitiful.

"You didn't recommend him deliberately?" Chu Liuyue frowned and asked.

"Of course not. Even if I'm not sensible, I won't ruin your plan! If you are implicated, it will do no good for me!" Shao Yanru said in a sad voice with cautious eyes, which made Chu Liuyue look a little relieved.

He reached out in an attempt to pull Shao Yanru, but was carefully dodged by her, who said with a red face, "Your Highness, a gentleman should be scrupulously honest even when there is no one around. Although there is no one around at this moment, you should not disregard etiquette!"

After saying that, she stood up with the help of the chair beside her. Despite the affection in her eyes, she didn't act frivolously at all, looking like a typical decent lady.

"Well, I won't touch you. But you won't refuse me after marrying me, right?" Chu Liuyue said with smile. At this point, he liked Shao Yanru a lot and considered her a self-respecting girl. Although they were in love with each other, she would not cross the line.

Duke Xing's Mansion had done a good job in education. No wonder she had such a good reputation. She deserved it. Thinking that the beauty as ravishing as a flower would eventually marry him, Chu Liuyue felt excited and said, "You can participate in the Beauty Contest later, and I will choose you as my consort this time!"

"Your Highness, even if I attend the Beauty Contest, I won't be granted to you. His Majesty won't allow you to marry me!" Shao Yanru covered her face and said with tears.

In the past, a prince usually did not marry a Miss with a very powerful family background as his consort. In view of the rank and status of Duke Xing's Mansion, the Misses of Duke Xing's Mansion were unlikely to be taken into account.

Her words struck Chu Liuyue. It was really a difficult job. His father would even exclude those Misses from a family of an official below a certain rank. Besides, his Imperial Grandmother kept saying that she would choose a Miss from a powerful family for Chu Liuchen as his consort. At the thought of this, he felt upset.

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"Let's see how it goes and talk about it later. If I can't choose you as my consort, I'll think of some way to do it in the future!" Chu Liuyue said with a gloomy face. At the thought that he couldn't marry the girl he liked, he really felt uncomfortable.

"Yes, Your Highness. I'll do as you ask. I'll delay getting married until you can marry me," Shao Yanru said in a sweet voice and lowered her head with a red face. It was quite disgraceful to talk about her marriage with a man. Nevertheless, she acted properly with an appropriate look. She managed to do that after practicing in front of the mirror thousands of times.

"I'm sorry to make you feel aggrieved. Rest assured. When I inherit the throne, the first thing I will do is to take you in the imperial palace and inform my harem that you are the girl I would most like to marry," Chu Liuyue said with his heart softened. If Shao Yanru delayed getting married, it didn't mean that she should just wait for him. The Misses at Shao Yanru's age had basically got engaged.

"Your Highness..." Shao Yanru looked at Chu Liuyue with excitement and reached out to pull his sleeve uncontrollably, seeming to be involuntarily moved. Nevertheless, she took a few steps back to the door

after doing that, and said affectionately, “Your Highness, I’m leaving now. I’ll wait for you to come and marry me!”

“I will. Rest assured!” Chu Liuyue softly comforted her, who was as beautiful and fragile as jade. He really wanted to marry her and cherish her. However, his father and grandma might not agree with the marriage between them.

He had prepared for the worst. If he was really not allowed to marry her, he would take her in the imperial palace after inheriting the throne. When the time came, no one would be able to stop him. Of course, he was the perfect match for the first beauty.

“Your Highness, I will never forget your affection for me!” Knowing that it was about time, Shao Yanru looked at Chu Liuyue softly with tears and said. After that, she clenched her teeth, turned around, opened the door, and hurried downstairs after looking back at him reluctantly.

Chu Liuyue felt increasingly delighted. Any man would be very delighted to make such a beauty so attached to him.

He stood up, picked up the writing brush again, and carefully painted the peony under his hand...

Shao Wanru did not know what Shao Yanru was going to do, but she guessed that Shao Yanru was going to meet someone. So Shao Yanru sent her away, for fear that she would discover something if she kept following her. Nevertheless, she did want to inquire about what had happened down the mountain. Although her grandma had sent her a message before, she wasn’t told in detail.

“Miss, the carriage is still following us.” Shao Wanru closed her eyes for rest, while Yujie continued saying indignantly, “We have been followed all the way. When we turned a corner or slowed down, they did the same.”

“Let’s see if the carriage will follow us to my grandma’s mansion!” Shao Wanru said unhurriedly.

It was certain that there was a noble person in the carriage, and the person was watching her. She didn’t know what the person was after. Nevertheless, since it was a noble person, whose identity couldn’t be exposed, she believed that the carriage would also enter Great Elder Princess’s Mansion later and then she could find out who the person was.

Shao Wanru’s carriage went all the way to the gate of Great Elder’s Mansion. Someone, who came to ask, hurriedly let her carriage get in through the side door after knowing that it was the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing’s Mansion in the carriage.

After entering the mansion and taking a few more turns, her carriage finally arrived at the parking lot of Rui’an Great Elder Princess’s Mansion.

Yujie got off the carriage first. After looking around and finding no other carriage following them there, she breathed a sigh of relief and reached out to help Shao Wanru get off the carriage, while the coachman stood aside.

After getting out of the carriage, Shao Wanru looked at the respectful coachman standing aside, slightly lifted the corners of her mouth to show a cold smile and instructed him, “Feed the horses later.

Remember that this is Great Elder Princess's Mansion. Don't be careless or wander around. If anything goes wrong, your life will be imperiled!"

"Yes, Fifth Miss, I know!" The coachman nodded repeatedly and said.

After giving the order, Shao Wanru led Yujie to go inside behind an old maid. Yujie suddenly stopped and looked back after taking a few steps. Seeing the coachman well-behaved, she frowned.

Since Qing'er found the carriage delayed by the coachman during her journey down the mountain, Shao Wanru's servants knew that the coachman was not reliable and probably worked for Duke Xing's Mansion. They had better get rid of him!

"Miss, the coachman..." Yujie took two steps forward in an attempt to warn Shao Wanru. Since they were in Great Elder Princess's Mansion, it was a good opportunity to get rid of him.

"Talk about it later. Let's go!" Shao Wanru shook her head calmly and motioned for her to stop talking.

They went all the way to Great Elder Princess's courtyard. As soon as they entered the courtyard, they saw Great Elder Princess sitting in a chair with her chin slightly raised and looking quite commanding. However, after Shao Wanru bowed to her, she immediately grabbed her hand, held her in her arms tight, burst into tears and said, "Zhuozhuo, my poor Zhuozhuo!"

Thinking that her granddaughter had almost been forced to be a nun, Great Elder Princess was angry and full of hatred. The old woman of Duke Xing's Mansion thought that she could smooth it over by pretending to pass out, but she definitely would not spare her. After coming out of the Empress Dowager's palace, she went to meet the emperor on purpose. Others probably didn't know that her granddaughter and Prince Chen had been engaged in secret, but the emperor did.

As she expected, hearing her words, the emperor became furious, and the next day she got the news that Duke Xing had been beaten.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess was very pleased. Although she could not beat the fainted old woman, she could beat the old woman's son so that the old woman didn't dare to do anything else to hurt her granddaughter.

"Grandma, I'm fine. I'm fine!" Shao Wanru reached out to pat Rui'an Great Elder Princess's thin shoulder and said softly.

Great Elder Princess had always been tough in front of others, but was gentle towards Shao Wanru every time, which made Shao Wanru feel warm. Although she didn't have the so-called family members of Duke Xing's Mansion, she still had real family members.

"Your Highness, since the Fifth Miss is fine, you should be delighted. Why are you crying again?" Nanny Gao also tried to persuade Great Elder Princess to stop crying, while reaching out to support Great Elder Princess.

The word "again" in this sentence made Great Elder Princess involuntarily taunt her, "You old dog, stop talking nonsense!"

"Your Highness, you really wronged me. I didn't talk nonsense. It's clear that these days you felt sad whenever you thought of what happened to the Fifth Miss," Nanny Gao said exaggeratedly, while helping Great Elder Princess sit down.

"Grandma!" With her hand taken by Great Elder Princess's hand, Shao Wanru said and felt as warm as being soaked in warm water.

"It's nonsense. I will beat you if you keep taking nonsense!" Great Elder Princess, who showed her weakness in front of her granddaughter, blushed, reached out to push Nanny Gao away and said this deliberately to frighten her.

"Okay, okay, okay. I don't dare to talk nonsense anymore!" Nanny Gao immediately said with a smile and invited Shao Wanru to sit down. After working as Great Elder Princess's maid for many years, Nanny Gao knew that Great Elder Princess was outwardly tough and inwardly gentle.

"Where is Hao'er?" After looking around and not finding Shao Yuanhao, Shao Wanru could not help asking.

"He is attending classes in the study. I'll send someone to ask him to come over!" After looking Shao Wanru up and down and finding nothing with her, Great Elder Princess felt relieved and said.

Shao Wanru hurriedly reached out to stop her and said, "Grandma, since Hao'er is studying, I don't want to disturb him. I'll leave after sitting for a while."

"Why are you in such a hurry?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said in displeasure, "Your paternal grandma won't die. I heard from the servant sent there by the Empress Dowager that she won't get seriously ill for the time being in spite of being out of spirits!"

"Since I came down the mountain to see her, I have to go and have a look at her, in case they should make any trouble!" Shao Wanru said with a smile.

"Zhuzhuo, I won't stop you from going there, and I can't do that. The old woman pretends to be seriously ill at this moment. If I really stop you from going to see her, you may get into another trouble. But there is one thing I want to make it clear to you. This matter is clearly related to her. Since she is unamiable, why do you still insist on staying in Duke Xing's Mansion? How about living in Great Elder Princess's Mansion with Hao'er?"

Rui'an Great Elder Princess said, and then told Shao Wanru in detail what had happened in the imperial palace. After that, she asked, Zhuzhuo, do you still want to go back to such a home? Why don't I take this opportunity to put pressure on Duke Xing's Mansion and invite you to live here for a period of time?"

Great Elder Princess meant that since she could invite Shao Wanru to live in Great Elder Princess's Mansion for a period of time, she could make Shao Wanru stay longer. After Shao Wanru came down the mountain, she could invite Shao Wanru to live in Great Elder Princess's Mansion. After Prince Chen announced their engagement, she could help Shao Wanru prepare for the wedding. During this period of time, she could keep Shao Wanru in Great Elder Princess's Mansion. After all, Duke Xing's Mansion seemed to be very unamiable to Shao Wanru.

She could use what they did to Shao Wanru this time as the evidence to make them give in. Although her granddaughter had to get out from Duke Xing's Mansion on the wedding day, her granddaughter just needed to stay there for several days and could spend the rest of her time in Great Elder Princess's Mansion.

"Grandma, I want to live in Duke Xing's Mansion. I will get everything they owe me, Hao'er and my parents back!" Shao Wanru shook her head, looked at Rui'an Great Elder Princess firmly and said.

Her words were sharp, and she said that with a hint of uncontrollable coldness in her gloomy eyes.

She had not made Duke Xing's Mansion pay for what they had done, so she would never let Duke Xing's Mansion go easily.

Hearing her words, Great Elder Princess also became sullen. Shao Wanru could protect herself if she left, but could she really leave what they had done to her parents aside?

"The title of nobility belongs to Hao'er, and no one can take it away from him!" Seeing that Rui'an Great Elder Princess was still hesitating, Shao Wanru added immediately, "It was taken away by someone, and now I must get it back! Only in this way can I comfort my parents in the nether world."

In fact, the most important thing was the blood feud. In the last life, they secretly killed her and all her family members. How could she get over such a deep blood feud so easily? But she could not tell her grandma about these!

"Since you have decided to do that, I will definitely help you!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess gnashed her teeth with her eyes turning red and said with hatred. Thinking of her daughter and son-in-law, she could not hide her sorrow. All this was caused by the old woman of Duke Xing's Mansion, but there might be other inside stories.

Despite her high status, she could not interfere in the affairs of other mansions. Although she smelled a rat, she could not investigate into the affairs of Duke Xing's Mansion. Now her granddaughter was indeed a suitable person. However, she was afraid that those of Duke Xing's Mansion were so vicious that they would hurt her granddaughter.

"Don't worry, grandma. I will be fine!" Knowing what Great Elder Princess was worried about, Shao Wanru shook her hand and said like a spoiled child.

Looking at her granddaughter in front, Great Elder Princess felt her heart softened and nodded yes.

"Grandma, can you send some servants to measure the size of my yard and make a set of furniture for me later?" Seeing that Great Elder Princess had calmed down, Shao Wanru said with a sweet smile.

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"Okay, Zhuozhuo, what kind of furniture do you like? I will make them for you." Rui'an Great Elder Princess, who was delighted that her granddaughter was so close to her, nodded repeatedly and said.

"I like every furniture you make, grandma!" Shao Wanru said with a smile, while reaching out to shake Great Elder Princess's hand with the delight fading in her watery eyes, "Duke Xing's Mansion must have not prepared a courtyard for me. Even if they do, it would not be a good courtyard. Grandma, you can seize this opportunity to make them prepare a good courtyard for me!"

The better they had to prepare for her, the more distressed Madam of Duke Xing would be. She had burned down a good courtyard. If she took over another one, Madam of Duke Xing would be extremely distressed, and that was what she would like to see.

The more distressed Madam of Duke Xing was, the better. After all, as a junior, she had no right to choose a courtyard. But her grandma was in a different situation. With her grandma's status, coupled with what they did to her this time, her grandma could definitely make Duke Xing's Mansion prepare a good courtyard for her. It was almost time for her to come down the mountain, and she was not willing to live in any courtyard they offered casually.

Since Duke Xing's Mansion was going to take her back, they must offer her the best courtyard. She had to leave at that time. When she returned, she must show all members of Duke Xing's Mansion that she didn't come back in disgrace.

A good courtyard was of vital importance to her position in Duke Xing's Mansion in the future!

She would get herself a good courtyard, and then get another one for Hao'er. Although he lived in Great Elder Princess's Mansion now, Duke Xing's Mansion had to prepare another courtyard for him. The one he had lived before was not good, because it was only suitable for a child who hadn't received an education. Now that Hao'er had begun to receive an education, he couldn't live in the courtyard, where he had lived in his childhood. Of course, the courtyard, where their parents had lived, was the best option.

The courtyard had always been the residence of the Heir of Duke Xing's Mansion. If Hao'er could live in this courtyard, it almost meant that all members of the mansion acknowledged him as the heir.

She was going to step on Duke Xing's Mansion and get everything they owed them in the last life back step by step...

Rui'an Great Elder Princess immediately understood what she meant, reached out to touch her forehead and said reproachfully, "Little mischievous monkey, okay, I'll seize the opportunity to make them offer you the courtyard, which had been burned down before. I heard that it's even better than what it used to be after being rebuilt. Duke Xing's Mansion has not given up the plan to use the courtyard as their First Young Master's bridal courtyard!"

"Has the courtyard been rebuilt?" Shao Wanru blinked her watery eyes and asked.

"Yes, I heard that everything inside is better than before. The marriage of the First Young Master is now being discussed, and it will probably be settled soon. If it's settled, the First Young Master is going to get married before long. This courtyard is not bad as a bridal courtyard!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said with a sneer. Although she couldn't displease the Old Madam, who was extremely sick and weak, she could displease the others of Duke Xing's Mansion, who should be healthy!

"Okay, I'll live in this courtyard. Grandma, you can send some servants to measure its size and then send a set of furniture there!" Shao Wanru nodded and said. With a set of furniture given by Great Elder Princess placed there, the courtyard would belong to her even if she had not returned to the mansion yet.

Duke Xing's Mansion might have other excuses to reject it before. After failing to set up Shao Wanru, they had no excuse to reject her grandma's request.

Considering Old Madam's poor health, Madam of Duke Xing was the only one who could come forward to negotiate. Shao Wanru was rather looking forward to seeing Madam of Duke Xing almost spat blood in anger but had to give away the courtyard...

"Okay, I'll ask Nanny Gao to go there later!"

"Grandma, can I borrow a reliable coachman from you? My coachman seems to be working for someone else," Shao Wanru said. She had thought that he was just an ordinary coachman. However, since he could be bribed, he was no longer reliable. "The coachman is outside now. Grandma, please instruct someone to detain him."

"Nanny Gao, find a reliable coachman to replace the former one!" Hearing that the coachman driving for her granddaughter might be a spy sent by Duke Xing's Mansion, Great Elder Princess immediately said in rage. Although the coachman was not as close to the master as a maid, he was usually needed when the master went out. If the coachman actually worked for someone else, it could cause trouble easily.

"I'll go to do it right now!" Knowing that it couldn't be neglected, Nanny Gao hurriedly went out to find a maid, instructed her to send a coachman to the parking lot and taught her how to do it in a low voice. The maid nodded repeatedly and turned away.

"Your Highness, Prince Xin asks to see you!" An old maid hurried in and reported.

"Prince Xin?" Great Elder Princess said with a frown. These princes seldom came to her place. She was wondering if something happened and brought him here. "Invite him in!"

"Yes!" the old maid said and went out, and soon came in with Chu Liuxin.

Seeing that Shao Wanru was here, Chu Liuxin, whose face was wreathed with smiles, gave an even brighter smile. He took two steps forward, bowed to Great Elder Princess respectfully and said, "Greetings, great-aunt!"

Great Elder Princess invited him to sit down, and Shao Wanru came over to salute him and then also sat down. The servants served tea.

"Why do you have time to visit me today?" Great Elder Princess looked at Chu Liuxin with a smile and asked.

"I pass by your mansion and stop by. Unexpectedly, Cousin Wanru is also here. I'm sorry for my abrupt visit!" Chu Liuxin said with a smile.

In the past two years, he grew up very fast into quite a graceful man and was no longer an unrestrained teenager. The several princes of the royal family were all extraordinarily handsome. Chu Liuxin, who was no longer as mischievous as he had been in his childhood, looked like a prince now.

Meanwhile, he was not that short-tempered any longer.

"I saw someone sell kites on the street. At the thought that it was about time to fly a kite, I specially bought one for Cousin Hao," Chu Liuxin said with a smile and clapped his hands. Eunuch Liu hurriedly took a centipede-shaped kite, which was lifelike, exquisite and extraordinary, from a servant.

Shao Wanru glanced at Chu Liuxin calmly and didn't understand what he meant. It should be Chu Liuxin who followed her all the way, and as a prince, he could enter the mansion without showing a name card.

Why did he follow her all the way? He did that just in order to give her brother a kite?

"I should ask Hao'er to express his gratitude to you. However, he is studying now, so it is inconvenient for him to come out and thank you in person!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess said with a smile. Nanny Gao reached out to take the kite from Eunuch Liu and also expressed her gratitude.

"Cousin, do you want one? I just bought a few more. You can pick one you like!" Seeing Great Elder Princess accept the kite, Chu Liuxin turned to look at Shao Wanru and asked with a smile.

Eunuch Liu went out to fetch three or four kites and put them on the ground. They were colorful and particularly beautiful.

There were an exquisite butterfly-shaped kite, a beauty-shaped kite and a peony-shaped kite. They were in different shapes, looking lifelike and great.

"But I... should stay on the mountain..." Looking at the kites on the ground, Shao Wanru said hesitantly.

"It doesn't matter. I heard that there was an open space at the back of the Yuhui Nunnery, where some pilgrims fly kites. Maybe you can fly a kite there next time!" At the thought that Shao Wanru wanted to fly a kite but found it inconvenient to do that, Chu Liuxin said hurriedly.

"Your Highness, I'd better not do that. I've been observing mourning for my parents on the mountain," Shao Wanru said in a hurry, because she said slowly before so that Chu Liuxin interrupted her and misunderstood her meaning.

"It's okay to fly a kite on the back mountain. Other pilgrims fly kites there, don't they?" Chu Liuxin said.

"I'm a little different from other pilgrims after all!" Shao Wanru shook her head and refused.

"Prince Xin, I heard that your mother has been picking a suitable Miss from an aristocratic family for you and has met some Misses. I'm wondering if you have met a Miss you like." Seeing him sullen, Rui'an Great Elder Princess asked with a smile.

This question made Chu Liuxin blush. He looked at Shao Wanru with a red face and said with a little embarrassment, "Great-aunt, my mother messes around, and you do the same thing. I am still young, and my elder brothers haven't got married yet. I'm not in a rush and want to take my time to pick a girl I like!"

"It makes sense. The Empress Dowager said that you were not very sensible before. I think you are obviously sensible." Rui'an Great Elder Princess nodded repeatedly, felt relieved and said.

"Of course I've grown up and am no longer a child. Grandma has always mentioned what I did in my childhood. At that time, I was really not sensible and had offended cousin Wanru. Could it be possible that you still bear grudges against me?" As Chu Liuxin said, he turned to Shao Wanru.

"Your Highness, you are too polite. At that time, I was also very young. I'm afraid that I made you feel aggrieved!" Shao Wanru stood up and bowed sideways as she said softly.

Chu Liuxin waved his hand and said with a smile, "I didn't feel aggrieved, but just found it strange at first glance. I hadn't seen a Miss from an aristocratic family who climbed over the wall!"

"Climb over the wall?" Great Elder Princess asked curiously and looked at her granddaughter with a faint smile. She didn't expect that her delicate granddaughter would climb over the wall. Not to mention Chu Liuxin, even she felt strange.

"Grandma, I have to go back to Duke Xing's Mansion and can't stay here with you," Shao Wanru said with a red face and turned her head to glare at Chu Liuxin. The past was past. Who didn't behave improperly when they were young? Was it worthwhile to tell her grandma about it?

After saying that, she bowed to Great Elder Princess and bowed slightly to Chu Liuxin, and then turned around and left with Yujie.

"Speaking of which... it is actually no big deal. When I was in Jiangzhou, I saw Cousin Wanru come out from behind the wall. Great-aunt, I have some business. I'll tell you next time!" Chu Liuxin poked his head to look at Shao Wanru, who had walked out of the door, suddenly stood up and said with a hollow smile.

"What are you going to do? Why don't you tell me about it? I happen to be free now!" Great Elder Princess tried to persuade him to stay with a smile.

"It's a very important thing. I'll talk with you next time!" Chu Liuxin said. Seeing that Shao Wanru had gone, Chu Liuxin became increasingly anxious. After bowing to Great Elder Princess, he left in a hurry.

Eunuch Liu picked up a pile of kites on the ground and went after him.

Seeing him leave in a hurry, Great Elder Princess frowned with the smile fading on her face and asked Nanny Gao beside her, "Do you think Prince Xin has a crush on Zhuozhuo?"

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"I also think so!" Nanny Gao also frowned. In any case, this could not be a good thing. The marriage between Prince Chen and cousin Miss had already been approved by Empress Dowager and Emperor. It would be not good for cousin Miss, if Prince Xin showed such a meaning at this time.

If Emperor and Empress Dowager noticed this, they might think that cousin Miss had hooked up with Prince Xin.

"It's time to find an opportunity to talk to Consort Ming about this. I believe that Consort Ming will not like the marriage between Prince Xin and Zhuozhuo either!" Great Elder Princess thought for a while and said.

Consort Ming was bent on finding a daughter-in-law who could help Chu Liuxin. Although Zhuozhuo depended on Duke Xing's Mansion, she was like being without relying on, and might even be worse than having no reliance. As for Great Elder Princess, she had a high position but no power. Thus, considering Consort Ming's temperament, she would definitely not accept Zhuozhuo.

"Great Elder Princess, you are right. It is better if Prince Xin can take the initiative to give up!" Nanny Gao nodded repeatedly. No one knew when the marriage between Prince Chen and cousin Miss would be announced. Before the formal announcement, cousin Miss's reputation could not be damaged. Nor could the gossip of improper contact with Prince Xin be spread.

But this young man was enamored with Zhuozhuo. Was it really easy to separate them?

"Cousin, cousin!" Chu Liuxin shouted from behind. Shao Wanru wanted to pretend that she heard nothing, but he had shouted so loudly that she could still hear him even if she were deaf.

She turned around helplessly and waited for him to cross two fences and run towards her.

"Is there anything else, Your Highness?" Shao Wanru raised her smiling face helplessly and asked.

"I just want to ask whether you are going to Duke Xing's Mansion. I happen to have something to ask your elder brother. Let's go together!" Chu Liuxin ran a little faster and said after a gasp.

"I am going to Duke Xing's Mansion." Shao Wanru turned around and continued to go outside.

Chu Liuxin hurriedly caught up with her and said excitedly, "Originally, I have decided to meet First Young Master before, but I was so busy these days that I didn't have time to go. I happen to meet Cousin Wanru today, so let's go there together!"

"Your Highness, did you follow my carriage before?" Shao Wanru asked.

"Yes, did you notice this? I was waiting for your carriage at the foot of the mountain. I saw that Miss Shao's carriage and yours went in two different directions, so I came over. Eunuch Liu's idea is good. Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion is sick, so you will definitely come down the mountain." Chu Liuxin said proudly.

Sure enough, it was Chu Liuxin who had followed her just now. Shao Wanru was relieved in her heart. It would be fine as long as it was not arranged by Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Cousin, how long will you still stay in Yuhui Nunnery?" Chu Liuxin asked.

"About half a year!" Shao Wanru replied.

"The scenery in the Yuhui Nunnery is really good. I originally wanted to go to the Yuhui Nunnery, but I am not convenient in time, because there have been too many people in the Ministry of Justice recently. If there is no reason, my father will not allow me to go to the Yuhui Nunnery at this time!" Chu Liuxin complained. In fact, he had wanted to go to the Yuhui Nunnery early. However, too many things had happened in the Yuhui Nunnery recently.

Shao Wanru looked at Chu Liuxin, whose thoughts were so elastic, and said, "There are few male pilgrims in Yuhui Nunnery." Compared with the other princes, Chu Liuxin was the youngest one, and he also had the least stable character.

"Last time, the Buddha hall was burned in the fire, and then men in black appeared. It is really an unlucky year in the Yuhui Nunnery. Anything can happen. Someone went to the Yuhui Nunnery to file a suit before. He did not go to the lobby of the Ministry of Justice but went to the Yuhui Nunnery to sue. What's going on here?"

Chu Liuxin curled his lips and said with disdain.

Shao Wanru tingled with a thought and asked, "Why did he go to the Yuhui Nunnery to file a suit?"

"It is said that if someone wants to sue in the court of the Ministry of Justice, he has to go through several obstacles first. However, Yuhui Nunnery is investigating this case. As long as the right person can be found, the case will be settled with a confession!" Chu Liuxin said casually, "The Ministry of Justice has also accepted the case. People there thought it was not a big case, and they only needed to deal with a young ruffian. Unexpectedly, something else has happened!"

"What happened?" Shao Wanru kept asking. They had come all the way almost to the parking lot.

"Just the posthumous child of the former emperor. What a joke! The only child of the former emperor is Third Brother. It seems that there is another child!" Chu Liuxin also looked at the parking lot. However, he only saw Shao Wanru's carriage and didn't see his. He couldn't help but turn back to find Eunuch Liu.

Chu Liuxin had run too fast just now and left Eunuch Liu behind him. At this time, Eunuch Liu was rushing over, and he finally saw Chu Liuxin after cornering a door.

"Your Highness, you are wrong. Our carriage did not stop here."

"Not here, but where?" Chu Liuxin said discontentedly.

Shao Wanru took the opportunity to say goodbye to him. "Your Highness, I will go first!"

After saying that, she walked towards her own carriage with Yujie. When she got to the front, she saw that the coachman had been changed.

"Greetings, Fifth Miss. I am sent by Great Elder Princess to drive the carriage for Fifth Miss for the time being." The coachman said respectfully. He looked like he was in his 30s.

"Where is the former one?" Shao Wanru asked calmly.

"When the carriage stopped here just now, he quarreled with a servant in the mansion, and they fought with each other. According to the order from Great Elder Princess, that coachman, who has no sense of propriety, can't drive for Fifth Miss. Just now, someone was sent to take him back to Duke Xing's Mansion." The coachman reported.

Shao Wanru nodded and knew that her grandmother had well dealt with this matter. She stepped on the small stool and got on the carriage. Yujie also jumped into the carriage. After the coachman got on the carriage, he turned around and skillfully raised the whip to pull the carriage to the side door.

Chu Liuxin followed the carriage and helplessly stamped his feet. He was very angry and said, "Eunuch Liu, why isn't our carriage with Fifth Miss Shao's?"

"I... I don't know. Just now people from Great Elder Princess's mansion led us in this way. Your Highness, let's go there!" Seeing that his master was unhappy, Eunuch Liu answered carefully.

"Let's go!" Chu Liuxin said helplessly. He went back now, and it would be late even if he also went to Duke Xing's Mansion.

In the carriage, Yujie was also in a dilemma. "Miss, the coachman of Duke Xing's Mansion has been changed. Will Old Madam be angry with you?"

"Even if the coachman were not changed, she would also be angry with me from time to time. Originally she is not pleased with me. If I please her at the price of something happening to me, I might as well not please her!" Shao Wanru said indifferently with a faint smile on her face.

Using her own life to please Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion, she was unwilling to do so!

For the so-called grandmother who always wanted to hurt her, she really did not think there was any need to please her! As for the so-called grandmother-granddaughter relation, Old Madam would not remember it, and she would forget it!

"Will Old Madam change the person again?" Yujie was still worried. Great Elder Princess did this in an oversimplified and crude way, and Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was not a pushover either.

"She may do so in the past, but at this time, she will not. Duke Xing's Mansion is much in the wrong!" Shao Wanru sneered, and a trace of coldness flashed in her eyes.

"In your opinion, does Old Madam know that Xiushui priest is a fake priest? If she knows this and still does so, she is so vicious!"

Yujie understood what Shao Wanru had been talking about and said angrily after thinking for a while.

It was indeed not like being done by a human being. After all, that was a den of lewdness.

"So what, even if she knows it or not? That kind of mansion makes me sick!" Shao Wanru sneered with a cold look in her eyes.

The carriage inside suddenly became quiet. Yujie felt sorry for her when she saw the cold indifference on Shao Wanru's small jade-like face. Shao Wanru was such a good Miss, but all she met were such disgusting and vicious relatives.

Those relatives pretended to be kind on the appearance, but in fact, they were really heartless and cruel.

The carriage went all the way forward and it did not take long to arrive at Duke Xing's Mansion. Hearing that Shao Wanru had come back, Madam of Duke Xing excitedly went out to greet her and they met not far from the gate.

"Wanru, you finally come back. Your grandmother was talking about you just now. Come here!" Madam of Duke Xing smiled warmly and looked very excited as if she was really happy because Shao Wanru came to visit Old Madam and Old Madam also sincerely missed her.

In fact, Old Madam was ill. She had sent a letter to ask Shao Yanru to go down the mountain and had not mentioned Shao Wanru at all.

Shao Wanru bowed deeply to salute Madam of Duke Xing and said, "Second aunt!"

"Look, you look as beautiful as a flower, but have to stay in the nunnery every day. If your parents know this in the other world, they will also be happy to have a filial daughter like you!" Madam of Duke Xing

picked up a handkerchief and pretended to wipe her tears. She looked Shao Wanru up and down secretly, and the more she looked at Shao Wanru, the more frightened she became.

She hadn't seen Shao Wanru for more than two years. Just now, she recognized Shao Wanru at a glance because the old maid beside her was the one who had gone up the mountain with Old Madam.

Unexpectedly, this girl looked really good. Her face was as beautiful as a fairy in a painting. She was not only beautiful but also naturally charming, which made Madam of Duke Xing even more disgusted. How could a Miss from an aristocratic family have such a natural charm? Even though her every move was the same as others', her actions looked more gentle and charming.

Back then, Infanta Qinghua had possessed a kind of charm, and she was a little less charming than this girl in front of her. But even so, she had still made her cousin obsessed with her and want to marry her even though he had had to go against Old Madam.

What was so good about such appearance? She looked lowly and mean at first glance. She was not as elegant and graceful as her daughter, who looked like a daughter of an aristocratic family.

She was disdainful in her heart, but she did not show it on her face, and she beamed with smiles. She let Shao Wanru in, and said as if she was unconscious, "Was the previous coachman not good? If you don't like him, just tell me, and I will change a new coachman for you immediately. You are the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. You can change any coachman!"

It seemed that she said this fully for Shao Wanru's own good, but the meaning sounded not good. Obviously, she was blaming Shao Wanru for taking the liberty of changing the coachman.

"Second Aunt, are you talking about the matter that the coachman fought with someone before? This has been handled by my grandmother, so I don't know the specific circumstance. If Second Aunt feels that there is something wrong, you can send someone to tell my grandmother. Now I am using the coachman sent by my grandmother now. If Second Aunt thinks that this is inappropriate, you can also tell my grandmother!" Shao Wanru said as she walked inside.

Her expression was indifferent and alienated. Her words were just like what Madam of Duke Xing had said. They sounded pleasant, but after thinking about it carefully, how could Madam of Duke Xing dare to question Rui'an Great Elder Princess!

Madam of Duke Xing understood this well. She hated Shao Wanru very much in her heart, but she couldn't show this feeling on her face. She could only smile and said, "It is just a trifle, a trifle. Let's go and see your grandmother together!"

This was a trifle, but she failed to purposely make difficulties for her. She wanted to see how this girl would end up when Old Madam made difficulties for her. Great Elder Princess was too far away, so it was impossible for her to help...

Chapter 550 Forceful Visit to Find Trouble

When they entered Old Madam's courtyard, there were servant girls raising the curtain. Shao Wanru followed Madam of Duke Xing to go inside from the main room to the bedroom. It was very quiet inside, with only the sound of sobbing in a low voice.

When Shao Wanru looked up, she found that Old Madam was lying on a large bed. She seemed to have aged ten years in a night. The wrinkles on her face were piled up, and her face was pale and haggard. At first glance, she knew that she was indeed ill.

Shao Yanru was holding Old Madam's hand in front of the bed. When she heard people's voices, she wiped away her tears and turned her head. When she saw Shao Wanru, she reached out and patted Old Madam's hand gently. "Grandma, Fifth Sister is here to see you!"

Old Madam, who was lying on the bed, raised her head slowly and then looked at Shao Wanru with her sharp eyes. Her kind expression before immediately became rigid.

Facing her sight, Shao Wanru stepped forward gracefully and bowed deeply to Old Madam, "Grandma!"

Old Madam couldn't hide the disgust in her eyes. She felt that Shao Wanru was really a jinx and a troublemaker. She had made such a mess in her mansion.

"Don't bother. Sit down!" Old Madam said with neither joy nor anger on her face.

The things before had not ended yet. At this time, she could not really blame her. Maybe the Empress Dowager would call Shao Wanru to see her under Rui'an's advice.

Shao Yanru patted Old Madam's hand to comfort her. She stood up and said softly with red eyes, "Fifth Sister, why do you come so late? Grandmother has sent someone to ask about it a few times just now!"

This kind of gentle attitude with certain intimacy seemed to show that she really regarded Shao Wanru as her sister.

Old Madam couldn't help showing disgust on her face again. She felt that she could not make Shao Wanru be intimate with her. She had the family name of Old Madam's. But she had such a good relationship with Rui'an, the Great Elder Princess, who had no posterity in her family.

"I just met Prince Xin, Your highness, at my grandmother's place, and he brought some news to me. That's why I was delayed for more than two hours when I was at my grandmother's place."

Shao Wanru said calmly. She turned a blind eye to Old Madam's disgust. Since Old Madam could even do such a vicious thing like framing her granddaughter, there was no need for Shao Wanru to pay attention to her. She would no longer pretend that they had a harmonious and gentle relationship.

Shao Yanru was different from her. She had always pretended to be filial to Old Madam. She had intended to be far away from Shao Wanru when she went with her before. Although Shao Yanru came back a bit earlier than her, it was impossible for her to come back much earlier than her after all.

Given Shao Yanru's filial piety that she wanted to emphasize, she must have come directly to Old Madam's place after coming back to show how much she cared about Old Madam.

Sure enough, when Shao Wanru said this, Old Madam's face darkened and she quickly got up. She lowered her lips and glanced at Shao Yanru a few more times, but she did not say anything.

"There is not much time. Fifth Sister may have remembered wrongly." Shao Yanru knew that Shao Wanru had ruined her plan when she saw Old Madam's expression. However, she did not show it on her face. She pretended that she did not hear anything and explained vaguely.

"How could I remember wrongly? Coincidentally, Prince Xin was also there when we entered the capital. Just now, he also mentioned that we didn't go back to Duke Xing's Mansion after we entered the capital!" Shao Wanru said, a little surprised.

Her voice was not very loud, but everyone in the room heard it. The servant girls all lowered their heads and did not dare to move.

With Prince Xin as the witness, this must be true!

Just now First Miss cried in front of Old Madam and repeatedly said that she hurried down the mountain when she received news from Old Madam. When she entered the door, she hurried to Old Madam. But how to explain the thing in front of her?

Old Madam's eyes swept across Shao Yanru's face, and the corners of her lips drooped even more. She shook her hands on the bed in annoyance, and she could not control her emotions when she was ill.

Shao Yanru wanted to bite Shao Wanru a few times in her heart, but she didn't dare to show it on her face. "I went to the pharmacy before and wanted to see if there were any good medicinal materials in the pharmacy for my grandmother. I didn't expect that I couldn't find any good ones in several pharmacies. So I only found some ordinary ones. I thought that our mansion still had these medicinal materials, so I didn't say anything about it. Finally, Fifth Sister said it out!"

Since Shao Wanru had mentioned Prince Xin, Shao Yanru would not challenge her. She could only make an excuse for herself. She turned to say to Shuqi behind her, "Go and bring me the medicinal materials I just bought!"

"Yes, First Miss!" Shuqi nodded knowingly and went out.

Since it was just ordinary medicinal materials, there were many ones in the mansion. She just needed to go and get some here.

Shao Wanru narrowed her eyes. She did not expect to tear off Shao Yanru's false face in a short time. The more urgent the matter was, the less she could get angry. She just needed to take her time.

"Old Madam, Madam, Great Elder Princess's mansion sent someone to inquire about something!" An old maid reported outside the door.

Old Madam leaned back. She hated the words "Great Elder Princess" the most now. She waved her hand and said, "Wanyan, go and deal with it. My head hurts again. Let Ru'er stay here. Everyone else should go so that I won't feel uncomfortable when I see so many people."

The so-called many people making her uncomfortable meant that Shao Wanru made her uncomfortable. She and Yujie were the only ones who had just come in.

"Grandma, Wanru will leave now. Grandma, please take good care of yourself!" Shao Wanru said sensibly. She glanced at Shao Yanru with a sneer in her heart. Old Madam really wanted to see Shao Yanru and wanted to keep her here to talk to her. But this also hindered Shao Yanru. This was a good thing for Nanny Gao.

Shao Yanru was more cunning than Madam of Duke Xing and had a faster reaction. With these words just now and the help of the medicinal materials brought by Shuqi, she had made up for what had happened perfectly.

However, after all, she had misjudged the human mind. This matter was now flawless, but if other things or evidence came out in the future, this so-called flawless thing would be torn apart slowly.

“Wanru, let’s go to see Nanny Gao of the Great Elder Princess’s Mansion!” Madam of Duke Xing smiled gently as if she did not hear Old Madam’s dislike.

Shao Wanru nodded and followed Madam of Duke Xing to go out.

Shao Yanru frowned and her heart skipped a beat. She had a bad feeling. As soon as Shao Wanru arrived, the people of Great Elder Princess came, and the one who came was the personal Nanny of Rui’an Great Elder Princess. She had stayed in Great Elder Princess’s Mansion and knew that Nanny Gao was very powerful. She dealt with many affairs in Great Elder Princess’s Mansion.

Rui’an Great Elder Princess had never tried to manage the mansion. Only Nanny Gao managed such a big Great Elder Princess’s Mansion in such an orderly way. Ordinary servants could not compare with her.

In fact, she really wanted to see it. But when she saw Old Madam smiling and waving at her on the bed, she knew that she couldn’t leave, so she could only wipe the corners of her eyes, looking worried. She went to the bed and sat down on the stool again to comfort Old Madam...

In the flower hall, Nanny Gao sat there with two servant girls standing behind her. Outside the flower hall, several craftsmen stood at one side obediently. When they saw Madam of Duke Xing and others coming over, they bowed their heads and retreated to stay at one side.

Seeing so many people coming from Great Elder Princess’s mansion, Madam of Duke Xing intuitively felt that today’s matter was not a good thing, and she felt uneasy in her heart.

When she stepped into the room, Nanny Gao stood up and bowed to Madam of Duke Xing first, and then to Shao Wanru.

“Nanny Gao, please sit down!” Madam of Duke Xing said politely.

With Nanny Gao’s reputation, she could even say a few words in front of the Empress Dowager. Of course, she did not dare to offend her.

In other words, Old Madam could ignore Nanny Gao, but she could not.

Nanny Gao was not very polite to her. As long as she behaved properly, it was ok. She just sat down again. Madam of Duke Xing and Shao Wanru also sat down together.

The servants served the tea. Shao Wanru picked up the teacup and took a sip. She lowered her watery eyes and listened quietly. Next, she just needed to listen!

“Why Great Elder Princess asked you to come here?” Madam of Duke Xing put down the teacup, took a handkerchief, wiped the tea stains at the corner of her mouth, and asked with a smile.

"It's presumptuous of me to come to the mansion. I'm sorry to disturb you. But I can't delay this matter, so I have to come here shamelessly. Madam, please forgive me!" Nanny Gao said politely.

Madam of Duke Xing was very satisfied with her words and nodded at once. The smile on her face became more and more amiable. "Nanny Gao, if you have something to say, just say it. If I can do it, I will definitely obey!"

"Madam, it's great that you can say that. In fact, this matter is indeed a matter of your mansion. Great Elder Princess also knows that your mansion has prepared it early, but Great Elder Princess only has only one granddaughter, so she always feels that she should worry more about her. Well, she asks me to come here to see the courtyard that is prepared for Fifth Miss in the mansion. I take people to measure the house and make a set of suitable furniture!"

Nanny Gao said with a smile, pointing at the several famous craftsmen standing outside, "These are all famous craftsmen in the capital. Our Great Elder Princess specially invited them here. We can't let Fifth Miss feel wronged. In half a year, Fifth Miss will go down the mountain. If you are not ready, Fifth Miss will not even have a place to live at that time."

Madam of Duke Xing was slightly shocked. She glanced at Shao Wanru, who was sitting quietly by the side and did not interrupt. There was a trace of embarrassment and ferociousness on her face.

"The courtyard is ready, but it hasn't been cleaned yet. As for the furniture in the room, it has been prepared early. We would not bother Great Elder Princess!" Madam of Duke Xing said.

Who would bother to prepare the courtyard for Shao Wanru? The good courtyard had been burned before. Thinking of this, Madam of Duke Xing still felt distressed and pity.

"Madam, Great Elder Princess wants to make a set of furniture for cousin Miss and also wants to see the yard where cousin Miss lives. Among the Misses in your mansion, cousin Miss has the highest status. Perhaps Great Elder Princess will ask for a reward from Empress Dowager for cousin Miss. If it is not the best yard in the mansion, it will not be agreed by Empress Dowager!"

Nanny Gao's words were extremely rude, and her face turned serious. She had been following Great Elder Princess all the time, and some of her personalities were quite similar to those of Great Elder Princess. Especially when she had a serious face, Madam of Duke Xing inexplicably felt a little deficiency of vital energy.

After rubbing the handkerchief in her hand into a ball, she gritted her teeth secretly. "The most distinguished Miss... Why should it be her?"

"Nanny Gao, the status of the Misses in our mansion is the same, so they live in similar yards. If we give the best yard to Wanru, I'm afraid it will be unfair to other Misses!" Madam of Duke Xing forced herself to swallow her anger and explained with a smile.

"Bang!" The teacup in Nanny Gao's hand fell heavily on the table, making the table shake.